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FROM THE EDITORS

Note: The September SARA General Meeting has been moved to Christ Presbyterian Church at 6565 East Broadway due to a schedule conflict. The meeting location has been changed for September only. This meeting will be in a building like we are thinking of for the new SARA building.

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

Cellular Telephones have been installed in each rescue truck.

Rescue 330	237-1769	(SARA-1)
Rescue 331	237-1997	(SARA-2)
Rescue 332	237-2940	(Rescue-3)

Each of these phones are set up to answer automatically, if they are not picked up by the third ring (IF the phone has been turned on and unlocked!). The speaker is in the base of the handset, and the remote microphone is up near the driver's sunvisor. So you may hear someone holler at you from the back of the truck, or you may hear radio traffic, or both! The mike is voice-activated (VOX), so you may hear background noise only while hearing a loud sound (nearby voices or radios).

Please remember that activities at the start of a call can be hectic, and incoming telephone calls should have low priority. We can't tell you how many people are coming, or whether we need more people. Your best source of info is by listening to the radio, and your experience.

After an hour or so, answering the phone is less distracting. We should have enough info by this time to update AUDIX with the call status, and any needs for more people.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Doug Myrvold

DIVER'S CALENDAR

September Training: Patagonia Lake 08:00, Sun Sept 14
Meet: Kunz's at 08:00
Maricopa Dive Seminar

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

SRDI CALENDAR

Training Committee Meeting 18:30-20:00 Wed, Sep 03
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Board Meeting 20:00-21:00 Wed, Sep 03
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

September Training: Rose Canyon 06:00 Sun, Sep 07
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

General Meeting 19:00-21:00 Thur, Sep 11
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Specialty Training: Cadaver 08:00 Sun, Sep 21
Craycroft Bridge, northwest side

Training Committee Meeting 18:30-20:00 Wed, Oct 01
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Board Meeting 20:00-21:00 Wed, Oct 01
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

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!!!

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Dan McPhedran, 749-3634 & Jerry Simmons, 293-2300

POSSE CALENDAR

Posse Board Meeting 19:00 Thu, Sep 11
Gymkhana Sat, Sep 20
Iron Horse Stable, Houghton

Posse General Meeting 19:00 Thu, Sep 25
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Gymkhana with Rincon Valley Festival Sat, Oct 18
Rincon Valley William's Elect. Arena

Search & Rescue

8/11/97 Romero Pass. Victim hauled out by JASPER the rescue mule and Nick. GOOD JOB. Only a couple of FIRE DRILLS in addition to Nick's outing. Don't be offended, we refer to FIRE DRILL as: go home, load trailer, horses, clothing and drive out the gate and get canceled. Keeps us trained and ready, i.e. FIRE DRILL. Doug and TJ don't take it personal, just having fun!

Membership

Thanks for referrals, PCSO & Rich Kunz.

Training

Not much on agenda, other than OEC upgrades and recertification. Simmons and Caugh helping as instructors.

I apologize for last month's newsletter omission. It got lost in the high tech world of Fax Machines, all three & one-half pages. Sorry can't recap, I have CRS Syndrome. Nothing extra to report at present. See you on the call-outs.

Dan & Jerry

Editor's note: We apologize to the Posse, the Fax mix-up was on our side.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

General Meeting	<u>19:30</u>	<u>Fri Sep 5</u>
<i>Christ Presbyterian Church</i> , 6565 East Broadway Program: Tracking Presentation from Border Patrol		
SARA's OEC Refresher	<u>08:00</u>	<u>Sat Sep 6</u>
Mehl Park, River Rd and Alvernon Most SARA OEC technicians should plan to attend.		
Board Meeting	<u>19:30</u>	<u>Thu Sep 25</u>
U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers)		
Sept. Training: Search & Tracking	<u>09:00</u>	<u>Sat Sep 20</u>
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy		
Mine Rescue Training	<u>07:30</u>	<u>Sat Sep 27</u>
Orange Grove and Thornydale, northeast corner.		
Grand Canyon Cleanup		<u>Sat Oct 11</u>
Contact Scott Clemans for details.		
Sunrise Ski Patrol's OEC Refresher		<u>Sat Oct 18</u>
Night Orienteering		<u>Sat Oct 18</u>
Contact Jeff Brucker, 886-2528 for details.		
Field Skills Recertification		<u>Sat, Oct 25</u>
TBA		
Mt. Lemmon Ski Patrol's OEC Refresher		<u>Sat Nov 01</u>

TRAINING

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

Kudos to Leroy for pulling off one of our best exercises in a long time! Everyone learned from this exercise and the teamwork was exemplary. Let's always remember... helmets are our friends and they need to be worn (not lent out or left

in packs!). We are here to help fall victims with head trauma, not become one.

by Bill Graff, 297-0457

Thanks to Leroy Kehl for presenting the mock technical rescue at Rappel Rock and to everyone who participated. It was a challenging exercise that was completed by a relatively small group. It also received some positive local media coverage for the organization. As always a lot of effort and anxiety is put into conducting a training and participation from the SARA membership is both encouraged and appreciated.

Tracking Training

by Rich White, 299-3835

We will car pool to a higher elevation in the Catalinas (Possibly Bear Canyon Campground). The U.S. Border Patrol will do a demo on tracking. These guys are about the best in the field of tracking and we all can learn a lot from them. Bring a cooler and munchies if we want to extend this training into a picnic.

Mine Rescue Training

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

Mine Rescue Training will be held on Saturday, 27 September. Rendezvous will be on the northeast corner of Orange Grove and Thornydale. This will be a continuation of last year's training. It will be run as a body recovery with "the body" being various items the owners wish to have retrieved from the mine. We will dispense with the search portion of the training and begin by rigging for a vertical operation and begin the retrieval.

Last year, entry into the vertical shaft was limited to a small number of participants by the cover over the collar and low oxygen readings in the shaft. We will remedy the first problem by removing the cover, and hope to remedy the second by employing a device to provide air flow in the shaft. Oxygen concentration will be monitored by a member of each team entering the shaft. I hope that we can deploy teams on a rotating basis so everyone that wants to will have an opportunity to participate.

The mine consists of a vertical shaft with a couple of horizontal drifts at various levels. A series of ladders provides access, although individuals will be on belay during ascent or descent. We will rig a tripod or other device to facilitate hauling objects up the shaft.

I am looking for volunteers to assume the duties of operations leader, safety officer, rigging team leader, etc. I hope that we will have a large enough turn-out that those that volunteer (or get volunteered) for the leader positions will be able to rotate into underground teams should they desire.

Rendezvous will be at 7:30. Be gassed up and ready to depart shortly thereafter (7:40). The drive is about an hour north and west of rendezvous. If you're late, read the cone and come on out anyway. We'll be at this probably until early afternoon.

Now the incentives beyond hanging out (perhaps literally) with your fellow SARA members. Cindy Coping has offered her ranch to anyone caring to go out on Friday night and

camp out. Besides horseshoes, volleyball, petroglyphs and stargazing as potential entertainment, you won't have to get up early on Saturday to make rendezvous. Bring your own food and camping gear. For those participating in the training on Saturday, Cindy will provide a cookout immediately following, supplying your choice of steak, chicken or vegetarian fare and appropriate accompaniments. **THERE IS A CATCH HOWEVER. YOU MUST TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO R.S.V.P. WITH CHOICE OF STEAK, CHICKEN OR VEGETARIAN TO CINDY'S MESSAGE MACHINE AT 575-1563 PRIOR TO WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER AND THEN FOLLOW THROUGH AND SHOW UP!** Those that want to make last minute plans and are unable to RSVP are welcome to come and bring their own pot luck to share.

Grand Canyon Clean-Up

by Scott Clemans, 749-4548

DATE: Oct. 11 (Saturday), 0800 Hrs.
PLACE: South Rim, GCNP

We will be participating in a trash clean-up with AMC & CAMRA. This clean-up will involve 200 foot rappels (usually less) with ascending required to get back up the rope. Vertically qualified personnel will be doing SRT (single rope technique, with no belay). Support personnel are welcome and can be used to help at the top.

We will all be camping out in the group site area (Mather campground, Sage Loop) which will be staked out early by AMC. Since there is only room for a few vehicles at the actual campsite, we will be dropping off our gear and parking nearby at Babbit's Store. There will be a pot luck/ barbeque on Saturday night at Shoshone Point, a remote picnic area on the way to Cameron.

SARA's plan is to go up Friday night and meet AMC at the Canyon, work Saturday, then return Sunday or whenever people want to.

Those who wish to go over the edge must be vertically qualified and must be able to demonstrate their abilities. Requirements are to be able to ascend and descend (with intermediate stops and tie-offs for trash collection) and be able to switch from ascenders to rappel device (and back again) on the rope (not standing on the ground - there may not be any!). There are usually some smaller drops which may be worked by those who are not as skilled at ascending, but you still need to qualify.

A practice session will be held prior to the event at the PCSO's training site on Rita Road just south of I-10. A distinguished (notorious?) panel of judges will be there to assess your skills and answer questions. If we are aware of your vertical qualifications from past trips, your attendance may not be required, but please ask first. I have personally given my word to AMC that we will not drop anyone!

If you are interested in going, please call me and I will put you on the list. I will let the participants know when the training session will be as well as all other details as the time draws near.

MEMBERSHIP

by Mary Lamb, 743-7175

Candidate Program

There has been a change in the date for Basic I due to the Grand Canyon cleanup scheduled for October 11th. Basic I will be held on Saturday, October 18th and Basic II will be held Saturday, October 25th. All candidates are required to attend Basic I & II.

CPR Required to be Field Qualified

The SARA Board last Spring established that SARA members must have a current CPR Card to be field qualified. The board set September 25, 1997 as the cutoff date for members to have a copy of their CPR card on file to be field qualified. Please send Andy Lamb a copy of your CPR card for the records.

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 (\$11.00 at class). Time and place to be arranged: call Frances Walker, 790-9399

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 three more opportunities to complete the '97-'98 refresher. Plan to attend one.

SARA's OEC Refresher 08:00 September 6, 1997

Mehl Park, River Rd and Alvernon

Most SARA OEC technicians should plan to attend.

Sunrise Ski Patrol's Refresher October 18, 1997

Mt. Lemmon Ski Patrol's Refresher November 01, 1997

SARA BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

The Building Committee has been divided into three subgroups. These are: New Building Design and Construction, Temporary Building Acquisition, and Fund Raising. This was done so that those interested in any of the subcommittees would not have to attend meetings where all were discussed.

Only the Fund Raising Group has met since my last update. Mark Romero, SARA treasurer is the chair. He has a report elsewhere in this month's Newsletter. An account to manage funds is being set up. The next meeting of this group is set for October 8 at 6:30 pm at a place to be determined. Contact Mark for details. We have met with an experienced individual who will guide our thinking about how to structure a fund raising campaign. We will be discussing the planning of this campaign at the 8 October meeting. It is important that we do this properly since we may only have a single opportunity with a donor, so we want to make it an effective contact. Before contacting any donor, please check first with Mark so that he can coordinate and provide you with material. A brochure is in the works, and will also be discussed at the October 8 Fund Raising meeting.

The Temporary Building Acquisition is being headed by Richard Kunz, who is working with Pima County representatives on a specific property. No decisions have yet been brought to the SARA Board regarding whether this is a viable opportunity.

The New Building Design and Construction Group, headed by me, is awaiting completion of work on a preliminary design. The preliminary plans will be available at an upcoming SARA monthly meeting. Upon their completion, the SARA Board can debate and make decisions on what is to be included in the new building. Once that decision is made we will know what our target for fund raising is. Estimated cost of the building is \$54 per square foot. Designs range from 4000 to 7000 square feet. The September monthly meeting will be held in a recently constructed building having features which may be considered for ours. Please attend to get an idea what this structure looks like. Richard Kunz continues to work with Pima County representatives and others to identify available properties which meet our geographic parameters of a central location for the building.

Fund Raising Subcommittee

by Mark Romero, 615-0476

The planning committee for the SARA building is moving forward. Anyone interested please contact Mark Romero or Pam Phillips as we are looking for help in starting fund raising activities. Our goal is to raise enough money to construct a new building for the Southern Arizona Rescue Association headquarters.

CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

Data Summary

Reporting Period: 01 Jan - 29 Aug **Callouts:** 42
SARCI People: 496 **Total Hours:** 1732 **Hours/Person:** 3.5
Calls/Week: 1.4


Reporting Period: 27 July - 29 Aug **Callouts:** 2
SARCI People: 21 **Total Hours:** 46 **Hours/Person:** 3.1

FRI 08 AUG CALL 97.041 Rescue of a ?? year old male fall victim on Shower's Point, near the Shower's Point Group area below Palisades Ranger Station. He had an open wound near his pelvis that was not a fracture as initially suspected. Mt. Lemmon Fire packaged and transported the patient to the vehicles as SAR volunteers arrived. 13 people, 26 hours, MLFD

MON 11 AUG CALL 97.042 Rescue of a ?? year old male hiker below Romero Pools in Romero Canyon. The victim hiked down from Mt. Lemmon with the reportee. They got off trail at the pools and continued down canyon. After the reportee determined that he would need help getting the victim out he left food and water with the victim and hiked out to get help. A Catalina State Park Ranger headed up trail and located the victim about 3/4 of a mile off trail. The ranger was able to get the victim back to the trail where Jasper the Rescue mule carried him out of the field. 8 people, 20 hours, R38 and Catalina SP Rangers



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8987-309 E. Tanque Verde, Box 232, Tucson AZ 85749
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.

P.O.Box 92593, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ 85707-2593
Meet each Sun 18:00, Building 3220, DMAFB

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS

P.O.Box 64120, Tucson AZ 85728-4120
Meet 2nd Thur 19:00
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

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