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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

DIGITAL PAGER CODES

The digital pager codes indicate the People Needed for a callout. They are NOT meant to be the Type Of Call. So:

222 is requesting Search People (and search support people),
555 requests K-9 People (and K-9's, and K-9 support people),
and 555 222 (or 222 555) requests both of the above.

Some people have been letting themselves become confused, thinking the codes refer to the type of call. Some strange interpretations have been the result!

K-9 people are considered to be search people, but if they want to wait for a call that specifically requests them, that's their choice. If we can know in advance that K-9's are specifically requested, we're way ahead of what little info we usually get. We frequently miss having any K-9's on a call. The initial stages of a search could usually use a K-9 team to help sort out Direction-of-Travel, and possibly eliminate parts of the search area (the Boy Scouts, the Texas family, the Tohono girl, need I go on?). If the team is available for a longer assignment, that's even better.

Posse people are capable of being Search, Rescue or support, and we usually don't know whether there will be assignments for people ahoof, or just those aboot. Looks like they are just like everyone else, they gotta show up and find out what's going on.

PIMA CO. SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

by Nate Shechter, 887-3714

DIVERS CALENDAR

August Training: Parker Canyon Lake 15:00, Sat, Aug 10

Meet at Kunz house, 1329 E. Marc

This will be an overnight (starting Saturday evening). We'll go have fun, camp out, and dive on Sunday. Nate needs to know if you're interested.

September Training: Maricopa Dive Seminar TBA

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Jenny Tuttle, 622-8105

SRDI CALENDAR

Training: Overnight	17:00-Sun.	Sat, Aug 3-4
Meet Houghton/I-10 (S.W. quad)		
Night Tracking in Patagonia area, continued next morning		
General Meeting	19:00-21:00	Thu, Aug 8
Sheriff Substation 106		
Training: Water	08:00-AllDay	Sun, Aug 18
Meet Valencia/I-19 (ABCO/BurgerKing)		
Annual Yard/Bake Sale	Fri-Sun	Sep 13,14,15

Congratulations to Jill Kelleman and her German Shepherd mix, Gwenny. They became SRDI's newest certified team joining Vi Brown and Patches, and Marty Young and Derby. Gwenny "found" Nate Shechter on a certification track at Catalina State Park early on July 4.

The SRDI Dog Team will be holding their annual Yard Sale/Bake Sale fund raiser on September 13, 14, and 15. So, clear out your closet, pack up all the clutter in your garage, and help out SRDI during their annual fund raiser with donations of saleable clothes, toys, tools and household furnishings. Contact Vi Brown, 622-1207 or Pam Phillips, 325-4338 with questions, comments, or possible donations & for pickup of large items. THX for the support!!!!

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, Aug 22
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Cat. Hwy.		

No report submitted

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA CALENDAR

SARA General Meeting 19:30 Fri, Aug 2
St. Marks Presbyterian Church
SARA Candidate Program 18:30-22:00 Tue, Aug 13
TMC, Mesquite Room
SARA Board Meeting 19:30 Thur, Aug 29
U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers)

SARA NOTES

Members whose dues remain unpaid have been **DROPPED**. If you have any questions about your status, Cathy the Treasurer or Mary the Advocate are the ones to ask. Those who are no longer members must submit an application.

TRAINING REVIEW

The river rescue practice was a lot of fun, just ask those who went. Thanks to Ranger 38 for giving us a different perspective from the victim's point of view. We all got burnt but the float trip was fun.

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.

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE HIKE

Presenter: Rich White, 296-4093
Where: Green Mountain Trail
When: 08:00, Saturday, Aug 17
Meet: Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Cat. Hwy.

Prospective Candidates will hike about 3.5 miles from San Pedro Vista, so they can see some of the country with which we are familiar. People are welcome to come along, to see some trail and get some exercise and see some people interested in what we do.

MONTHLY TRAINING NIGHT SEARCH

Presenter: Nate Shechter, 887-3714
Where: Catalina State Park
When: 19:00, Saturday, Aug 17
Meet: Oracle & Magee

Come find out how distances get longer at night. Or how well can you read a map at night. Sorry, the mountain bike idea won't work here. Perhaps another party as we did last year?

SEARCH AREA ORIENTATION

Presenter: Mykle Raymond, 795-2303
Where: Mt. Lemmon
When: 09:00, Sunday, Aug 25
Meet: Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Cat. Hwy.

These are typically short walks, until early afternoon. We go where the people who show up need to see. Many searches are in areas (like Rose Lake) that can be easily and quickly covered, but only if people know how to find the scenic "holler" points IN THE DARK. We have few deep-woods people, but lots of other people who have time and/or energy constraints on callouts. When we can quickly get a voice response from a lost soul, the search area becomes a lot smaller, and the deep-woods people can quickly get to the lost person.

ADVANCED TRAINING OPTIONAL TECH AND RESCUE SYSTEMS

Presenter: Nate Shechter, 887-3714
Where: TBA
When: Saturday, September 7, 08:30
Meet: Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Cat. Hwy.

Yes, Virginia, there are other ways to do things. Come find out the system.

MONTHLY TRAINING CAVE RESCUE

Presenter: Bill Graff
Where: Cave of the Bells (tentative)
When: Saturday, September 2, Time to be announced
Meet: Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Cat. Hwy.

It's dark, cool, and fun, come on out.

GRAND CANYON TRASH CLEANUP

People had a great time last year. This year's cleanup is Sept. 28. Those who want to go up and down a cliff need to check your vertical skills with Scotty, if you haven't done so already. Support people are also welcome.



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TRAIL FAMILIARIZATION: BABOQUIVARI

Marvin Stafford would like to climb the peak one more time this fall. It will be his 30th time to the top. You can become familiar with the 4WD road to Riggs Ranch, with the trail-of-use to the North Saddle or to the Spring on Lion's Ledge (no bears -- just lions!), and/or any one of several 5th class routes to the top.

A tentative date is 'the last week-end in October'. Watch this space for details. Contact Marvin at 575-1497 (home), 740-3728 (work) or margnx@azstarnet.com (e-Mail).

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

OUTDOOR EMERGENCY CARE CLASS

The Fall Outdoor Emergency Care Class begins Tuesday, August 20. 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: 29 June - 27 July 96 Callouts: 9
SARCI People: 131 Total Hours: 488 Hours/Person: 3.7

SAT 29 JUN: CALL 96.046 Report of children in flooded wash. Reportee stated there were children NEAR a flooded wash, and the report was misinterpreted.
Rendezvous only.

WED 3 JUL: CALL 96.047 Search for a 21 year old male in Gates Pass, Tucson Mountains. The subject was hiking with a friend Monday evening, taking pictures of the sunset. He got hot and decided to find some shade while his friend continued hiking. The friend never saw the subject again and thought that he had hiked out. Searchers started searching Wednesday morning, and the subject's body was found 300 yards from the parking lot.
15 people, 46 hours

SAT 6 JUL: CALL 96.048 Report of exhausted hiker on Butterfly Trail. She got out on her own.
Rendezvous only. MLFD

TUE 9 JUL: CALL 96.049 Family of four overdue from hike on Mt. Lemmon. Their vehicle was located at SkiValley. Our few teams covered trails north and south of the vehicle. The Forest Service was notified, alerting a couple of crews doing fire duty and trail maintenance. The family was from Texas, and not familiar with the mountain, but their map was left in their vehicle. They wound up close to Romero Pass, got dumped on by a thundershower, and met the trail crew at the spring house near the Lemmon Rock junction.
21 people, 106 hours USFS

SUN 14 JUL: CALL 96.050 Swift water rescue of a pickup stranded in the wash on the Bar X Ranch Road, west of Catalina. A pickup with two individuals attempted to cross the wash with water running in it. The truck became stranded and the people began yelling for help. Golder Ranch responded along with Ranger 38. Ranger was able to land on the far bank and was able to coax one of the individual to shore. A SAR team waded out to the pickup thru calf-deep water and escorted the other individual to the other shore.
19 people, 19 hours GRFD R38

TUE 16 JUL, WED 17 JUL: CALL 96.051, 052 Search for a 7 year old female near Cowlic, southwest of Sells. The subject was last seen around her residence, accompanied by her two dogs. Teams found tracks near the water catchment behind the residence. Wild Land Fire Fighters, Marines, Border Patrol trackers, and several helicopters helped in the search. Eventually the girl walked into a village 7 miles southwest of the residence. She was barefoot during her walk but had no bruises, blisters, or cuts. She was in good shape considering how far she had walked.
21 people, 183 hours, Sells PD, TOFD, Customs, R38, USMC, Wild Land Firefighters

WED 24 JUL: CALL 96.053 A 16 year old male was playing atop the practice cliff next to the Windy Point observation area. He was reported to have fallen 150', and was conscious and spitting blood. He fell about 20', hitting his head halfway down, and landing on his feet. The blood was a cola consumed previously. Mt Lemmon Fire people packaged him, we provided a simple haul system, and shortly everyone was back on the highway.
23 people, 68 hours MLFD RMFD

SAT 27 JUL: CALL 96.054 Sabino Canyon was completely dry not long ago. Heavy rain got the stream running again, and it quickly rose to cover the crossings while a tram was in the water. The riders got wet, but the group of all ages were safely on the roadway. Also, a group of hikers was stranded on the upstream side. Heavy rainfall had been recently recorded in Summerhaven, totaling 1.5" in 30 minutes, and we didn't know where else had received heavy rain that could shortly reverse the dropping stream level. Ranger 38 dropped two rescuers to the tram group, and a tram pickup truck was used to ferry people down to a wide spot in the road where the helicopter was able to land. 28 people were airlifted to the maintenance yard helispot. By then, the group of hikers had been assisted across the crossing as the stream level dropped, and the remaining 11 people loaded the vehicles that had made their way up to the group. Meanwhile, a couple of hikers were stranded on the road at the Lower Sabino Crossing. A group of rescuers directed them to walk back towards Bear Canyon, then down the trail to the north end of Bear Canyon Road (Bear Wash was dry!) where a ride was

provided back to the Visitors' Center. The two rescue groups remained at their positions, in case any other hikers would try to cross Lower Sabino, not knowing about the alternative exit, and the rides that were available. Not very interesting assignments, but well appreciated!

27 people, 66 hours R38, USFS, RMFD

AMATEUR RADIO CORNER

by Mykle Raymond, 795-2303

We have grown from one ham (thanks Joe Barr!) to about half of our membership in about fifteen years. So it seems like it may be time to have a corner in the newsletter for ham stuff. Your ideas are welcome ... what sort of stuff would you like to see here?

ARCA

The Amateur Radio Clubs of Arizona is another group of groups (like SARCI). ARCA provides a forum for groups to find out what each other is doing, provides assistance with problems and with monetary grants. The group also sponsors the yearly ARCA Hamfest held in mid-July at Fort Tuthill just south of Flagstaff, which is well attended for the swapmeet, commercial vendors, meetings (digital, satellite, repeaters, and so on), and just meeting folks including users as well as many of the movers and shakers among the ham community.

A couple of well respected hams (non-SAR) have suggested that "we" could form an informal group and join ARCA, noting the number of hams in our SAR groups, and pointing out that we would then be represented in what's going on among the Arizona ham community. The yearly cost is \$25 per group. We would receive such news and bulletins as ARCA distributes, which could be included in this newsletter. We could designate people to represent us in such ARCA meetings that occur (not required). Such a group might best be organized as part of SARCI, for hams in all of our SAR groups. Your comments and opinions are welcome!

TUCSON HAM GROUPS

Mykle has maintained membership in two local groups. A number of our SAR reportees are hams, and are likely to report problems with the help of people who are members of one or more of the ham groups. My membership has provided opportunities for people to know who we (SAR) are, and about our hams. It also lets people know that we are the ones who respond to requests for SAR help, so that when I talk to the reportee by radio, that the ham that was helping report the problem knows that I'm not just butting in.

The Tucson Repeater Association (TRA) maintains several repeaters in the area, including those on Mt. Bigelow, a couple in Loma's shack on Mt. Lemmon, and the 6.82 repeater at KVOA near Miracle Mile and Drachman with an open phone patch. Membership is recommended for those who use any of the repeaters and want to support the group. The Old Pueblo Radio Club (OPRC) may be the oldest club in Tucson, with a general interest membership. Membership in either group includes a newsletter serving both groups. Mykle can provide more info for those interested in either group.

HAM CLASS

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
	<i>August</i>			1	2 • SARA Gen. mtg.	3 • SARA adv. trng. GPS • SRDI overnight
4 • CAP <i>Cave Trng</i>	5	6	7	8 • SRDI mtg.	9	10
11 • CAP • Divers	12	13 • SARA Candidate Program	14	15	16	17 • SARA Trng. Night search
18 • CAP	19	20 Don't forget! Newsletter Deadline 	21	22 • Posse mtg. • OEC begins	23	24
25 • CAP	26	27	28	29 • SARA Board	30	31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Cave Trng</i>	2 LABOR DAY	3	4	5	6 • SARA Gen. mtg.	7 • SARA adv. trng. Rope systems.
8 • CAP • Divers	9	10	11	12 • SRDI mtg.	13 <i>Scout Sale</i>	14 <i>Scout Sale</i>
15 • CAP Divers <i>SRDI Sale</i>	16	17	18	19	20 Don't forget! Newsletter Deadline 	21 • SARA Trng. Cave rescue
22 • CAP <i>SARA Trng Cave rescue</i>	23	24	25	26 • Posse mtg. • SARA Board	27	28 <i>SARA Video Grand Canyon</i>
29 • CAP <i>SARA Video Grand Canyon</i>	30		<i>September</i>			

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

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Meet 2nd Sun 09:00, details inside.

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Meet each Sun 18:00, Building 3220, DMAFB

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Meet 2nd Thur 19:00,

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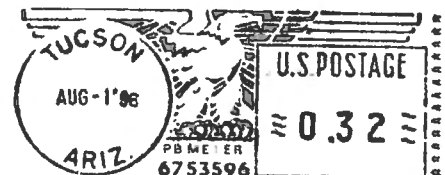
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