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FROM THE EDITORS

Drexel Jones sent an E-Mail saying they have made it to Wyoming and are working with a search and rescue dog unit. He also wanted everyone to know his new Ham call is KC7WWL.

People responding to calls are reminded to meet at the designated rendezvous. Additional information may be available, the number of vehicles can be minimized, people without radios can be combined with those that have them, and teams may receive assignments, all of which are part of an organized response. Also, those with less SAR experience can benefit from those with more, especially considering the SARA Candidate program.

People who have a significantly shorter route to the call area than via rendezvous, are requested to contact a Rescue vehicle about responding directly (keep it very brief, they are busy listening for relevant tidbits on several channels, plus trying to get thru traffic). On a Search this is less of a priority than on a Rescue.

For those who can respond quickly to a call, but whose route requires backtracking to rendezvous, consider where you are of more use at the beginning of a SAR response: helping set up rendezvous and getting the Rescue trucks moving more quickly, or heading directly to the call area (to do what?). Do you have the materials to start a message for the cone, and a response list? You don't have to have a cone, nor do you need the official sign-in form, you don't even need a radio!! (although it sure helps if the first Rescue vehicle knows what you are providing) Just do what you can with what you have, and many thanks in advance.

Remember, if only a few people are required to handle the call, why are SAR volunteers needed?

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Doug Myrvold

DIVER'S CALENDAR

July Training: Parker Canyon Lake 08:00, Sun July 13
Meet: TBA
August Training: Patagonia Lake 08:00, Sun Aug 10
Meet: Kunz's at 08:00

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

SARCI CALENDAR

Council Meeting 19:30 Wed. July 16
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

We're working on an updated telephone list to be included with a newsletter soon. Please ensure that your information is up to date. Updated information can be left on the SARCI voice mail (that's 295-4554 for those of you that don't do callouts), or by email to amlamb@compuserve.com or mykle@zong.com.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Dan McPhedran, 749-3634 & Jerry Simmons, 298-0039

POSSE CALENDAR

Posse Board Meeting 19:00 Thu. July 10
Posse General Meeting 19:00 Thu. July 24
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

No report submitted.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

SRDI CALENDAR

July Training: Overnight & Tracking 18:00 Sat, July 12
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
July Training: Overnight & Tracking Sun, July 13
Contact Pam for group plans for the day.
Training Committee Meeting 18:30-20:00 Wed, July 02
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Board Meeting 20:00-21:00 Wed, July 02
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Specialty Training: Peña Blanca Lake 07:00 Sun, July 27
I-19 & Valencia, or 09:00 at the lake
All "2-legged" participants MUST have a current CPR card, and bring a copy with you if it is not currently on file.
Training Committee Meeting 18:30-20:00 Wed, Aug 06
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Board Meeting 20:00-21:00 Wed, Aug 06
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.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

General Meeting	<u>19:30 Fri July 04</u>
Pot luck at Ft. Lowell Park	
July Training: River Rescue	<u>07:30 Sat July 19</u>
Oracle and Magee, to Gila River, Hwy 73, milepost 141.3	
Board Meeting	<u>19:30 Thu July 24</u>
U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers)	
Field Skills Recertification	<u>??:?? Sat July 26</u>
TBA	
General Meeting	<u>19:30 Fri Aug 01</u>
St.Mark's Presbyterian Church	
Medical Skills Practice	<u>08:00 Sat Aug 02</u>
Himmel Park	
August Training: Technical Rescue	<u>??:?? Sat Aug 16</u>
TBA	

4th of JULY FAMILY PICNIC

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

SARA's general meeting for July will be held at Ft. Lowell Park Ramada #3 (beside pond). Potluck/BBQ with SARA supplying hot dogs and burgers. Bring a dish to pass. A rescue vehicle will be "holding down the fort" by noon so come by during the day and play with gear! Eats will start about 7:30, bring a chair to watch fireworks to the north.

Program: Swift Water Rescue and Fireworks, by Nate.

SARA DUES ARE DUE

The annual SARA Dues are \$15.00 per year. Members will be dropped if they haven't paid their dues by July, 1997. *That's THIS month. (Yeah, you're REALLY late!)*

SARA REGATTA (River Rescue Training)

by Nate Shechter, 887-3714

The regatta is on, the water may be shallow but the practice is necessary. The regatta is necessary for seeing how the human anatomy sinks. The bottom part anyway. This practice is necessary for everyone. The local fire departments may be called first but we are frequently called to assist. Should there be a backcountry call or one in Sabino Canyon or places similar to this we are the team to go. Persons who wish to enter the water will need a wet suit and PFD and have made a pool practice within the last three years. Wet suits in the past have been made available through Desert Divers.

MEDICAL SKILLS PRACTICE

by Cindy Coping

Cindy Coping has scheduled a Medical Skills Practice for Saturday, August 2, starting at 08:00 at Himmel Park. The purpose of the practice is to give everyone an opportunity to practice the medical skills before the OEC refreshers scheduled for this fall.

BLS Course: CPR for the Professional Rescuer

Adult, infant and child CPR, one and two man rescuer, use of pocket resuscitation mask and bag valve mask. Red Cross certificate upon successful completion of course. Cost \$20. A pocket rescue mask is required (\$10.00 at class). Time and place to be arranged: call Frances Walker, 790-9399

IS THERE A BUILDING IN SARA'S FUTURE?

by John Perchorowicz, 529-0080

The people of southern Arizona have relied on the efforts of SARA for over 35 years. Over these years, hundreds of volunteers have passed through SARA. Through their generosity equipment and vehicles are stored all over the Tucson area. This geographic dispersal has made tracking and maintaining records and equipment difficult. Moreover, SARA has no facility to call its own, no place to hold classes and meetings which help to unify the group into a cohesive team and build relationships among members, and no place to provide a sense of continuity, past accomplishments, and history on which to build.

A consistent venue where many SARA-related activities can take place will help in the recruitment, integration and long term retention of members. Having monthly meeting, board meetings and classes in a variety of venues makes it difficult for prospective members and candidates to identify with the organization. Functions held in a single location will introduce new members to past accomplishments and reinforce the tradition of service on which SARA prides itself.

The SARA Board representing the membership has long been interested in obtaining a permanent home. Precipitated in part by the possible near term availability of an existing building, two proposals are being considered: obtaining the existing building, or designing and constructing a building from scratch. Either of these options will require that SARA raise substantial funds, unlike anything we have embarked upon in the past. The creation of the SARA video was a first step in that process.

The board will be considering whether this is the time to embark on such a project. How should the membership participate in the process if SARA goes forward? Many options are possible: increasing dues, solicitation of donations from the membership and community, and inventorying the skills and aptitudes of the membership which will be useful in guiding and accomplishing the goal. The task will not be an easy one. It will require a sustained effort including the raising of between \$50,000 and \$150,000 over the period of several years. These funds would provide for the building and its maintenance in perpetuity.

Your input is solicited. Please feel free to contact a member of the board or planning committee to express yourself.

NASAR Dues

by Andy Lamb, 743-7175

The National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR) has changed their annual dues policy and the SARA Board of Directors would like input from the membership on what SARA should do regarding the annual dues SARA pays to NASAR. The NASAR letter states:

“As of January 1, 1997, the current Agency and Organizational Categories have been combined to one category called Organizational and the cost will be \$150 for renewals (this includes one designated representative who will be considered a “voting member”; plus a roster list of up to 30 members who will be considered “non-voting members”).

The organizational membership entitles SARA to: Five Sets of the NASAR Publications Package; One ID card for the designated representative and One ID card for each roster member; and discounts to all NASAR sponsored activities based on the “Voting/non-voting” status of SARA’s membership.

So, one of the thoughts is: if fifteen people want to continue SARA’s membership in NASAR and are willing to put \$10 each into the pot they would be listed on the roster. Another thought is to raise the annual SARA dues to cover the cost. Let a board member know your thoughts or contact Andy Lamb at 743-7175.

CANDIDATE PROGRAM

The next opportunity to join SARA is August 12th. The candidate program begins with an introduction to Search and Rescue on Tuesday, August 12th, in the Tumbleweed Room at TMC. Candidates are taken on a hike to introduce them to what is required to get equipment to the scene where help is needed. The hike is scheduled for Saturday, August 16th. After the introduction and the hike, if they are still interested in joining SARA those who do not meet the minimum medical qualification may enroll in the Outdoor Emergency Care course schedule to start Tuesday, August 19th. Those who already have the medical qualification are required to attend the Saturday classes of the OEC class to introduce them to treating someone in the field.

Basic I & II will be held Saturday, October 11th & 25th. All candidates are required to attend Basic I & II.

Any questions, please call Mary Lamb, 743-7175

FIELD QUALIFICATION RECORDS

Andy Lamb is the keeper of the Field Qualification Records. These records include the field qualification records, the medical certifications, OEC refresher completion records, and CPR certifications. All SARA members must make sure that a current copy of your certifications/ records are on file to be field qualified. Andy does not want your certificate or training/ recertification card. So please send only photocopies when you get a new card/ certificate, then you can’t blame Andy for losing them. If you have any questions please call Andy.

NOTICE TO OEC TECHNICIANS

Mark Your Calendar

The Outdoor Emergency Care refresher is a three-year recertification program for OEC technicians. The Outdoor Emergency Care certification is good for three years. Satisfactory completion of three consecutive OEC refreshers along with payment of the OEC fee will generate OEC recertification cards for a three year period. OEC technicians must complete the OEC refresher each year. Any OEC technician who completed a full OEC course after May 31 of the refresher year is exempt from taking that year’s refresher.

If you are unclear if your refreshers are current contact Andy Lamb because many of SARA’s OEC technicians have missed previous refreshers and will need to take the full OEC course again.

SARA OEC Technicians have a minimum of four opportunities to complete the ‘97-’98 refresher. Plan to attend one.

OEC Instructors Refresher

August 23, 1997

This refresher is for the instructors. Contact Rich Kunz.

SARA’s OEC Refresher

September 6, 1997

Most SARA OEC technicians should plan to attend.

Sunrise Ski Patrol’s Refresher

October ??, 1997

Mt. Lemmon Ski Patrol’s Refresher

November 01, 1997

CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Andy & Mary Lamb, 743-7175 amlamb@compuserve.com

Summary of Data

Reporting Period: 01 Jan - 25 June	Callouts: 31
SARCI People: 361	Total Hours: 1095
	Hours/Person: 3.0
	Calls/Week: 1.2
Reporting Period: 29 May - 25 June	Callouts: 6
SARCI People: 91	Total Hours: 152
	Hours/Person: 3.1

SUN 01 JUNE CALL 97.026 Rescue of a 15 year old female with an ankle injury at the lower dam in Sabino Canyon. Rural Metro responded to the call and requested assistance in moving the victim to the road. A short carry out was performed to get the patient to the ambulance. 20 people, 20 hours, RMFD

SUN 08 JUNE CALL 97.027 Rescue of a 32 year old male with a wrist and lower leg injury suffered during a 10' fall near Gates Pass in the Tucson Mountains. Northwest Fire Department got the initial call and had a crew work their way up to the patient arriving shortly after Ranger 32 dropped off it's medic and reserve. No one got into the field but assisted the Ranger crew with their helicopter. 24 people, 36 hours, NWFD, R32

WED 11 JUNE CALL 97.028 Rescue of a 41 year old female horse rider who fell and was dehydrated. Nick and Jasper met her on the road while driving into the Cargodera Canyon area. 6 people, 6 hours

THU 12 JUNE CALL 97.029 Assist of a 13 year old male stranded by dark in the Geology Fork of Willow Canyon (below Geology Vista) after leaving a group following an argument. Voice contact was made from Geology Vista, and Mt Lemmon Fire, Forest Service, and counselors slid into the canyon, then up the other side to meet the boy. The group made their way out to the BirdsEye parking area without undue difficulty. SAR people remained at rendezvous. 6 people, 6 hours, MLFD, USFS

SAT 21 JUNE CALL 97.030 Search for a 16 year old male who dropped behind a church group hiking from their camp at the General Hitchcock Campground in the Catalina Mountains. Ranger 38 searched the area as we were responding and was unable to locate the subject. The subject was found hiking back to the camp about 100 yards up the trail by the first ground team. 18 people, 29 hours, R38

TUE 24 JUNE CALL 97.031 Rescue of a male and female reported stranded near Chivo Falls in Redington Pass area. The reporting party had been riding mountain bikes in the area and came upon two individuals whose vehicle apparently became stranded and they were in the process of hiking out to the road. The mountain bikers waited until they got home to call 911. MEDS dispatched RMFD and an ambulance along with Search and Rescue. A search of the

area near the parking lot and a search from the air by TPD's AIR ONE came up empty. Some tracks were found which suggested that the individuals made it to the parking lot and may have got a ride to town. 17 people, 55 hours, RMFD, TPD AIR ONE



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Meet 4th Thu 19:00
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

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.

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Meet each Sun 18:00, Building 3220, DMAFB

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