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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.

Sat.-Sun. Sept. 27-28: Mine Rescue Training. Rendezvous 6:30 a.m. @ Mission & Ajo. For further info call Tom Faulkner (795-5884).

Fri. Oct. 03: SARA General Meeting.

Sat. Oct. 04: SARA Training: Tracking Practice. Rendezvous @ Sabino Visitors Center, 8:30 a.m.

Sun. Oct. 05: CAP--Cadet Meeting.

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

Wed. Oct. 08: SARA Basics Module. 7-8:00 p.m. @ Pantano Park.

Sun. Oct. 12: CAP--Senior Meeting.

Sat.-Mon. Oct. 11-13: Divers' weekend in Mexico.

Tue.-Thu. Oct. 14-16: Divers Rescue Training in Phoenix.

Wed. Oct. 15: SARCI Meeting.

Wed. Oct. 15: SARA Basics Module. 7-8:00 p.m. @ Pantano Park.

Sat. Oct. 18: Vertical Mile Climb. See info inside.

Sat. Oct. 18: CAP hosting Jamboree-On-The-Air for Scouts from CAP bldg @ Tucson International Airport.

Sun. Oct. 19: State SAR Meeting, 9:00 a.m. @ Airport Inn, Phoenix.

Sun. Oct. 19: CAP--Emergency Services Meeting: Radiological Defense.

Wed. Oct. 22: SARA Basics Module. 7-8:00 p.m. @ Pantano Park.

Thu. Oct. 23: Posse General Meeting.

Sat. Oct. 25: Open House at the Isersons, 4930 N Calle Fajm, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Sat.-Sun. Oct. 25-26: SARA Basics. See schedule inside.

Sat.-Sun. Oct. 25-26: CAP statewide Disaster Relief test.

Sun. Oct. 26: Emergency Services Meeting: Basic Rope Work & a short ELT Ramp Search.

Mon Oct. 27: November newsletter goes to press. Call Darlene Schacht (299-2475 or 299-0651) or Karen Hansen (749-9007) with information for publication.

Wed. Oct. 29: SARA Basics Module. 7-8:00 p.m. @ Pantano Park.

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

SARCI NEWS:

AMERICAN DREAM: SAVING A LIFE TOPS EVEN SEXY AND MACHO FANTASIES...

...as was reported in the Tacoma Mountain Rescue Unit newsletter. You may not agree to this statement, especially when a callout comes in the middle of a rainy night when you're snuggled into a delicious sleep. But according to a national survey of 1,500 people made last May, the top fantasy of Americans of both sexes is SAVING SOMEONE'S LIFE. More than 75% of the respondents said they have dreamed of saving a life, ahead of winning a gold medal in the Olympics. If you share this fantasy with all these other people, then you are at an advantage because you have chosen to belong to an organization of volunteers dedicated to SAVING LIVES. All you need to do is make yourself available to come to trainings and respond to callouts. So live out your true fantasy and come to some of the great trainings that are planned for October.

PHYSICAL CONDITIONING SHOULD BE A PART...

...of every rescue members training program. And if it's a part of yours, come and participate in the First Annual Vertical Mile Climb on October 18. Rendezvous time will be 6:30 a.m. at the Sabino Canyon Visitors Center. You can choose any route you want to get from the Cactus Picnic Center to Milepost 22 on the Catalina Highway. Competition rules require that you carry at least 1/4 of your nude body weight (no dumping of supplies along the way!) How do you win?? 1. Get there first. 2. Get there. Period. First prize is a handsome trophy and dinner for two at the Tack Room. Second and third prizes are handsome trophies and Big Macs. A Special Prize will be a Surprise! T-shirts may be available if there is enough interest. Note: No transportation will be furnished down the mountain. Please arrange for your own ride.

TANQUE VERDE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION...

...is in full force now. Most of the brush clearing is finished and rock-moving and dirt-shoveling has begun. The October work schedule will continue on Wednesdays and Fridays with rendezvous at 5:00 p.m. at the trailhead, and Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m. with the exception of October 1, 11 and 18. Check with Mykle's machine (795-2303) to be sure. Hardhats and gloves are required equipment by the Forest Service. If you can, bring your own shovels, crowbars, etc.

CAP WILL ALTERNATE...

...each month with ELT and Medical Practice beginning in October.

OUR WARMEST CONDOLENCES...

...to Tom Faulkner and family for the recent loss of his brother, Jimmy.

A NEW FIRST AID CLASS WILL BEGIN...

...the second week of October, meeting every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7-9:30 p.m. until 50 hrs have been completed. If interested, Call Jim Gilbreath (792-0775).

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS WANTED...

...from everyone who goes into the field on callouts. That is, an emergency number other than your home phone number. Please call Loma (883-3115) and give her the name of some other relative or caring person that should be contacted in the event of personal injury or emergency.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KENNY PARKHURSTS...

...on the arrival of their new daughter.

NATE SENDS HIS PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS...

...to all who assisted in the MRA recertification. A good group, well done.

DIVERS PLEASE NOTE...

...the change of date since the last newsletter for the Phoenix practice to October 14-16.

AVAILABLE AT THE NEXT SARA MEETING...

...will be copies of an article entitled "The OES Climbing Tragedy on Mt. Hood" written by David W. McClure who participated in the search last spring. Due to the length of the article, we are unable to mail it with this newsletter.

HOUSEBILL 10 RECEIPTS SHOULD BE...

...sent directly to the PCSO Search and Rescue, P.O. Box 910, 85702. Please do NOT send them to the SARA P.O. Box as this only slows down the process and creates more work for all who are involved.

DON'T FORGET TO LOCK YOUR CAR...

...when leaving it at rendezvous. If you're parking near base camp, keys can be left in SARA 1 or Rescue 3.

SARA BASICS WEEKEND COMING UP...

...on October 25 & 26. Rendezvous will be at 7:30 a.m. at Kennedy Park on Saturday morning with the schedule for the day as follows:

8:30	Orientation
9:30	Knots
11:30	Truck & Pack Orientation
12:00	Lunch
12:30	Haul Systems, Anchors, Lowers, Belays, Stokes Lashing and Handling
3:30	Search Orientation

On Sunday rendezvous will be at Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway at 8:00 a.m. with the schedule as follows:

8:45	Map, Compass, & Helicopter Orientation
9:30	Testing

by Charlotte Gunn

Experience, of course. The feel of a search, comprehension of how the parts fit together, kinds of clues to watch for and dangers to watch out for--all are acquired piece by piece as one slogs along with many different teams. But can't we be more specific?

Thinking in terms of the group. A group travels differently (more slowly, for example) than an individual (in the case of line searchers or roped climbers, much more slowly). And a group is limited to the capacities of its least able (least skilled, least strong, least equipped, or whatever) member. The team leader cannot waste energy resenting this reality; "if only I wasn't stuck with Henry"--type thoughts accomplish nothing. Instead, the team leader accepts those who have offered themselves, constantly watches and evaluates, and operates within the limitations. This does not mean pretending all are the same. It is good sense to have the most competent maintain the compass bearing and the strongest go the extra mile or carry the extra load--but the leader assigns that without even feeling criticism for the less competent or less strong.


Education and delegation. The most experienced team leader has not forgotten that he/she once was a beginner. A technical litter hoist must be done by those already trained, but most field searches provide hours of occasion for informal instruction--comments on where and how one places flagging, comparisons of actual terrain with topo maps, explanations of why the team leader made a certain decision, translation of radio information from other teams into information about the overall search. The experienced team leader also is too wise to try to do everything alone. Few of us have enough hands to carry all the group equipment, handle the radio, put up flagging, maintain map and compass, and pass out Gorp and salt tablets to anyone who slumps. The good team leader shares the assignments, consciously choosing when to use proven abilities and when to encourage development of new skills. Obviously, the latter is accompanied by instruction and supervision, and is not followed by ranting and raving at "that dumb bunny who didn't even know how to . . . !" And, even with experienced team members, the leader goes over basic information, reviews search techniques, and checks on equipment before hitting the trail.

Taking the long view. TV cowboys gallop full tilt to the rescue; the screaming ambulance arrives just in time to save a life--but most of our missions are not in that time frame. Extra hours and days are important to the lost or injured victim, but possible minutes saved by hurry are likely to be expensive in the long run. Safe driving is the obvious first step. Time to check equipment and gather all available information is the second. But even after that--barring a "bash team" headed for known conditions at a known location--the team leader is responsible for keeping his/her team going for an indefinite period. This means a pace that can be maintained for hours or days, rest and food breaks, attention to foot problems, constant awareness that one's first responsibility is to bring the team back in good health, ready to make the next sweep.

Willingness to accept responsibility. The team leader invites and considers suggestions from other member, but realizes that decisions are the leader's job. It may be as simple as whether to double-flag a particular point or as difficult as sending back to base camp (accompanied, of course) a team member who lacks equipment or stamina to continue in the field; it may be a question of which route to follow or whether to turn aside after a possible clue. Whatever the decision, the leader shrugs off as human nature the probability that someone else will disagree or second-guess.

Awareness. We all laugh at the caricature: "We were looking for a woman in a red bikini, so I didn't say anything about that male corpse in overalls." And a few team leaders could give you a complete list of what they watch for in the field. But all the good ones see a lot. They see which team members are getting tired and who isn't eating; they see footprints and candy wrappers and stones piled up; they see clouds closing in and crows circling and something shiny across the gulch. The good team leaders not only cover the assigned territory, but also notice and report likely lines of travel. They integrate radio reports from other teams, to develop a mental picture of the total search. And they use their pencil and paper to write down times and locations of main events, so they can tell you how long it took to cover that trail down to the river crossing.

Cheerfulness. When we stumble out of bed at 4:00 a.m. to go on a mission, we all cherish some dream of quick dramatic rescue down a cliff face or up out of a gully. And, if we go on enough missions over the years, sooner or later we'll be part of such drama. But mostly the missions are lack of sleep, long drives, hours of slogging over fallen logs or through bogs, intemperate weather, hordes of mosquitos--which may or may not end in our even seeing the object of our search. The team leader from experience knows and accepts that reality, and somehow convinces us that we can line-search that



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CALL OUTS:

- #59 8/25/86 22-yr-old male fall victim at Marshall Saddle. Everyone got wet. 16 people, 69 hrs.
- #60 8/30/86 Recovery of truck and boat trailer @ Lakeside Park, Tucson. Bumper sticker on truck: DON'T LAUGH, IT RUNS! 3 people, 6 hrs.
- #61 8/30/86 51 yr-old-male hiker overdue on Mt. Lemmon to Sabino Visitors Center, just late and tired. 19 people, 46 hrs.
- #62 8/30/86 Young male climber injured at Windy Point. Hard work for a long time (the way it is without DM hoist--it won't be the last either). 28 people, 230 hrs.
- #63 8/30/86 Young male hiker missing on Romero Canyon Trail. 8 people, 28 hrs.
- #64 8/31/86 Same as #63. Found on ridge above Romero/Montrose Saddle. 10 people, 69 hrs.
- #65 9/01/86 Body recovery of young male at Tanque Verde Falls washed over upper Turkey Fall while chasing ice chest. 30 people, 76 hrs.
- #66 9/10/86 Young male fall victim at Mt. Bigelow. A good exercise with lots of different rope systems. 22 people, 93 hrs.
- #67 9/14/86 Young male hiker with sprained ankle in Sycamore Canyon, was helped to helispot and flown out. 5 people, 20 hrs.
- #68 9/20/86 Young drunk male, fell from tree in Rose Canyon just below main dam. 20 people, 40 hrs.
- #69 9/20/86 Two young 27-yr-old males missing in Rose Canyon, found very disoriented in Willow Canyon. 8 people, 32 hours.

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