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NEWSLETTER *August 1986*



MEETINGS, PRACTICES & TRAININGS:

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

CAP	Sundays, 7:00 p.m., ranch house behind Elk's Lodge on River Rd.
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 of July, Oct., Jan., and April, 7:30 p.m., Coco's, 2990 N. Campbell.
POSSE	Last Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Mountain Oyster Club.

Other meetings, practices and trainings:

Wed. July 30: SARA Basic training module: Knots. 7-8:00 p.m. @ Pantano Park.

Fri. Aug. 01: SARA General Meeting, 7:30 p.m. @ St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. 3rd St. Topic: Orientation for Cave Practice next week.

Sat. Aug. 02: Diver's Night Recovery Practice, 7:00 p.m. at Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway.

Sun. Aug. 03: CAP--Cadet Meeting.

Wed. Aug. 06: SARA Basic training module: SARCI Orientation. 7-8:00 p.m. @ Pantano Park.

Thu. Aug. 07: Posse Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. @ 4775 N 1st Ave.

Sat. Aug. 09: Cave Practice at Peppersauce Cave, rendezvous 7:00 a.m. @ Oracle and Magee.

Sun. Aug. 10: CAP--Senior Meeting.

Wed. Aug. 13: SARA Basic training module: Stokes Lashing & Handling. 7-8:00 p.m. @ Pantano Park.

Sun. Aug. 17: CAP--Emergency Services Training.

Wed. Aug. 20: SARA Basic training module: Anchors, Belays & Lowers. 7-8:00 p.m. @ Pantano Park.

Sun. Aug. 24: CAP--Emergency Services Training.

Mon Aug. 25: September newsletter goes to press. Call Darlene Schacht (299-2475 or 299-0651) or Karen Hansen (749-9007) with information for publication.

Wed. Aug. 27: SARA Basic training module: Haul Systems. 7-8:00 p.m. @ Pantano Park.

Thu. Aug. 28: SARA Board Meeting @ 2202 Oak Park Drive, 7:30 p.m.

Thu. Aug. 28: Posse General Meeting, 7:00 p.m. @ Mountain Oyster Club.

Sun. Aug. 31: CAP--Emergency Services Training.

Sat. Sep. 06: Tanque Verde Falls Disaster and Orientation training. Also Mt. Rescue Recertification.

Sun. Sep. 10: Divers Practice: Tow Patterns. Details TBA.

Fri-Sun. Oct. 11-13: Diver's trip to Mexico.

SARCI NEWS:

POSSE HAPPENINGS..

The Posse has not been meeting in July but will return to regular meeting times in August. (see calendar)

Another Night Search/Rescue practice will be held in August, time and date TBA.

CAP ...

...did very well in the Regional SAR in Waco, TX on July 19 & 20.

SARA WELCOMES...

...the following new trainees who recently completed Basic Training: Jerri Blackman, Chad Gilbreath, Wm. P. Brown, Glenn Maguire, Jeff Mayhew and Dan Norton. And congratulations to Karen Hansen and Carol Kennedy who have been promoted from Trainee to Member status.

CAVE PRACTICE...

...coming up on August 9th at Peppersauce Cave. Rendezvous at 7:00 a.m. @ Oracle and Magee for a fun and educational day.

WATCH WHERE YOU SEND IT!!

All SARA business conducted by mail should be sent to P.O. Box 12892, Tucson 85732-2892. Please do NOT send it to the above SARCI address as this only slows down the process. Addresses for the individual SARCI organizations are listed on the front of this newsletter.

QUALIFIED & EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTORS...

...are needed to present our SARA Basic to a group at the Navaho National Health Foundation. Plans are to depart for Ganado on Friday noon, August 22, and return on Sunday evening, Aug.24. Please contact Bob Birkett.

ONLY 60 TRAINING DAYS LEFT...

...until the October Vertical Mile Climb. If you want to join Jim Gilbreath's training sessions come to Fort Lowell Park any evening at 6:30 p.m

SARA BASIC TAUGHT IN MODULES

Beginning July 16th, 7:00 p.m., at Pantano Park there will be Basic Training modules which will cover Orientation, Map & Compass, Knots, Truck Equipment Orientation, Haul Systems, Anchors, Lowers and Belays, & Stokes Lashing. Each class will last about an hour and you will be able to take your SARA Basic Training in this fashion or just come and practice. Check calendar for specific listings.

ANOTHER REASON FOR WEARING YOUR ORANGE SHIRT: (cont'd from last month)

So we get proper credit from the media and are not referred to as bystanders.

ANOTHER REASON FOR NOT WEARING YOUR ORANGE SHIRT:

If your fragrant personality and your orange shirt attract bees and you're allergic to them.

FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

FOR ALL PAGER HOLDERS: Please make your calls as soon as possible when the pager goes off. If you leave town, make sure someone is covering your calls. THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. If your people don't get called, they should bring this to your attention. THAT'S THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. If the problem continues, the Communications Committee should be informed so corrective action may be taken. If the people you call are never home or don't bother to tell you when they get a new number, please let the Communications Committee or the Membership Committee know. Thanks.

FOR ALL RADIO HOLDERS: Please make sure that your radio, if not yourself, makes it to the calls. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THIS. The Communications Committee is currently looking at whose radio is showing up and whose is not. If you are going to be less active, please let the Comm Committee know so we may reassign your radio until you again become active.

RADIO TRAFFIC ON THE WAY TO CALLS: When responding to a call, it is okay to say that you are responding, but please don't give your location or try to arrange rides. Don't expect an answer, either. Rescue 3 and/or SARA 1 will be busy gathering information for broadcast to everyone. This is a critical time. Therefore, please stay off the air, listen, and come to rendezvous. You will be better informed when you arrive. Thanks.

PERSONAL RADIO POLICY FOR MOBILES: It is the policy of the Communications Committee to encourage members to become active on low band. If you desire a personal mobile radio, this is the band of choice. We encourage this band rather than high band (Rescue and MRA) to eliminate interference with weak signals from portables in the field. Remember, you must have permission from the Communications Committee to have and use a personal radio on a call or training.

MONSOON SEASON ...

...is here so be sure your river rescue gear is in order. Rescuers planning to go in the water must be equipped with a wetsuit, PFD, helmet and light. Those assisting from the bank must be wearing a PFD and helmet, and also have throw-bottles ready.

WHAT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY

On any given callout, there are several questions in our minds as we begin to interface into the operation. These 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 out the answer 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 out 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 ops 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 probably within your reduced abilities.

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 they are too tired to continue, preferably while they can still get out on their 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 sustain a major injury while in the field, it is your responsibility to report it to the teamleader or to basecamp. At that point, it becomes the teamleader's (or the ops leader's) responsibility to evaluate the situation and determine the appropriate response.

If you need rescuing 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 THEIR 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 wellbeing or life may depend on your judgement. BE SAFE!

Scott Clemans

Peanuts / Charles Schulz



CALL OUTS:

#46 7/05/86 Rescue from vehicle over the side of Mt. Lemmon highway at milepost 18.5. 28 people, 49 hrs.

#47 7/20/86 Standby for report of missing person in San Pedro Vista area.

The Posse had 1 callout but the hiker turned up before they were needed.

FROM OUR TRAINING CHAIRMAN

In my 6 months as training person I have been extremely pleased with the turnout and cooperation of all members. I have been impressed with the knowledge I have gained and the learning experience I have seen others receive. I would like to say thank you to everybody for their help and participation, and I hope we can continue to work and learn together.

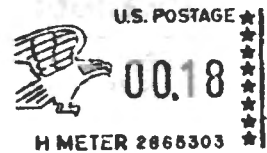
Nate Shechter

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CAP SR			SARA TRNG MOD			
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CAP EST			SARA TRNG MOD			
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CAP EST			SARA TRNG MOD			TV FALLS PRAC & RECERT

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