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SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

Pima County Fair

April 10 - 20

Several groups are planning on having displays at the fair.

HUG-A-TREE

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

1996 was an exceptional year for the presentation of Hug-A-Tree throughout Pima County.

Not only were we able to help get a program up and running in the Willcox area, thanks to Mark Roethle in Cochise Co. SAR, but here in our own area we spoke to almost 5100 school children. Mind you, not all of those presentations were to large groups. One small private school of only 5 grade-school-aged kids heard the program back in December!

Heartfelt thanks to all our hard working presenters: Gary Copus, Jim Gilbreath, Bill Graff, Loma Griffith, Mary and Andy Lamb, and Rich White. Thanks to Posse presenters Austin Boosted, Mac McCaslin, and Jeanne McNiell.

The Hug-A-Tree program has proven over the years to be a valuable safety program, and with continued support from all Pima Co. SAR units, its message will be heard for another couple of decades!

AIRTOUCH PAGING COMPANY

by Bill Kelleman, 297-4642

As most of you know Airtouch Paging company is our paging company. I would like to remind everybody that when dealing with these folks a gentle approach actually works better. I understand the frustrations that we sometimes have perhaps better than anyone as I share them tenfold. Recently a volunteer demanded that a group tone be added to a pager, without an authorization letter. This put Airtouch in a delicate balance problem of trying to please us and yet allow us the controls to manage. This same individual was trying to manipulate the system to their advantage and was caught. With that aside I ask that any pager problems or requests for new pager letters be directed to myself. We put a lot of time face to face with the Airtouch people and really enjoy some good pricing and good service.

TUCSON COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by 1lt Darell New, 290-9501

No report, must be out flying.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

PLEASE NOTE TRAINING CHANGES:

SRDI CALENDAR

March Training: Finger Rock Trail	08:00	Sun. Mar 2
North end of Alvernon		
Training Committee Meeting	18:30-20:00	Wed. Mar 5
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy		
Board Meeting	20:00-21:00	Wed. Mar 5
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy		
General Meeting	19:00-21:00	Thu. Mar 13
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy		
Specialty Training: Evidence/Urban	08:00	Sun. Mar 16
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy		
Tracking around the Terry residence,		
with a B-B-Q to follow Sunday evening!		
Training Committee Meeting	18:30-20:00	Wed. Apr 2
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy		
Board Meeting	20:00-21:00	Wed. Apr 2
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy		
April Training:	07:00	Sun. Apr 6
Fort Lowell Park, east parking lot.		
General Meeting	19:00-20:00	Thu. Apr 10
Pima Co. Fairground, Houghton south of I-10		
We'll continue to set up the booth after the meeting!		
Specialty Training: TBA		
Pima Co. Fairground		

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Bob Siegel, 722-1358

POSSE CALENDAR

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

Well, we had 16 members in the Rodeo Parade, we rode in the Grand Entry daily at the Rodeo, took part in the flag raising ceremony at the reopening of Old Tucson, and put on a successful gymkhana last week. Also -- Look out Jasper, our captain is toying with a mule.

PIMA CO. SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

by Fran Kunz, 886-2216

DIVER'S CALENDAR

March Training: 09:00, Sun, Mar 9
Black Mountain Reservoir
Meet at "Valencia and I-19": ABCO Parking Lot SW quad of
Valencia and Midvale, west of I-19.

April Training: 08:00, Sun Apr 13
CAP Canal

The last divers' callout was Feb 8 to look again for evidence in the cattle tank (really a small pond offering 45 degree water and zero visibility) off the Sonoita Highway. Using new plots of the tank and underwater metal detectors, a team of 5 Pima County S&R divers, 2 SARCI support persons and other divers found no evidence.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA CALENDAR

SARA General Meeting 19:30 Fri, Mar 7
St. Marks Presbyterian Church

Special Training: Saguaro National Park 10:00 Sat, Mar 8
Cactus Forest Trailhead, Broadway east of Freeman.
SARA will assist the NPS team when the park's hasty team cannot turn up positive results. (We will be accelerating the time frame.)
We will provide searchers and management team people. This practice is scheduled to last 5 hours.

March Training: Tanque Verde Falls 08:00 Sat, Mar 15
Circle-K, east of Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop
We will practice one of our standard evacuation routes, and refamiliarize ourselves with anchors & routes at this area.

Advanced Training: Trolley System 12:30 Sat, Mar 15
Tanque Verde Falls parking area.
We will set up probably our most complicated system. If enough members show up we can play with a live load type of system.

SARA Board Meeting 19:30 Thu, Mar 27
U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers)

Stokes Derby 09:30 Sat, Mar 29
Meet: Circle-K, east of Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop
Where: Tanque Verde Falls, SARA Trail
Last year was fun so I was told. This year lets make it a party.
There will be an entry fee for each team. It will be to pay for the BBQ afterwards.
Other rescue teams are invited. T-shirts will be for sale (approximate cost \$6.50).
Don't forget to call Nate and enter your team. Categories will be the same as last year: a men's, a women's, and a mixed category.

SARA Potluck 18:30 Fri, Apr 4
U of A Farms, Roger Road west of Campbell Ave

SARA Annual Meeting 20:00 Fri, Apr 4
U of A Farms, Roger Road west of Campbell Ave
Board of Directors Election

April Training: Vertical Rope work Sat, Apr 19
Pima Co. Fair

Field Skills Recertification 09:00 Sat, Apr 26
Himmel Park, S.E. Corner

ELECTIONS

The next SARA Board of Directors will be elected at the annual meeting in April (the best part is the Potluck before the meeting). Nominations may be made at the March General Meeting (with the blessing of each nominee!). The Nominating Committee and members at the February Meeting have nominated the following, so far:

Monte Richardson	Jeff Brucker	Mark Romero
Pam Phillips	Frances Walker	Nate Shechter
Doug Marcoux	John Perchorowicz	Rich Kunz

Note: to be eligible to cast your vote, you must be a full member or support member of SARA, and be fully field qualified (Medical and Field Skills certifications up to date).

OUTDOOR DAY

SARA folks interested in helping out Tuesday, March 11 at Saguaro National Park (East) with a Gridley Middle School outdoor day, please contact Pam Phillips, 218-5242. We need to be there at 9:00 am and it will last till about 2:30. Bring your lunch!

Working with Other Rescue Groups

by Andy Lamb, 743-7175

At 04:00, Sunday, February 9, 1997 the Pima County Sheriff's Department received a call for assistance from Maricopa County for a rescue of a fall victim at Lost Dutchman State Park, north of Apache Junction. Deputy Doug Myrvold contacted SARA and a limited call was put out for technical people to respond for a 200 foot lower. Six people responded and drove up to Apache Junction arriving at 07:30.

Groups such as CAMRA have different ways of doing things.

1. CAMRA uses a person to marshal the helicopter.
2. CAMRA prefers to use prussiks rather than rescucenders.
3. CAMRA uses load releasing hitches.
4. CAMRA uses a double prussik for their belay lines.
5. CAMRA has a tendency to use callsigns rather than names on the radio (they must share their freqs with non-rescue agencies).
6. CAMRA uses an attendant on long line/short haul extrications.
7. CAMRA wears orange jump suits

It was nice to see that the two groups could work together. SARA provided the equipment and setup the anchors. Two CAMRA rescuers were lowered 400' to the victim, then another 200' to the ground. SARA people handled the lowers while CAMRA people handled the belay lines (that's FOUR 600' ropes). It was good to see the cooperation between the two groups and the rescue was carried out in a timely manner.

Things to remember: When working with another group, they may do things differently than we do. The number one rule is that you must look out for your safety and the safety of the rescue team. We must ensure that everything is done safely (from both groups point-of-view).

Take the opportunity to train and work with other groups when you can. You will be surprised with the different rescue techniques you will learn. And the debate between the use of rescucenders and prussiks will continue for many years.

Mykle sez: Note also that while there are some differences between our procedures, there are many more similarities between our ways of doing things.

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

MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION

by Andy Lamb 743-7175 103217.1167@compuserve.com

SPRING MEETING

June 13, 14, and 15, 1997

Provo, Utah

Hosted by Central Arizona Mountain Rescue Association

Note from Nate Shechter:

SARA should have felt a little embarrassed on Feb 8. We were unable to field a team for the regional MRA practice in Flagstaff. We were not even able to provide enough evaluators for the other groups.

The MRA is going through growth right now. They are trying to make MRA groups accountable to a national standard. While we may not have to worry about this in Pima County now, at some point we might. NASAR and the NFPA are coming up with national standards. The MRA is trying to keep up.

The MRA is not necessary for our group but it is a nice feather in our cap. SARA went through growing pains also and it has developed itself into the group it is today. We should decide if the MRA is important to us and if so support it.



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CALLOUT REVIEWS

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Summary of Data

Reporting Period: 01 January - 23 February Callouts: 5
SARCI People: 41 Total Hours: 198 Hours/Person: 4.8

Reporting Period: 27 January - 23 February Callouts: 1
SARCI People: 6 Total Hours: 104 Hours/Person: 17

SUN 9 FEB: CALL 97.??? Deputy Doug received a request for technical team support from Maricopa County for a rescue at Lost Dutchman State Park, north of Apache Junction. A limited call was made for technical people to support a 200 foot lower for an injured hiker. A team of six arrived at Apache Junction a little after daybreak.

A rescuer from CAMRA was injured during the first attempt to get to the victim when the victim began throwing rocks at the rescue team. The rescuer suffered an open fracture of his lower right arm. The SARA team helped receive the injured rescuer when he was long lined to the parking lot at basecamp by Ranger 41.

A Pinal Co. SWAT team made voice contact with the original victim, who appeared to be cooperative. A SARA team of three plus a CAMRA person were dropped on top of the cliff by Ranger, as backup to plans from the base of the cliff. When CAMRA people arrived from Flagstaff (MRA Recertification), the primary approach was decided to be from the top, and a second team was airlifted to the top with additional equipment.

Two lower systems, two 600' ropes each, were setup and two CAMRA rescuers were lowered 400' to the victim. A rescuer secured the victim and attached him to the rope, then the two were lowered another 200' to the scree slope at the base (there was about 10 feet of rope left). The other rescuer was then lowered to the scree slope. Ranger 41 picked up the team on top after the sun had set in the west.

The victim had spent two nights in a saddle on a sharp ridge. He climbed without equipment, then fell, sustaining a mild concussion, an ankle injury, plus dehydration. Wearing only shorts, the night cold was very uncomfortable. He imagined other people nearby, and got no response to requests for help until late the second day. Apparently he felt threatened by rescuers approaching in the night, but does not remember throwing any rocks. His normal frame of mind is very polite. It is possible that an extra effort to maintain voice contact with a victim with a head injury may help him concentrate on what is real.

Both victims were released after a couple of days in the hospital. Two ropes were stuck, and CAMRA retrieved them several days later. 6 people, 104 hours, CAMRA, R41

Quality gear...for when it counts!



SUMMIT HUT

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March 1997

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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16 SRDI Training	17	18	19	20	21	22
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April 1997

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Meet 4th Thu 19:00,

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.

PIMA COUNTY SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

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Meet 2nd Sun 09:00, details inside.

TUCSON COMPOSITE SQUADRON 109, C.A.P.

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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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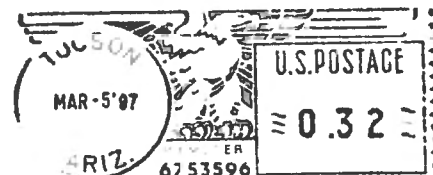
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