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FROM THE EDITORS

TALL TAILS FROM THAILAND

by email: "Bill Kelleman" <handyman@box1.a-net.net.th>

Well, thought I would give you an update about life in the land that time forgot. Two nights ago at 3:00 am (our time that is), the whole compound that we live in exploded and created the largest display of fireworks that I ever woke up in the middle of the night to witness.

It seems that a snake, no A LARGE #\$\$#\$% SNAKE, decided to put some mating moves on the transformer behind our hooches. The transformer balked, apparently wanting no part of this courtship, and decided to blow up. The way that things are wired around here creates some interesting results. The circuit breakers that were supposed to trip, didn't. The sudden surge of power created by one line shorting actually lit the other two lines on fire for their whole length. That was not good, but quite spectacular. The power spike destroyed anything that was plugged in. We didn't get to see some of this until morning, as not many of us wanted to venture out any more than we had to.

While this light display was going on, the concrete pole that all of this was attached to caught fire. Somebody called the Base Fire Dept. and much to their credit they arrived shortly. We went into shock as they approached and we see them and the Fire truck (note I said truck). This thing has no ladders or hoses but it did have people on it. These guys get out and Oh Boy, no pants or shoes. But they DID have jackets on. They borrowed my flashlight and cautiously approached the pole like it was a big mongoose.

I was peering around the corner of our brick wall. The pilots thought this odd of me and walked around to get a better look. About that time the third line charged back at the transformer and blew shards of ceramic insulator all over the place. You never saw so many guys hit the ground so fast. After that I noticed all of these same people behind me. Not so funny now, huh!!!!

Later that morning we watched with fascination as they climbed the concrete pole and removed pieces of the largest Boa Constrictor that I have ever seen. I didn't want to meet that fellow in the dark! You think city workers have it made. We watched as 15 people climbed the poles and replaced everything in sight. The power spike that went into the hooches is still another story, and it will be a while before we see the end. Well, thought you might get a chuckle! Bill

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

Congratulations to deputies Jess Hartman and Scott Lonergan, who have been named SAR Reserve Officers. Pat McGhee has been promoted to Sergeant, and we wish him well. We've worked with Jess several times, and Scott is getting broken in quickly!

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

SRDI CALENDAR

- August Training: TBA** Sun, Aug 03
TBA
- Training Committee Meeting** 18:30-20:00Wed, Aug 06
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
- Board Meeting** 20:00-21:00Wed, Aug 06
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
- General Meeting** 19:00-21:00Thur, Aug 14
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Basic Training, night #2
- Specialty Training: Arivaca Lake** 07:00 Sun, Aug 17
I-19 & Valencia (09:00 at the lake)
All participants need current CPR card.

It's almost time for SRDI's annual yard sale fund raiser!

So clean out that closet, root through all those boxes in storage, pack up the kid's clothes that are too small and donate all those left over items to the dog team yard sale! Usable furniture, appliances (large and small), books, clothes, tools, toys, sporting goods, camping equipment, remodeling left overs anything that still has some life left in it!

Tentatively planned for late Sept/early Oct. so start collecting for us now. Contact Pam (218-5242) with questions or donations. Thanks for the continued 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 Dan McPhedran, 749-3634 & Jerry Simmons, 298-0039

POSSE CALENDAR

Posse Board Meeting 19:00 Thu. Aug 14
Posse General Meeting 19:00 Thu. Aug 28
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

No report submitted.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Doug Myrvold

DIVER'S CALENDAR

August Training: Patagonia Lake 08:00, Sun Aug 10
Meet: Kunz's at 08:00
September Training: Black Mtn. Res. 08:00, Sun Sept 14
Meet: Kunz's at 08:00
Maricopa Dive Seminar

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

General Meeting 19:30 Fri Aug 1
St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Program: Mock Rescue Exercise, by Leroy Kehl.
Medical Skills Practice 08:00 Sat Aug 02
Himmel Park
Candidate Program 18:30-22:00 Tues Aug 12
Tumbleweed Room, Marshall Auditorium, TMC
Introduction to Search and Rescue
August Training: Technical Rescue 08:00 Sat Aug 16
St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Board Meeting 19:30 Thu Aug 28
U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers)
Sept. Training: Search & Tracking ??:?? Sat Sep 20
TBA
Mine Rescue Training Sat Sep 27
TBA
Grand Canyon Cleanup Sat Oct 11
Contact Scott Clemans for details.

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

TRAINING

by Bill Graff, 297-0457

Thanks to Nate Shechter and everyone who attended the River Rescue Training. The training went very well and a good time was had as always. The team practiced and learned river rescue techniques as well as participated in extrication practice with the helicopter. The practice concluded with the traditional float down the river.

TECHNICAL RESCUE EXERCISE

by Leroy Kehl, 885-6362

The Technical Rescue Exercise will be a mock search and rescue mission at Rappel Rock. Rendezvous is at 106 at 8:00 AM on August 16. This exercise is open to all members of SARA. It is an ideal opportunity to participate in a high angle rescue. We need a good turnout to fully accomplish all the elements of this search and rescue mission. There is an important position to be filled by members and candidates of all skill levels. Anyone wishing to go over the side needs to be self sufficient in terms of ascending and descending fixed lines. This practice is not intended to teach these skills.

The following personal equipment will be required for anyone working over the edge: helmet, seat harness, (2) multi-loop/prucells straps, (5) locking carabiners, a personal belay/ rappel device, and a set of ascenders with leg loops. In addition, these personnel should have a small pack to carry food, water, rain gear, warmies, and a head lamp. This training will be a difficult challenge for all involved, don't miss it.

Scenario: Report of three overdue climbers thought to be on Rappel Rock. Unknown experience and equipment. The trio has been missing since Friday morning and the S.O. was able to confirm that the vehicle is at the trailhead.

SEARCH & RESCUE TALKS AND TRACKING TRAINING

by Rich White

The training will be held Saturday, Sept. 20th. Meeting at 106 - Time: TBA. Hopefully the U.S. Border Patrol will be available to give us a tracking demo. Should be a good exercise.

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

MEMBERSHIP

by Mary Lamb, 743-7175

Congratulations to Shannon Reilly and Douglet Marcoux for becoming members at the June meeting. They are the first candidates to become members under the SARA Candidate Program.

Also congratulations to Ron Arrington, Doug Hartley, and Chris Schultz on completion of Basic III & IV. They are now fully field qualified. Thanks to Cindy Coping and Rich White for conducting their checkout.

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

SARA BUILDING

by John Perchorowicz, 529-0080 RCT2JTP@aol.com

Last month a brief overview of the thoughts of the board appeared in this space. Richard Kunz has asked me to chair the building committee. I have accepted and will attempt on a monthly basis to keep you informed as to progress. I hope to also ask for your help. As with any project, be it a search or rescue or a longer term undertaking such as this, it will only happen with the help and input from the membership. So that you may easily provide input, from time to time at the end of each report will be a list of the committee members and their phone or e-mail addresses.

The board has officially dedicated a Building Fund into which contributions can be made. The initial funds (\$2,000) came from a donation by the Southern Arizona Hiking Club in memory of Eber Glendenning. The fund raising chairman is Mark Romero, current SARA Treasurer.

A group met with Jim Gilbreath early in July to participate in a space planning exercise. This will result in a rough design for a structure. Jim will have this available at the August meeting. It will represent the wish list of desires. It is a place to start for discussion. It does not necessarily represent the building to be built, but serves as a strategic planning document to be altered to meet SARA's needs and financial capabilities. It might for example represent a long term plan which might be built in several phases, depending upon cost. I hope that you will take advantage of reviewing it at the meeting and provide feedback to members of the board or committee.

At the outset I said I would be asking for your help in this endeavor. Many of us have skills and talents which could be useful to SARA on this project. It would be helpful to have an inventory of skills and experience to call upon during the process. By revealing your talents you need not be concerned that you will be roped into providing them. At this time it would be useful to know who has what experience so that as planning progresses we might ask your advice, either directly on a specific question or to help the committee identify or qualify non-SARA resources. Experience in any aspect of the project would be appreciated. Examples include fund raising, legal (document review and preparation), insurance (liability, construction), design and engineering of plans, overall construction management, site preparation (grading, utility placement), cement work and foundations, framing or ???, electrical, plumbing, phone, sheet rock, cabinetry, furniture, appliances, carpeting, roofing, landscaping, paving, to name a few. Please contact any of us and let us know your talents and experience so that we might ask for your assistance and guidance as the project progresses.

CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

		Summary of Data	
Reporting Period:	01 Jan - 23 July	Callouts:	39
SARCI People:	361	Total Hours:	1095
		Hours/Person:	3.0
		Calls/Week:	1.2
Reporting Period:	26 June - 23 July	Callouts:	8
SARCI People:	91	Total Hours:	152
		Hours/Person:	3.1

(Note: the stats have not yet been updated, so the newsletter can get mailed sooner rather than later. Next month ...)

MON 07 JULY CALL 97.??? Search for three overdue hikers on the Box Camp Trail, Santa Catalina Mountains. The three started hiking down the Box Camp Trail from the top with the intention of coming out at the Sabino Canyon Visitors Center Monday evening. Initial teams started up from the bottom with a posse team coming in from the Prison Camp. No contact was made by the time teams had made it to Pine Creek Crossing. So one team started up the Box Camp Trail with another team going over to Hutch's Pool. ?? people, ?? hours

TUE 08 JULY CALL 97.??? Continuation of the search for the three overdue hikers on the Box Camp Trail. Teams continued with the search, with the team continuing up the Box Trail, and a team of one starting at the top of Sabino and coming down to Hutch's Pool. Others search in the Pine Creek Crossing and Hutch's Pool areas.
?? people, ?? hours, R41

TUE 08 JULY CALL 97.??? Rescue of a ?? year old male climber near Windy Point in the Santa Catalina Mountains. He climbed too far above his last protection and fell to the ground, sustaining facial lacerations and a head injury. He was short hauled by Ranger 41 to Geology Vista.
?? people, ?? hours, R41, Mt Lemmon Fire, RMFD

WED 09 JULY CALL 97.??? Continuation of the search for the three overdue hikers on the Box Camp Trail. The search continued with the Posse holding at Pine Creek Crossing, and with several helicopters involved. After several periods of hollering and listening, voice contact was made with the subjects near Pine Creek Crossing. Ranger 38 was able to land near by and pick up the victims. The victims said that they were hiking down the Box Camp Trail on Monday afternoon when a thunderstorm passed by and forced them off the ridge. They could not find the trail again and ended up coming down the side canyons.
?? people, ?? hours, R38

TUE 15 JULY CALL 97.??? Body recovery 3.5 miles up the Redington Road. The body was located approximately 150 feet off the side of the road. A haul system was set up to help bring the body up to the road.
?? people, ?? hours

SUN 27 JULY CALL 97.??? Missing 10 and 12 year old boys from a picnic in Rose Canyon. Lots of candidates, but few searchers familiar with the area. Few details were available to indicate that the boys were more likely to be in one area. A team of one headed down Rose and Sycamore without any sign. A team hollered from Rose Peak for a long time without any response. Later teams worked on Willow Canyon. Reports of sightings in the Willow Canyon homes area were checked by dog and foot teams. The persistent Rose Peak team began hearing the boys in Sycamore Canyon, below Rose Canyon. A second team headed into Sycamore while Ranger 38 would search for awhile, then go away while voice contact was re-established from Rose Peak. A bottom team climbed up the opposite side of the canyon, hoping to be able to hear the boys on the slope under the peak, but they still could not be heard from below. A prominent side drainage starts between the Girl Scout and Presbyterian Camps, and has funneled missing kids down into Sycamore, and that drainage was beginning to sound interesting. Note that people can estimate the direction to people hollering, but it is difficult to estimate how far up or down they are. The team reached a point where they were beginning to look into the side drainage, so the helicopter hopped over the ridge, the Rose Peak team hollered, and finally the response was heard by another team. Ranger 38 was recalled and pointed up the

side drainage about a quarter mile, and the boys were quickly spotted. The helicopter attempted to put the medic on a bare section of rock, but the boys kept running for the same place. The ground team met the boys as Ranger returned. The boys were in good shape. They were going to head downstream in the morning. After all, they could SEE Tucson!
?? people, ?? hours, R38

SUN 27 JULY CALL 97.??? Missing 9 year old boy, near Sandario and Mile Wide in Avra Valley. The search started while the Rose Canyon search was starting. He was located before people got to rendezvous, but not before people did a lot of driving across town, especially posse people switching between bring-a-horse and be-a-hiker modes.
?? people, ?? hours

TUE 29 JULY CALL 97.??? Body recovery of 4? year old male apparent suicide, Blackett's Ridge, Sabino Canyon, Santa Catalina Mountains. A hiker missing from the previous day was suspected of being suicidal. TJ and SAR Reserve Scott Lonergan hiked up the Phoneline and Blackett's Ridge Trails. A fanny pack was found, matching the description of the hiker's. Scott spied something suspicious, well below the base of the cliffs, and Ranger 38 confirmed the find. Four people were flown to a saddle a quarter mile from the scene and equipment was short-hauled. The cliff is about 200' high, and the first evidence of disturbed ground was about 100' from the base, and the body was another 200' down the steep slope. A rope was set up for those working at the scene, and a 3-to-1 haul was used to move the litter up the slope and clear of a tree at the scene.
?? people, ?? hours, R38



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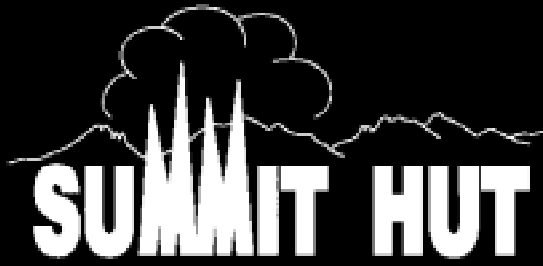
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Meet each Sun 18:00, Building 3220, DMAFB

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