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## SILENT KEY

by Loma Griffith, KA7SLW

Southern Arizona's amateur radio community mourns the death of John Vancza, who made his 449.775 repeater on Mt. Lemmon available to us for SAR activities. After he sold the site in 1993, he was still there as a resource for us: an advisor, a technician and a friend to SARCI's radio people. He embodied a lot of the best in the ham tradition -- he was really committed to excellence and experimentation in radio equipment, and he truly believed in public service, putting his belief to practice in a very big way. We remain grateful for his contributions and his example, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

(John passed away January 7, 1996 - ed.)

## FROM THE EDITORS:

For those of you who are Surfing the Web, Tim Loomis has a SARA home page. The address (LCU) to locate the page is: <http://www.azstarnet.com/~tloomis/sarindex.htm>

WHY MOTHER HEN QUIT SURFING THE NET--  
It's scary out there!

from The Washington Post, January 01, 1996  
Launceston, Australia -- An Australian man was fined \$1,500 for quacking like a duck on his radio transmitter.

## TUCSON COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by 1st Darell New, 290-9501

No report.

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

By Bob Siegel, 722-1358

### POSSE CALENDAR

Posse Meeting Thursday, February 22  
19:00, Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Cat. Hwy.

## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

### Come One, Come All PIMA COUNTY FAIR

SARCI component groups will once again have a booth at the Pima County Fair, April 11-21. This year all groups will be in one large booth. Check with individual group representatives to sign-up now for the Pima County Fair.

Dan McPhedran - Posse  
Nate Shechter - SARA

Fran Kunz - Divers  
Pan Phillips - SRDI

We need a completed schedule by the end of February. Guaranteed to be **LOADS OF FUN!!!** Just ask any of the SARA members who were "hanging 'round the booth" last year.

### HUG-A-TREE

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

We're trying an experiment this year. Each year we have sent out mailers to let school teachers and administrators know that the HAT presentation is available. Instead of sending out mailers which cost HAT \$100 per year, Dale Mann has put blurbs in the teacher newsletter ad section. The newsletter comes out every other month. This is helping cut costs, and the HAT program is reaching more people who we need to target.

### MOUNT LEMMON HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Construction is scheduled to begin again on the Mount Lemmon Highway. This project begins March 1, 1996 and will run through May, 1997. The main construction project will be between mileposts 7.2 and 9.7. Also included in the project are repairs at the slide area around milepost 3.5 and an area around milepost 12.7. In addition, some landscaping will be done further up the highway. There will be periods of time when the highway will be closed to traffic but SARCI personnel should have no problems getting through when responding to a callout. SARCI personnel should carpool during these periods.

## PIMA CO. SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

by Nate Shechter, 887-3714

### DIVERS CALENDAR

February 11 09:00-12:00, Ft. Lowell Pool

A continuation of wet and dry patterns, and equipment use

March 10 09:00-12:00, Sunnyside Pool

Make up and practice as necessary

## **SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.**

by Jenny Tuttle, 622-8105

### **SRDI CALENDAR**

|                                                                                        |                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Field Training</b><br>TBA                                                           | Sunday, February 4     |
| <b>General Meeting</b><br>19:00, UMC Cafeteria                                         | Thursday, February 8   |
| <b>Basic Training</b><br>19:00-22:00, Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Cat. Hwy. | Wednesday, February 21 |
| <b>Dog Evaluation</b><br>09:00, Ft. Lowell Park                                        | Sunday, February 25    |

SARA people interested in assisting with the doggies in the field, please go through our basic training. This will help you understand tracking theories and dog behavior. (Get to know our doggies)

### **1996 SRDI Board Members**

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| President            | Vi Brown      |
| Vice President       | Jenny Tuttle  |
| Secretary            | Jill Kelleman |
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## **SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION**

### **The SARA Mission Statement**

1. To provide the public with a trained, organized SAR resource.
2. To provide outdoor safety education and shared skills.
3. To provide a quality volunteer experience for SARA members.

### **SARA CALENDAR**

|                                                                                                |                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>SARA Meeting</b><br>(19:30, St.Marks Presbyterian Church)                                   | February 5                |
| <b>SARA Board Meeting</b><br>(19:30, UofA Farms)                                               | February 22               |
| <b>SARA Applicant Orientation</b>                                                              | March 11                  |
| <b>Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) Class</b><br>Instructors of Record: Andy & Mary Lamb, 743-7175 | March 5 - May 28          |
| <b>SARA Basic Training</b>                                                                     | March 23,24 & April 27,28 |
| <b>Field Skills Recertification</b>                                                            | April 27                  |

### **SEARCH & TRACKING**

**Presenter:** Rich White, 296-4093  
**Where:** Catalina State Park  
**When:** 08:30, Saturday, February 17. (Note time change)  
**Meet:** Oracle & Magee  
Rich will review tracking along trails at the roadend at Catalina State Park. We hope to have a Border Patrol person there also.

### **STOKES DERBY**

**Presenter:** Nate Shechter, 887-3714  
**Where:** Tanque Verde Falls, SARA Trail  
**When:** 08:00, Saturday, February 24  
**Meet:** Tanque Verde & Tanque Verde Loop  
Enter your teams now. Teams must consist of 4-6 people. The object will be to get the stokes from the bottom to the top of the SARA Trail in the shortest period of time, with the most water still left in the bowl. A combination of time and points will determine the winner. Airlifting the basket will not be allowed. The basket must ride on a wheel. The bowl of water may not be covered or emptied into another container for the trip up and the bowl must remain in the stokes while on the trail. Team categories will be: women, men, younguns under 16 (this is chronological age not mental age), and of course mixed teams. I am still working on prizes and t-shirts. I have also invited other teams from the MRA Desert Region. I could use some help so please call me if you are available. Please contact me for team entries although we will take them right up to the day of the derby.

### **Advanced Training**

#### **SEARCH MANAGEMENT**

**Presenter:** Scott Clemans, 749-4548  
**Where:** Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Cat. Hwy  
**When:** 09:00, Saturday, March 3

This training should orient the person to what operations the folks at base camp are doing while we are out in the field, as well as the strategies and thought process that goes on during a search operation.

### **Orientation and Systems**

#### **TANQUE VERDE FALLS**

**Presenter:** TBA  
**Where:** Tanque Verde Falls  
**When:** Saturday, March 16  
**Meet:** 08:00, Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop

This used to be a popular rescue spot. It is not as popular as it used to be, but we must be familiar with the area and the different systems that we use. We will be working the Turkey Chute, which provides an evacuation route for the middle/lower Turkey Pools and the top of the Main Falls. (The April 6 practice will involve the trolley system or the evacuation route for the area just below the Main Falls.)



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## BASIC TRAINING

**Presenter:** Dale Mann, 325-9958  
**Where:** UofA Farms (Sat.) & Prison Camp (Sun.)  
**When:** 07:30, Saturday, March 23, and Sunday March 24  
**Meet:** (Sun) Sheriff Substn 106, Tanque Verde and Cat. Hwy.

SOME TRAININGS LISTED IN THE CALENDAR OF TRAINING FOR 1996 ARE LISTED ON SUNDAYS INSTEAD OF SATURDAYS. THESE PRACTICE DATES WILL CHANGE TO THE THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.

## OUTDOOR EMERGENCY CARE

Formerly known as Winter Emergency Care (WEC)  
1996 Spring Course Announcement

Class is scheduled March 5 - May 28, the instructors of record are Andy and Mary Lamb, 743-7175. The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 18:30 to 22:00. In addition, the class will meet on three Saturdays. The class is limited to 24 people and has a registration fee of \$80. Registration is on a first come, first registered basis, and the registration fee must be paid to be registered in the class. Please make checks payable to SARA. The course is offered to current members, persons planning on joining one of the SARCI component groups, or the Mount Lemmon Ski Patrol.

## MEDICAL AND FIELD SKILLS QUALIFICATIONS

Each SARA member is responsible that a current copy of their medical certification/or license and a copy of their current Field Skills Checkout card is in the SARA field qualification records. Currently Andy Lamb is updating the records and asking everyone to check that current copies are in the field qualification records which will be at the next several SARA meetings. April 1, 1996 has been established as the "Drop Dead" date. After this date, if the records do not show a current field qualification, the SARA person will not be allowed to respond to callouts. Remember, only field-qualified members vote!

## FIELD SKILLS QUALIFICATIONS

The SARA board passed a policy in 1993 that requires all members to recertify their field skills every three years to stay field qualified. All field qualified members as of October 31, 1993 received a field skills qualification which expires on October 31, 1996. Many members have attended a field skills recertification since October 31, 1993 and have obtained a new field skills qualification. All other members are require to attend a field skills recertification before October 31, 1996 to stay field qualified.

The members who have not attended a field skills recertification have three opportunities left 1996 to attend. The recertification dates are April 27, July 27, and October 26. Please plan on attending a recertification on one of these dates.

**Note:** Trainees receive a field qualification which is good for one year.

## SARA PR STUFF

The past few years we have put on an outdoor educational experience at Saguaro National Park East for Gridley Middle School. It lasts most of the day (9-3). We need help to continue this program. The event will be March 12 this year. Please contact Nate (887-3714) for more information and if you would like to help.

## MRA INFORMATION

by Andy Lamb, 743-7175

## Annual MRA Meeting

June 14-17, 1996      Glacier National Park, Montana

## Special Training Opportunity

## MANAGING THE LOST PERSON INCIDENT

**Instructor:** Ken Phillips, GCNP Rescue Team  
**Where:** Grand Canyon National Park  
**When:** March 4-8, 1996  
**Cost:** \$100, NASAR Certification included.  
**Contact:** Walter Moffat (602)786-6505/205-3267

## Annual Accreditation Workshop SEARCH

**Where:** Maricopa County Sheriff's Office  
3325 W. Durango, Phoenix  
**When:** 0800-1645, Saturday, April 13

SARA is required to have a minimal representation to maintain our MRA Accreditation. Flyers will be available at the SARA meeting. For more information contact Andy Lamb, 743-7175

## CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Andy Lamb, 743-7175

### Summary of Data

Reporting Period: 23 Dec 95 - 23 Jan 96      Callouts: 9  
SARCI People: 135      Total Hours: 442      Hrs/Person: 3.3

**MON 1 JAN:** CALL 96.001      Search for 61 year old male diabetic, missing since noon from his residence south of Valencia, west almost to Ryan Field. He was last seen a mile from home, near a desert location used for target practice. Search teams arrived and were checking out the available information, when dogs barking behind the residence alerted people, who found the missing person wandering around disoriented, but in otherwise good condition.

18 people, 51 hours, R38

**SUN 7 JAN:** CALL 96.002      Rescue 2? year old male with a dislocated patella (knee cap) on the Pontatoc Ridge Trail, east of Finger Rock Canyon. The reportee stated that the victim had twisted his knee on the trail and had dislocated his patella. The victim was able to put the patella back into position but was having some discomfort. Teams almost zoomed past him, hobbling with assistance, almost a quarter-mile from the trailhead. He was examined, quick splinted, then carried out by stokes.

25 people, 43 hours, RMFD

**TUE 9 JAN:** CALL 96.003      Rescue of 60 year old male who had fainted on the Blackett's Ridge Trail, above the Phoneline Trail, in Sabino Canyon. The victim had been hiking with a hiking club and had fainted on the trail. Teams met him and his party moving comfortably downtrail, and accompanied them the rest of the way.

17 people, 21 hours, RMFD C510

**SUN 14 JAN:** CALL 96.004      The Posse was requested to assist in the large, ongoing search for a missing 8 year old girl from the south end of Tucson.

7 people, 43 hours

**TUE 16 JAN:** CALL 96.005      Body recovery, 100 meters up the trail from the end of the road on the Sabino Canyon Trail. A ?? year old male with a history of heart problems suffered a heart attack shortly after he started hiking up the trail. CPR was administered but was discontinued by a doctor on the scene.

16 people, 20 hours, RMFD C510

**MON 15 JAN:** CALL 96.006      The Posse was requested to assist in the large, ongoing search for a missing 8 year old girl from the south end of Tucson.

3 people, 19 hours

**FRI 19 JAN:** CALL 96.007      Rescue of a 26 year old male stranded by steep terrain and darkness, on the ridge between Bear Canyon and Sabino Canyon, about a half mile from the end of the road in Sabino Canyon and 1000' higher than the PhoneLine Trail. The 290 lb. victim hiked up the Seven Falls Trail with a friend and the pair decided to come over the ridge into Sabino Canyon. They separated, the victim tried to find his way down the slope, bare legs becoming well scratched, and tennis shoes contributing to twisting an ankle. He stayed put after dark, hollering to people at the trailhead. Ranger38 located him from the air (by reflective tape on his shoes), and helped find routes to him that avoided the main cliffs. It took several hours for the rescue teams to reach his location. He warmed quickly with

pants and jacket over T-shirt and shorts. His ankle was taped, and he was able to join the team traversing to a gully that was a less difficult way down than the way used to get up to the scene. Many other people assisted with finding a reasonable route down the slope. Spotlights from the road helped light up the nearby slope, providing orientation for teams heading for the scene (we found that the lights were very helpful as long as you weren't looking right towards them, and they were lighting up the adjacent slopes).

25 people, 131 hours, R38

**SAT 20 JAN:** CALL 96.008      Call to assist MLFD with a fall victim a quarter of a mile down the Aspen Trail from Marshal Gulch, Catalina Mountains. A delayed notification resulted in the victim being out of the field before lead teams were able to make it much pass rendezvous.

Rendezvous only.

**FRI 26 JAN:** CALL 96.009      Rescue of 60 year old female hiker, who had injured her ankle in Pima Canyon, 3 miles up trail at the "dam", a small retaining wall. She and her companion were pretty chilly by the time the reportee got out and we got up to her. The women were warmed by extra clothing, beverages, and a fire, which markedly improved their spirits. The evaluation of her injuries indicated that a mule ride could be attempted, much to the relief of the stokes team, having fun enough with an empty litter. Jasper provided an ample rear end, and Nick plenty to hang onto, and the group moved smoothly down the trail. The companion moved slowly down trail with another group, getting out almost an hour after Jasper & Co.

24 people, 114 hours.

### BOOKS

Hi: My copies of two new SAR books, "The Falling Season" and "So That Others May Live", are available to local SARCI folk for loan. Presently the first title is with Marvin Stafford. The other is on my shelf. For that matter, "Mountain High Mountain Rescue" and quite a few others are on that shelf. If interested: Chris Weddle, 621-7932 evenings or cweddle@as.arizona.edu on email.

# SARCI CALENDAR 1996

SUNDAY

MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

|                                    |    |                                                                                                                                 |    |                                           |                                                                                        |                                    |
|------------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>February</b>                    |    |                                                                                                                                 |    | 1                                         | 2 • SARA<br>Gen. mtg.                                                                  | 3                                  |
| 4 • CAP                            | 5  | 6                                                                                                                               | 7  | 8 • SRDI mtg.                             | 9                                                                                      | 10                                 |
| 11 • CAP<br>• Divers<br>Ft. Lowell | 12 | 13                                                                                                                              | 14 | 15<br>• Posse mtg.                        | 16                                                                                     | 17<br>• SARA trng.<br>search/track |
| 18 • CAP                           | 19 | 20<br>Don't forget!<br>Newsletter<br>Deadline  | 21 | 22<br>• SARA Board<br><b>Rodeo Parade</b> | 23  | 24<br>• SARA trng.<br>Stokes Derby |
| 25 • CAP                           | 26 | 27                                                                                                                              | 28 | 29                                        |                                                                                        |                                    |

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| <b>March</b>                           |    |    |                                                                                                                                   |                                            | 1 • SARA<br>Gen. mtg. | 2                                  |
| 3 • CAP<br>• SARA Adv.<br>Search mgmt. | 4  | 5  | 6                                                                                                                                 | 7                                          | 8                     | 9                                  |
| 10 • CAP<br>• Divers<br>Sunnyside      | 11 | 12 | 13                                                                                                                                | 14<br>• SRDI mtg.<br>• SARA<br>orientation | 15                    | 16<br>• SARA trng.<br>Tanque Verde |
| 17 • CAP                               | 18 | 19 | 20<br>Don't forget!<br>Newsletter<br>Deadline  | 21                                         | 22                    | 23<br>• SARA<br>Basic Trng.        |
| 24 • CAP<br>• SARA<br>Basic<br>31      | 25 | 26 | 27                                                                                                                                | 28<br>• SARA Board<br>• Posse mtg.         | 29                    | 30                                 |

Additions or corrections to the calendars please call Janice Przybyl 743-8754 (home), 297-1107 (work).

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Meet 2nd Thur 19:00, University Medical Center

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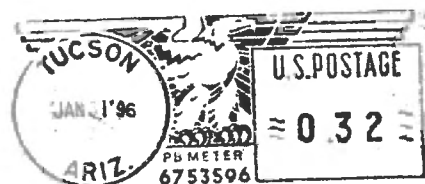
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