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## FROM THE EDITORS

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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

### **SARCI board meeting 7/15/98 minutes**

Meeting called to order 19:32 hrs by President Andy Lamb.

Representatives and (Alternates) present:

CAP	Bob McCord, (Laura Markiewicz)
Divers	Joe Barr, (Andy Lamb).
Posse	Nick Thill, (Larry Cunningham)
SARA	Cathy Wasmann, Scott Clemans, (Bill Brown), (Mykle Raymond).
SRDI	Vi Brown, Marti Young
Visitors	Doug Myrvold (PCSD/Divers).

**Elections:** Election of officers for the next fiscal year was held. The 'new' officers are:

President	Andy Lamb
Vice President	Nick Thill
Secretary	Cathy Wasmann
Treasurer	Joe Barr

**Minutes:** The April 15th minutes were approved as published (handed out at mtg).

**Treasurer:** The July 15, 1998 report was approved as read:

\$1,044.01	in savings
\$8,584.06	in checking
\$9,628.07	Total

All groups are current on their 1998 tithe. Note that the annual tithe is currently \$5.00 per address based on the January 1st mailing list, so groups are encouraged to review their mailing list before the end of the year.

Pine Pig is 1 year delinquent in the payment of their newsletter ad.

\$6,400 in 1998 grant funds are still available.

SARA Medical committee submitted a grant request for \$1607.30 for oxygen kits. This will provide three portable O<sub>2</sub> systems to be deployed in the three equipment trucks.

Each truck will stock 2 D-cylinders of oxygen. Discussion included concerns about carrying a drug (oxygen) or compressed gas in the trucks. Motion to approve grant made by Cathy, seconded by Scott. Motion passed.

### **Communications & Equipment:**

Airtouch feels that the group voice pager problems are related to a technical limitation in the pagers. They are looking into other options (and have been encouraging a switch to alpha pagers).

Andy distributed a phone/call list draft for review. Arranged by group and by active/inactive to facilitate use when the pagers are down. Will be published in the newsletter.

### **Special Activities:**

Development of a new outdoor education program (updated Hug-A-Tree) is progressing.

### **Volunteer Records:**

Mykle has summaries available for callout statistics. He has data down to an individual level (how many hours did you spend in the field in 1992?)

In order to have State Workmen's Compensation coverage for volunteers participating in trainings we must request a State mission number in advance, and then turn in a training rosters in a timely manner. Forms in both State and SARCI formats are available from Mykle (in MS Word format if desired). Please use the State format for trainings, and the SARCI format for Operations (Operations are entered in the database, which then generates a State form). To obtain a mission number, contact a SAR deputy.

### **Old / New Business:**

Discussion of House Bill 10 coverage, and calls initiated outside the Sheriff's office:

\* We are occasionally requested by MEDs, Mt Lemmon Fire, out of county agency, etc.

\* Not covered by HB 10 until requested by PCSD?

\* We normally notify a deputy if requested by an outside agency.

\* PCSD has statutory responsibility to conduct operations within Pima County.

\* On trainings, HB 10 coverage effective from rendezvous (not portal to portal).



## **SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.**

*by Pam Phillips, 325-4338*

### **SRDI CALENDAR**

**Business Meeting** 19:00-21:00 Wed, Sep 02

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

**Training: Water Search** 07:00 Sun, Sep 06

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

**General Meeting** 19:00-21:00 Wed, Sep 09

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

**Training: Tracking, Marshall Gulch** 07:00 Sat, Sep 26

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Prep work for certification tracks at the "Meadow" in Reddington Pass

**YARD SALE** 07:00-17:00 Fri, Oct 23

07:00-17:00 Sat, Oct 24

4638 E. La Cienega (N.W. of Swan & Ft. Lowell)

Annual Fund-raiser for S.R.D.I., Come by & spend some money!

### **SAR FYI**

- Does your care have to squeeze into a garage stuffed full of boxes and junk?
- Do your teenagers still have toys from their younger years?
- Is your closet full of disco duds, old bridesmaid dresses, bell-bottoms or pieces that some how "shrunk"?

Well, Spring- clean for Southwest Rescue Dogs annual fundraising yard sale and donate your extra, old or outgrown items to a very worthy cause! This year's event will be 7 am to 5 pm Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24, at the Phillips' house ( Swan & Ft. Lowell). Even if you're not looking for the bargain of the century, come by and enjoy homemade cakes, cookies, and breads at the Bake Sale (yes, Deputy Doug, chocolate chip cookies!)

Contact Pam Phillips 325-4338 or 218-5242 if you have donations (or questions) for the Dog Team. We can arrange to pick up large items. Help make our annual fund-raiser as successful as ever!!!

## **PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS**

*by Doug Myrvold*

### **DIVER'S CALENDAR**

#### **August Training:**

Due to excessive numbers of members on vacation or otherwise unavailable, there will be no August Training.

We will attempt to have a Board Meeting during the month to discuss the Maricopa Dive Seminar occurring near the end of September.

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

*by 1lt Darell New, 290-9501*

No report, must be out flying.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

### SARA CALENDAR

- SARA General Meeting** 19:30 Fri Sep 04  
Program: Tanque Verde Falls, history and SAR introduction
- OEC Refresher** 08:00 Sat Sep 12  
Mehl Park (correction from last month's newsletter)
- September Training: Tanque Verde Falls** TBA Sat Sep 19  
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
- SARA Board Meeting** 19:30 Thu Sep 24  
U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers)
- SARA General Meeting** 19:30 Fri Oct 02  
Program: Basic Map & Compass
- October Training: Map, Compass, GPS** 17:00 Sun Oct 18  
"108", Houghton & Irvington, Pima Co. Maintenance. Shop
- SARA Board Meeting** 19:30 Thu Oct 29  
U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers)

- Chili Festival** 10:00 - 17:00 Sat Oct 17  
10:00 - 17:00 Sun Oct 18  
Tucson Botanical Gardens. SARA folks needed for the first aid station (2-3 hr shifts). Call Pam Phillips if interested.

### MEETING PROGRAMS

by Pam Phillips, 218-5242

- Nov 6: Information you need if you're going underground.  
Dec 4: Looking toward 1999 and the MRA conference

### SEPTEMBER TRAINING

#### Tanque Verde Falls Orientation

Contact: Dale Mann, 325-9958; Pam Phillips, 218-5242

When: 08:00 Saturday, September 19

Where: Tanque Verde Falls

Meet at the usual rendezvous point, the Circle-K just east of Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop Roads. Bring plenty of water, and be prepared for a hike in a loose rock canyon, some of which is not vertical.

We do a fair amount of work in Tanque Verde Falls and it would be good to know where specific places are before you have to find them on a dark and stormy night. See the upper and lower helispots, the Turkey Chute, the Turkey Pools, the upper falls, the main falls, and maybe the Nude Beach (blindfolds optional).

### OCTOBER TRAINING

#### Map & Compass Training

Contact: Jeff Brucker, 886-2528

When: 08:00 Sunday, October 18

Where: Empire Ranch (off Sonoita Hwy.)

Meet: "108", Houghton & Irvington, Pima Co. Maint. Shop

Do you ever wonder what those squiggly "contour" lines on a topo map really mean? They mean a lot more than just elevation change. The shapes of those lines form a picture of the ground that is as specific as an aerial photograph. Learning to accurately read a topo map is vital if you want to become comfortable wandering the great outdoors, especially on searches. I guarantee you will learn more by actually getting out and doing this training than you will ever learn from classes or books or wandering on your own.

We will begin with a basic map and compass class. After our short training class, we will break up into pairs. Each pair will

be given a map of the area. There will be a dozen or so destinations marked on the map which you will need to find using only map and compass. You can choose the basic, intermediate, or advanced course, depending on your skill level.

Bring compass, whistle, regular outdoor hiking essentials, and orange SARA shirt. Be prepared to be on foot for about one or two hours, more if desired. This training will be held in conjunction with the Tucson Orienteering Club.

### OEC INFORMATION

by John Gorski 744-9190

The SARA refresher will be held at Mehl Park, Saturday Sept 12 from 8 to 5. We will have the study guide available at the September meeting. The OEC Task Force is looking to build participants, if interested contact Monte or John.

### The Long Overdue SARA Capital Campaign Update

by John Perchorowicz 529-0080 rct2jtp@aol.com

Since kicking off our fundraising activity at our 40th anniversary April meeting we have mailed about 4,000 solicitations to mailing lists developed by the fundraising committee and the Southern Arizona Hiking Club. These mailings have resulted in approximately \$8,000 in donations. Remember however that people do not always donate immediately upon receipt of a solicitation. I believe we will see more from these solicitations, particularly now that summer is winding down. In addition, we are trying to gain access to other lists focused toward outdoor-minded individuals. In addition, we are working to identify individuals or corporations that we can approach. To reach our goal of \$500,000 we are targeting ten donors of \$25,000, ten of \$10,000, twenty of \$5,000 with the remaining \$50,000 coming from our mailing campaign. We have spoken with a representative of one potential donor (who for the time being shall remain nameless) in the first category and have gotten very positive feedback and an expression of helping us identify a suitable building which could be donated to us. Other potential donors in this category are being approached. Members who have ideas and a relationship with potential donors who should be approached on a person to person level should contact a member of the committee so that we can help in the effort, preparing introductory material, accompanying you to a meeting with the donor and putting our case forward.

The Pima County Sheriff's Office has been doing an excellent job of keeping SARA in front of the public. Many people I speak with know who we are (the folks in the orange shirts).

We are still intent on pursuing the building at Craycroft and the Rillito River, if we can reach an appropriate arrangement with Pima County. We have been waiting for completion of the plot plan drawings (Jim Gilbreath are you out there ??????) so that the Board of Supervisors can consider rezoning the property for non-profit use. Once that process is complete we will have to come to some sort of agreement with the County on occupying the building, including whether we lease or they turn the site over to us and under what conditions. I expect this negotiation may take some time.

Our next activity will be to take the envelopes that were returned by the post office, check the new phone book for

valid addresses, and remail them, eliminating those who have left town.

The following SARA members are on the committee: Richard Kunz, Karmin Laramie, Wendy Neihaus, John Perchorowicz, Pam Phillips, and Mark Romero

### **SHIRT NAME TAGS**

*by Dale Mann, 325-9958*

If you need name tags for your orange shirt, contact Dale Mann. The tags are \$3.50 each MUF (Money Up Front).

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

*by Wendy Niehaus, 751-9808, wniehau@azstarnet.com>*

In the June Newsletter I informed you all that I would be trying to update the membership of current motions and policy changes discussed at the Board Meetings, as well as letting you know the up-coming agenda items for the next Board Meeting. As you probably already noticed...they were missing in July's Newsletter! Andy, Mary, and Mykle are VERY efficient at getting the newsletter out on time, and needless to say I got the information to Mykle a little too late to make the July mailing...sorry about that. So here is a catch-up on what happened at the June and July Board Meeting, also what is on the agenda for the August Meeting.

### **JUNE BOARD MEETING**

#### **Motions Passed**

1. Any time SARA is doing medical standby, the group requesting our service must first provide a certificate of Insurance naming SARA as an additional insured. This must also including the specific time frame that SARA will provide that service and the limits of liability must not be less than \$250,000.00.
2. Jim Gilbreath will do drawings of Craycroft Property and be paid \$150.00 once drawings are completed.

### **DEEP WOODS STRANGE BUGS, or, A DEFINITION OF A LEADER?**

*by Bill Kelleman*

On a recent callout, I was wondering why (besides getting older) that some people were passing me by quite easily. After I finally caught up with them, I engaged them in some conversation regarding their packs. I was quite surprised to learn that the list of excuses regarding "what I used to have in my pack" has grown since I remembered last. Recently I volunteered to write a small article related to callout preparation. For those of you that know me and what I do for a living you know it is something very important to me. I would like to use this article to provoke some thought. (Adversity has the effect of eliciting talent, which in prosperous circumstance would have lain dormant).

Now I know that some of us (deep woods) people are looked at as strange, and some of us have even been known to eat a few bugs now and then. Nevertheless, even as strange as we seem, we carry those full packs for a reason. Just ask one of us and I bet we can spin a yarn so long about the last callout that we used every item in our pack to save the day. However, seriously though, there are real searches and there are real rescues any of which you might never have enough stuff. Just think about what you carry and ask yourself how many different uses can I make of this item? Can I do with a slightly

larger size jacket or top? Can I use these clothes to help warm a victim instead of just knowing they will fit me? The backpack we carry with us, especially on a search, is at times our only link with our survival and outcome.

A couple points to remember in all this are.

1. There are people going into the field not fully prepared.
2. We as team leaders are not doing as good a job checking as perhaps we could.

Take the time before embarking on the trail to look over the whole team. One thing to remember is that it's everybody's job to look out for each other. Remember the candidate we help today might be the one looking for our kids or grandkids someday. In researching a couple of things for this article, I found a great definition for a leader. (A short length of material for attaching the end of a fishing line to a lure or hook). ? Just some thoughts that I collected over the years.

### **It's Her Nature...**

Storm clouds loom on the horizon  
As darkness rushes in to close the day.  
Temperatures are falling fast as  
A cold bitter wind begins to blow.

Time alone becomes a threat for the  
Survivor as he races on to meet his  
Basic needs. Soaked and chilled he  
Will attempt to find protection for the  
Night.

Confused by contradiction, the  
Survivor learns an ironic flaw in the  
Power of mother natures law- that  
Although she may provide the vast  
Supplies to build a shelter, she holds  
The awesome power to bring it down.

Prior preparation and resourceful  
Ingenuity are the keys to his success.

**Policy Discussed**

The Board decided that Blood-borne pathogen would be included at all OEC Courses and refreshers. In addition the Board at this time will not mandate that training be done annually to maintain field qualified, however they all agree to **HIGHLY** suggest that members do annual training.

The Board did not feel that a back-up Medical Director required a vote because it is mandated by state EMS laws.

**JULY BOARD MEETING**

**Motions Passed**

1. The following list of people were presented by Tom Faulkner (Treasurer) as not having paid their dues and have subsequently been dropped from membership:

Rosa Aldahondo	Kurt Anderson	Danny Andres	Angela Auerbach
Kim Auerbach	Carolyn Aulds	Brandon Beavers	Michael Berger
Jeff Bonneville	Greg Brannan	Cindy Brocious	Dan Brocious
Paul Burkhardt	Sue Burtzloff	Peter Chen	William Correll
Michael Craig	Jesse Daniels	Helen Deluga	Harry Findysz
Karen Fiore	Rich Gerhauser	Jim Gillis	Edward Gray
Cynthia Guare	Wally Huynh	Rob Jarvis	Chris Johnston
Jerry Johnston	LeRoy Kehl	Edward Kirkby	Walter Mann
Robert Mason	Jeanne Mayer	Joe Michel	Robert Milsap
Jeff Mooney	Kiyomi Morino	Bob Muzzy	Doug Neely
Trish O'Lowney	David Olson	Alisha Parsley	Tracy Perkins
Michael Pipes	Torrey Riches	Jeremy Roggow	Kent Saucedo
Janine Schroeder	Chris Schultz	Jay Shepherd	John Sims
Mina Safford	Larry Thompson	Dale Woolridge	

**Policy Discussed**

At the recommendation of Monty Richardson and John Gorski, the Board concurred to limit the OEC Course to once a year instead of twice a year, pending the agreement of the OEC Task Force.

At the April Board Meeting the Board stated that candidates could not be sent into the field alone. Since that time many members have had questions about what qualifies "alone" and what are the different levels of candidacy allowed to do in the field. In response to this, Andy Lamb (Membership Advocate) presented a formal clarification of use of Candidate Trainees in Field Operations. I felt it important to include in the newsletter, because OFTEN people have questions about what candidates can and can't do in the field....so here it is! (thanks Andy ☺)

**Description:** SARA uses a candidate program to bring new people in to the group. Candidates are encouraged to attend SAR Operations to become familiar with how the organization functions. The candidate participation on Search and Rescue operations is limited.

**Purpose:** Define candidate participation limitations on Search and Rescue operations.

**Definitions:**

**Member** A SARA member who has been approved by the SARA Board of Directors for full membership.

**Candidate-1 (C1)** Candidate who has been accepted by the Board for SARA Membership.

**Candidate-2 (C2)** A Candidate-1 who has completed BasicII.

**Candidate-3 (C3)** A Candidate-2 who has completed BasicIV.

**Policy:**

A C1 may not participate on Search and Rescue operations.

A C2 can only be assigned to a field team that has a Member as the team leader.

A C3 may be assigned to a field team that has a C3 as the team leader. (Team leaders will normally be Members.)

Candidates are required to be field qualified to participate on Search and Rescue operations. Candidates are required to maintain their field qualification just as Members are required with the exception that C2's do not have a field skills qualification.

**Notes about field-qualified people:** (from existing policies) C2's have a "candidate field qualification"

C3's have a field skills qualification valid for one year.

Members have a field skills qualification valid for three years.

**AUGUST BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Clarification on SARA's Policy regarding other SARCI group members participating in SARA trainings.
2. Revisions to Truck Driver Policy.

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## CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

### Data Summary

<b>Reporting Period:</b> 01 Jan – 24 Aug	<b>Callouts:</b> 69
<b>SARCI People:</b> 835	<b>Total Hours:</b> 3577
	<b>Hours/Person:</b> 4.3
	<b>Calls/Week:</b> 2.3
<b>Reporting Period:</b> 28 July – 24 Aug	<b>Callouts:</b> 7
<b>SARCI People:</b> 105	<b>Total Hours:</b> 666
	<b>Hours/Person:</b> 6.3

**SUN 02 AUG** CALL 98.??? Search for a ?? year old female who had been hiking with her son and a friend on the Romero Canyon Trail. The two boys made it out and thought the mother was a short distance behind. When she did not show up the boys called for help. Two deputies hiked up trail and located the subject near the switchbacks. A team carried water in for the mother and the two deputies.  
?? people, ?? hours

**FRI 14 AUG** CALL 98.??? Rescue of a ?? year old female with a leg injury on the Aspen Dawn Trail. She walked out and was met by a Mount Lemmon Deputy. We cancelled at rendezvous.  
?? people, ?? hours, MLFD

**SUN 16 AUG** CALL 98.??? Rescue of a ?? year old male trail runner with a severe allergic reaction near Hutch's Pool in Sabino Basin. A companion ran out for help. They had run up Bear Canyon, then missed the trail down Sabino at Pine Creek and went the wrong way. Teams met a couple of hikers assisting the runner near Pine Creek Crossing. He was doing okay and walked the rest of the way out.  
?? people, ?? hours, RMFD, LifeNet

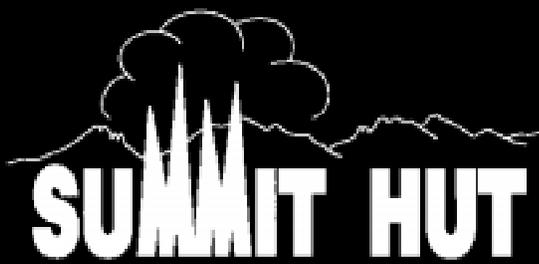
**SAT 22 AUG** CALL 98.??? Search for a 25 year old female with a dog on the Green Mountain Trail. The subject was hiking with a male companion when the dog broke away from them near the junction with the Brush Corral Short Cut Trail. They separated to look for the dog, and the friend eventually returned to San Pedro Vista and reported the dog missing, not thinking that the woman was also missing at that time. We responded a little after 7:00 pm. Initial teams started in from General Hitchcock Campground and San Pedro Vista. Ranger 38 searched the area but she did not have any means to signal. The team in Bear Canyon got a voice response about half-way up to Bear Saddle, and about a quarter mile off trail. She had found a fire ring before dark and stayed put. Everyone hiked out to the campground.  
?? people, ?? hours, R38

**SUN 23 AUG** CALL 98.??? Rescue of a ?? year old male hiker in the saddle East of the Molino Campground on the Arizona Trail. We were initially paged for someone yelling for help above milepost 6 on the Catalina Highway. Ranger 38 landed near the patient, and dropped him off at the parking lot where a ground transport unit was waiting. No one made it into the field.  
?? people, ?? hours, R38

**SUN 23 AUG** CALL 98.??? Two adult males and two young males were reported overdue on a hike on the Butterfly Trail from Bear Wallow to Palisades. They took the Davis Canyon Trail at the junction past Novio Spring, and hiked 4 miles down to Araster Spring before turning around and heading back up 4000' elevation. Ranger 38 spotted them on the road on Mt Bigelow as teams were driving up. MLFD checked them out and found that they were recovering well.  
?? people, ?? hours, R38

**MON 24 AUG** CALL 98.??? A ?? year old male hiker was reported to be exhausted at the head of Montrose Canyon, a mile from the head of Pima Canyon. The subject and a companion went on a day hike Sunday and after visiting the "Window" got off trail north of Mt Kimball. Monday morning the companion hiked out for 5 hours and called for help. He marked a map with the point where he left the subject. Coordinates were recovered and converted, then relayed to Ranger 38 who searched the area without results. The search area was looking very large, including Finger Rock and Pima Trails, and Alamo and Montrose Canyons. The first foot team located the subject from the helicopter as they were being dropped off nearby, close to the PLS. He was okay, and all were airlifted back to base camp at Catalina State Park.  
?? people, ?? hours, R38, Catalina State Park Rangers

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