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## FROM THE EDITORS:

The Pima Canyon Trailhead has been rerouted. It looks like we can expect development from the Magee Road alignment, north to the forest boundary. The trail still leaves the parking lot at the water fountain, but immediately turns to the right in front of the Tom Bingham memorial. The trail remains between two fences that head east, to the south of the old trail, and north of Pima Wash. Then the trail turns up a ridge, joining the old trail about 100 yards before the forest boundary fence.

The trail is more narrow, with cactus planted close to the trail. It tends to wander a bit more, but should be passable by stokes. People will not like assisting along the sides of the stokes, though.

Of more concern is the absence of a gate suitable for horses. Access to the old horse gate has been blocked by one of the new fences. We understand that the Pima Trails people are working on the problem, so we shall see. Otherwise, to get to the Pima Canyon Trail, horses will need to start from the north end of Skyline, requiring knowledge of the trail that wanders northeast to the old road. A second option is the old road from Ina and Pima Canyon Road (the short road connecting Ina to Skyline), but there is some construction along that road, south of the old farmhouse, perhaps an access gate.

## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

### HUG-A-TREE

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

Hug-A-Tree always slows during the summer months, so what better time than now to tally up the '95-'96 school year. With about 10 more programs to present, our total is tipping 5400 who have heard the HAT message.

Heartfelt thanks to Austin Boosted, Gary Copus, Jim Gilbreath, Bill Graff, Loma Griffith, Leroy Kehl, Andy Lamb, Mary Lamb, Mac McCaslin, Rich White, and Pam Phillips, along with the SARCI Board, for their continued support of the Hug-A-Tree program.

New SAR members interested in becoming a HAT presenter or established members wanting to become so involved, please contact Pam Phillips (A.S.A.P) so we can get you (re)trained by Fall '96.

## PIMA CO. SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

by Nate Shechter, 887-3714

### DIVERS CALENDAR

**Practice: Patagonia Lake** 08:00, Sun, June 9  
Meet at Kunz house, 1329 E. Marc  
This will be a deep water expedition, depending on how far down the lake is it may not be quite as deep.

**Practice: Patagonia Lake** early pm, Sun, July 13  
This is our quick response practice. The goal is to get in patterns and dives before dark. Hopefully this year the storms won't chase us away.

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Jenny Tuttle, 622-8105

### SRDI CALENDAR

<b>Training Committee</b>	18:30-20:00	Wed, June 5
Sheriff Substation 106		
<b>Board Meeting</b>	20:00-21:00	Wed, June 5
Sheriff Substation 106		
<b>General Meeting</b>	18:00-19:00	Thur, June 13
Sheriff Substation 106		
<b>Water Training</b>	10:00-All Day	Sun, June 23
Meet at Patagonia Lake (maps will be provided for participants)		
THIS TRAINING MAY BE POSTPONED: call PAM 325-4338		

<b>Training Committee</b>	18:30-20:00	Wed, July 3
Sheriff Substation 106		
<b>Board Meeting</b>	20:00-21:00	Wed, July 3
Sheriff Substation 106		
<b>Monthly Training: Tracking</b>	18:00-	Sat, July 6
Night Tracking in Reddington Pass (Mile marker 11+). plus some evidence work. Meet at Sheriff Substation 106.		

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

by 1lt Darell New, 290-9501

No report submitted.

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Bob Siegel, 722-1358

### POSSE CALENDAR

Posse Meeting 19:00 Thur, June 27  
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Cat. Hwy.

No report submitted

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

### SARA CALENDAR

SARA General Meeting 19:30 Fri, June 7  
St. Marks Presbyterian Church  
SARA Board Meeting 19:30 Thur, June 27  
U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers)  
SARA Field Skills Recertification Sat, July 27  
OEC 1995-6 Refresher Sat, July 27  
(LAST CHANCE to refresh your OEC)  
SARA Candidate Program 18:30-22:00 Tue, Aug 13  
TMC, Mesquite Room

### SARA NOTES

The annual SARA Dues have been increased to \$15.00 per year.  
The Board WILL drop unpaid Members at the July Board Meeting.

SARA members are responsible for ensuring that current copies of medical certification and/or license and Field Skills Card are included in the SARA field qualification records. If SARA's records don't show that you are field qualified, then you aren't.

Andy Lamb has the field qualification records. Give him a call if you have any questions.

## STRANDED CLIMBER PICKOFFS

Presenter: Bob Buecher  
Where: Windy Point Area  
When: 08:00, Saturday, June 15  
Meet: Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Cat Hwy

This class will orient people how to take a stranded climber off a rock face and return them safely to the bottom. It builds on last months practice and will help with the upcoming advanced practice.

## SARA ADVANCED TRAINING VERTICAL STOKES WORK

Presenter: Nate Shechter, 887-3714  
Where: Windy Point Area  
When: 08:00, Saturday, June 29  
Meet: Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Cat Hwy

This practice caps off our technical series. We will work on loading and raising or lowering stokes baskets vertically. Hopefully we will play with the Skeds board also. We need lots of people on this practice so come and have fun with all those tricks of our trade.

Everyone is invited to celebrate Janice Przybyl's 40th Birthday after the training. The party begins at 2:30 PM and goes till whenever, Pot luck style. Even if you don't make it to the training be sure to come to the party. Call Janice for more info, 743-8754.

## HELICOPTER TRAINING

Coord: Rich Kunz, 886-2216  
When: Saturday, June 22  
Where: TBA (T.V.Falls??)  
When: TBA (early? Beat the Heat?)

Attendance is limited to those who attended the previous classes in this series (last month). Please watch your newsletter for the next series, hopefully starting soon.

## RIVER RESCUE TRAINING

Yes, Virginia we will have some rain this year. The monsoon season will hopefully be a wet one this year. We have not been blessed this spring with rain, so maybe this summer. YOU MUST ATTEND ONE OF THE POOL SESSIONS IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RIVER RESCUE PRACTICE, IF YOU HAVE NOT MADE A PRACTICE IN THE LAST THREE YEARS. THERE ARE TWO OPPORTUNITIES THIS YEAR.

See next months newsletter for required equipment for the River Rescue Practice.



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## RIVER RESCUE POOL SESSIONS

**Presenter:** Nate Shechter, 887-3714  
**Where:** Jacob's Park Pool Ft. Lowell Park Pool  
**When:** 18:00, Wed June 26 18:00, Tues July 9

This will be the same as last year, a 200yd swim (100 yds your choice of stroke, 100 yds with PFD), and treading water for 5 minutes.

## RIVER RESCUE ON THE RIVER

**Presenter:** Nate Shechter, 887-3714  
**Where:** Gila River, Milepost 141.3  
**When:** 07:00 Sat July 20  
**Meet:** Oracle and Magee

This is our annual practice and float trip. Hopefully we won't have any major road accidents to play with this year. But you never know so you should show up anyway. Please call Nate if there are any questions. More information to follow later.

## FIELD SKILLS RECERTIFICATION

**Presenter:** Nate Shechter, 887-3714  
**Where:** Himmel Park Southeast Corner  
**When:** 08:00, Sat July 27

Two more chances. If you haven't recertified your skills by October 31 you will turn into a pumpkin, and they are not field qualified.

## OUTDOOR EMERGENCY CARE REFRESHER

**Presenter:** Nate Shechter, 887-3714  
**Where:** Himmel Park Southeast Corner  
**When:** 08:00, Sat July 27

This is the second chance for the 1995 refresher, for those who missed the January opportunity. Contact Nate if you are going to participate so that I can get you your refresher handouts. I will try to have them at both the June and July meetings.

## 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 (\$10.00) at class. Time and place to be arranged. Call Frances Walker, 790-9399

## 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.

### MRA Re-Accreditation: Snow and Ice Workshop

**Sponsor:** SARA !!  
**Where:** White Mountains  
**When:** February, 1997

## CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Mary and Andy Lamb, 743-7175

### Summary of Data

**Reporting Period:** 26 Apr - 03 June 96 **Callouts:** 4

**THU 9 MAY:** CALL 96.036 Rescue of a climber 200 feet above the roadway at milepost 4 on the Catalina Highway. This rescue was initially reported as a car over the side. The climber suffered a open lower tib-fib fracture, while descending a gully after a climb. He was placed in a stokes basket and lowered down the slope to the roadway.

?? people, ?? hours RMFD

**THU 16 MAY:** CALL 96.037 Body Recovery 300 feet below the Alder Box Pullout at milepost 23 on the Catalina Highway. The suicide victim was discovered by a Mt.Lemmon deputy who was checking a car that had been seen parked for several days. He was walking out to a rock outcropping on a ridge, thinking of checking the base of the cliff, but discovered the body of a large individual on a slope. Few people responded to the initial page, thus a second page requested additional help. A haul system brought the body up to the roadway.

15 people, 59 hours

**SUN 02 JUN:** CALL 96.038 A 3 year old boy was reported missing from a residence near Sabino Canyon Rd and Tanque Verde Wash. His father put him down on a couch for a nap about noon, then laid down in another room. When he awoke and checked the boy, only his clothes were on the couch. Mom could not be found after she got off work, so it was not known if she had the boy, and had not mentioned any plans for the afternoon. SAV people covered the neighborhood, and SRDI team looked around closer to the house, with lots of local residents out looking as well. Nothing found at all. A few hours later, mom showed up with the boy. Standby only.

5 people, 10 hours SAV

**SUN 02 JUN:** CALL 96.039 A 57 year old male was reported overdue from a hike in Sabino Canyon. His wife last saw him at home just after noon, and he was due back for evening plans. She located his car at the Visitor's Center, and reported him overdue. No information about intended route was available, so everything needed to be covered. Search teams were in the field for awhile, when voice contact was made from the PhoneLine Link Trail, which climbs from Tram Stop 1 to the PhoneLine Trail. The subject had been on the PhoneLine Trail, took off his fanny pack and hat at a rest stop, then fell off the trail and tumbled about 150 feet, then waited for assistance. He was showing stroke symptoms, and had injured an ankle. A second page requested additional help for the rescue. He was treated, packaged, hauled to the trail above, and carried to Lower Sabino. At TMC, a previously undiagnosed brain tumor was discovered.

?? people, ?? hours

## MOTHER HEN'S CORNER

by Loma Griffith, 883-3115

### HAM STUFF

Melody Kehl, who has brought us a number of adventures already, points out that the average age for hiking club hikers is 60. She asks that we listen to the unofficial hiking club frequency -- 145.650 simplex, and also to 147.14 on Mt. Lemmon, to help keep in touch with club hikes and to stay alert for problems. (Ed: The tone for 147.14 has been changed to 162.2)

Melody is going to offer her infamous Ham Class again this fall. The class will be held on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm starting September 9th. Contact Melody at 885-6362 if interested.

### BARRY FRASER

Barry is getting his strength back from his bout with pneumonia. He's feeling better, walking around his yard, doing great, and continuing with chemo treatments for his bone cancer.

### WALTER PICKETT

And now a letter from Walter Pickett, an active SARA member till he went looking for adventure with Uncle Sam

(Dear Loma)

Greetings from the Land Of Morning Calm, that's if you are not driving in Seoul. I have never seen traffic this bad. There are few rules of the road. The first one is that red-light means YIELD. The second is that who ever have the bigger vehicle has the right of way. The only thing that seems sacred is the crosswalk. They always yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk because if you don't and hit them, you wind up paying not only for the medical but you pay them for the rest of their lives. It's almost as if you have bought them. Parking is a trip as well. I've seen Koreans park in mass on the off ramp of the highway for a festival in Seoul as well as parking on the sidewalk.

I've been here two weeks now. I've already tried kimchi, which is fermented cabbage or other vegetables with peppers. It's pretty spicy as well as kind of sick smelling the first time. It's not too bad except it's usually served cold. I'd like it served hot but what the heck, I'm just an American.

My job here is great so far. I'm working at a Health Clinic in Yongsan which is a suburb of Seoul. I'm working in the treatment room with the doctors and no RNs (Yea Hallelujah). What I mean so far is that when I got to this unit, I was told I would be going to Camp Page which is north and east of Seoul & be in charge of the treatment room. However, I been told since I'm doing such a good job here (and the guy who is in charge of the treatment room here is doing such a bad job) I may be staying here in Yongsan. Oh well, I guess I'll hold out for the highest bidder like the pro athletes do! (NOT!!!)

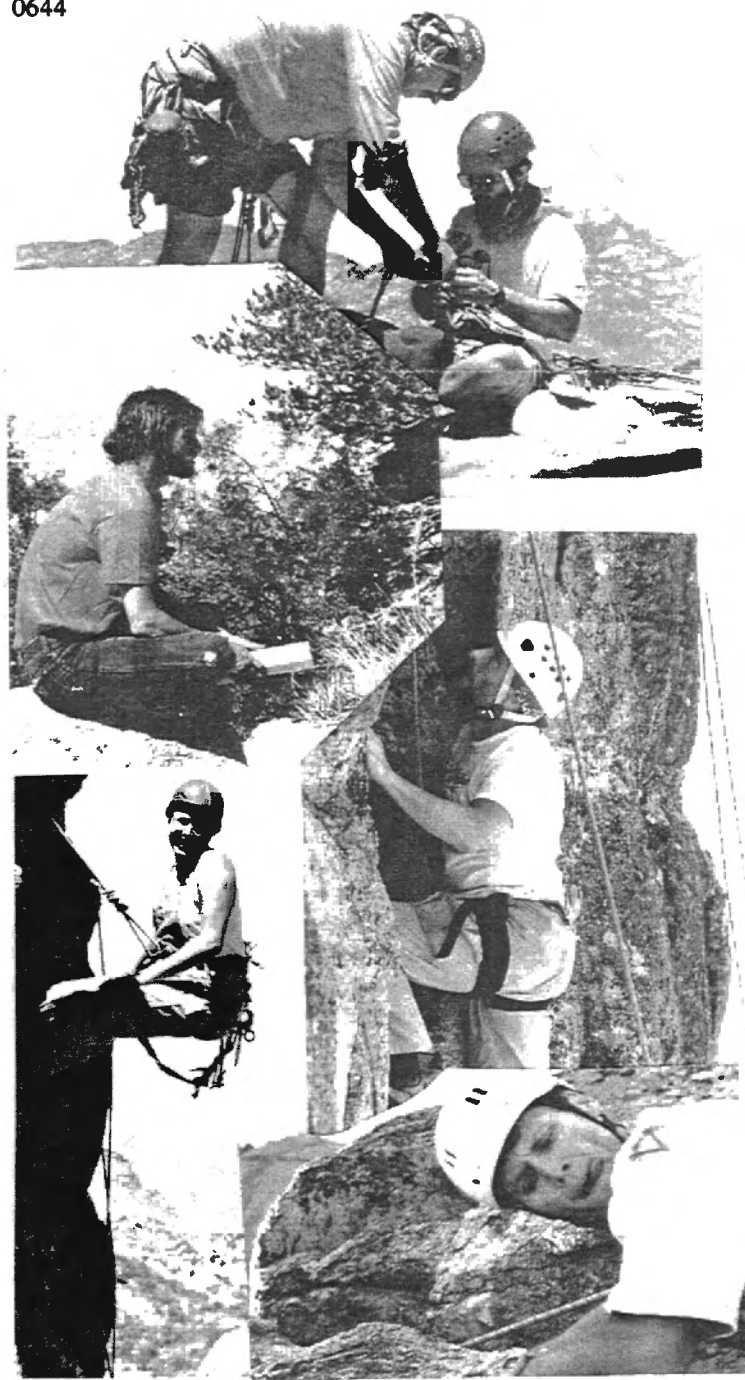
I've already been out hiking (last Saturday) to a high hillside called Dorduramsan. It's only about 500 feet high. The interesting part is that the Koreans who guided us could not rate the hike except to say that we need "a rope for a small part" that was cool with me. However it was raining lightly & almost all of the Americans on this hike were not equipped for the rain & almost knew nothing about climbing or rope handling. Imagine yourself trying to rock scramble (on solid rock) in a light rain with one hand holding an umbrella!

The first thing that is different from American trail building vs. Korean trail building is that the Koreans either don't know what switchbacks are or just don't care. This trail went straight up the hill. It was very well used with trail tape marking the route as well as litter here & there. The Koreans don't believe in or don't know about water bars either. We got to the part that needed a rope which was about a ten to fifteen foot drop (with lots of hand and foot holds) everyone needed a LOT of coaching & direction. When I got to it, I just did a normal Duffersitz & had no problems. The Tour Guide-in-charge was semi impressed. The Americans thought I was crazy. Oh Well, Life Is Hard.

The only hard and difficult part of this tour is not the language but the time difference. We not are in a different time zone from you, we are in a different day zone. You guys watch the NBA playoffs at night on a Wednesday night, while we see them on Thursday morning & afternoon. Anyway, I have to go. Take Care & God Bless You All.

Walter

Walter Pickett, B Co. 168 Med Bn, Unit #15585, APO AP 96205-0644



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Meet each Sun 18:00, Building 3220, DMAFB

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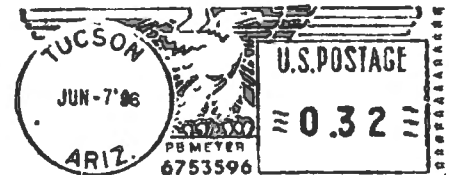
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