



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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NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS, PRACTICES & TRAININGS: January, 1984

Regular meeting times and places: (see calendar for true ones)

- CAP Mondays, 7:00 p.m. at ALETA, Trail's End.
- SARA First Friday, 7:30 p.m., St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. 3rd St.
- DIVERS First Sunday, 9:00 a.m. (See change for January below.)
- PSAR First Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at Arizona Health Sciences Center, Room 6120, 1501 N. Campbell Ave.
- SARCI Third Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Arizona Health Sciences Center, Room 6120, 1501 N. Campbell Ave.
- POSSE Fourth Thursday at FDP Lodge on Dodge north of Ft. Lowell. (See change for January below.)

Other meetings, practices and trainings:

- Jan. 1 Third Annual Prominent Point Walk—Steve Smith, originator. Rendezvous 0800 north end of Campbell Avenue. Happy New Year!
- Jan. 2 CAP meeting. Emergency Services: First Aid and Rescue.
- Jan. 6 SARA General Meeting. 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 7 Orienteering Meet—Don Morris, Coordinator. Rendezvous 0800 east end of Magee.
- Jan. 8 Divers activity to be announced. Call Fran Kunz 886-2216 for information.
- Jan. 9 CAP Cadet Meeting.
- Jan. 11 Posse Board Meeting at Skip Arnett's office, 4775 N. First Avenue.
- Jan. 12 Posse General Meeting at FDP Lodge on Dodge north of Ft. Lowell.
- Jan. 14 SARCI Basic Orientation 0800-1200 at "Harlan Park," First and Arcadia Streets.
- Jan. 16 CAP Senior Meeting.
- Jan. 18 SARCI Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 19 SARA Training Committee meeting 7:30 p.m. at Jim Gilbreath's, 824 E. Alturas.
- Jan. 20 SARA Basic Training. 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church Activity Building, University east of Fourth St.
- Jan. 21 SARA Basic Training continued 0800-1600. Trinity Presbyterian Church.
- Jan. 22 SARA Basic Training continued 0800-1600 at Molino Basin.
- Jan. 23 CAP Meeting. Emergency Services: Personal Preparedness.
- Jan. 26 SARA Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Loma Griffith's—883-3115.
- Jan. 30 CAP Meeting. Emergency Services: Water/Flood Rescue.

NEWS:

The Posse is due to receive four more walkies, giving them a total of nine.

NEEDED: EMTs for the Posse Horse Show January 14 & 15, 0830 - 1700. Call Bill Prout at 885-0654 if you can volunteer your services.

If you don't receive a February Newsletter, you may have been dropped from SARA membership for non-payment of dues or you haven't transferred your membership from Four Wheel Drive to SARA yet.

Arizona Mountaineering Club Basic Climbing School will be starting soon. Call Carl Newberg (323-9570) or Jim Gilbreath (792-0775) for further information.

The Ab Taylor Tracking Class will hopefully be held the end of March.

NOTE ON SARA DUES. The annual dues shall be \$5.00 payable from the beginning of February through the first day of May each year. Any member who has not paid dues on the first day of July may be dropped from the organization by the Board of Directors. Any person may request his or her membership to be reinstated by the Board upon payment of twice the annual dues. Applications for membership shall include payment of the full annual dues prior to being considered by the Board. Anyone who has questions regarding his/her membership classification may be enlightened at any SARA general meeting. The Board has approved member classifications under the new system.



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TEN-FOUR, GOOD BUDDY!!

Our radio frequencies are intended to be used to help many people communicate during a S&R response. These points are common sense and should be obvious, but they are frequently abused. Please help.

- 1) Everyone is encouraged to listen as much as he likes.
- 2) If you need to speak, make it short and complete. Be sure the frequency is clear before you speak.
- 3) At the start of a call, people are welcome to state that they are on the way—please don't expect an answer.
- 4) People listening to our frequency may be working on other frequencies also. Radio use at the start of a call usually concerns organization, both with our people as well as with other resources. They are forced to turn our frequency down or off if we are interfering.
- 5) Be aware that friends or relatives of a victim may be listening. The news media is known to monitor our frequencies, also.
- 6) Our reputation is influenced by our conduct on the air, which at some times is professional, at other times like CB radio use.
- 7) When portables are in the field, be very careful, especially if you are using a powerful radio. Use another frequency or wait.
- 8) Several people listen to both RESCUE and MRA continually, callout in progress or not. If you use the frequency as though it were your own personal gab channel, they won't be listening when they may be needed. The people responsible for radios WILL become interested in your opinions about proper use of the radio.
- 9) If you are considering obtaining your own radio, you MUST have received written permission to use frequencies licensed to us. Mobile radios are discouraged on RESCUE and MRA; get a portable. Mobile radios are encouraged on LO-BAND.

The Communications Committee.

DECEMBER PRACTICE: Many thanks to DAVE LEWIS of the Border Patrol for giving the tracking training on December 4. We spent the morning learning a little about what tracks tell the tracker and practicing following tracks across the desert. Dave gave lots of information—such as how to judge a person's physical condition from his tracks, how tracks are made differently by a person walking at night, and how to "leap frog" a set of tracks to speed up a search. Representatives from Four Wheel Drive, Divers, Posse and SARA were present. It is hoped that we can schedule a desert search practice soon to practice these techniques. Dave has offered to show his desert search slides at a future SARA meeting.

DR SALE: Used alpine ski mountaineering equipment. Contact Richard Thompson, 325-9725.