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FROM THE EDITORS:

A great big ATTA BOY's/GIRL's to SARA's newest HAMS:

Jeff Mayhew	KC7PCB	(a GENERAL class license!)
Sue Clemans	KC7POE	
Mary Lamb	KC7POF	
Doug Marcoux	KC7PUC	(dad is N7XJI)
Kathy Shechter	KC7PUD	
Pam Phillips	KC7QDW	(finally!)

A special thanks to Melody and LeRoy Kehl, and Sylvester for their time and patience teaching the HAM class. All are GREAT teachers. THX!!!!

Joe Harris is planning a "Quick Trip" to the Grand Canyon. Start Thursday, April 18th at Horseshoe Mesa, the 19th at Hance Creek, and out the 20th. There is space for 6 people. Give Joe a jingle if interested, 883-3537.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Bob Siegel, 722-1358

Here it is the end of March already. The Posse completed it's first comprehensive First Care Givers and Medical Training course on Saturday, March 23rd. Field exercises were set up at Alex Hodges' ranch at Rincon Creek. There were 12 of us who went through the field exercises. We thank the others, Posse, SARA, Sheriff's Deputies and other guests who were instructors during the exercises as well as doing our class sessions and the victims for the various scenarios.

After the exercises a B-B-Q was held in Alex's great picnic area which was attended by those of us who attended the morning training session, some of their wives, victims and other guests. A real good time was had by all. Plenty of great steaks and chicken, beer and soda and most of all friendship. A BIG sigh of relief has been expressed by all the class attendees.

On Sunday, March 24th, Austin Boosted and Jerry Simmons did a presentation at SARA's Basic Training at Prison Camp. Austin brought his horse, Captain, and both gentlemen gave the new Member Trainees an excellent education on what to expect and how act when the horses and Jasper are around (Hi Nick!).

The Posse won the Top of the Line, the #1 Trophy of the Tucson Rodeo Parade. The trophy is the AMERICAN SPIRIT AWARD and is on display at the Sheriff's Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway. Stop by and admire this fantastic award given the Posse.

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

TRAIL RESTRICTIONS

The Coronado National Forest has prohibited travel within the western end of the Pusch Ridge Wilderness, from January 1 thru April 30, except within 400 feet of designated Forest Service trails. The designated trails include Pima Canyon, Finger Rock, Pontatoc, Linda Vista, and Romero.

Restrictions that apply year-round prohibit dogs, and specify a maximum day-group-size of fifteen individuals, and a maximum overnight-group-size of six individuals.

The boundary of the closure area is complex, basically west of the Ventana Trail, then to Romero Pass including the major ridge-tops, and south of the old road up Cargodera Canyon (Sutherland Trail).

For all the details, copies of the closure order are available from the Forest Service.

Come One, Come All PIMA COUNTY FAIR

Eat all the grease you want and ride the ropes in the education building. This is a great training time for all to get familiar with vertical rope systems and types of equipment. Come and learn how SARA developed some of its systems. It is also a time for Public Relations for all SARCI component groups. Contact Nate Shechter, 887-3714 for more information. Shifts are still available. Sign up soon to get tickets or to get tickets during the fair.

HUG-A-TREE

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

BUSY, BUSY AND MORE BUSY.. HAT is going strong, seeing lots of kids and having lots of fun. Come join us.

TUCSON COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by 1lt Darell New, 290-9501

no report submitted.

PIMA CO. SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

by Nate Shechter, 887-3714

DIVERS CALENDAR

Practice: Ft. Lowell Pool 09:00, Sun, April 14

This will be our last pool session before lake sessions begin.

Practice: Patagonia Lake 08:00, Sun, May 19

Meet at Kunz house, 1329 E. Marc

Nate thinks the other lakes may be too unclean, so we'll start here unless the CAP has water in it. Watch for the May newsletter.

The following divers are lake qualified for this year:

Rick Sturgeon	Pat McGhee	Doug Myrvold
T.J. Price	Rich Kunz	Fran Kunz
Nate Shechter	Joe Barr	Cathy Wasmann
Dan Durda		

All other Divers need to call Nate if you have any questions.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Jenny Tuttle, 622-8105

REMINDER: SRDI DUES ARE DUE!!!!

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

Training Committee 18:30-20:00 Wed, April 3

Sheriff Substation 106

Board Meeting 20:00-21:00 Wed, April 3

Sheriff Substation 106

Monthly Training: Tracking 13:00-17:30 Sat, April 6

Sheriff's Substation 106

Easter Egg Hunt & Pot Luck 17:30 Sat, April 6

Agua Caliente Park (12325 E. Roger Road at Soldier Trail).

All "egg hunters" need a container to hold their finds. All SAR members and families are welcome!! Come join the fun!

General Meeting 18:00-19:00 Thur, April 11

Pima County Fairgrounds.

Booth set-up to continue after meeting.

Pima County Fair April 11 - 21

Booth at Pima County Fairgrounds.

Demonstration dates TBA

Advanced Evidence Training TBA Sun, April 14

Pima County Fairgrounds.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA CALENDAR

SARA Pot-Luck 18:30-20:00 Fri, April 5

U of A Farms: Roger Rd, west of Campbell.

Bring your favorite dish to share.

Annual Meeting & Elections 20:00 Fri, April 5

U of A Farms: Roger Rd, west of Campbell.

Electors must be field-qualified: check records with Andy Lamb.

SARA Board Meeting 19:30 Thur, April 25

U of A Farms (mobile office, south of bleachers)

SARA Basic Training Field Checkout/Overnight April 27-28

Field Skills Recertification Sat, April 27

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE SOME OF THE CHANGED DATES FROM THE CALENDAR IN THE BACK OF YOUR NEWSLETTER.

Advanced Training: TROLLEY SYSTEM TANQUE VERDE FALLS

Presenter: Nate Shechter, 887-3714

Where: Tanque Verde Falls, Main Falls

When: 08:00, Saturday, April 6

Meet: Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop, Circle-K

We hope to play with both the trolley and bring a patient vertically up the cliff that we normally traverse below. We will need lots of people, so come out and play in the desert with us.

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, 887-3714

Where: Marshall Gulch, Aspen Loop

When: 07:30, Saturday April 20

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

This will be a short easy hike, highlighting some of the holler spots and side trails that we use to access areas of upper Sabino Canyon. We will use this hike for some map orientation.

BASIC TRAINING SKILLS PRACTICE

Presenter: Nate and Dale

Where: Himmel Park, Northwest corner.

When: 18:00, Wednesdays April 17th and 24th

Meet: Tucson Blvd. and First St.



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Larry Pace
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PRESIDENT

FIELD SKILLS RECERTIFICATION

Presenter: Dale Mann, 325-9958
Where: Prison Camp Area
When: 08:00, Saturday April 27
Meet: Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Cat. Hwy

Only three more chances before October!

BASIC TRAINING CHECKOUT

Presenter: Nate Shechter, 887-3714
Where: Prison Camp Area
When: 08:00, Saturday April 27
Meet: Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Cat. Hwy

BASIC ROCK AND RAPPEL

Presenter: LeRoy Kehl, 885-6362
Where: Windy Point Area
When: 08:00, Saturday, May 18
Meet: Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Cat. Hwy

This will be an introductory session for people wanting to become familiar with basic techniques and equipment for moving around on rock. This is also a preliminary class for the June and July practices.

HELICOPTER TRAINING

When: Sun May 5, Sat June 1, Sat June 22

DPS now conducts and coordinates Helicopter Training. The current class covers helicopter operations, up through short-hauls. Each class includes several sessions, each is expected to run most of the day, and students are expected to attend all sessions for the class. Space in each class may be provided for SAR people.

We have been offered space for seven people in the next class. Call Richard, 886-2216 or Nate, 887-3714 if you are interested AND AVAILABLE for this class. People will be selected from a variety of experience and activity levels.

A HUMUNGOUS THANKS !!!!!

Thanks to all those who helped with the Gridley Middle School Presentation. We were a hit with the kids again.

Thanks again to the 95-96 Board of Directors. It was a tough and interesting year. The Board and the Group matured alot this year. Thanks for all the time and energy you put in, and good luck to the new Board.

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

Notifications were sent out to SARA members who field qualifications are expired or about to expire. Thanks to all that have sent copies of their new qualification documents. We will try to notify SARA members a couple of months before their field qualification expires. 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. Only SARA members with current field qualifications are allowed to go into the field on callouts. Check your records with Andy Lamb, 743-7175.

Note: Remember, only field-qualified members vote!

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

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.

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 Mary and Andy Lamb, 743-7175

Summary of Data

Reporting Period: 25 Feb - 30 Mar 96	Callouts: 10
SARCI People: 89	Total Hours: 361
	Hrs/Person: 4.1

SUN 03 MAR: CALL 96.021 Rescue of a ?? year old female with a dislocated ankle fracture below switchbacks in Ventana Canyon. The victim was hiking with a companion when she fell and injured her ankle. The victim was given a stokes ride out of the field. 18 people, 38 hours

FRI 08 MAR: CALL 96.022 Body recovery of a 54 year old female a quarter mile below Windy Point along the Catalina Highway near Punch and Judy. The victim was located about 150 feet below the road. A haul system was set up on the roadway and the body was brought up a steep chute using the skeds. The haul system had a lot of friction in it due to the two 90 degree bends of the haul line. Need to look at using larger pulleys, or other ways of reducing friction. 20 people, 82 hours

SUN 10 MAR: CALL 96.023 Search for a 45 year old male hiker overdue from a hike in Finger Rock Canyon. The subject became separated from his companion above the Mt Kimball junction. His companion came out and reported the subject was overdue. A couple of teams started up the Finger Rock Trail with other teams going up Pima Canyon and Ventana Canyon. Teams were out overnight. The subject eventually came out at Catalina State Park, hiking on trail all the way, via Romero Pass. 13 people, 61 hours, R38

MON 11 MAR: CALL 96.024 Continuation of above search. 12 people, 80 hours, R38

SUN 10 MAR: CALL 96.025 Search for a 23 year old male backpacker overdue in Saguaro National Park East. He was reported to be exhausted and slowly walking down the trail. His brother last talked to him near Grass Shack on the Manning Camp Trail and told him to take the left fork at the next trail junction. His brother came out at the Madrona Ranger Station. He returned with a park ranger but turned around within a mile of the trail junction below Grass Shack. The Park Service requested a couple of search teams: one started from Madrona Ranger Station, the other up Douglas Springs Trail and ran into the subject about a mile up trail. He was exhausted but moving slowly. The team assisted him the rest of the way down the trail.
6 people, 21 hours, NPS

MON 11 MAR: CALL 96.024B Search for a father, son, and companion who where hiking from Marshall Gulch to the Sabino Canyon Visitors Center. They had made contact with family members via cellular phone on Sunday that they were OK but off trail and behind schedule. They had planned on coming down Box Camp but did not find the route across from the Aspen Trail, and ended up coming down Lemmon Creek.

This call was handled by a few people from the search in Finger Rock Canyon, who located the hikers on trail above the switchbacks above the end of Sabino Canyon Road. A separate Response Log was not provided.

MON 11 MAR: CALL 96.026 Search for a female backpacker overdue in the Rincons. She spent the weekend with a backpacking group, and was to come out alone Sunday afternoon, down Turkey Creek Trail. One team found her a short distance up Miller Creek Trail and walked her out. A Posse team on Turkey Creek Trail continued, looking for the husband, who had started early. He had signed in at the register at the park boundary several miles up trail. He noted the time he had signed in, which was well ahead of the search team, so they returned. Ranger 38 soon located the husband, returning down the trail.

7 people, 56 hours, R38 NPS

Editors note: All six of the above searches were paged and completed within a 16 hour period. At one time during this period there were four active searches.

MON 18 MAR: CALL 96.027 Rescue of an 82 year old male suffering chest pains 10 minutes up the Pima Canyon Trail. The patient and his wife had been hiking all day, and were tired and dehydrated, and he had a leg full of prickly-pear spines. Then he tripped and fell on the trail, injuring his shoulder. So he was tired, dehydrated, full of spines, and had a bruised shoulder, all of which was enough for the senior citizen to feel the effects of his pre-existing medical conditions. And THAT was enough for his wife to start having problems of her own. Both were carried out by Stokes basket.
13 people, 23 hours, RMFD

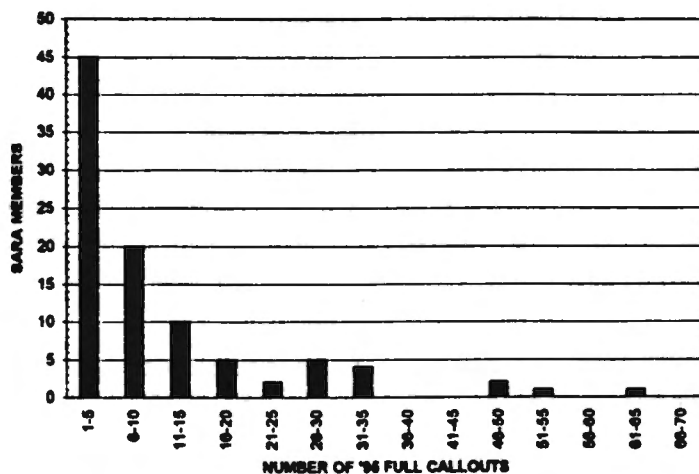
SUN 24 MAR: CALL 96.??? Search for 2 overdue hikers in Sabino Canyon. The two were last seen around Hutches pool in Sabino Basin earlier in the afternoon. Just as teams were starting into the field from the end of the road in Sabino Canyon the two were located at the Seven Falls trailhead by forest service personnel.
?? people, ?? hours, USFS

MON 25 MAR: CALL 96.??? Search for a missing 4 year old male in Zuni, New Mexico. The New Mexico State Police request search personnel to help in the third day of a search for the missing child. Several people responded and were about an hour out of town when word was received that the child had been located. The child was hypothermic when he was found but it was good to hear that he should be fine. See copies of newspaper articles at the SARA Pot-Luck!
?? people, ?? 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.

CALLOUTS



SARCI CALENDAR 1996

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 • SARA Gen. mtg. ELECTIONS	6 • SARA Advanced trng. TV Falls
7 • CAP Easter	8	9	10	11 • SRDI mtg.	12	13 • MRA Search Accred.
14 • CAP • Divers	15	16	17 • SARCI	18	19	20 • FAMILY HIKE Trail Orientation
21 • CAP Don't forget! Newsletter Deadline	22	23	24	25 • SARA Board • Posse mtg.	26	27 • SARA Basic Check-out • SARA recert.
28 • CAP • SARA Basic Check-out	29	30	April			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	May		1	2	3 • SARA Gen. mtg.	4
5 • CAP	6	7	8	9 • SRDI mtg. • SARA orientation	10	11
12 • CAP • Divers Mom's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 • SARA Trng. Rock/Rappel
19 • CAP	20 Don't forget! Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23 • Posse mtg.	24	25
26 • CAP	27	28	29	30 • SARA Board	31	

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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

P.O.Box 64120, Tucson AZ 85728-4120

Meet 2nd Thur 19:00,

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

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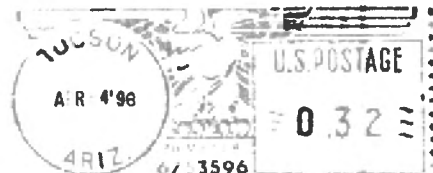
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