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## FROM THE EDITORS

### **PUBLISH THE OEC SCHEDULE ??**

Would it help you if we published the OEC schedule for the following month in this newsletter? Would you attend an interesting class if you knew when that subject was being presented? Would you be better able to volunteer as victim or assistant if you knew when the practical was being held? If so, talk it up with the OEC people, or with the editors.

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

### **SRDI CALENDAR**

**Training: Water Search** 08:00 Sun, May 03

Meet at Houghton & I-10, training at Patagonia Lake

**Combined Monthly Meeting** 18:30-22:00 Wed, May 13

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

**Training: Oak Tree Canyon** 08:00 Sun, May 24

Meet at Houghton & I-10

**Training: Water Search** 08:00 Sun, June 07

Meet at Houghton & I-10, training at Patagonia Lake

**Combined Monthly Meeting** 18:30-22:00 Wed, June 10

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Our newest four-leggers are wording hard, moving through their training schedule and performing well! Paul and Sally Mae are nearing their trial run for basic tracking certification. Jennifer (almost done with OEC) with Sugar Bear and Janelle with Vader all continue to progress in the basic training skills.

Speedy recovery to Jura (Drexel's Belgian Turvuren) as she's R&R'ing from a vertebrae injury in mid-March. And to our two-leggers Drexel and Marti, who are recovering from miscellaneous "owies", we send get-well-soon wishes to both.

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Doug Myrvold

### **DIVER'S CALENDAR**

**May Training: Patagonia Lake** 08:00, Sun May 17

Meet at the Kunz's (We'll skip Mother's Day on the 10<sup>th</sup>)

Search patterns off the swimming beach.

## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

### **OEC UPDATE**

The current class will be finishing in about three weeks. Please gather old clothes to go toward the practical final (out supply is getting low!). If you wish to get involved with the final as a victim, please contact Pam Phillips: 218-5242.

### **VOICE PAGERS**

The voice pagers continue to have problems with the group call, while individual pagers work well. Some pagers are better than others, and some locations work better. If you want to swap your pager for one that will be hopefully better, we recommend that you check with Bill Kelleman before bothering Airtouch. The Airtouch people have a high turnover rate. We get all set up with them, only to have a new group of people in a few months. Bill can get you lined up with fewer problems and less delay. We'd still like to get the basic problem fixed, but the solution is elusive.

### **COUNTY FAIR: THANKS FOR THE HELP**

Thanks to everyone who was involved with making the SAR booth a real professional display at this year's Pima County Fair. Special thanks to Gary Copus and Dave Brown who put in hours "above and beyond the call of duty."

### **NEW SLIDE PROGRAM**

Photo sessions will be scheduled with Posse, SARA, and SRDI for the development of the new slide presentation that's replacing Hug-A-Tree. I'll be contacting each group to schedule a weekend for the "shoot" and appropriate announcements will be made for dates, locations, and time. Any questions, please phone Pam Phillips.

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, 293-2300

### **POSSE CALENDAR**

**Posse Board Meeting** 19:00 Thu. Apr 14

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

**Posse General Meeting** 19:00 Thu. Apr 28

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Simmons

## TUCSON COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by *1lt Darell New, 290-9501*

No report, must be out flying.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

### SARA CALENDAR

<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	<u>19:30 Fri May 01</u>
Program: TBA	
<b>May Training: Basic Rock</b>	<u>07:00 Sat May 02</u>
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy	
<b>Training: Vertical Stokes &amp; Pickoffs</b>	<u>07:00 Sat May 16</u>
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy	
<b>SARA Board Meeting</b>	<u>19:30 Thu May 28</u>
U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers)	
<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	<u>19:30 Fri June 05</u>
Marshall Auditorium, Tucson Medical Center	
<b>June Training: Vertical Medical</b>	<u>08:00 Sat June 06</u>
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy	
<b>SARA Board Meeting</b>	<u>19:30 Thu June 25</u>
U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers)	

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS RESULTS

The 1998-1999 Board of Directors elected in April are:

<u>Officers:</u>		<u>Members</u>
Richard Kunz	<i>President</i>	Shannon Reilly
Pam Phillips	<i>Vice-president</i>	Jim Gilbreath
Wendy Niehaus	<i>Secretary</i>	John Perchorowicz
Tom Faulkner	<i>Treasurer</i>	Frances Walker
		Cathy Wasmann

### ANNUAL DUES

The new Board of Directors sets the dues for the following year. They are the same as last year: \$15. People whose dues are unpaid at the July Board of Directors meeting will be dropped. *Pay early, pay often!*

### COMMITTEES

People interested in any of the SARA committees: add your name to the lists that Richard has.

### MAY TRAINING

by *Bill Graff*

#### Basic Rock

Contact: Frank Reiser

When: May 2

Meet: Sheriff Substn 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Time: 7:00 AM, and car pool on to Windy Point

Candidates and members are welcome to come to this training and participate, observe, heckle, or help. Not everyone has to go over the edge. There are important roles to be filled in providing support for personnel going over the edge. Attending this training will benefit you for the Pickoffs and Vertical Stokes Handling training on May 16. You should have a seat harness, rescue 8, and helmet. Bring your SARA pack. This training will cover anchors, harnesses, rappelling devices, belaying, climbing terms, and safety.

### Pickoffs and Vertical Stokes Handling

Contact: Andy Lamb

When: May 16

Meet: Sheriff Substn 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Time: 7:00 AM, and car pool on to Windy Point

Candidates and members are welcome to come to this training. As above there are important roles to be filled in providing support for personnel going over the edge. Attending this training will prepare you for the June 6 High-angle Medical training. This training will cover rescue of a stranded climber and an injured climber. Some of the aspects this will training cover are the approach to a stranded climber, methods to free someone from a jammed rappel device, rappelling with the patient, packaging the patient and rigging the Stokes. Bring your SARA pack, a seat harness, rescue 8, helmet, and approximately 20 feet of webbing.

### JUNE TRAINING

#### High Angle Medical Rescue

Contact: Rich Kunz

When: June 6

Meet: Sheriff Substn 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Time: 8:00 AM, and car pool on to Windy Point

This training will focus on some of the medical concerns in high angle rescue. More next month.



## SARA Basic Training

by Rich White

Basic III Training for Candidate Class no. 4 (fall 97 candidate class) will be held May 30, 1998. We will meet at Sheriff's Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway, at 0830 and proceed up to a location in the Catalinas for the training. (Depending on the weather) This is usually a full day activity so bring a lunch, water, and your complete pack. Items to be covered are stokes handling, haul and lower systems, anchors and more knots. If you miss this training it will not be available again until November 7, 1998.

The OEC class started Feb 24. The candidates (EMT and higher) who are not taking the OEC class are required to attend the Saturday OEC classes to get some experience performing their medical skills in a wilderness environment. Please call Pam Phillips, 325-4338, OEC Instructor of Record, for dates and times of the Saturday classes.

Note: DATES CORRECTED

The next opportunity to join SARA will be Tuesday, August 18. The Introduction to Search and Rescue will be given that night with a hike the following Saturday, August 22. Times and locations to be announced.

## APRIL TRAINING REVIEW Cave Rescue

by Bill Graff

The cave rescue training was a great challenge and success, and everyone lived. Thanks to everyone who attended, with a special thanks to Tom Faulkner for putting it all together and Elizabeth Robb for being the patient. This practice was a multi-agency exercise that involved rescuers from Pima County, Cochise County, and New Mexico.

The Scenario involved an overdue solo caver. Thus a search of the cave was initiated. This required some of the rescuers to swim in some very chilly water. It was learned that a wet suit was a desired item for this part of the search. If there is no wet suit then it is a must that you have something dry to put on when you get out of the water.

There was a noticeable change in coordination and enthusiasm after the water. Clues were found at the water, but of course another team found the patient in another part of the cave.

The patient was suffering from hypothermia, a sore (broken?) knee, and a bruised shoulder. She was wrapped in blankets, splinted with the Oregon Splint (on the leg), and packaged in the SKED. The patient was moved with two lowering systems, dragged through several tight crawls, and finally up a haul to the entrance.

We gathered in the light and enjoyed Don Smith's (Cochise County) chili; not to mention steak & lobster.

## SARA Golf/Polo Shirts

Several people have signed up to order shirts with the SARA logo screen-printed on them. We still need a few more orders to place the order. If you want to place an order please contact Mary Lamb, 743-7175.

## OEC INFORMATION

by John Gorski

Richard Kunz will be holding a Phase One Instructor class May 9th. Anyone interested please call Richard at 886-2216 or John Gorski at 744-9190. Help us balance the load and become an instructor.

This year's OEC Refresher will be held on Aug. 29th for the Instructors. SARA's OEC Refresher is to be held on Sept.12th. Watch here for location and time. Keep these dates in mind unless you are willing to take another full class to keep your OEC up to date.

The OEC class is in need of clothing. Any clothing can be dropped off during the class nights. Contact Pam Phillips or John Gorski for locations since they do change. The OEC task force is small, but we continue to improve our OEC lineup. Anyone interested in joining the task force, contact John Gorski or Monte Richardson.

\* Get Involved \*



## CANDIDATE CORNER

by Andy Lamb, 743-7175

A new group of candidates will be eligible to come into the field with us on callouts after May 19<sup>th</sup>. They will have completed Basic I & II and will be medically qualified. They will be easy to recognize since they will be wearing yellow candidate shirts. Please welcome them into the field and keep your eyes on them for a little while.

The candidate call tree has been revised. Any candidate who is not being contacted for calls please call Andy Lamb.

SARA Basic III is schedule for Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. I will be contacting the candidates who are eligible to attend. Basic IV will be held Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## SARA BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

(also from the outgoing Board of Directors)

by John Perchorowicz 529-0080 rct2jtp@aol.com

Thanks all that attended the 40th anniversary Annual Meeting. Those who didn't make it missed a fine evening.

We were covered on three newscasts that evening highlighting the anniversary and fund raising. The articles covering a page and one-half in the Arizona Daily Star Outdoor section were also a result of that evening. We expect another in the Tucson Monthly Magazine's June issue.

Thank you all for finding the cleanest orange shirt you owned (even if you did outgrow it).

The fund raising committee is preparing a second mailing to go out near the end of May. Now that we have materials (brochure & video tape) we will also begin approaching corporate donors. Anyone working for such an organization and wishing to solicit a donation should contact John Perchorowicz so that we can discuss strategy and avoid duplication.

## CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

### Data Summary

**Reporting Period:** 01 Jan – 24 Apr    **Callouts:** 37  
**SARCI People:** 465    **Total Hours:** 1979    **Hours/Person:** 4.3  
**Calls/Week:** 2.3

**Reporting Period:** 22 Mar – 24 Apr    **Callouts:** 13  
**SARCI People:** 152    **Total Hours:** 551    **Hours/Person:** 3.6

**SUN 29 MAR** CALL 98.025 Search for a 35 year old female overdue on the Seven Falls Trail in Bear Canyon. The subject was hiking with three others when she started jogging ahead of them at the third stream crossing. Teams were started up the Seven Falls, Sabino Canyon, and Prison Camp trails. It was raining at base camp with snow at higher elevations. The water in Bear Canyon was running high at the stream crossings. The subject was located on the third switchback above Seven Falls, returning from above the snow line, but running out of daylight. She was cold and wet and in the early stages of hypothermia. She was able to hike out with the team after warming some dry clothes.

19 people, 79 hours

**FRI 03 APR** CALL 98.026 Rescue of a 50 year old female hiker with a dislocated shoulder at Picacho State Park. The victim was hiking the trail to the peak when she fell on the other side of the saddle and injured her shoulder. A park ranger was reached the patient from the back side and Ranger 38 dropped off a medic. Ranger 38 short hauled the Ranger 41 medic to the scene, then short hauled the patient in a litter to the entrance station.

10 people, 43 hours, R38 & R41

**SUN 05 APR** CALL 98.027 Report of a signal mirror flash two miles up the Romero Trail from Catalina State Park. Teams started in the field about the time Ranger 38 located the patient, a Mylar balloon at the reported location. Park Rangers confirmed that the balloon was the reported signal mirror. Hikers had noticed the balloon and hiked down to check it out. Another hiker thought they saw someone in trouble and called for help.

12 people, 27 hours, R38 Catalina State Park Rangers

**WED 08 APR** CALL 98.028 Rescue of 20 year old male hiker in the cliffs off the north end of Campbell. The victim was overdue from a "walk in the desert" Tuesday afternoon and was reported missing from a nearby residence. Deputies looked around the area without results. In the morning, a construction worker heard yelling, and hiked to the base of the main cliff. Ranger 38 located the stranded individual a short distance below the top, then dropped two rescuers just above him, they dropped food and water 20' to keep him busy. A rescuer was belayed down, rigged the hiker, both were belayed back up, and retrieved by the helicopter. He is from New Orleans, and had not seen mountains before. He was pretty chilly from his night out.

8 people, 16 hours, R38

**THU 09 APR** CALL 98.029 Rescue of a 21 year old male hiker at Chivo Falls. The victim fell into the water and went over two small falls. He was able to clinging to a rock before he went over the main falls, then companions helped him onto a ridge of rock overlooking the falls and pool waaaaay below. He injured his hip and ribs, and was complaining of some tingling in his legs. Rescuers took a couple of hours to riding in on two of the very rough roads. The patient was carried by a belayed backboard, then by litter to a saddle where Ranger 38 was waiting. Posse people parked at the top of the "Chute Route", while foot people bounced in on the "Middle Route". Next time we will load the horses with gear and hike in, unless you have a mountain bike.

15 people, 89 hours, R38

**THU 09 APR** CALL 98.030 Rescue of a 36 year old female hiker with a lower leg injury at Romero Pools. This callout occur while the Chivo Falls call was still in progress. The patient was able to walk down the trail and was located just above the switchbacks. Deputy Scott and Catalina State Park Rangers made it up to the patient. Ranger 38 was able to land near by and pick her up.

9 people, 16 hours, R38, Catalina State Park Rangers

**FRI 10 APR** CALL 98.031 Rescue of a ?? year old male hiker with a ankle injury at Seven Falls. Ranger 38 landed at the base of the falls, after Deputy Doug was dropped off above the trail to hike down and clear people out of the way. The patient was assisted to the helicopter. 8 people, 21 hours, R38

**SAT 11 APR** CALL 98.032,3 Search for a 50 year old, 25 year old, and 12 year old male hikers overdue on a hike from the Sabino Canyon Visitor's Center to the top of Mount Lemmon. They were last seen at Hutches' Pool at 14:00 where they had left the wife, family, and friends. There was snow at the higher elevations so we hoped that they would turn around once they were in the snow. Teams were sent up Sabino Canyon and Romero Canyon. Also the Posse started in from the Prison Camp. Some tracks were found above Hutches Pool and at daylight Ranger 38 started searching above Romero Pass. Just as the Romero Canyon team was making it to the pass the three individuals walked out at Ski Valley. They spent a cold night in the snow near the top. 29 people, 152 hours, R38

**SUN 12 APR** CALL 98.--- Search for 10 and 12 year old males missing from a family outing in the Tucson Mountain Park. The two boys wandered off from their family. Ranger 38 searched the area and drew attention to the fact we were looking for the boys. A passerby stopped and notified the deputies that they had seen the boys at the archery range. Deputy Doug drove to the archery range and found the boys. No teams made it into the field. 0 people, 0 hours, R38

**SUN 12 APR** CALL 98.034 Search for four hikers hiking from Catalina State Park to Mount Lemmon. They started out at 11:00 and were ill-equipped to spend the night hiking in shorts and T-shirts. They did have a cell phone and used it to say that they were in the snow and could not find the trail. Ranger 38 located them shortly, dropped blankets and lights to them, then inserted two rescuers about a mile below the hikers. A team also started in from the top. The hikers were on the Mt. Lemmon Trail near the junction of the Southerline Trail. Going was rough because of the snow, but both teams made it to the hikers, gave them warm clothes and food, and hiked them up to the top. All made it out just before daylight. 9 people, 67 hours, R38

**MON 13 APR** CALL 98.035 Rescue of a 13 year old male with a lower leg injury at Seven Falls. Lifeline 350 landed at the base of the falls and picked up the patient. Teams did not get too far into the field. 10 people, 19 hours, LL350

**SUN 19 APR** CALL 98.036 A limited call for a search for a 70 year old male, missing from a camp near Sonoita after he went to look for firewood. Santa Cruz County requested the Posse to respond in the morning, and as the Posse arrived in Sonita the person was found. 16 people, 23 hours

**SUN 19 APR** CALL 98.036 Rescue of a 21 year old female who fell about 60' down the south-side cliff, almost into the pool at the base of the Turkey Pools. The patient had head and neck injuries. Ranger 38 landed on the large rock in the stream bed, dropping off the medic and then TJ. Bystanders and friends helped carry the backboard to the helicopter. 16 people, 23 hours, R38, RMFD

**TUES 21 APR** CALL 98.037 Rescue of a 20 year old male hiker who lost the Finger Rock Trail while coming down from Mt. Kimball. He got on the spur trail into Linda Vista Saddle, and started down towards town, into a deep, rocky, and brushy canyon. He didn't get far before he pooped out, and called for help on his cell phone. Ranger 38 quickly found him, dropped off their new medic-in-training Jeff Lampard, who retrieved the hiker with promises of food and water. They were shortly picked up and deposited at basecamp. 7 people, 9 hours, R38

**Slightly used ICOM W32A**

Owner had motivation to get license and \$. Both are now gone. Needs to sell HT that was only used on receive. \$380 New, Asking \$250. James Fish Day: 663.9023 Evenings: 623.9388 email: [JFISH@CSC.COM](mailto:JFISH@CSC.COM)



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**SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION**

P.O.Box 12892, Tucson AZ 85732-2892  
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