



SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL, INC.

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Civil Air Patrol Ground Operations Squadron (CAP)
Pima County Four Wheel Drive (SAR Unit)
Pima County Sheriff's Mounted Posse
Southern Arizona Rescue Association (SARA)
Search and Recovery Divers

MAY 1980 NEWSLETTER

MAY SARA MEETING - The Southern Arizona Rescue Association will meet next Friday, May 2 at 7:30 PM at St. Marks Presbyterian Church, a half block west of Alvernon. (SARA meetings are always the first Friday of each month).

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE - General meeting, Wednesday May 7 at 7:30 PM, El Dorado Hospital classroom. Go to information desk for directions.

SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS - Call Ron Sikora for more information on the May 9th meeting (622-0335).

CIVIL AIR PATROL - The CAP meets twice, Monday May 5 and May 12 at 7:30 PM at Flowing Wells Fire Station #2. Radiation detection will be taught during both sessions.

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL - Representatives meet on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30 PM at University Hospital, room 6120. (Use south door, main floor).

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE BOARD - Members will meet at Jack Richardson's, 11462 E. Holster on Wednesday, May 28 at 7:30 PM.

SARA BOARD - Members meet Thursday, May 29 at 7:30 PM at the Simons', 4424 E. Bellevue, Apt. 107. (Please park behind Sunset Glass, not at the apartment).

PRACTICES, TRAINING AND TESTS

Sunday May 4, 8 AM Cave Practice, Agua Caliente. Meet at Valencia and I19.

Saturday May 10, 9 AM Trail Head Familiarization. Meet at Tanque Verde and Sabino.

Saturday/Sunday May 17-18 CAP will be attending the state CAP search and rescue test in Flagstaff. For more information contact Bob McCord at 297-1539.

Saturday May 18 FWD Drivers Practice. Meet at Tanque Verde and Sabino. Practice will be within the city limits. All vehicles will be inspected. Topics include vehicle handling, traction, winching, and tires.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING (EMT) - Jeff Beeley of SARA will teach a two month course starting Wednesday, May 28. This course is free. Call Jack Richardson or John Pedley to register.

NEWS

Four wheel drive has set up a savings account for the Bob Fish Memorial Training Funds which are still being solicited. Many thanks to all people who have donated to this cause.

We need clothes for the moulage kits. Contact Dave Brown, Rich Kunz or Nate Shechter if you have any to donate. These clothes cannot be returned because they will be used for First Aid practices.

The Posse will now be responding to callouts with their "Chuckwagon," providing coffee, cold drinks and food. This is an extension of your 24-hour self-sustaining food and water. Use it, but don't forget to bring your own food! The Chuckwagon is funded by the posse.

Election Results: The new officers and board members for SARA include:

President - George Simons

Vice-President - Doug Marcoux

Secretary - Nate Shechter

Treasurer - Don Morris

Board members include John Bownds, Dave Brown, Debbie Buecher, Tom Harlan, and Rich Kunz

George Gregory is the new Council Posse representative. He replaces Ken Kerber on the council and was elected Council Vice-President.

Council - Anyone showing up at basecamp without the proper equipment will not be allowed into the field. Minimum equipment includes helmet, lights, water, food, first aid kit, goggles and appropriate clothing. This should have all been learned at basic training!

PRACTICE NOTES - Do you know where to rendezvous for the Santa Ritas? How well do you know Agua Caliente Cave? Can you set up a haul system and handle other technical problems in a cave? Sunday's cave practice is designed to help you sharpen your skills underground, or teach you if you are not experienced.

One intriguing aspect of cave practices; they exactly duplicate a real operation. If you learn how to get in and out of the Beer Can Room in Agua Caliente, you will use exactly the same holds and technique on the real thing. The practice will be helpful when an actual rescue is needed. You will also be more familiar with the underground problems of any cave. Be sure to bring the gear you will need to be field qualified.

RENDEZVOUS - What is a "message cone"? For those who don't know, it is an orange warning cone that sits on top of a car at rendezvous points for late arrivers. A message inside gives the base camp location. Please leave it for the next late person.

HOT WEATHER NEEDS - In May and June, rescuers' packs become gigantic water bottles. A gallon or more of water is necessary and two gallons are actually more helpful. Remember your victim will need water, too.

Don't worry about the weight; you will start drinking it soon enough. It does no good to ration water because the body will inevitably suffer and fail. Water "saved" in the canteen does not help the body. In really hot weather, 100 degrees or more, a rescuer will glug down an amazing amount of water, especially if hiking hard. Tank up before leaving base camp and keep drinking.

Eating light, easily digested foods, avoiding unnecessary talking, yelling, and exercise will all help cut down on water use. Obviously rescue activity increases the need for water. Wear loose, light clothes which shield you from the sun, most especially a wide brimmed hat. Know the water sources and springs. The most reliable source is always the water in your pack, so carry lots.

PARTY!!! - Major Richard Kennard invites rescue folks to a party at his home, 8265 E. Rivenoak, Saturday, May 17, from 3 PM to 8 PM. Bring a potluck dish and chips and dips. Plates, cups, eating tools, and punch will be provided. Follow Wrightstown to Sarnoff and go south one block.

This newsletter is for members of all component groups of "Search and Rescue Council Inc." Everyone is welcome at all meetings and activities. Practices may be limited to those who are eligible for field operations.

CALLOUTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u># of S&R PEOPLE</u>	<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>SITUATION</u>
2/19	4		Agua Caliente Cave, report of stolen guns
2/24	16	R29	Tanque Verde Falls (hoax)
2/25	32		Cat Mountain, 15 year old male stuck on ledge
3/1	31	R31	Chimney Rock, 19 year old male fall victim
3/1	4		Ragged Top Mountain, 19 year old female missing
3/2	28	R31	Redington Pass, rapelling accident (hoax)
3/4	20		Brown Mountain, 45 year old fall victim
3/6	10	R29	Seven Falls, fall victim (hoax)
3/7	11		Mt. Lemmon, stolen auto, hasty search
3/9	40		Cat Mountain, 9 year old male stuck on ledge
3/9	3		Chiva Falls, 2 hikers overdue
3/14	12	R28	Empire Mountain, 56 year old male DOA#1 from hunting accident
3/18	25		Seven Falls, 23 year old male cut leg
3/29	3		Sandanio (south of Ajo), 7 year old male and 9 year old female missing