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FROM THE EDITORS

A Fond Farewell to Kenny

by Darren Cummings

For those of us who were involved in Search & Rescue back in the late 70's and early 80's, we were all better people for knowing and being around a young man, that despite his age, was always willing to help in any way he could, or to be a part of any search & rescue activity just so he would be involved with helping the community.

Kenny Parkhurst brought so much enthusiasm to the group that you couldn't help but be affected. He left the group several years ago to pursue other E.M.S. related career opportunities outside of Tucson. Sadly, on August 25th, 1997, Kenny's life came to an end, leaving behind not only his own family, but a family of friends he made during his time in search & rescue.

I met Kenny out at the Pima County Fair, at the S.A.R.A. booth. He was just getting involved with the group and I was with Pima County 4 Wheel Drive. We were both relatively young so it was easy to relate with one another. He would always show me his climbing gear, which got me interested in more of what S.A.R.A. did, and I would show him Burtha, which got him interested in four wheeling. From then on we did a lot of things together. We took climbing lessons together, and then we went out and rappelled off train bridges and freeway overpasses into the Santa Cruz River.

Kenny, Loma Griffith, and I all lived on the far southwest side of town. During monsoon storms the three of us would hop in Burtha and patrol the washes for stranded drivers. I got Kenny involved with the Drexel Heights Fire Dept. You couldn't keep him away from the station. The enthusiasm he showed for search & rescue was magnified 10 times at the fire department. He would always comment about doing what he always loved and now getting paid for it.

But just being a fireman wasn't enough for Kenny. He wanted to be a paramedic and fly on Ranger 29. So soon after finishing his fire training, he enrolled in a paramedic class. Kenny then left Tucson to be a paramedic in Yuma, then Prescott, and then finally in Flagstaff. He got his wish and started working for one of the helicopter medical services.

One thing is for sure, Kenny Parkhurst loved to help out the public, and in every line of work related to fire and emergency services, he gave it his all and did a great job. The memories of our times together will always remain with me.

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

SARCI Meeting

19:30, Wed Oct 15

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.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

SRDI CALENDAR

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

October Training: All Levels 07:00 Sun, Oct 05

Meet at Box Canyon, off of Highway 83

General Meeting 19:00-21:00 Thur, Oct 09

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Specialty Training: Cadaver 07:00 Sun, Oct 19

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Yard Sale / Bake Sale Fri - Sun, Oct 31 - Nov 02

8 am - 4 pm, Pam's house, Swan & Ft.Lowell (1 blk north)

Set-up, late afternoon into evening Thur, Oct 30

Training Committee Meeting 18:30-20:00 Wed, Nov 05

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Board Meeting 20:00-21:00 Wed, Nov 05

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

It's 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!

Scheduled for October 31 - November 2, so start collecting for us now. Contact Pam (218-5242) with questions or donations. Thanks for the continued support!!!

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Doug Myrvold

DIVER'S CALENDAR

October Training: Boat Party 09:00, Sun Oct 12
Re-carpet the boat, attach a new pontoon, BBQ at NOON!
Meet: Kunz's at 09:00

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

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

POSSE CALENDAR

Posse Board Meeting 19:00 Thu. Oct 09
Posse General Meeting 19:00 Thu. Oct 23
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

PUBLIC RELATIONS EVENTS

Benson Parade, Benson AZ Sat. Oct 11
Rincon Festival, Rincon Valley Sat, Sun Oct 18, 19
Green Valley Parade, Green Valley Sat. Oct 25

Search & Rescue

Sept. 8th, Nacho, the Rescue Horse, haul out a 250 lb from Seven Falls, Dan followed.

Sept. 14th, Callout San Simon West, for Dan, Bob Siegal, Larry Cunningham, and Jerry.

Sept. 14th & 15th, for Dan, Jerry, and a big thanks to T.J. and the extra help from the sheriff's substation in Ajo, Arizona. Sometimes searches turn into rescues for the search parties.

Membership

Still looking for good members. Anyone who has a lead on a new member call any posse member. Thanks.

It's been quiet. Support your local Search and Rescue. Get Lost!

Until next month, we'll see you out there.

Respectfully, Dan & Jerry

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

General Meeting 19:30 Fri Oct 03
Program: Orienteering
Grand Canyon Cleanup Sat Oct 11
Contact Scott Clemans for details.
October Training: Orienteering 16:00 Sat Oct 18
Meet at the Sheriff sub-station at Houghton and Irvington.
Sunrise Ski Patrol's OEC Refresher Sat Oct 18
Field Skills Recertification Sat, Oct 25
Location: TBA
Board Meeting 19:30 Thu Oct 30
U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers)
Mt. Lemmon Ski Patrol's OEC Refresher Sat Nov 01

October Training: NIGHT EXERCISE

by Jeff Brucker, 886-2528

This will be a night orienteering exercise. We will carpool to the Empire Ranch, east of the Sonoita Highway past the Gardner Canyon turn off. Bring your field packs and compasses. Maps will be provided and an orienteering course will be set up. You will be learning to navigate through all types of terrain at night without getting totally lost. Some of us will be camping overnight and families are welcome. It is primitive camping. There will also be more orienteering available on Sunday.

TRAINING REVIEW

by Rich White, 299-3835

Thanks to U.S. Border Patrol Agents Sean O'Connor and Eric Schadt for their help in teaching tracking training for our SARA members September 20th. Both had some good tips and procedures in tracking (and stories) which will benefit all SARA members who were present (18). This training, by the Border Patrol, should possibly be an annual training.

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. Bring your own food, charcoal, and drinks.

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: 09:00 - 12:00, Saturday the 4th. 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.

Chile Festival

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

Chile Festival 10:00-17:00 Sat - Sun, Oct 18 - 19

Tucson Botanical Gardens
SARA folks are needed to man the first aid station (2-3 hr shifts). Contact Pam Phillips if interested.

SARA Committees

The following is a list of committee chairpersons:

Awards	Mary Lamb
Building	John Perchorowicz
Communications	Open
Date Base Equipment	Mykle Raymond
Documents	Fran Kunz
Fund Raising	Mark Romero
Human Resources	Henry Jacobs
Helicopter	Nate Shetcher
Librarian	Hal & Bonnie Terry
Medical	Bill Kelleman
Membership	Mary Lamb
Planning	Andy Lamb
O.E.C. Task	John Gorski & Monte Richardson
Scheduling	Andy Lamb
Stores	Mary Lamb
Technical	Open
Training, Basic	Rich White
Training, Monthly	Bill Graff
Truck & Equipment	Gary Copus
Pima County Fair	Pam Phillips

MEMBERSHIP

by Mary Lamb, 743-7175

Candidate Program

Basic I	<u>13:00 - 17:00 Sat Oct 18</u>
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy	
Basic II	<u>13:00 - 17:00 Sat Oct 25</u>
Catalina State Park	

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

CPR Classes

In addition to Frances' class, many more are available through the Red Cross at 318-6740, and the American Heart Association has a CPR phone number at 795-1486 with a message listing a number of agencies and phone numbers. Note that we require a professional course that includes both one and two-person procedures.

For example, classes are given most Tuesday evenings at the Education Building at Tucson Medical Center. Call 324-2210 to reserve a \$15 seat. Classes may only have a half-dozen people, others may have twice that, but plenty of instructors and evaluators are available for the larger classes.

NOTICE TO OEC TECHNICIANS

Mark Your Calendar

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

Sunrise Ski Patrol's Refresher October 18, 1997

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

Thanks to John Gorski and Monte Richardson for conducting this year's SARA OEC refresher at Mehl Park on September 6th.

Mountain Rescue Association

by Andy Lamb, 743-7175

A reaccreditation of the Los Vegas Metro Search and Rescue unit is scheduled for October 24,25, & 26 in the Red Rocks area west of Vegas. SARA will be send to evaluators to the reaccreditation. Anyone else who would like to go please contact me.

SARA needs to reaccredit in snow and ice to keep our full membership status in the MRA. Since we did not have enough interested members last winter to travel to Flagstaff we will need to be reaccredited by the end of this year. I am looking for at least six people who will commit to attend a reaccreditation in early December. I also need two evaluators to attend the reaccreditation since CAMRA will be reaccrediting at the same time. Please contact me if interested.

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SUN 14 SEP CALL 97.047 Search for a 40 year old, mentally challenged male, missing near Hicciwan, on the Tohono O'Odham Nation about 20 miles east of Ajo. At some time in the morning a vehicle in which the subject was riding, was involved in a collision near Hicciwan, about 12 miles north of the Ajo Highway. While the occupants waited for the scene to be cleared, the person innocently asked which way was home. A companion pointed off through the desert to the south towards San Simon, about 10 miles away on the Ajo Highway. Shortly afterwards, the companions realized that the subject was missing, and tracks were found heading towards home. A search began, following the tracks. Ranger 38 joined the search in the late morning, and we were requested in the early afternoon. As we arrived in San Simon, our assignment was to cut for sign to the north, as the searchers were getting close. The subject was located nearby shortly afterwards, before we got into the field.

As we arrived, Dan McPhedran broke an engine belt. As we passed word back to town about the find, a request was made for parts. Jerry Simmons promptly responded (as promptly as you can from 100 miles away), only to discover that the real problem was a water pump. In the morning, they looked for parts in Ajo, then in Gila Bend, and finally hollered back to Tucson. T.J. promptly scooted out with more parts and all were back in town somewhat belatedly. 4 people, 47 hours, TOPD

CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

Data Summary

Reporting Period: 01 Jan - 21 Sep **Callouts:** 47
SARCI People: 530 **Total Hours:** 1824 **Hours/Person:** 3.4
Calls/Week: 1.4

Reporting Period: 30 Aug - 21 Sep **Callouts:** 3
SARCI People: 19 **Total Hours:** 75 **Hours/Person:** 3.9

SAT 06 SEP CALL 97.044 The body of a male was reported to the Forest Service, and assistance was requested to move the body to the Control Road, a mile or two above the Oracle Ridge Mine. By the time people arrived at rendezvous, the assistance needed was evaluated to be minimal, and we were not needed.
 Rendezvous Only, MLFD

WED 08 SEP CALL 97.045 Rescue of a ?? year old male hiker near Seven Falls in Bear Canyon. The hiker with a companion had hiked from the end of the road in Sabino up to Pine Creek Crossing then intended to hike the East Fork and come down Bear Canyon past Seven Falls and out to the trail head. But they lost the trail in Bear Canyon before it drops to the stream. One individual was getting pretty exhausted, and was able to make a call with their cell phone which allowed T.J. to talk to them and asset the situation. Teams were able to hike in and found the pair above the switchbacks past the 7th stream crossing. After giving the hikers some water and rest, the team assisted them down and across the stream crossing where Nacho gave him a ride the rest of the way.

10 people, 18 hours

FRI 10 SEP CALL 97.046 Rescue of a ?? year old hiker complaining of sore hips on the Green Mountain Trail above General Hitchcock Campground. Initially the hiker was estimated to be over a mile up trail. By the time teams made it into the field the hiker was about a quarter of a mile up the trail. Paramedics had already made it to the scene. The patient rode the rest of the way in the stokes basket
 5 people, 10 hours, MLFD, Kords

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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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