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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

Notes from the July 17th SARCI meeting.

The following officers were elected for the 1996/97 fiscal year:

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| President      | Austin Boosted |
| Vice President | Andy Lamb      |
| Secretary      | Joe Barr       |
| Treasurer      | Cathy Wasmann  |

The following SARCI Policy was approved:

### Contributions To Member Groups Resulting From A SARCI Call

At such times as a member organization of SARCI receives a contribution from the public for a specific callout, said contribution shall be turned over to SARCI. When the balance of this account, including interest exceeds 125% of the current annual budget, SARCI shall disburse the amount above this figure to the component groups of SARCI, as requested by the groups, for needed equipment to maintain a viable S&R unit.

## PIMA CO. SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

by Naxe Shechter, 887-3714

### DIVERS CALENDAR

**October Training: Rose Canyon Lake** Sat-Sun, Oct 12,13  
We will be going up Saturday night to camp out and acclimatize. Call Nate for info.

**November Railroad (elections)** 18:30, Mon, Nov 4  
This is our annual election and potluck dinner. Show up at the Kunz' (1329 S. Marc) or be elected president.

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Jenny Tuttle, 622-8105

### SRDI CALENDAR

|   |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Training Committee Meeting</b>                     | 18:30-20:00 | Wed, Oct 2  |
| Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy |             |             |
| <b>Board Meeting</b>                                  | 20:00-21:00 | Wed, Oct 2  |
| Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy |             |             |
| <b>General Meeting</b>                                | 19:00-21:00 | Thu, Oct 10 |
| Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy |             |             |

## 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, Oct 24  
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Cat. Hwy.

No report: must be out riding.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

### SARA CALENDAR

|   |       |              |
|---|-------|--------------|
| <b>SARA General Meeting</b>                         | 19:30 | Fri, Oct 4   |
| St. Marks Presbyterian Church                       |       |              |
| <b>SARA Board Meeting</b>                           | 19:30 | Thur, Oct 24 |
| U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers) |       |              |
| <b>Field Skills Recertification</b>                 | 09:00 | Sat, Oct 26  |
| Himmel Park, SouthEast corner                       |       |              |

### SARA MEETING PROGRAM

Dr. Paul Duffy will talk about Hypothermia: causes, signs and symptoms, and treatment. Dr. Duffy is a member of the Southern Arizona Hiking Club, a wilderness enthusiast, and an authority in the treatment of hypothermia and heat related illnesses. Dr. Duffy's interest began from incidents that have happened to friends of his. Hypothermia becomes a problem now, because of the change in the weather patterns and their unpredictability.

## MRA DESERT MOUNTAIN REGIONAL MEETING and TECHNICAL ROCK RESCUE CONFERENCE

**Coordinator:** Andy Lamb, 743-7175  
**Where:** Las Vegas, Red Rock National Conservation Area  
**When:** Saturday, October 12

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department is hosting a Technical Rock Rescue Conference in the Red Rock National Conservation Area west of Las Vegas Nevada. All MRA teams in the

Desert Mountain Region are welcome. This is the time to work closely with other MRA teams in High Angle Rescue Techniques and Helicopter Operations. The Red Rock National Conservation Area is becoming one of the premier rock climbing areas in the country. Plenty of vertical sandstone cliffs and deep narrow canyons to work out our rescue skills.

The training exercise will be at Lost Creek in the Red Rock Conservation Area on Saturday the 12th at 0900 hrs. Everyone must be ready to go by 0900 hrs. for a full day with full technical rope rescue gear, a day pack with plenty of water, and ready for helicopter operation (also bring eye protection, cows tail, and ear protection). All ropes and other gear will be provided. T-shirts will be on sale commemorating the event with the Technical Rock Rescue Conference logo on the back with the MRA symbol on the front.

Any one planning on attending this conference contact Andy Lamb, 743-7175, for more details.

### MONTHLY TRAINING

#### HELICOPTER PRACTICE AND ORIENTATION

**Presenter:** Nate Shechter, 887-3714  
**Where:** TMC Helipad  
**When:** 13:00, Saturday, October 19  
**Meet:** TMC, Parking lot west of Helipad

This is an orientation to the DPS helicopter, for both Members and Candidates. It is mandatory for Candidates currently in the OEC class.

#### 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.

If you have questions about your qualifications please call Andy Lamb or check your mail for little yellow post cards.

### OEC REFRESHER

**Presenter:** Mt. Lemmon Ski Patrol  
Contact Nate Shechter, 887-3714, for more information  
**Where:** Ski Valley, Mt. Lemmon  
**When:** 08:00, Saturday, October 26

This is the first of three known refreshers, one as listed above, one at Sunrise Ski Area, and one SARA will hold. Packets will be available through Nate or Richard Kunz and at the October SARA meeting. We hope to have the SARA refresher in January. Instructors please call Steve Simi if you can help. Be aware our instructor refresher is coming up also.

### TRAIL FAMILIARIZATION: BABOQUIVARI

by Marvin Stafford, 575-1497, [margnx@azstarnet.com](mailto:margnx@azstarnet.com)

Plans have been set for this trip during the last weekend of October. Meet at Mission and Ajo (NE quad), 09:00 Saturday, 26 October. The Summit Day will be Sunday, October 27.

The driving route is: West on Ajo Way (St Rt 86) to Three Points; South toward Sasabe (St Rt 286) to mile marker 16; West, thru metal gate, on graded road, about 2 miles to an unsigned 'Y'; take the lesser, 'two track' road to the right, toward the mountain, about 4 miles to a

locked metal gate. Take a look at the first saddle north of the peak. That will be home for the next two nights!

The walking route follows the road 3/4 mile to a ranch house (called Riggs Ranch on the old maps). Skirt north of the buildings, go past a water tank and follow a trail-of-use up the drainage that leads to the saddle. About half way up, look for a sharp right turn, right after a stream crossing. Make the final approach to the saddle from an open slope rather than from the steep, brush choked, stream bed.

I am really looking forward to this trip! I will collect names, numbers and e-mail addresses, and keep you posted. I intend to take a day hike to the saddle the weekend before, to stash some heavy climbing gear. I'd like some company, but if you don't come, don't tell my wife about it. She does not like me to hike alone.

### BASIC TRAINING I

**Presenter:** Nate Shechter, 887-3714  
**Where:** U of A Farms (portable classroom, south of bleachers)  
**When:** 18:00, Monday, October 28  
**Meet:** U of A Farms, enter off Roger Rd, east of Campbell  
This is the first module for Candidates. Info at the OEC class.

### 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

### SARA MONTHLY TRAINING MINE RESCUE

**Presenters:** John Perchorowicz, Dave Brown, Nate Shechter  
**Where:** Grand Mogul Mine  
**When:** 07:30, Saturday, November 16  
**Meet:** Orange Grove & I-10

**The Scenario:** A couple recently acquired a plot of land near Ragged Top Mountain. The Grand Mogul Mine sits on their property. Previous owners had set up the mine as a water supply for livestock, since it was flooded. The water quality is not the best. Looking down the mine the owners detected that in addition to a water supply, the previous owners also used it as a place to store used appliances, etc. Neither has a desire to work in this vertical space. But, being the neat, and clean individuals that they are and concerned for the environment, the owners decided to hire three local entrepreneurs to clean up the appliance shop. The clean up begins Friday afternoon while the owners are away in Tucson. Curly descends down the vertical shaft on an existing metal ladder and manages to secure a rope around a refrigerator. He says that he will wait in safety in a drift he has discovered off of the main shaft, while the refrigerator is hauled to the surface by Larry and Moe. The hauling operation goes as planned. They shout down to Curly that they are ready for him to secure the next appliance, but get no response. Repeated calling yields nothing. Moe and Larry are afraid of the dark and heights and will not descend to find their comrade. Knowing that Curly is lazy and a practical joker they assume that he has either fallen asleep or is hiding. Darkness comes, with no sign of Curly. Looking down the shaft they see no light from Curly's flashlight. Teasing about dinner being served also brings no response. Moe sends Larry into town to phone the owners, who arrive some hours later and make the decision that this is best handled by others. One drives to a phone and calls 911.

The responding deputy puts out a page, SARA has been requested to search the mine and find Curly. A map exists for the mine. The mine consists of a near-vertical shaft and two drifts. It is uncertain whether both are under the level of water pumped from the shaft. The pump is at 140 feet and is submerged. Individuals should be prepared to descent via this route. There is no ventilation system.

**The Training:** Please be prepared to depart by 07:40 (vehicles gassed, carpools formed, doughnuts bought, equipment loaded), since the site is 30-45 minutes away. A brief orientation about the mine and mine safety will be presented prior to beginning the exercise. In order to expose the largest number of people to different aspects of the operation, those with experience are asked to participate as team members rather than leaders. This will be treated as an unknown space. Air quality will be monitored and precautions must be taken not to dislodge or trust the ground forming the walls of the shaft.

**The Objective:** This training is primarily to hone the skills associated with confined space rescue in an area with less stable ground than a cave. The secondary objective is to gain experience in team and leadership positions, problem solving and tasks that one may not have had opportunity to participate in at an actual operation, like team leader, rigging systems, victim packaging and handling.

Best estimate is that the training will end around noon with a group discussion and debriefing. The owners, SARA member Cindy Coping and her husband have graciously allowed us to practice on their property. However, they have made it clear that they know little about the condition of the mine. Nate Shechter has made a descent to check things out and Dave Brown and I have at least peered over the collar. See you there! Following the training there will be a pot luck at the site. Bring a dish to share.

#### **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

#### **THE SARA VIDEO**

The taping of the SARA video has been moved to the weekend of October 12-13. The video will be used for fund raising and showing about SARA. A search scene and a rescue scene will be taped. We will need several members for the scenes, and as a schedule is finalized Bill Kelleman and Bill Graff will be assigning the times for people to show up for their scene. Be sure to wear an orange SARA shirt. Contact Andy Lamb or Nate Shechter if you have any questions.

#### **MRA INFORMATION**

*by Andy Lamb, 743-7175*

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

**Sponsor: SARA !!**

**Where: White Mountains**

**When: February, 1997**

#### **NOTE FROM JOHN SIMS**

I wished to make it to one of the general meetings to give the official news, but my mastery of time management once again failed me. If you haven't yet heard I have enlisted in the Coast Guard. At the time of this printing I will already have shipped out. I am off to

Cape May, New Jersey for bootcamp. At this time I have no idea where I will be shipped to after boot. I hope to go to Oregon, Washington or somewhere on the left coast.

I wanted to spend a few words to thank all of you. I am thankful that I have had the opportunity to be part of this great organization. The dedication and skill that is employed in our operations has always meant a lot to me. My short time in SARA has been probably the best time I have had. I know that it has helped develop my love for SAR and the Outdoors. I hope now to learn about another realm of SAR work as I try my hand at Maritime SAR. I hope to continue my association with SARA and SARCI. I will try to get my dues in on time. Until I get a real address I can be reached through my parents at 505 N. Medford Dr. Tucson, AZ 87510. Good luck, Be safe, and See Ya Later. John Sims

### **CALLOUT REVIEWS**

*by Mary and Andy Lamb, 743-7175*

#### **Summary of Data**

**Reporting Period:** 28 August - 21 September 96    **Callouts:** 4  
**SARCI People:** --    **Total Hours:** ---    **Hours/Person:** --

**SAT 7 SEP: CALL 96.???** Rescue of a 15 year old male at Tanque Verde Falls. The victim apparently slipped from the rocks and fell about 15 into the pool above the Main Falls, and was reported to be unconscious. The victim was pulled out of the water by companions. TJ and Rural Metro paramedics tended to the patient, while a haul system was being setup. Ranger 38 rigged for a short-haul, and lifted the victim up to the helispot where he was placed inside the helicopter and flown to TMC.

?? people, ?? hours, R38, RMFD

**SUN 8 SEP: CALL 96.???** Rescue of hiker having a seizure, secondary to recent brain surgery, on the Green Mountain Trail 3/4 of a mile from San Pedro Vista. We assisted MLFD with the carryout. ?? people, ?? hours, MLFD

**SAT 14 SEP: CALL 96.???** Rescue of a 20 year old male fall victim near San Pedro Vista. The victim apparently had been hiking with two friends when they climbed up to the top of a rock outcropping just off the Green Mtn Trail, 100 yards east of the parking area. The victim somehow slipped and fell about 100 feet with his fall broken by some trees. The Mount Lemmon Sheriff Deputy was the first to the scene, followed closely by the Mount Lemmon Fire Paramedics. The victim had severe trauma with head, chest, and other injuries. A haul system was being setup, while Ranger 38 short-hauled the victim to the parking lot. The victim was in serious condition and was worked for a short period in the parking lot before being flown to TMC by Ranger 38.

?? people, ?? hours, MLFD, R38, RMFD 84

**THU 19 SEP: CALL 96.???** The Search and Recovery Divers were requested for a drowning in Big Lake near Springerville in Eastern Arizona. Divers left in the late evening, and were near Springerville in the early morning when they were notified that the recovery had already been made. It made for a long drive but they were back in Tucson by noon on Friday.

5 people, 72 hours

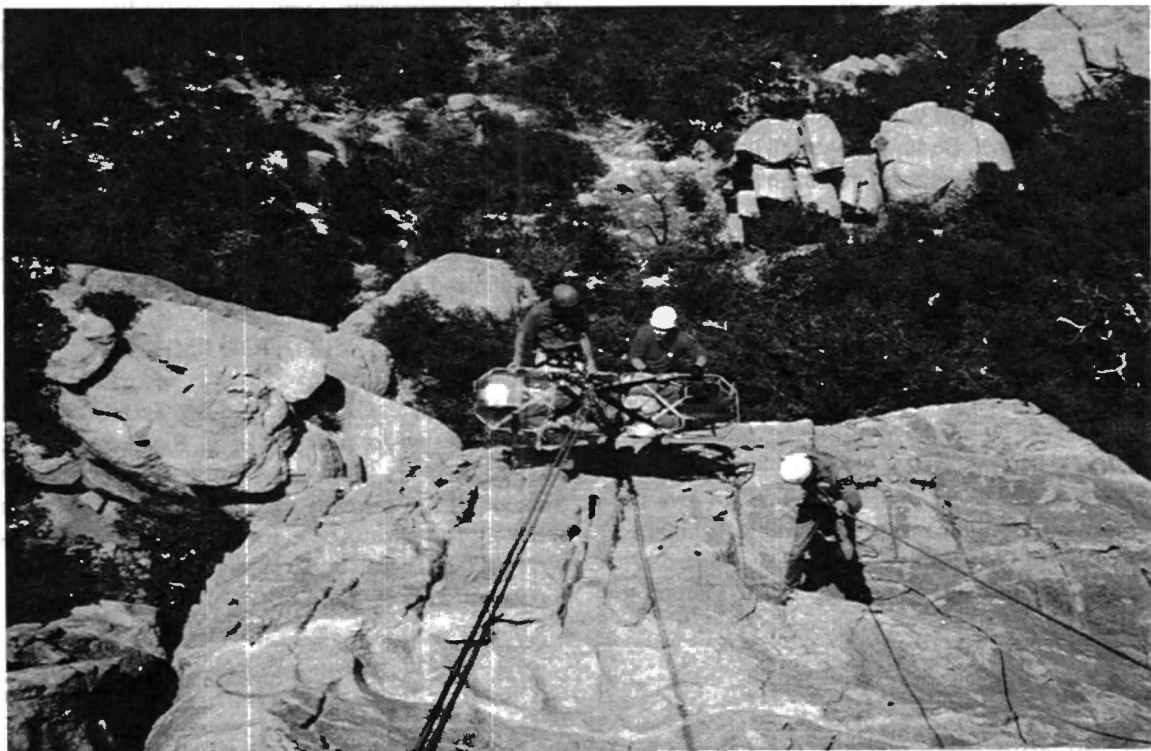
## AMATEUR RADIO

by Mykle Raymond, 793-2303

Congratulations to Henry Jacobs, now KC7SUR !!



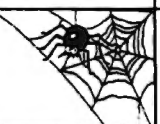
The SweetWater Repeater has not been very useable since Larry Brewster took down his tower while preparing for his move BackEast. Plans are being made to move the repeater to the east side of town.


Another repeater in the Tucson Mtns foothills provides similar coverage. Chuck Michaels KB7RFI, has offered his repeater for our use. So far, it sounds like the repeater has at least as good a signal, and it is a lot better in most places. 447.875 MHz, tone 88.5.





# SARCI CALENDAR 1996

| 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 • SARA videotape<br>• MRA Red Rocks       |
| 13 • CAP<br>• Divers | 14  | 15      | 16 • SARCI | 17  | 18 Don't forget! Newsletter Deadline  | 19 • SARA Trng. Helicopter                   |
| 20 • CAP             | 21   | 22      | 23         | 24 • Posse mtg.<br>• SARA Board   | 25   | 26 • SARA Recert.<br>• Ski Patrol OEC Recert |
| 27 • CAP             | 28 • SARA Basic I  | 29      | 30         | 31  |  |  |

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

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

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**PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE**

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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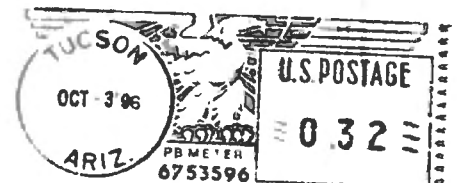
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