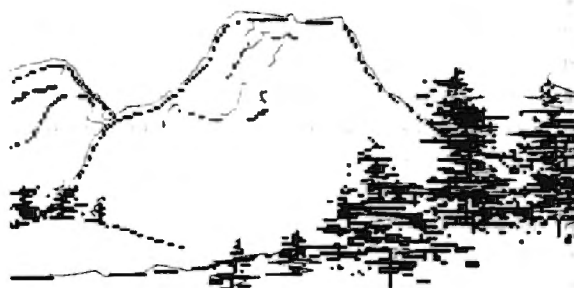


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FROM THE EDITORS:

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.

PIMA CO. SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

by Nate Shechter, 887-3714

DIVERS CALENDAR

September Training: Black Mtn Reservoir 08:30, Sun, Sep 15

Meet Valencia/I-19 (ABCO/Burger King at Midvale Rd)

October Training: Boat Workday TBA, Sun, Oct 13 ??

Meet at Kunz house, 1329 S. Marc

November Railroad (elections) TBA, Mon, Nov 5

Probably the east side this year since we've been west the last two years. (Jerry I'm voting you for Secretary since your shoulders are both good now)

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Jenny Tuttle, 622-8105

SRDI CALENDAR

Training: Tracking on Mt. Lemmon 09:00 Sun, Sept 1

Meet Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

General Meeting 18:30-20:00 Thu, Sept 12

Pam Phillip's house. Yard sale set-up after meeting.

Annual Yard/Bake Sale Fri-Sun Sep 13,14,15

Training: Cadaver Work 09:00 Sun, Sept 15

Meet at Pam Phillip's house.

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!!!!

SRDI wants to thank everybody for their support.

TUCSON COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by 1lt Darell New, 290-9501

No report, must be out flying.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Bob Siegel, 722-1358

POSSE CALENDAR

Posse Meeting 19:00 Thur, Sep 26

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Cat. Hwy.

No report: must be out riding.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA CALENDAR

SARA General Meeting 19:30 Fri, Sep 6

St. Marks Presbyterian Church

Program: Cave Orientation

SARA Board Meeting 19:30 Thur, Sep 26

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.

WHO'S ON THE SARA BOARD

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| President: | Dale Mann | Members: | Scott Clemans |
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PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Cindy Coping says that the PR committee is gathering data and boiling it down. The demographic information will be used to determine the targets for public service announcements. Cindy is looking for a volunteer to work with the media.

ADVANCED TRAINING

OPTIONAL TECHNICAL and RESCUE SYSTEMS

Presenter: Nate Shechter, 887-3714
Where: Windy Point or Bear Canyon Picnic Area
When: 08:30, Saturday, September 7
Meet: Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Cat. Hwy.

Yes, Virginia, there are other ways to do things.

This will be a chance for us to see and hopefully play with alternative anchor systems, lower systems, haul systems, and other fancy rope tricks. This will be set up in hourly seminar sessions for people to attend. Depending on time we will be able to set up systems during these seminars or after the sessions are over.

MONTHLY TRAINING

CAVE ORIENTATION and RESCUE TRAINING

Presenter: Bill Graff, 297-0457
Where: Cave of the Bells
When: Cave Orientation: 09:00 Saturday, Sept 21
Rescue Training: 08:00 Sunday, Sept 22
Meet: Sheriff Substation 108, Houghton and Irvington
County Maintenance Yard, Irvington entrance.

Saturday will be a cave orientation day. Sunday will be a rescue exercise. The orientation may include other caves in the area. During the rescue practice we will be joined by other agencies and groups in the area. Bill will be staying overnight. Go camping with him and have fun. Please plan on attending the September SARA meeting for a caving presentation.

GRAND CANYON TRASH CLEANUP

Coordinator: Scott Clemans, 749-4548
Where: Grand Canyon
When: Saturday, Sept 28 and Sunday, Sept 29

People had a great time last year. 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. Scotty has the details, call him if you are interested.

MRA REGIONAL MEETING and SAR EXERCISE

Coordinator: Andy Lamb
Where: Las Vegas, Red Rocks area.
When: Saturday, October 12

Go ahead take a gamble and go. We may be flown to Red Rocks by helicopter for our practice. They say that there is plenty of floor space for us to sleep in (the city that never sleeps).

HELICOPTER PRACTICE AND ORIENTATION

Presenter: Nate Shechter, 887-3714
Where: North end of Alvernon
When: 13:00, Saturday, October 19
Meet: North end of Alvernon

This will be a general orientation for the DPS helicopter. This will be for both members and candidates. Those currently in the candidate program this will be your chance since you missed it in June (dog gone those boy scouts).

FIELD SKILLS RECERTIFICATION

Presenter: Nate Shechter, 887-3714
Where: Himmel Park, SouthEast corner
When: 09:00, Saturday, October 26

THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RECERTIFIED.

If your field skills qualification expires, Basic Training is required to certify.

We noticed a problem with the last field skills recertification. Please learn the skills before you recertify. We will not teach you, and then sign off your card on the same day. Should you need to practice please feel free to call one of those on the training committee, or a truck driver and we will set up a time to work with you.

TRAIL FAMILIARIZATION: BABOQUIVARI

by Marvin Stafford, 575-1497, margnx@azstarnet.com

Plans have been set for this trip during the last weekend of October. The Summit Day will be Sunday, October 27. We'll be overnight in the North Saddle on Saturday, the night of the full moon. It will be an official SARA Training Activity with a 'mission number'.

There will be plenty of various activities for any and all:

Learn the routes and radio "X's" along the roads and the climber's trails.

Make a side trip to the spring on Lion's Ledge.

Camp out with the best of friends, and exchange outrageous climbing stories.

Fifth class climbing to The Center of the Universe.

Perhaps no one will want to stay in base camp during the Summit Day, but if you do, the rest of us will enjoy having a hot meal ready when we get off the climb! If you have to be back to work on Monday, some people are going to walk out in the dark on Sunday. I intend to spend a second night on the trail. Watch this space next month for more details. Let me know your intentions.



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BASIC TRAINING I

Presenter: Nate Shechter, 887-3714
Where: U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers)
When: 18:00, Monday, October 28
Meet: U of A Farms, enter off Roger Rd, east of Campbell.

BASIC TRAINING II

Presenter: Nate Shechter, 887-3714
Where: Sollers Point (Catalina Hwy, milepost 18.9)
When: 08:00, Saturday, November 2
Meet: Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Cat. Hwy

NATE'S NOTES

We need to talk about the **R** word. This is the word that we all hate. SARA has had to get used to this word as we grow as a group. We need to be **Responsible**. The trainings and practices are in the newsletter at least two months in advance. There is other important info in the newsletter. Please take the time to **Read** your newsletter so that you will not be left out, or not know about upcoming events.

TRAINING NOTES

Cindy Coping video taped Tom Harlan's GPS training last month. Cindy will provide a copy if you send her a VHS to record it on.

We are getting ready to make up our training schedule for 1997. If you have suggestions please call Nate at 887-3714.

The 1996 OEC refresher will be given once in October by the Ski Patrol and by SARA in January. Watch your newsletter for details

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. A pocket rescue mask is required (\$10.00 at class). Time and place to be arranged. Call Frances Walker, 790-9399

NOTICE: NEW ROPES

by Rich Kunz, 886-2216

New Ropes have been added to each of the rescue trucks. Each truck has the following:

2 - 600' 1/2" rescue rope systems 1/2" rope is rated at 9000 lbs
2 - 600' 7/16" rescue rope systems 7/16" rope is rated at 6000 lbs
2 - 300' 7/16" ropes
5 - 150' 7/16" ropes

Understand your load range before choosing a haul system - how much weight, friction, and pulling force.

THE SARA VIDEO

Plans are being finalized for the taping of the SARA video, on the weekend of September 28-29. The video will be used for fund raising and showing who SARA is. A search scene and a rescue scene will be taped. Be sure to wear an orange SARA shirt.

Coordinators: Bill Graff and Bill Kelleman
When: 08:00, September 28
Meet: Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Cat. Hwy.

MRA INFORMATION

by Andy Lamb, 743-7175

MRA Re-Accreditation: Snow and Ice Workshop

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

THE SARA CANDIDATE PROGRAM

by Andy Lamb, 743-7175

The SARA candidate program is the new process used to bring new members into SARA. The program allows interested persons, before they take a first aid class, to hear what SARA does and get a little idea of the hard work involved in being a SARA member. The candidate program provides a quicker means of getting new members into the field.

The candidate program allows entry into the membership process twice each year, once in February, the other in August. People interested in joining SARA are required to attend an Introduction to Wilderness Search and Rescue evening. During the introduction an overview of wilderness search and rescue and an explanation of the candidate program are given. At the introduction, applications for membership are collected. The following weekend the applicants are taken on a mandatory hike with rescue equipment. The purpose of the hike is to introduce the applicants to the physical work required to carry out a rescue in the wilderness. After the hike, if an applicant decides that SARA is not for them, their application is withdrawn and the application fee is refunded. This reduces the number of students in the Outdoor Emergency Care course and allows SARA instructors to focus on the students who will contribute to the SARA mission.

The introduction and hike are scheduled shortly before the start of the OEC course. Applicants who are still interested in joining SARA and need to take the OEC course, are registered for the OEC course at the end of the hike. Those who already meet the SARA medical requirement are required to attend the Saturday field classes of the OEC course. This gives them hands-on experience using their medical training in a wilderness setting. Note: new members must attend the introduction and hike to take the OEC course.

The SARA Basic Training has been broken up into four sessions. The first two sessions are taught near the end of the OEC course. The final two sessions are taught after the candidates have been allowed to go into the field for six months. The first session is BASIC I which covers basecamp procedures, radio procedures, callout trees, introduction to map and compass, and introduction to search. This session is given in a classroom setting. BASIC II is a field exercise covering search and tracking, map and compass, stokes tie-in and handling, pack checkout, and a written test.

After BASIC I and BASIC II candidates are allowed to attend SARA callouts, provided the candidate meets the medical requirement (OEC students must complete their class first). Their participation will be limited initially until SARA members are comfortable with the candidate's skills. A candidate is required to attend 8 callouts and assist at 1 basecamp before attending BASIC III and IV.

BASIC III is taught in the field and covers technical rescue systems and helicopter orientation. BASIC IV is essentially the same as the old Basic checkout day. The candidates are required to demonstrate basic technical rescue skills and participate in an overnight search exercise.

A candidate is required to attend at least 15 callouts, assist at 2 or

more basecamps, and complete the trainee card before the candidate is presented to the SARA Board for consideration of moving the candidate to member. If a candidate misses any of the requirements the candidate will fall back to the next candidate class and will move up to member with the next class.

In order to distinguish candidates from other members, the candidates are required to wear a yellow candidate shirt. (Yes, the candidates from the first candidate class will be getting yellow shirts shortly.) The candidate program will be fine tuned as needed and your suggestions are welcome. Please contact Andy Lamb or Rich Kunz with your suggestions. SARA will benefit by increased quality of the OEC course and better use of SARA instructor's time which will be spent on people who are committed to the SARA mission.

DEPUTY DOUG WAS RIGHT!

by Loma Griffith, 883-3115

Following my last helicopter ride, I participated in a spirited discussion with our UnSwerving Leader about the various possible meanings of the word "nauseous." Looking for support from a "higher authority," I wrote to James J. Kilpatrick, whose column on the English language appears occasionally in the local paper. His reply, quoted below, supports Doug -- no "higher authority" was needed.

Webster's Dictionary of English Usage devotes four and a half columns to the controversy over nauseous. I have read the entry a dozen times, and still do not understand what the editors are getting at. My own advice is to use nauseous for things like "nauseous fumes,"-- that is, fumes that cause nausea--and use nauseated or nauseating in other contexts. Technically, to say "I am nauseous" means that I cause nausea in someone else. You can't get in much trouble, beyond the upchuck sensation, by saying, "I feel nauseated."

CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Mary and Andy Lamb, 743-7175

Summary of Data

Reporting Period: 28 July - 25 August 96 Callouts: 10
SARCI People: 56 Total Hours: 259 Hours/Person: 4.6

MON 29 JUL: CALL 96.055 A 51 year old male was reported missing from a rural residence in New Tucson, south of the I-10 Vail interchange. A few teams had been looking around for about an hour, when T.J. discovered that the person had cashed a couple of checks in town while we were searching. On Wednesday, T.J. visited the person after he was reported to have returned home. A couple of days later, a self-inflicted gunshot victim was airlifted from the desert area near the residence.

8 people, 13 hours, Customs L46

WED 31 JUL: CALL 96.056 A resident near the end of the paved Redington Road reported a person that came by, stating there was a fall victim at Tanque Verde Falls, then split. The story and subsequent reports sounded fishy, Rural Fire and deputies did not find anyone along the road in the area of the falls, so we didn't get beyond rendezvous.

14 people, 14 hours, RMFD

SUN 04 AUG: CALL 96.057 Report of hang-glider crash on a hill south of Old Tucson, near the Ironwood Hills Picnic Area (we've done tracking practices there). No hang-gliders had been observed flying in the area, and no additional reports were received. Ranger-38 identified the suspicious debris as an old road sign. Nothing like an imaginative reportee.

Rendezvous only, R38 Tucson Estates Fire

SUN 04 AUG: CALL 96.058 A 77 year old woman was reported missing from her residence near Campbell and Skyline. The situation suggested that the desert area around the residence should be checked. At about midnight, canine teams were requested. As they were meeting, T.J. discovered the woman's body in the wash near the house. Apparently she wandered from the residence, had some sort of problem, slid down a hill, and got into the wash where she expired. Those of us who remained assisted the short carry back to the house. 4 people, 6 hours

TUE 13 AUG: CALL 96.059 An exhausted hiker was reported on the Finger Rock Trail. He walked out as Rural Fire arrived. Rendezvous only, RMFD

MON 19 AUG: CALL 96.060 Search for a 61 year old male and his 31 year old daughter overdue on a hike leaving Marshall Gulch. The vehicle was located at Marshall Gulch where basecamp was established and several teams were sent out on the various trails. The search continued throughout the night with an additional page put out in the morning.

16 people, 129 hours, 1S USFS

TUE 20 AUG: CALL 96.061 Continuation of search. The father and daughter walked out at Ski Valley and got a ride back to Marshall Gulch. Apparently the two made it to Marshall Saddle and continued into the Wilderness of Rocks where they took the Mt.Lemmon Trail to the top. They spent the night somewhere on the Canada del Oro Trail before bushwacking back to the top and out at Ski Valley.

14 people, 97 hours, 1S AirGuard USFS

SUN 25 AUG: CALL 96.062 A female hiker was reported to be exhausted, in Sabino Canyon on the Phoneline Trail, about 1/4 mile north of the junction with the Phoneline Link Trail (that climbs from Stop 1). She apparently rested for awhile, then started out slowly, meeting Rural Fire at Stop 1 soon after they arrived. Rendezvous only, RMFD USFS

SUN 25 AUG: CALL 96.063 A 3 year old boy was reported missing from a church function near the Yaqui Village, south of Valencia Road, west of Tucson. A search had been in progress for awhile before we were requested. While we were meeting, the boy was dropped off at home. Rendezvous only

TUE 27 AUG: CALL 96.064 People were reported stranded in floodwaters along Pantano Wash, north of Vail in a rural community to the west off Camino Loma Alta. As we were meeting, all people were able to get out of the water, probably with help from deputies and Corona Fire people. Rendezvous only

SARCI CALENDAR 1996

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | 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. | SRDI Annual Yard/Bake Sale Sept. 13, 14, 15 | |
| 15 • CAP | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Don't forget! Newsletter Deadline  | 21 • SARA Trng. Cave rescue 2 days..... |
| 22 • CAP • SARA Trng. Cave rescue | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 • Posse mtg. • SARA Board | 27 | 28 |
| 29 • CAP | 30 | <i>September</i> | | | | |

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|----------------------|--------|---------|------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| <i>October</i> | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 • SARA Gen. mtg. | 5 |
| 6 • CAP | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 • SRDI mtg. | 11 | 12 |
| 13 • CAP • Divers | 14 | 15 | 16 • SARCI | 17 | 18 Don't forget! Newsletter Deadline  | 19 • SARA Trng. Helicopter |
| 20 • CAP | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 • Posse mtg. • SARA Board | 25 | 26 |
| 27 • CAP | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

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

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

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Meet 1st Fri 19:30, St. Mark's Church, 3809 E. 3rd St.

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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,

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

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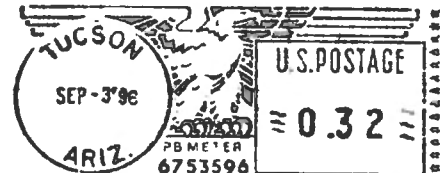
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