



Search & Rescue Council, Inc.

Southern Arizona Rescue Association
Pima County Four Wheel Drive
Search & Rescue
Pima County Search & Recovery Divers
Pima County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, and
Civil Air Patrol Neotoma Squadron 109

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1983 NEWSLETTER

Meetings, Practices & Trainings:

- Sun., Aug. 28 Air Show DMAFB. All SARCI members welcome.
- All Mondays, Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 12, 19 & 26 NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON (CAP) meetings: 7:00 p.m. - 10 p.m. at Flowing Wells Fire Station #2, corner of Curtis & Davis. Program: Sept. 5 - Cadet; Sept. 12 - Senior; Sept. 19 & 26 - Emergency Services.
- Wed., Sept. 7 PCS&R general meeting: 7:30 p.m. at U of A Hospital Cafeteria. We plan to discuss and vote on a bylaws amendment involving a merger of PCS&R into SARA.
- Fri., Sept. 9 SARA general meeting: 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. 3rd St. Review of operations procedures: Paul Howe.
- Sat., Sept. 10 MOUNTAIN SEARCH training: 8:00 a.m. rendezvous at Tanque Verde and Sabino. Carl Newberg coordinator.
- Sun., Sept. 11 DIVERS meeting: 9:00 a.m. at Kennedy Park. Simulated callout.
- Sat., Sept. 17 SARCI BASIC ORIENTATION: 8:00 a.m. rendezvous at 1st Street and Arcadia ("Harlan Park"). For more information, contact Jim Gilbreath, coordinator, at 792-0775.
- Sun., Sept. 18 DAY HIKE ON THE LEMMON: 7:00 a.m. rendezvous at Tanque Verde and Sabino. Jim Gilbreath coordinator.
- Wed., Sept. 21 SARCI Council meeting: 7:30 p.m. in U of A Hospital classroom, Room 6120, 1501 North Campbell.
- Thu., Sept. 22 POSSE general meeting: (as usual)
- Fri., Sept. 23 BASIC RESCUE training: 7:00 p.m. at TMC Fireplace Room. Nate Schecter coordinator.
- Sat., Sept. 24 BASIC RESCUE training (cont'd): 8:00 a.m. at TMC Fireplace Room.
- Sun., Sept. 25 BASIC RESCUE training (cont'd): 8:00 a.m. rendezvous at Tanque Verde and Sabino.
- Wed., Sept. 28 PCS&R board meeting: at Sosna's.
- Thu., Sept. 29 SARA board meeting: 7:30 p.m. at Gilbreaths', 874 E. Alturas.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October DIVERS annual party.
- October 22 Ab Taylor's tracking training (and Hug-a-Tree presenter's class). Call Jim Gilbreath, 792-0775, to register.

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ALL GROUPS:

- Proposed SARCI By-Laws change: Delete Article II, Section 1.2 See your SARCI Representative for further details.
- ADVANCE FIRST AID: Classes starting September 1, 1983 and will be held on Mondays and Thursdays. For further information, contact Richard Kunz - 886-2216 or Jim Gilbreath - 792-0775.
- TRACKING TRAINING: Ab Taylor, one of the men who taught tracking for the Border Patrol will conduct training Saturday, October 22, 1983. You must pre-register, there will be a limited enrollment of 35. Cost of the course will be \$35.00. To pre-register, send \$10.00 cash or check made payable to S.A.R.A., to 874 E. Alturas, Tucson, Arizona 85719.
- RIVER RESCUE PRACTICE: Will be paged - when the creeks and washes are running.
- HOUSEBILL 10: If you wish reimbursement of receipts, you MUST get your receipts to Sandy Riback no later than TEN (10) days after the callout.

DIVERS:

- We will be having a lead pouring, election nominating, tee-shirt silk screening, and whatever else party in October. The date will be announced later so as not to interfere with other planned activities. So start saving those little tire weights and plan on attending our party in October.

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SARA'S CAVE RESCUE PRACTICE

SARA'S cave rescue practice on August 6th was a smashing success. Thirteen people attended the practice at the Cave of the Bells. While sitting at the register, two NERD reportees, who became rescuers as soon as we found the victim, told us that an old man had been attacked by a GIANT SONORAN CAVE SLUG. Don't know what a GIANT SONORAN CAVE SLUG is? Just ask someone who went. SARA members crawled through tight crawl-ways and slid and stomped through deep mud to find the victim about 500 feet from the entrance to the cave. SARA members easily negotiated the obstacles in the cave, but the victim on the Neal Roberts stretcher required a belay. The whole operation took about four hours. This makes you appreciate how few cave rescues SARA has to do.

DIVER'S PRACTICE AT PATAGONIA

- Ken Chaney -

Briefing for a practice at Lake Patagonia is very frustrating. Trying to keep your group's attention is not easy when your members are jumping up at the shouts and screams of swimmers who sound as if they are in trouble. First we familiarized ourselves with the different areas of the lake, where the previous drownings have taken place and basically what to expect once we hit the water. Trying to suit up in high temperature and high humidity proved to be a challenge for some of us, who ended up putting on the majority of our equipment in the water. The practice was to familiarize oneself with the lake bottom environment prior to actually having to perform on a recovery. We used two-person buddy teams with a rope between them to keep contact. There was actually about 2-3 feet visibility for about the first 10 - 15 feet, and below that visibility sharply decreased going from being able to detect light to total blackness near the bottom which we figured was about 40 - 45 feet at the deepest point. The thermocline we hit was a welcome relief. Trying to sweep the bottom, which is done by moving along the bottom with your stomach flat against the bottom and digging through about 1 1/2 feet of silt, proved challenging because of the trees and fishing line. All in all, things went very well and we accomplished what we had set out to do.

- Frances Kunz -

SEPTEMBER 1983						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
(28) DM Air Show	(29) CAP meeting	(30)	(31)	(1) Adv. First Aid Starts	(2)	(3)
(4)	(5) CAP meeting; LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	(6)	(7) PCS&R general meeting	(8)	(9) SARA general meeting	(10) Mountain Search Training
(11) DIVERS meeting	(12) CAP meeting	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17) SARCI Basic Orientation
(18) Day Hike on The Lemmon	(19) CAP meeting	(20)	(21) SARCI board meeting	(22) POSSE general meeting	(23) Basic Rescue training	(24) Basic Rescue training
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