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FROM THE EDITORS:

The 1996 SARA Stokes Derby was held February 24 with three teams participating. The team from Cochise County was the winner since they had the most water in their bowl and had the second fastest time. We thank the Cochise team for coming and cooking the great chili which they shared with everyone. We are already looking forward to the 1997 SARA Stokes Derby.

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. This will be your last chance to get your name on the schedule.

Dan McPhedran - Posse Nate Shechter - SARA Fran Kunz - Divers
Pan Phillips - SRDI

HUG-A-TREE

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

HAT is very busy this spring semester. We have 9 presentations in March, 8 in April, and 4 in May. We're going places and are on the move. We've gone as far as Triangle Y Camp to Mt. Lemmon to San Xavier Mission area, Wrighstown area, and west to the Tucson Mntns.

by Mother Hen, a.k.a. Loma Griffith, 883-3115

Mother Hen sez: We always talk about how we get back more than we give from our SAR activities. Here's my pay from presenting Hug-A-Tree at Wright Elementary School (the Wright Stuff). Displayed on their walls are these "Action Guides for adults who want to encourage alternatives to violence" from a copyright program called PeaceBuilders.

- *Praise People
- *Give Up Put-Downs
- *Notice Hurts & Right Wrongs
- *Seek Wise People

Supported by Channel 13, the Tucson based program comes from Heartsprings, Inc., P.O. Box 12158, Tucson, 85732. Phone 322-9977. Their Action Guides sound like principles to live by -- feel free to squawk at me when I forget to do so!

PIMA CO. SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

by Nate Shechter, 887-3714

DIVERS CALENDAR

March 10 09:00-12:00, Sunnyside Pool, Bilby & Campbell

Make up and practice as necessary

April 14 09:00, CAP Canal or a clean(?) city lake.

First Unchlorinated Dive

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Bob Siegel, 722-1358

POSSE CALENDAR

Gymkana Posse Meeting Sunday, March 17 Thursday, March 28

19:00, Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Cat. Hwy.

Having cancelled in February, the gymkana will resume on St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17.

At this writing all the Posse members are busy cleaning horses and packs for the rodeo parade. We expect a good turn out for the parade and rodeo grand entry.

The medical training program is going on as scheduled. We completed our third session on February 21 and everyone seems to be interested and enjoying it. Our newest member, Dr. Dave, has injected his own expertise and this has made the sessions more enjoyable and much more interesting. Having a doctor to interpret it, makes digesting some of the material much easier. Adios for now. More next month.

TUCSON COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by 1lt Darell New, 290-9501

C.A.P. CALENDAR

Arizona Wing Emergency Services Mtg.

08:00-16:00 Blue Angels to fly.

Sun, March 2

app. 09:00, Phoenix

Fri-Sun, March 8-10

Desert Survival Training Rainbow Valley

Davis-Monthan Air Show

Fri-Sat, March 23-24

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On February 10, 1996 Civil Air Patrol units from all over Southern Arizona took part in a day long training exercise. The exercise was developed to test both the air component and the ground component of the C.A.P. units taking part. Realistic looking targets had been placed in the fields north of Marana. Aircrews were sent out first to scout the area and use electronic equipment to try and locate the "aircrafts" ELT. Ground teams were sent north shortly afterwards. After 3 hours of coordinated work between the aircrews, ground teams, and mission base personnel, one of the targets was located and a ground team was sent in to secure the site. As to the other target; well, even those that placed it had a hard time locating it. The Tucson Composite Squadron supplied all the ground teams, as well as the Ground Operation Director and two Communications Directors. All in all, it was a good training day with 8 aircraft and 4 ground teams taking part.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS. INC.

by Jenny Tuttle, 622-8105

REMINDER: SRDI DUES ARE DUE!!!!

Please take note of our new address: SRDI, P.O.Box 64120, Tucson, AZ 85728-4120

The secretary needs a copy of medical certifications for all the 2 leggers, and a copy of vaccination papers, for all the 4 leggers. SRDI has "Demo Nights", if interested, call Pam, 325-4338, for information.

SRDI CALENDAR

Basic Training

Wed, March 6 19:00-21:00 Sheriff Substation 106

Wed, March 13 18:00 Ft. Lowell Park

Wed, March 27 18:00 Ft. Lowell Park

Monthly Training Sat, March 2

09:00 east end of Magee Road

Miscellaneous levels of tracking at Pima Canyon Trail

Training Committee Wed, March 6

17:30 - 18:30, Sheriff Substation 106

Board Meeting Wed, March 6

18:30 - 19:00, Sheriff Substation 106

General Meeting Thur, March 14

19:00, Sheriff Substation 106

Advanced Evidence Training Sun, March 17

13:00, Valencia and Houghton, NE quad.

DOUG HAYNES 747-6197 FINANCIAL PLANNING Retirement · Estate · College INVESTMENTS Stocks · Mutual Funds · Bonds FREE to SARCI Members Financial Planning Session OR Computerized Portfolio Analysis

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA CALENDAR

SARA Meeting Fri, March 1

19:30, St. Marks Presbyterian Church

SARA Applicant Orientation Thur, March 14

19:00, Duval Auditorium, UMC

SARA Board Meeting Thur, March 28

19:30, U of A Farms (mobile office, south of bleachers)

Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) Class March 5 - May 28

Instructors of Record: Andy & Mary Lamb, 743-7175

SARA Basic Training

March 23-24 & April 27-28

Field Skills Recertification

Sat, April 27

SARA ANNUAL MEETING and BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 20:00 (8:00 P.M.), FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1996 UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA FARMS CAMPBELL AVE AND ROGER RD, TUCSON

There will be a potluck preceeding the meeting at 6:30 P.M. please bring your favorite dish to share.

Advanced Training SEARCH MANAGEMENT

Presenter: Scott Clemans, 749-4548

Where: Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Cat. Hwy

When: 09:00, Saturday, March 2

This training should orient you to what 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

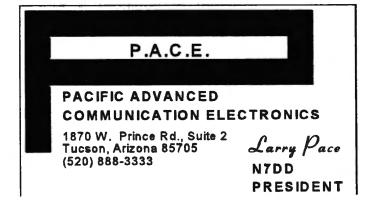
Presenter: Nate Shechter

Where: Tanque Verde Falls

When: Saturday, March 16

Meet: 08:30, 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.)



BASIC TRAINING

Dale Mann, 325-9958 Presenter:

Where: UofA Farms (Sat.) & Prison Camp (Sun.)

When: 07:30, Saturday, March 23, and Sunday March 24

(Sun) Sheriff Substn 106, Tanque Verde and Cat. Hwv. Meet:

Advanced Training: TROLLEY SYSTEM TANOUE VERDE FALLS

Presenter: Nate Shechter

Where: Tanque Verde Falls

When: 08:00, Saturday, April 6

Meet: Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop

NOTE: Advanced practices are open to all SARA members. Others wanting to attend please call Nate for information.

FAMILY HIKE AND TRAIL ORIENTATION

Presenter:

Nate Shechter

Where: TBA

When: 07:30, Saturday April 20

Where:

FIELD SKILLS RECERTIFICATION

Presenter:

Dale Mann

Where: Prison Camp Area

When:

08:00, Saturday April 27

Meet:

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Cat. Hwy

BASIC TRAINING CHECKOUT

Presenter: Nate Shechter

Where: Prison Camp Area

08:00, Saturday April 27 When:

Meet: Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Cat. Hwy

MEMBERSHIP

by Mary Lamb, 743-7175

Congratulations to the following new Member Trainees accepted at the February Board Meeting:

Sandra Acuna Jan Bennett

Evan Gray

Cynthia Coping

AnnaMarie

Greenwood

Cynthia Guare Martha Lemen

Helen Deluga

Randal Kinkade Svlvia Loustaunau Donald Lauver Robert Mason

David Olson Josanne Paxton Melvin Waldron Steven Weatherford Jason West

Lisa Thompson

Susan Wenberg

The next SARA orientation will be held Thursday, March 14, at 19:00 in the Duval Auditorium at the University Medical Center.

BLS Course: CPR for the Professional Rescuer

Adult, infant and child, CPR, one man and two man rescuer, use of pocket resuscitation mask and bag valve mask. Red Cross certificate upon successful completion of course. Cost \$20.00. (does not include pocket mask). A pocket rescue mask is required. Mask will be available (\$10.00) at class. Time and place to be arranged. Call Frances Walker, 790-9399

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

Tues, March 12, Nate is organizing a PR event at Saguaro National Park East for Gridley Middle School. We have done this in past years (thanks Bill) and would like to continue this educational program. If you would like to help call Nate, 887-3714, or embarrass him on his pager.

MRA INFORMATION

by Andy Lamb, 743-7175

Annual MRA Meeting and Hard Snow Workshop

June 14-16, 1996 Glacier National Park, Montana Lodging at The Outlaw Inn, Kalispell, MT, 1-800-237-7445. The Registration fee is \$65.00 per person which includes the Hospitality Suite, Dinner Saturday night, Workshop, and a meeting packet. Contact: Andy Lamb for a registration form.

Special Training Opportunity MANAGING THE LOST PERSON INCIDENT

Instructor: Ken Phillips, GCNP Rescue Team

Where: Grand Canyon National Park

When: March 4-8, 1996

\$100, NASAR Certification included. Cost:

Walter Moffat (602)786-6505 / 205-3267 Contact:

Annual Accreditation Workshop SEARCH

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Where:

3325 W. Durango, Phoenix

0800-1645, Saturday, April 13 When:

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: 27 Jan 96 - 24 Feb Callouts: 11 SARCI People: 138 Total Hours: 566 Hrs/Person: 3.1

MON 5 FEB: CALL 96.010 Search for a ?? year old male off the Sonota Highway near the pass before the turnoff to Rosemont Junction. The subject was reported to be suicidal and his car had been found along the Sonota Highway. A search by helicopter during the night had failed to turn up anything, and we were called out first thing in the morning. Before too many people made it past rendezvous the subject turned up in Sierra Vista. Rendezvous only.

SUN 11 FEB: CALL 96.011 Search for a 23 year old male in Pima Canyon. Initial report was that the subject was overdue from a short hike in Pima Canyon. Little was known about when the victim had left for his hike and his intended route. Several teams started out searching for the subject with one team spending the night at the spring, high in Pima Canyon.

14 people, 83 hours

MON 12 FEB: CALL 96.012 Continuation of the search for the 23 year old male in Pima Canyon. Several teams searched different areas in Pima Canyon with teams checking Table Mountain, Rosewood Peak, and several other areas. Helicopters search cliff areas and made several sweeps. Several teams of family members and friends also searched.

15 people, 117 hours, R38

TUE 13 FEB: CALL 96.013 Continuation of the search for the 23 year old male in Pima Canyon. Again teams searched areas in Pima Canyon with several teams of family members and friends. Helicopters made several sweeps checking cliff areas. 14 people, 71 hours, 305th ARS R38

TUE 13 FEB: CALL 96.014 Rescue of a ?? year old male hiker in Ventana Canyon. The victim was with a group of people who started hurrying out of the Canyon when it started to rain. The victim apparently slipped and injured his leg. He was only a short distance up the road from the trailhead in Ventana Canyon. RMFD was the first to respond and after trying to carry the victim a short distance they decided to call for more manpower with a stokes basket. We arrived shortly and helped bring the victim the rest of the way out.

WED 14 FEB: CALL 96.015 Continuation of the search for the 23 year old male in Pima Canyon. The few SAR volunteers remained in basecamp, keeping track of a number of teams of family members and friends. Ranger 38 flew several sweeps of the area. The body of the subject was located at the base of a cliff, a short distance from the trailhead, by a solo person around 11:30. An hour later, other people wandered by with a cell phone, and called 911.

6 people, 23 hours, R38

WED 14 FEB: CALL 96.016 Recovery of 23 year old male in Pima Canyon. The recovery was efficiently conducted with Ranger 32 flying the body out of the field with a long line.

18 people, 43 hours, R32

SAT 17 FEB: CALL 96.017 Body recovery of a 24 year old male near Pine Creek Crossing in Sabino Canyon. A body was reported to be face down in a pool of water, 300 yards below Pine Creek Crossing. Initial teams were able to locate the body at the given location. A short haul system was setup and the body was pulled out of the water after being harnessed and connected to the haul system. Good team work was displayed with several people getting their chance on the stokes basket bringing the body out of the field. The victim had been in the water for several weeks.

SAT 17 FEB: CALL 96.018 Rescue of three people above the top of the switchbacks in Sabino Canyon. An initial team arriving for the body recovery in Sabino Canyon, found out that there were two adults and one child off trail above the top of the switchbacks. They did not have a flashlight but were using a camera strobe to signal. The team made their way to the victims and found that one of them had a sprained wrist. They had made the loop from the Visitors Center up the Seven Falls Trail to Sycamore Saddle and back down Sabino Canyon. They were fed, watered and the wrist taped up and assisted out of the field.

3 people, 7 hours

THU 22 FEB: CALL 96.019 Rescue of a 63 year old female with an ankle injury on the Pontatoc Ridge Trail. The victim slipped on the trail and twisted her ankle. She was located on the switchbacks below the junction on the trail. She was placed on the stokes basket and wheeled out of the field.

9 people, 17 hours, RMFD

SAT 24 FEB: CALL 96.020 Rescue of a 14 year old female with a leg injury at the base of Seven Falls in Bear Canyon. The victim has hit by a 40 lb boulder which was dislodged by a person climbing above her. She sustained abrasions to her thigh and lower leg. She may also have sustained a fracture to her lower leg. The victim was given a ride out of the field on the stokes basket with some gear being carried out by the Forest Service Mounted Assist Unit. 17 people, 58 hours, RMFD, C510

Feliz Navidad y Ano Nuevo, SARA,

by letter from Mark Romero

Hola from Mark and Liz in Oaxaca. We are back in the big city of Oaxaca after being beamed down into the jungle, where we have resorted to eating iguana tamales (the lucky one gets the head) and generally living village life -- since the Starship Enterprise seems to have abandoned us. We did find that little village we were looking for, and now we're living there with a really wonderful family that has 9 kids. San Pedro Amuzgo is near the Guerrero border and about 4 hours straight up into the jungle from Acapulco. Unlike Acapulco, Amuzgo has no hotels, no beaches and one phone for the whole pueblo. They don't speak English and they don't take American Express. In fact a lot of people don't speak spanish -- they speak Amuzgo, an Indian language that sounds like soft falling rain and is hard as hell to learn, although we can say some useful phrases like "chicken", "cat" and "the tamales are tasty."

I have been busy learning how to accomplish manly tasks in the jungle. I march off to the rice and avocado fields with other men my age. They wear straw hats and carry large, rather threatening machetes that hang off their shoulders in leather sheaths. How savage. There are snakes (viboras) and wasps (avispas) hanging in the trees. Each

step is incredibly dangerous.

Elizabeth has been hanging out with the local curandera (herbal curer), as is appropriate for an anthropologist. She is learning the art of diagnosing where worms live in the body by tapping and massage --something that can only be done between 5 and 6 a.m. when it is still dark. This skill is more useful than one would wish in this village where worms are in everything and everyone. Her womanly skills are increasing every day -- she can whip out tamales on banana leaves with the best of the street vendors. The incredibly beautiful backstrap weaving intimidates her almost as much as the Amuzgo verbs do however... The next big step will be learning how to pound our clothes on the rocks down at the river where one washes clothes (among other things...)

I have given up the idea of staging an episode of "Emergency 911" in Amuzgo and have resorted to building latrines. Only about half the households have this beautiful and marvelous technological invention of which our heartfelt appreciation grows daily. The local health promoters are into building latrines, and I will be digging the holes along with them. The cholera cots are stacked high at the local clinic after last year's quite fatal epidemic. Indiana Jones eat your heart out... ("Indy, Indy, what do we do next?" "I don't know, Miriam, I'm making this up as we go along...")

As aliens in this village we have been trying to learn local customs, like dancing and how to partake of fiestas and bodas (weddings). We are constantly under the proverbial microscope. After our first attempt at dancing we were critiqued by the local villagers on our dancing savvy — "Why is it that you only move the top half of your body when you dance," they asked. It could have been the Doc Martins, or the fact that we are so TALL that they can see the top half of our bodies over the entire crowd. They also offered to throw us a wedding, if we would just get married...

We spent Christmas in Oaxaca city where we've had an apartment for the last three months and where we are when we aren't in the village. Marianne (Elizabeth's sister) came to visit us for the second time in the last three months (so everyone better go to your travel agencies and check out those plane tickets 'cuz this is a spectacular place!) She is also our mail courier and will be mailing these letters from Portland, Ore... We aren't just hiding out in a coffee shop up there.

We are now gearing up for 2 months in the village, then a month of doing research up in Sonora (where we will have a house on the Beach on Kino Bay between Feb. 23 and March 23... best put in ypur requests now!). Then we will be back down in Oaxaca for another 6 months or so.

We wish everyone a very very happy y prospero ano nuevo.

Permanent addresses:—we get this mail forwarded to us. Mark Romero, 900 W. 28th St., Yuma AZ 85364

[added on the back of the form letter]...

We are still able to receive e-mail at the ec@gas.uug.arizona.edu address. Mykle, Liz was very impressed with your organizational skills. [all I did was sent a list of e-mail addresses...]

Buses routinely go over the edge with multiple victims. I am trying to hook up with the local rescate groups here, but have been very busy trying to learn spanish and working on our project that keeps us funded! Best wishes, Mark

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
	000	arct	7		SARA Gen. mtg.	2
3 • CAP • SARA Adv. Search mgmt.	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 • CAP • Divers Sunnyside	11	12 • Saguaro NP Gridley MS	13	• SRDI mtg. • SARA orientation	15	16 • SARA trng. Tanque Verde
17 • CAP	18	19	20 Don't forget! Newsletter Deadline	21	22	• SARA Basic Trng.
24 • CAP • SARA Basic 31	25	26	27	• SARA Board • Posse mtg.	29	30
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 • SARA Gen. mtg. ELECTIONS	6 • SARA Advanced trn TV Falls
7 • CAP	8	9	10	11 • SRDI mtg.	12	13 • MRA Search Accre
14 • CAP • Divers	15	16	17 • SARCI	18	19	20 Don't forget!
		PIMA COUNTY FAIR, APRIL 11 - 21			Newsletter Deadline	
21 • CAP • FAMILY HIKE Trail Orientation	22	23	24	• SARA Board • Posse mtg.	26	27 • SARA Basic Check-out
28 • CAP • SARA Basic Check-out	29	30	A	Grīl		

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8987-309 E.Tanque Verde, Box 232, Tucson AZ 85749 Meet 4th Thu 19:00,

Sheriff's Substation #106, 8999 E. Tanque Verde Rd.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

P.O.Box 12892, Tucson AZ 85732-2892 Meet 1st Fri 19:30, St. Mark's Church, 3809 E. 3rd St.

PIMA COUNTY SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

P.O.Box 13961, Tucson AZ 85732 Meet 2nd Sun 09:00, details inside.

TUCSON COMPOSITE SQUADRON 109, C.A.P.

P.O.Box 92593, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ 85707-2593 Meet each Sun 18:00, Building 3220, DMAFB

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS

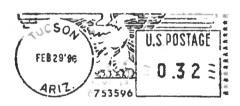
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