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FROM THE EDITORS

CASIE

Computer-Aided Search Information Exchange

by David Lovelock, 749-5232 email: dsl@math.arizona.edu

A website dedicated to the software program CASIE is available at: <http://www.math.arizona.edu/~dsl/casie/casie.htm> It also has, on-line, the article on Desert Searches: The Effectiveness of Helicopters, that SARA and SARCI took part in (in 1981!).

Also, does anyone in SARCI have a photo of John Bownds on a rescue mission which I could put up on the CASIE website? (I can scan, and touch the photo up, if necessary.)

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

CORRECTION:

In the September newsletter, the SARCI board minutes stated that Pine Pig was delinquent in payment for their newsletter ad. As it turns out, Pine Pig is paid through March of this year. Bob - Please accept my apology for this error.

Joe Barr,
SARCI Secretary.

SPRING HAM CLASS

Melody Kehl KG7XH will provide a ham class beginning Thursday February 25, from 7 to 8:30pm. Call her: 885-6362

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, 293-2300

POSSE CALENDAR

Posse Board & General Meeting 19:00 Thu. Feb 11
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

NOTE that the Board and General Meetings are combined this month, since the Rodeo will be running on the day of the usual General Meeting.

TUCSON COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by Wendy Webster, 744-0325

The Tucson Composite Squadron, CAP, recently held the latest in a series of SAR Academies. This Academy was conducted over a weekend at locations on both Mt. Lemmon and in Tucson.

Saturday, students studied many phases of SAR including Basics of Search and ICS, Legal Issues and Helicopter Operations as well as practical classes in topics such as knot tying. Sunday was devoted to locating an ELT, first aid, and victim extraction.

The Squadron has also prepared two kits of SAR equipment for use by ground teams on missions. These kits are to be kept stocked and in good order at all times so that they are ready for use whenever the unit is called out. The kits will be tested at upcoming CAP SAR exercises. Modifications to the contents, as well as accompanying checklists, will be made as needed.

Members of Neotoma Composite Squadron, CAP, recently participated in a Search and Rescue exercise in Sierra Vista, Arizona. Civil Air Patrol ground teams were present, 2 of which were from Neotoma Squadron. Ground team scenarios included missing persons search, Emergency Locator Transmitter search, damage assessment, and air-to-ground coordination. Ground Team Leader Trainees Capt. Michael Barker and 2Lt Cynthia Runkel completed their training under LtCols Laura Markiewicz and Robert McCord to become qualified Ground Team Leaders. Neotoma personnel also participated as Mission Base staff in Communications, Safety, and Public Affairs capacities.

Other NCS personnel participating were: LtCol Wendy Webster and Cadets Daniel Barker, Jeremy Reynolds, Joshua Runkel, Jonathan Purdy, and Bryan Kelsey.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Doug Myrvold

DIVER'S CALENDAR

February Training: Basic Training 09:00 Sun Feb 14
Ft. Lowell Pool. This is a required training.

Basic search patterns and techniques will be discussed and demonstrated, as well as associated rigging and knots.

March meeting will be at Kunz's to work on the boat.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

SRDI CALENDAR

Training TBA Sat, Feb 06
TBA
General Meeting 19:00-22:00 Wed, Feb 10
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Training TBA Sun, Feb 21
TBA

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

SARA General Meeting 19:30 Fri Feb 05
Program: Snow Survival & Avalanche Awareness
February Training: Snow Practice 08:30 Sun Feb 07
Bear Wallow, Santa Catalina Mountains
SARA Board Meeting 19:30 Thu Feb 25
U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers)
SARA General Meeting 19:30 Fri Mar 05
Program: TBA
Family Hike TBA Sat Mar 06
Location and Meeting place TBA
March Training: Tanque Verde Falls TBA Sat Mar 20
Circle-K, Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop

FEBRUARY TRAINING

Snow Practice

Contact: Andy Lamb, 743-7175

When: 08:30, Sunday, February 07

Where: Bear Wallow Area, Santa Catalina Mountains

Meet: Sheriff Substn 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

The emphasis of this training will be snow travel, assisting victims back to camp, and winter survival. Bring your snow skis, snow shoes, and/or snow boots. If anyone is interested in spending Saturday night snow camping please let me know.

NOMINATIONS

April Elections

The Nominating Committee has presented the initial list of nominees for the elections at the April Annual Meeting. Nominations from the floor may be made at the General Meetings in February and March.

Andy Lamb	Karmin Laramie
Bill Kelleman	Tom Faulkner
Shawn Babbitt	Cathy Wasmann
Wendy Niehaus	Fran Kunz
Josh Poles	

Thanks to the Nominating Committee for this list of nominees:
Gary Copus, Shannon Reilly, and Mary Lamb

CANDIDATE CORNER

by Andy Lamb, 743-7175

Search and Rescue Orientation 18:30-21:00 Tue Feb 16
Rincon Room, Alamo Building, Tucson Medical Center
Candidate Hike 08:00 Sat Feb 20
Location: Ventana Canyon

The next opportunity to join SARA starts with the Orientation on February 16th. The mandatory Candidate Hike will be Saturday, February 20th. The Spring OEC class will start on Tuesday, March 2nd.

Currently we are planning on only having one Candidate class each year and only one OEC class each year. This means after the Spring '99 class the next opportunity to join SARA will be in the Spring of the year 2000.

MRA Annual Meeting

by Andy Lamb, 743-7175 email: amlamb@compuserve.com

The 1999 MRA Annual Meeting will be hosted by SARA, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 18, 19, and 20 1999

The theme of the meeting is Wilderness Medicine. Friday's program will consist of presentations and hands-on training in a workshop environment. Outdoor activities are planned for the Saturday field training.

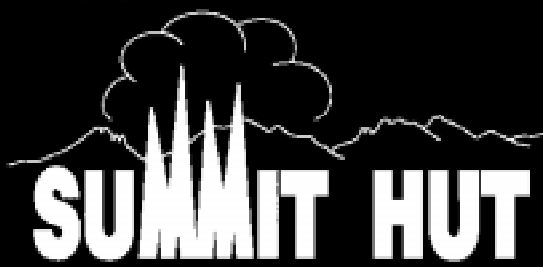
The meeting will be held at the Whispering Pines Girl Scout Camp located at 8,000 feet elevation in the Santa Catalina Mountains north of Tucson. All activities will be held at or near the camp.

Climbing, caving, and other activities are being planned prior to and after the meeting. Details will be available later.

Registration forms are available from Andy Lamb. The \$40 (\$65 after May 15) fee includes presentations, field exercise, T-shirt, annual banquet, and meeting packet. Meal packages are available for \$40 (Fri,Sat,Sun), \$30 (Sat,Sun), \$15 (banquet only, for those not attending the meeting). Extra T-shirts are available for \$15. Everyone is expected to register, other than staff.

People who would like to help with organizing and running the meeting call Rich Kunz, 886-2216.

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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

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Meet 2nd Wed 19:00
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