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## FROM THE EDITORS

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

by Wendy Webster, 744-0325

No report

## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

### CORRECTION

Wendy Niehaus no longer uses her 793-6315 digital pager, and is only carrying my 793-9323 alpha pager. Some people think she has ignored them because she wasn't returning pages, but they were paging the wrong one!

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Doug Myrvold

### DIVER'S CALENDAR

**March Training: Work on Boat** 09:00 Sun Mar 14

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

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, 293-2300

### POSSE CALENDAR

**All Breed Horse Auction** Sat&Sun Mar 6&7

Az. Stallion Station, 11650 E. Speedway 298-6504

**Posse Board** 19:00 Thu. Mar 11

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

**Posse General Meeting** 19:00 Thu. Mar 25

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

### Gymkhana

New location

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

### SRDI CALENDAR

**Training** TBA Sat, Mar 06

TBA

**General Meeting** 19:00-22:00 Wed, Mar 10

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

**Training** TBA Sun, Mar 21

TBA

### Public Relations: Tucson Rodeo Parade Week.

Posse started on Wednesday and went through Sunday. This was the annual Posse must show unless dead event.

### Search & Rescue: Its either a lot or none. Recently none.

Check SARCI report for details.

### Training: Coming together. It seems the 3 week flu is

screwing up a lot of schedules! (mine)!

### O.E.C. starts in March. All instructors help requested.

Outdoor First Response is being requested for outside Ski Patrol & Posse & even SARA. Doing research at present.

### Still looking for new Posse members. Contact Bob Siegel

with leads. Thanks.

Respectfully, Jerry Simmons

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

### SARA CALENDAR

|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| <b>SARA General Meeting</b>                            | <u>19:30 Fri Mar 05</u> |
| Program: TBA   |                         |
| <b>Family Hike: Tucson Mountains</b>                   | <u>10:30 Sat Mar 06</u> |
| Sendero Esperanza Picnic Area, Saguaro Nat'l Park West |                         |
| <b>March Training: Tanque Verde Falls</b>              | <u>09:00 Sat Mar 20</u> |
| Circle-K, Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop           |                         |
| <b>SARA Board Meeting</b>                              | <u>19:30 Thu Mar 25</u> |
| U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers)    |                         |
| <b>SARA Pot Luck Dinner</b>                            | <u>18:30 Fri Apr 02</u> |
| TMC Marshall Auditorium                                |                         |
| <b>SARA Annual Meeting and Elections</b>               | <u>20:00 Fri Apr 02</u> |
| TMC Tumbleweed Room                                    |                         |
| <b>April Training: Helicopter Orientation</b>          | <u>08:00 Sat Apr 03</u> |
| Circle-K, Tanque Verde & Tanque Verde Loop Roads       |                         |
| <b>SARA Board Meeting</b>                              | <u>19:30 Thu Apr 29</u> |
| U of A Farms (mobile classroom, south of bleachers)    |                         |

### MARCH TRAINING

#### Family Hike

Contact: Tom Harlan

When: 10:30 AM, Saturday March 06

Where: Saguaro National Park West,

Meet: Ez-Kim-In-Zin Picnic Area

We will hike to Wasson Peak via the Ez-Kim-In-Zin and Hugh Norris Trails. From the east, take Ina, Wade, Picture Rocks, and Golden Gate Rd to the picnic area. From the south, Sandario jogs around the ridge running west from Wasson, just north of the jog is the other end of Golden Gate Road. This training is open to all members of SARA and their families. Bring your GPS if you have one for practice.

#### Tanque Verde Falls

Contact: Rich Kunz

When: 09:00 AM, Saturday March 20.

Where: Tanque Verde Falls

Meet: Circle-K, Tanque Verde & Tanque Verde Loop Rd.

This will be a technical training involving the set up haul and lower systems and a trolley system. Bring your SARA pack and plan on a full day.

### APRIL TRAINING

#### Helicopter Orientation

Contact: Wendy Niehaus

When: 08:00, Saturday, April 03

Where: Tanque Verde Falls, Main Helispot

Meet: Circle-K, Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop

All participating will be expected to bring their full packs, helmet, goggles, and ear protection.

We will do about 45-60 minute ground school regarding SARA's role in a helicopter mission, including proper use of the radios, landing information to relay to the crew, and SARA equipment used for such missions.

About 10:00 DPS will meet us at the helispot and do an in-service, and we are hoping to do a mock short haul (but that is still to be determined).

This will serve as a safety briefing and further exposure to helicopter work for those new in the group and a refresher for

those candidates/members who have already worked around the helicopter.

In the months to come we will be forming an Ingress/ Egress training class for those who qualify, but this training may hold over your appetite until then!

### NOMINATIONS

#### April Elections

The following members have been nominated for the elections at the April Annual Meeting. Nominations from the floor may be made at the General Meeting in March.

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Andy Lamb     | Karmin Laramie    |
| Bill Kelleman | Tom Faulkner      |
| Shawn Babbitt | Cathy Wasmann     |
| Wendy Niehaus | Fran Kunz         |
| Josh Poles    | Shannon Reilly    |
| Bob Buecher   | John Perchorowicz |

### CANDIDATE CORNER

*by Andy Lamb, 743-7175*

The Search and Rescue Orientation was held Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup>. Nearly 40 people attended. Of those, 20 went on the candidate hike on Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup>. Several were expected to make arrangements for a hike last week. This group of candidates looks pretty good with many having good outdoor skills and experiences. A reminder that the next opportunity to join SARA will February 2000, a year from now.

### 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.

## **Capital Campaign Committee Report**

*by John Perchorowicz, 529-0080, rct2jtp@aol.com*

A significant event occurred in December. We received a pledge for our first or last \$100,000 of our headquarters building fund. This is the first significant financial commitment since the campaign began. The reason it is the last \$100,000 is that we will only receive it when we have raised the remainder of the money. It will be dedicated to the endowment of the maintenance and upkeep of the facility.

Marci Robledo agreed to approach her employer, Canyon Ranch to inquire about the potential for a donation. She and I composed letters to two individuals she identified. She delivered these along with a copy of the SARA video and brochure. These resulted in a meeting with Mel Zuckerman on 29 December, at which he listened to our strategy and made his pledge. Great job Marci!!!!

This pledge is a significant event for our efforts. First, it provides the SARA building fund with credibility and a challenge. We can now approach others and tell them we have a commitment for 20% of our goal. You may think of it as a one to four match. Moreover, the commitment comes from an individual who is recognized in Tucson and nationally for his interest in the outdoors and promotion of personal fitness and well being. Second, it provides for one of the more difficult areas to address in a capital campaign, the maintenance and upkeep of a structure.

Clearly we have much to do to reach our goal. In the short term we must continue our quest for the piece of property we have been discussing with the county. We expect that the issue may come up for discussion by the Pima County Board of Supervisors during the first quarter of 1999. A healthy showing by orange-shirted SARA members couldn't hurt. We will try to page accordingly. We are currently awaiting information from the county so that the drawings necessary for the County Board's discussion can be completed. Rich Kunz and Jim Gilbreath are working on this.

In order to be credible in our approach to other donors we must complete the preliminary design and cost estimates for the headquarters. A focus group lead by Jim Gilbreath has provided input and rough concept drawings have been done by Rich Kunz. It is now time to hire an architect to provide a set of designs. These can be used when approaching other potential donors to give them a better sense of what the building will look like and accomplish for the community. We intend to complete these during the first quarter of 1999.

The committee needs your help. Many have volunteered expertise with regard to building or consulting on construction. Until that phase begins however we must complete our fund raising goals. We will continue to our mailing campaign. While it is a vital part of a broad based community effort, realistically this will not provide the funds necessary. I would like each of you to think about working with the committee to approach potential donors. As Marci did, your employer is a place to start. I will be happy to work with you to compose an appropriate letter to an individual we identify together. We don't expect results of the magnitude mentioned above, but then this exceeded our wildest expectations. I have a list of companies where I would like identify the appropriate contact, introduce SARA and meet face to face to discuss their participation. Let me know who you work for, particularly if it is one of the top 200 employers in Southern Arizona.

## CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

### Data Summary

**Reporting Period:** 01 Jan – 27 Feb **Callouts:** 15  
**SARCI People:** 203 **Total Hours:** 789 **Hours/Person:** 3.9  
**Calls/Week:** 1.9  
**Reporting Period:** 25 Jan – 27 Feb **Callouts:** 8  
**SARCI People:** 111 **Total Hours:** 465 **Hours/Person:** 4.2

**SAT 30 JAN** CALL 99.008 An 18 year old male hiker fell approximately 20 feet on Bushmaster Peak, north of Gates Pass. We were called to assist Northwest Fire District with the technical rescue south of the end of Trails End Drive. NWFD personnel reached the patient and treated him while we were responding. Ranger 38 ferried two teams of two with litter and tech equipment, and a team of NWFD medics, using hover "landings". The patient was carried by stokes a short distance, and loaded into the hovering helicopter at dusk. The teams hiked back down to basecamp. This was R38 pilot John Spencer's last shift flying for Air Rescue. Thanks John.  
22 people, 71 hours, R38, NWFD

**SUN 31 JAN** CALL 99.009 Dog teams were called for a cadaver search in the area of Old Nogales Highway and Old Vail Road. Nothing was found.  
7 people, 14 hours

**MON 01 FEB** CALL 99.010 We were placed on standby for an overdue 65 year old male hiker near lower Sabino and the Phoneline Trail. The subject walked out.

**FRI 05 FEB** CALL 99.011 A couple from out of town riding rented mountain bikes was reported overdue. Ranger 38 located them on a 4WD road southeast of the Tanque Verde Upper Falls Trailhead. A limited call requested a team to be airlifted by R38 from TMC. A team of four was dropped off near a water tank and hiked about ¾ of a mile to the bikers. They were fine, and the team decided to hike them out. The shortest way out was to bushwhack down the side of TV Canyon to the 'Nude Beach', then hike out to the trailhead. The rented mountain bikes were also brought out.  
6 people, 36 hours, R38

**SUN 14 FEB** CALL 99.012 A mountain biker reported seeing two people yelling for help getting off a peak next to the Yetman Trail near Golden Gate Peak. It took him a couple of hours to get to a phone. Ranger 38 didn't find anyone in distress. Foot teams covered trails in the vicinity, without finding anyone who would admit having had problems, and otherwise had an impromptu orientation hike.  
13 people, 36 hours, R38

**THR 18 FEB** CALL 99.013 A search for a 36 year old male hiker was started after his wife reported him overdue on a hike, and his car was located at the Sabino Visitor's Center. Ranger 38 spotted a light below the end of the road in Sabino, but ground teams found nothing. He had not left any plans, so teams covered typical trails in Bear and Sabino Canyons.  
18 people, 117 hours, R38

**FRI 19 FEB** CALL 99.014 The search continued Friday morning without results.  
21 people, 144 hours, R38

**FRI 19 FEB** CALL 99.015 In mid-afternoon a backpacker arrived in Summerhaven and reported seeing a body on the West Fork Trail about a mile and a half west of Hutch's Pool. Ranger 38 spotted the body in the trees, then ferried a searcher within a half-mile, and he identified the body as subject of the search. Deputy Jesse and a litter were flown in, and Ranger 38 short-hauled the body to the Sabino Canyon helipad. Teams at the end of the road in Sabino were getting ready in case the recovery required a ground evacuation. Meanwhile, two other reports were investigated about missing hikers, and both were cleared before the first call was completed.

19 people, 41 hours, R38

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Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Thu 19:00  
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION**

P.O.Box 12892, Tucson AZ 85732-2892  
Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Fri 19:30, St. Mark's Church, 3809 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

**PIMA COUNTY SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS**

P.O.Box 13961, Tucson AZ 85732  
Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 19:00  
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