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FROM THE EDITORS:

The CAP group has been going thru some reorganizing, we understand. Hopefully we'll be hearing from them soon.

Dunno about the Posse. News from them would be welcome.

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

Our pagers, voice and digital, have not been as reliable as we would like. One possibility that we can control is to ensure that the battery is good. The pager may not yet indicate a voltage problem, but reception is affected. You may wish to change the battery on a schedule, every other week for voice, less frequently for digital.

We will be asking people with SARCI pagers to more formally accept responsibility for their pager. A form similar to the one used to pick up a personal pager will be used. Mykle and Austin signed for them initially, but most people signed for theirs when they were recently swapped at Airtouch.

Bill Kelleman is now caring for the pager records, so he's the one with the forms. He also needs to know when people pick up a pager, get a new pager number, or turn it back in.

Mykle is still keeping the master telephone list updated. Current lists are available from the SARA store, in the usual callsheet format, or sorted by first name, or by last name. Copies are fifty cents, so you'll only want one, and you are encouraged to make all the copies you need. The files are also available (no charge!) electronically from Mykle's bbs or by Email. We're trying to update the list monthly.

PIMA CO. SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

by Nate Shechter, 887-3714

DIVERS CALENDAR

- Quick Response: Patagonia Lake** 08:00, Sun, July 14
Meet at Kunz house, 1329 E. Marc
The goal is to meet, travel, set up, and dive before lunch.
- August Training: Parker Canyon Lake** 08:00, Sun, Aug 11
Meet at Kunz house, 1329 E. Marc
This may be an overnight (starting Saturday evening).

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Jenny Tuttle, 622-8105

SRDI CALENDAR

- Training Committee** 18:30-20:00 Wed, July 3
Sheriff Substation 106
- Board Meeting** 20:00-21:00 Wed, July 3
Sheriff Substation 106
- Training: Night Tracking** 18:00- Sat, July 6
Night Tracking in Reddington Pass (Mile marker 11+), plus some evidence work. Meet at Sheriff Substation 106.
- General Meeting** 19:00 - 21:00 Thu, July 11
Sheriff Substation 106
- Training: Water** 10:00-All day Sun, July 21
Meet at Patagonia Lake (maps will be provided for participants)
- Training Committee** 18:30-20:00 Wed, July 31
Sheriff Substation 106
- Board Meeting** 20:00-21:00 Wed, July 31
Sheriff Substation 106
- Training: Overnight** 17:00-Sun. Sat, Aug 3-4
Meet Houghton/I-10 (S.W. quad)
Night Tracking in Patagonia area, continued next morning

TUCSON COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by 1st 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, July 25
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Cat. Hwy.
- No report submitted

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA CALENDAR

SARA General Meeting 19:30 Fri, July 12
St. Marks Presbyterian Church
SARA Board Meeting 19:30 Thur, July 25
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 next Board Meeting.

SARA MONTHLY TRAINING RIVER RESCUE TRAINING NOTES

The Gila is running at normal summer flow in spite of our lack of rain. To attend this practice you must have made at least one pool session within the last 3 years. There is one more opportunity this year (see below). To participate, you must have a Type 3 or Type 5 PFD, a helmet, and at least a wet suit top in order to get in the water at this practice. Throw bottles are recommended.

RIVER RESCUE POOL SESSIONS

Presenter: Nate Shechter, 887-3714
Where: Ft. Lowell Park Pool
When: 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, float trip, and sometime accident management day on the river. We will again have multiple stations, rope systems, throwing arrests, and wading techniques. The River Rescue Manual will be completed and ready to hand out.

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. Pumpkins are not field qualified. The last and final date will be October 26. These dates have been published and you have been forewarned for 3 years.

People whose field qualifications expire (pumpkins) must attend Basic Training (the WHOLE thing) and complete the Field Checkout. Not so easy with the Candidate program stretching Basic to several months. And you aren't eligible for a Candidate Field Qualification. Please call any of the members of the training committee if you need time to practice.

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 have them at the July meeting.

SARA ADVANCED TRAINING USING GPS IN SAR

Presenter: Tom Harlan, 885-4194
Where: Tom will tell you, when his GPS system is on
When: 0900, Saturday, Aug 3
Meet: Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Cat. Hwy.

Another acronym "GPS". We might combine it with PLS, or tell DPS where to go, or better yet "Where in the world am I?". This is a new tool for us. Come familiarize yourself with GPS and how can it work for us.

NIGHT SEARCH

Presenter: Nate Shechter, 887-3714
Where: The Sonoran Desert
When: 1800, Saturday, Aug 17

Come find out how distances get longer at night. Or how well can you read a map at night. Want to try searching with a mountain bike (call Nate).



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OUTDOOR EMERGENCY CARE CLASS

The Fall Outdoor Emergency Care Class begins Thursday, August 22. If you are a SARA member and would like to take this class contact Jim Gilbreath at 531-9060. People who are interested in becoming SARA members need to be accepted into the SARA Candidate program prior to taking the OEC class. Contact Mary Lamb, 743-7175, or Rich White, 296-4093, for further information.

MRA INFORMATION

by Andy Lamb, 743-7175

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: 04 June - 30 June 96 **Callouts:** 6
SARCI People: 64 **Total Hours:** 404 **Hours/Person:** 6.3

SAT 8 JUN: CALL 96.040 Search for 2 people on the Mint Spring Trail (Carter Canyon to Marshall Saddle). They reported by cellphone that they were lost. They walked out shortly and the call was canceled. 0 people, 0 hours

SUN 9 JUN: CALL 96.041 Rescue of a 36 year old male reported to be exhausted and experiencing shortness of breath near Hutch's Pool in Sabino Canyon. The victim and the reportee had started from the top in the morning. The victim started complaining shortly after they started hiking. By the time they made it to Hutch's Pool the victim was exhausted. The reportee also exhausted himself while hiking out for help. and was taken to the hospital by ambulance from the end of the Sabino Canyon road. Teams started up trail while Ranger 38 flew up canyon, located the victim at Pine Creek Crossing and landed a short distance away, striking the top of an Ocotillo. The pilot inspected the blades and determined there was no damage to the helicopter (not counting the emotional distress). Teams arrived on foot and the victim was assisted to the helicopter and flown out. 15 people, 46 hours, R38 RMFD

SAT 15 JUN: CALL 96.042 Body recovery of three UDA's (undocumented aliens) in the desert southwest of Tolttec. The aliens were in a group who tried to make it across the desert. One was able to make it the last 1/4 mile to water, and notified authorities, but by the time the others were located it was too late. The bodies of two more UDA's were recovered nearby the next day, without SAR people. 6 people, 21 hours

FRI 21 JUN: CALL 96.043 Search for 4 boy scouts and 2 adult leaders missing from a day hike from Spencer Campground in the Santa Catalina Mountains. One of the boys mother reported the scouts overdue when he failed to show up to be picked up. The initial reports indicated that the group was to hike to Butterfly Trail as part of a ten mile hike. A foot team and a posse team were sent down from both ends of the Butterfly Trail, and a team checked holler points off the Box Camp Trail. No contact was made. 10 people, 93 hours

SAT 22 JUN: CALL 96.044 Continuation of the search. The search area was broadened to include Sabino Basin. Several teams were sent out, with support by Ranger 38. Shortly after noon Ranger spotted a signal mirror flash from one of the scouts in the bottom of Sabino Canyon below Box Spring. A ground team was directed to the scout, and determined that only three of the group had been located. They were fed and watered, then walked out the Box Trail.

The others were expected to be downstream, and Ranger located them in the very rough section below "Blueline Canyon". Ranger was unable to land due to winds, but dropped food, water, and a rescue radio to them. They reported that they were tired but OK. A ground team in Sabino Basin headed upstream past Hutch's Pool and West Fork to the junction with Lemmon Creek, then climbed the ridge between Lemmon and Sabino, getting close by evening. The routing thru the cliff bands to the group took until well after dark. 25 people, 241 hours, R38

SUN 23 JUN: CALL 96.045 Continuation of the search. Foot teams started up Sabino to support a ground evacuation. Ranger 38 found calm winds, and a helispot was located close to the group. All were flown out. 8 people, 30 hours, R38

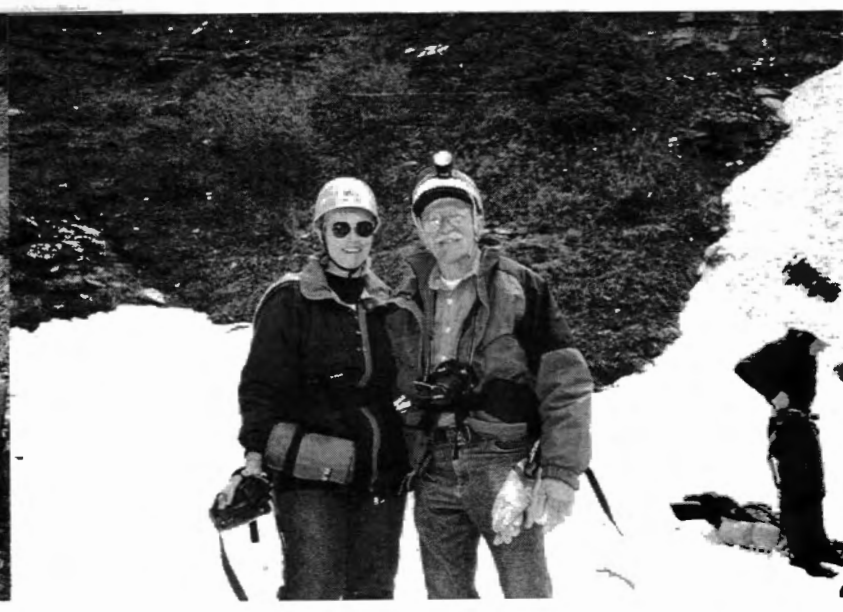
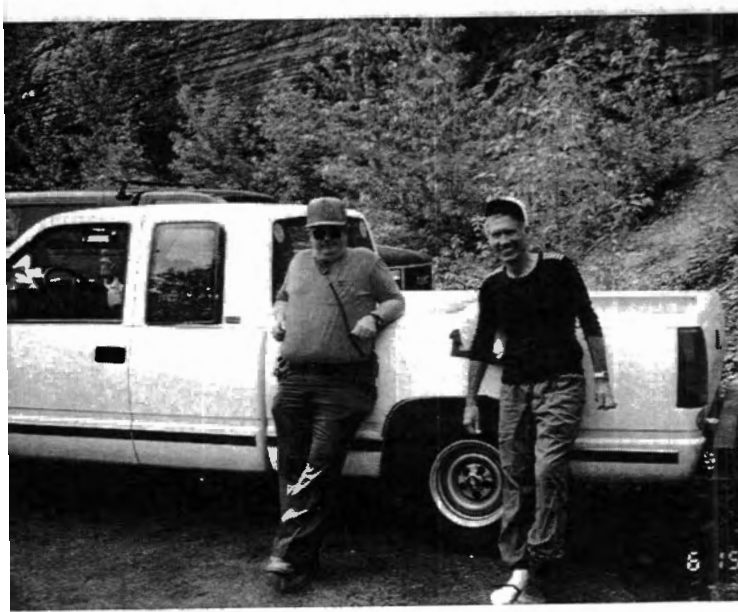
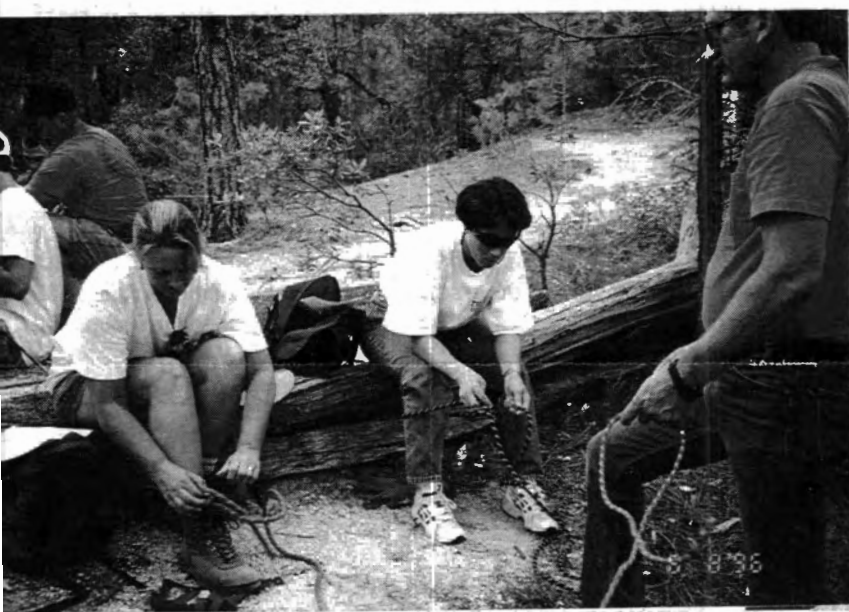
MOTHER HEN'S CORNER

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.



SARCI CALENDAR 1996

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 	5 SARA general meeting moved to July 12	6
7 • CAP	8	9 • River rescue pool session	10	11 • SRDI mtg.	12 • SARA Gen. mtg.	13
14 • CAP • Divers Patagonia	15	16	17 • SARCI meeting	18	19	20 • SARA Trng. River Rescue
21 • CAP	22 Don't forget! Newsletter Deadline 	23	24	25 • Posse mtg. • SARA Board	26	27 • SARA Recert. • OEC Refresh.
28 • CAP	29	30	31	<i>July</i>		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<i>August</i>			1	2 • SARA Gen. mtg.	3 • SARA adv. trng. GPS
4 • CAP	5	6	7	8 • SRDI mtg.	9	10
11 • CAP • Divers	12	13 • SARA Candidate Program	14	15	16	17 • SARA Trng. River Rescue
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25 • CAP	26	27	28	29 • SARA Board	30	31

Additions or corrections to the calendars please call Janice Przybyl 743-8754 (home), 294-1200 (work).

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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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Meet 2nd Thur 19:00,

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

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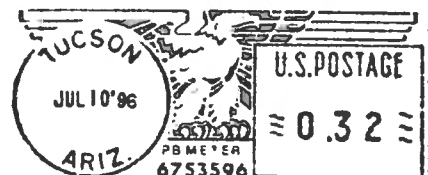
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