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Pima County Search & Recovery Divers
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NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS, PRACTICES & TRAININGS:

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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.
- SARCI Third Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at Coco's Restaurant, 2990 N. Campbell. (Note: Council meetings are quarterly.)
- POSSE Call Capt. Tim Hiple, 624-2826, for meeting time and place.

Other meetings, practices and trainings:

- May 5: Scout-O-Rama, Tucson Mall. Hug-A-Tree presentations all day. Tickets available from all members of the explorer post for \$1.00 - good for .75 off an all American meal at McDonald's plus a raffle!
- May 4: SARA General meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- May 5-6: Technical Climbing Training and Self Rescue Techniques. (see below)
- May 6: Diver's wet practice at Amphi Pool, 9:00 a.m.
- May 7: CAP meeting.
- May 10: SARA Training Committee meeting at Rich Kunz's house. (see below)
- May 12: SARCI Orientation at Jim Gilbreath's house, 0800-1200. (see below)
- May 14: CAP meeting.
- May 19-20: SARA Basic Rescue Training. (see below)
- May 21: CAP meeting.
- May 22: Posse Board meeting at Skip Arnett's office, 1800 hrs.
- May 24: SARA Board meeting, Palmer's home, 4935 N Calle Esquina.
- May 24: Posse General meeting at FOP Lodge. Election of officers.
- May 28: CAP meeting.

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SARCI:

The SARCI booth at the fair generated 12 requests for Hug-A-Tree talks and 6 more requests for talks re Hiking Safety. We need a volunteer to be a Hug-A-Tree scheduler. Persons interested in attending or helping arrange a National Park Service Search Management course in Tucson please call Jim Gilbreath (792-0775).

SARA:

Thanks to all who participated in Basic Search Training on March 31 & April 1, especially Dep. Chuck McHugh & Dave Lewis & family. The training held near Ragged Top proved to be very beneficial for those who attended. Although Saturday's planned activities were rudely interrupted by a call-out at Seven Falls. (Response time was rather long!) Sunday's activities were well worthwhile -- tracking and orienteering were fantastic.

Tom Harlan's off-trail exercises are in their second month. The first was held in and out of Catalina State Park. It had its ups and downs--about 1400 ft--and we got to know three different maps and some pretty country a lot better. We also have a better feel for how much time, effort and planning are involved in travelling 2 or 3 miles cross country in that area. There are even section corners there!

Mykle's recording machine may be used to coordinate informal trail familiarization hikes. Call 795-2303 to hear about planned activities. You may also use the recording to leave messages to be added to the recording. Current callout info will replace this during callouts.

A new call sheet will be coming out in May so please get any changes to Mykle (795-2303) pronto.

Thanks to Jim Gilbreath for months and months of good trainings--and welcome to Rich Kunz as Training Chairman again. There will be a Training Committee meeting on May 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Rich's house, 1329 S. Marc Drive. Anyone interested in helping plan the year's trainings, please call Rich at 886-2216.

Note! New SARA people must attend SARCI Orientation to receive Rescue handouts and info prior to SARA Basic Training. SARCI Orientation, required of all group's field active members will be held at Jim Gilbreath's house, 874 E. Alturas St. (North and West of Park Ave. and Grant Rd.) on Saturday, May 12 from 0800 till noon.

SARA Basic Rescue training is scheduled for May 19-20. Day one will be held at the Kunz home (address above) and Day two will be at Bear Canyon campground (milepost 10-11). Note: Day two is testing day for new and older members.

Technical Climbing Training and Self Rescue Techniques will be taught on May 5 & 6. Part 1 (May 5) will be held at 0900 hrs at fire station on Ajo Way west of Park Ave. For Part 2 (May 6) meet at 0800 hrs at Tanque Verde and Sabino. For info call Carl Newberg (573-0324).

POSSE:

April's activities included the Kidney Foundation Ride and the International Festival of the Arts in Douglas.

CAP:

Thanks to all the Neotoma Squadron members who made the past month so successful. The USAF-evaluated SARTEST in Marana involved the squadron in following an aircraft to a "crash" site without radio, then rendering emergency care. Both the USAF and medical evaluators were impressed. (The USAF evaluator lost a bet that we couldn't follow the aircraft to the crash site!)

Operation Friendship, a joint USAF-CAP exercise, also involved the squadron in ground to air coordination. Also well received.

On April 5 the SARTSAT satellite noted an ELT (Emergency Locator Transmitter) in the Tucson area, and a search using CAP aircraft, DPS and PCSO cars ensued. At 0200 our assistance was requested and we quickly located and deactivated the ELT in an office at Freeway airport.

Congratulations to Bill Croghan on being appointed assistant director of communications for Emergency Services.

CALL OUTS:

- 3-31-84 Seven Falls. Fall victim with head and back injuries. Stokes evacuation to trail crossing, DPS helicopter to hospital.
- 4-08-84 Seven Falls again. Also Tanque Verde Falls - Fall victim with neck injury. Stokes to DPS helicopter.
- 4-14-84 Fall victim near Colossal Cave. Search for lost 9-yr-old from Organization Ridge.

- 4-17-84 Overdue hiker in Finger Rock Canyon.
- 4-21-84 Gates Pass knee injury.
- 4-22-84 Montrose Canyon pelvic injury (2 broken vertebrae).
- 4-22-84 Charleau Gap - heat stroke victim. Air support by DM.
- 4-22-84 Finger Rock Canyon ankle injury. Night bivouac, DM flew him out the next morning.
- 4-23-84 Catalina State Park - overdue hiker, returned the next day.
- 4-26-84 Missing female - later found.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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WHAT IS OUR FIRST RESPONSIBILITY?

On any given callout, there are several questions in our minds as we begin to interface into the operation. The most common questions are:

1. How are we going to do this search or rescue (generally)?
2. How do I as an individual fit into the operation?

Once we arrive at rendezvous or basecamp, we usually find the answers to these questions. We are all concerned about the victim and sincerely wish to do our best. After all, when we are called, it is our responsibility to carry out our task within the limits of our abilities. IS THIS OUR FIRST RESPONSIBILITY?

The answer is NO! Our first responsibility is to our own safety and the safety of our fellow team members. We already have one (or more) victims. We don't want to generate any more.

When we find the answer to the second question, we must decide if we are capable and equipped to carry out our individual assignments. The people who run the operation rely on your self-evaluation to make team assignments. YOU MUST BE HONEST, not only with the operations leader but with yourself.

If you are improperly equipped for something, you must say so. If you are not feeling well or are suffering from an injury which may hinder you, you must say so. There are many jobs to be done, some of which are probably within your reduced capabilities.

There are times when the calls are long or come frequently, giving us little rest. We must be particularly sensitive to the effects of fatigue on ourselves and our fellow team members. It is up to the individual to say when he is too tired to continue, preferably while he can still get out on his own. This has happened to most of us. People will respect you for being honest, but not for getting yourself in over your head.

If you or a fellow team member sustains a major injury while in the field, it is your responsibility to report it to the team leader or to base camp. At that point it becomes the team leader's (or the operations leader's) responsibility to evaluate the situation and determine the appropriate response.

If you need rescue because of an accident, you will be rescued. SARA takes care of it's own! However, if you are injured and can walk out with little or no help, do so--especially if continuing may result in further injury or rescue. NO INDIVIDUAL HAS THE RIGHT TO JEOPARDIZE THE OPERATION BY PUSHING PAST HIS LIMITS.

Our organization is built on mutual trust. People who consistently demonstrate common sense and honesty are more rapidly accepted by their peers. People who are willing to admit their shortcomings and physical limitations fit in faster because other people trust them and assign them responsibilities without reservation.

A search or rescue is a stressful situation. We must know that we can trust each other in order to operate efficiently. Remember, someone's well being or life may depend on your judgement. BE SAFE!

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