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FROM THE EDITORS

YARD SALE

- * Does your car 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 the 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!!!

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENT

Chili Festival 10:00 - 17:00 Sat Oct 17
10:00 - 17:00 Sun Oct 18

Tucson Botanical Gardens. People needed for the medical aid station (2-3 hr shifts). Call Pam Phillips if interested.

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

Quarterly Meeting 19:30 Wed Oct 21
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Doug Myrvold

DIVER'S CALENDAR

October Training:

We anticipate being able to dive at Rose Canyon Lake on Mt. Lemmon. The date will be confirmed when the Forest Service announces the closure of the campground for the season.

Team members will be notified of the date and meeting location as soon as the information becomes available.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, 293-2300

POSSE CALENDAR

Posse Board Meeting 19:00 Thu. Oct 08
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Gymkhana Sat. Oct 18
Rio Rico Stable off Harrison

Posse General Meeting 19:00 Thu. Oct 22
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Public Relations - Air time on TV - Larry Caugh and Richard Gibbs did a super job. However, I still don't think mules are the way to go! HA... In the field program for TV was Larry Caugh, Dan McPhedran, Larry Cunningham, and Bob Siegel. They also did a good job for Search & Rescue Posse version.

Pima County Sheriff's Posse will sponsor a Pima Community College **Rodeo Scholarship** Roping with the proceeds going to a special scholarship for students in the college rodeo program. This was put together by Nick Thill who is a noted/admitted Rope-A-Holic. This roping will take place 8:00 am, October 3, 1998, at 3-Twin-Arena (the old Curly Clarke Arena) 13200 West Rudasill Road, Avra Valley. For information call Nick at 825-1957.

The Posse will assist the Vail Community with their **annual festival**, 7 am Oct 17. The Posse will take care of parking and Simmons will announce the Parade and Gymkhana.

Search & Rescue - 8/26/98 The Great Buffalo Roundup starring Dan McPhedran and Larry Cunningham. The roundup, mule versus horse! It's my understanding upon spotting the Buffalo Dan's horse adjusted as, "Oh well nice looking weird cow". Larry's mules - "What part of outer space did this come from - I don't want anything to do with this"! Sources have it that for 20 minutes after the mule saw the Buffalo the rider was still yelling Whooo! Ha... However Dan did assist in crowd control on "horse" back for the Sheriff. And a good time and laugh was had by at least Dan.

8/24/98 Snake Patrol! LeRoy the mule is smart. If a snake is in the way protect the rider and don't proceed up trail.

9/19/98 Our medical training in the Posse continues to pay off during special events. Two injuries in one night, one call included 911. So for all of you in search and rescue, SARA or Posse, stay current cause you never know when you'll be there first.

Till next month - Respectfully Submitted, Jerry Simmons

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

SRDI CALENDAR

Training: 07:00 Sun, Oct 04
TBA
Board Meeting 19:00-21:00 Wed, Oct 07
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
General Meeting 19:00-21:00 Wed, Oct 14
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Training: 07:00 Sat, Nov 01
TBA

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! Donations gladly accepted! Come spend your money on great "reusables" and the best home baked goodies in town!

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 Oct 02
Program: Basic Map & Compass
October Training: Map, Compass, GPS 17:00 Sat Oct 17
"108", Houghton & Irvington, Pima Co. Maintenance. Shop
SARA Board Meeting 19:30 Thu Oct 29
U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers)
SARA General Meeting 19:30 Fri Nov 06
Program: Information you need if you're going underground.
November Training: Mine Rescue 07:30 Sat Nov 14
Mission & Ajo, northeast corner (then to San Xavier Mine)

MEETING PROGRAMS

by Pam Phillips, 218-5242

Dec 4: Looking toward 1999 and the MRA conference

OCTOBER TRAINING Map & Compass Training

Contact: Jeff Brucker, 886-2528

When: 08:00 Saturday, October 17

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 that 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.

NOVEMBER TRAINING

Mine Rescue Training

Contact: John Perchorowicz

When: 07:30 Saturday, 14 November

Where: San Xavier Mine (off of Mission Road)

Meet: Mission and Ajo, northeast corner

MRA CONFERENCE

by Pam Phillips

The 1999 Spring MRA Conference will be held in Tucson, hosted by S.A.R.A. NOW is the time for all members to get busy on a committee. There is lots of work to be done at all levels to make this conference a huge success. Our theme will be Wilderness Medicine and hopefully much of our information will be in the "hands-on" demonstration capacity.

Please look over the following list of committees and volunteer to help on at least one - contact Pam Phillips, 218-5242, or Richard Kunz, 886-2216, to get signed up.

Let's make this the best ever!!!

1. Conference registration
2. Lodging
3. Conference Theme - Wilderness Medicine
4. Transportation
5. Communications
6. Conference related souvenirs (T-shirts, key rings, mugs, etc.)
7. Raffle (Sat night)
8. Extra curricular activities (before or after conf. Caving and climbing trips)

CANDIDATE CORNER

by Andy Lamb, 743-7175

BASIC I F98 Class 18:00-22:00 THU Oct 15

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

BASIC II F98 Class 12:30-18:00 SAT Oct 24

Catalina State Park

BASIC III S98 Class 09:00 SAT Nov 07

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

BASIC IV S98 Class 13:00 SAT Dec 05

Rendezvous: TBA

Basic II for the Fall Candidate Class (F98) will be held at the conclusion of the OEC class. Bring munchies (lunch) and your webbing and ropes given to you at Basic I and your field

pack. This training usually runs late so be prepared to stay until 1730 - 1800.

Also Basic III for the Spring Candidate Class (S98) (or who ever needs it) will be held up into the Catalinas (depending on the weather). Have your Full field pack.

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).

CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

Data Summary

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| Reporting Period: 01 Jan – 26 Sep | Callouts: 88 |
| SARCI People: 999 | Total Hours: 4063 |
| | Hours/Person: 4.1 |
| | Calls/Week: 2.3 |
| Reporting Period: 25 Aug – 26 Sep | Callouts: 9 |
| SARCI People: 69 | Total Hours: 217 |
| | Hours/Person: 3.1 |

SAT 29 AUG CALL 98.076 Body recovery of male suicide victim in Spencer Canyon. The body was located down canyon a short distance from the campground. A straightforward Stokes evacuation was conducted.
15 people, 48 hours

SAT 05 SEP CALL 98.081 Assist 43 year old female hiker, disoriented on trails off the east end of Speedway. She called for help by cellphone. Several Posse were nearby and spent most of their time just trying to run her down, since she kept moving. Finally she was rounded up on the Douglas Spring Trail, and escorted to the trailhead.
5 people 11 hours

SUN 13 SEP CALL 98.082 Overdue hiker from Mt Lemmon to Sabino Visitor's Center. He walked out as we were meeting.
Rendezvous only, R38, RMFD

SUN 13 SEP CALL 98.??? Dog search for an Alzheimer patient missing in the area of Ina and La Cholla. The dog team found the patient shortly after they started looking. It was a good find for the dog team. Ranger 38 had searched the area before the dog team went into the field.
4 people, 7 hours, R38

THU 17 SEP CALL 98.??? Rescue of a 50 female camper near the Girl Scout Camp in the Santa Catalina Mountains. The victim was trying to find the restroom in the middle of the night when she lost her way from a cabin at the Girl Scout camp. She stumbled and fell several times finally falling in the bottom of a ravine a couple of hundred yards from the camp. She suffered a broken shoulder and facial lacerations from the falls. She was placed in the Stokes basket and transported back to the Girl Scout Camp.
9 people, 36 hours, MLFD, RMFD 83

FRI 25 SEP CALL 98.085 Continuing search for missing male in north-east Tucson. The dog team looked around without finding anything.
5 people, 15 hours

FRI 25 SEP CALL 98.086 Continuing search for a 21 year old female with Down's Syndrome on the north side of Tucson. The dog team looked around for several hours.
5 people, 15 hours, TPD

FRI 25 SEP CALL 98.087 Continuing search for a 21 year old female with Down's Syndrome on the north side of Tucson. Several teams searched along the Rillito, followed by the dog team checking a neighborhood where a sighting had been reported, and a foot team walked several miles of underground drainage pipes.
16 people, 63 hours, TPD

SAT 26 SEP CALL 98.088 ?? year old male hiker exhausted on the Butterfly Trail. MLFD and USFS people started from Soldier's Camp while we were enroute. The reportee then reported that all were out okay, apparently from the Palisades pay phone. All were gone a few minutes later when we arrived.
10 people, 22 hours, R38 MLFD USFS

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Strangers Among Us: Redefining Heroism

The volunteers at the Southern Arizona Rescue Association (SARA) put the true meaning of love into daily practice and embody the highest of ideals for human society, while providing a heartfelt remedy for all that ails the human spirit.

During an average day, I am woken up by noisy neighbors 0.3 times, almost killed by a reckless driver 0.24 times, blatantly ignored 0.8 times, told “I can’t help you” 1.7 times, and interrupted 22 times. It is no wonder that, regardless of which side of the bed I wake up on, I am often somewhat pessimistic about the state of our world and the people who inhabit it.

So I went hiking last weekend to escape from our selfish society and reacquaint my soul with the beauty of nature. I was accompanied by the two most essential beings in my universe – my future wife Leslie and our present doggie Borg. The dog elected to run off through the trees midway through our scenic hike in the vast Mt. Lemmon Recreation Area. Maybe my cynicism had gotten to be too much for him. Maybe he finally decided, as I have often contemplated, to abandon all hope for cooperative, social living and retreat eternally into the woods. Maybe he simply got lost, as we all do from time to time. In any case, a panicked existential frenzy ensued, and Les and I split up in order to locate our beloved canine offspring. Two hours later, I returned to our car – the designated meeting place – dogless, wifeless, and utterly exhausted.

Night descended on the area and neither one of my soulmates had surfaced. I decided to make the call that changed our lives. Three simple digits – nine, one, one. It took awhile for the Sheriff’s office to reach the San Pedro Vista parking area from their station in the Tucson Valley below. Once they arrived, a helicopter was dispatched and began to methodically comb through the darkness for any signs of life. The Southern Arizona Rescue Association (SARA) also responded to the Sheriff’s call. Before long, eleven heroic volunteers had embarked upon several different trailheads leading into the tenebrous San Pedro wilderness. I remained in the parking lot along with police officer Jess and his radio. The deafening silence emanating from the radio was punctuated only by brief spurts of “check-ins” from the nocturnal rescuers. The loneliness and agony I was feeling was overpowering, as the fate of my loved ones were now chiefly in the hands of unknown people. My fright was soon tempered by a report of “voice contact” piercing through the airwaves. Ten minutes later, a “3-10 OK” danced through Jess’ speaker – the searchers had found both Les and the dog! All of the intense terror and emptiness I was experiencing burst into flames as vehement sobs bubbled to the surface. I was overtaken by immense joy and the rapture of being alive as I waited two more hours for Les, Borg, and the most amazing people I have ever encountered to emerge from the somnolescent forest. Weakened, scratched up, and glowing with life, Les hugged her two primary rescuers – Josh and Shawn – and we headed home.

How do you properly thank someone for saving your life? How could I possibly express the depth of my gratitude to these eleven complete strangers who voluntarily – with no

reward except for life itself – stepped out of their daily existence and drove an hour from their dwellings to find a person (and a canine) that they had never even met?

These days, as I walk around the lovely UA campus and find myself interrupted, cut off, condescended to, or nearly exterminated by a skateboard whizzing past my ear, I remember. The woman who cut me off on Cherry and 2nd street may be a founding member of the Southern Arizona Rescue Association (SARA). The guy who was rude to me at the Union sandwich shop might have manned the radio on last weekend’s rescue attempt. And that flying skateboard may belong to the person who saved Leslie and Borg.

I left Tucson last weekend hoping to gain a fresh, new perspective on modern existence, to reawaken to the wonder of this magical planet, and to explore the invisible connections we all have – without our realization – to other people. Thanks to the tireless and selfless efforts of the members of SARA and the Sheriff’s office, I did not return disappointed.

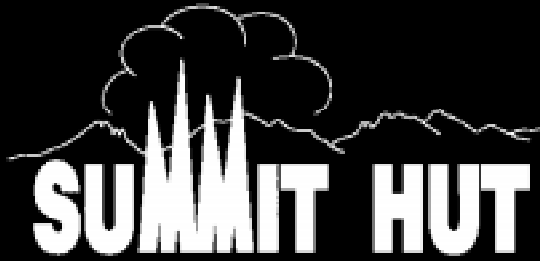


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