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## FROM THE EDITORS

### SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

**Council Meeting** 19:30Thu. April 21  
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

### PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, 293-2300

#### POSSE CALENDAR

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

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

**Gymkhana** 11:00 Sun April 18  
Rincon Valley Stables

**Public Relations:** Tucson Rodeo was well attended by the Posse for all five days. Only one crash and Bob Siegal is doing fine. Bumps, bruises and sore ribs!

**Auction at Dr. Poppi's:** This was an all breed horse auction that the Posse helped with. She/someone donated a horse to be auctioned with the Posse getting the proceeds. We worked two days and the Sunday was windy and rain showed up. This was supported by most of the Posse members.

**New Addition to the Posse:** One baby horse purchased by Capt. Pat. One mule purchased by Larry Caugh from Larry Cunningham. Peaches (mule) has already hauled out a patient.

**Training:** Outdoor First Responder in process. Field training coming soon. And yes, you too could be first on scene. Ask Caugh!

Respectfully, Jerry Simmons

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

by Wendy Webster, 744-0325

No report

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

#### SRDI CALENDAR

**Training** Oak Tree Canyon 07:00 Sat, April 03  
Oak Tree Canyon, off Sonoita Highway

**Pima County Fair** April 08 - 18  
We will have a booth and demonstrations as in previous years

**General Meeting** 19:00-22:00Wed, April 14  
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

**Awards Day** TBA Sun, April 25

**Training** TBA Sun, Mar 21

SRDI continues to train but the time gets earlier and earlier as the weather gets warmer. Next training -- April 3 at 7am at Oak Tree Canyon off Sonoita Highway.

Large group of SRDI members with dogs going to Alameda, CA. For bloodhound seminar April 7-9. Kay Jones and Masque will also attend Andy Rebman's Advanced Cadaver Seminar in Chico, CA. April 12-16. Drexel will go and audit the course.

We can always use new subjects to find -- come on out to a training and help and see what we do!

Our training in March -- March 7 & 21st were both held at Fort Lowell Park. We had Pam walk away from her truck and worked the dogs at picking up the trail across the pavement and finding her. We also did scent discrimination exercises with all the dogs. We did tracks with the new dogs and watched to see how they are progressing.

The weekend of March 13-14, we took the three cadaver dogs (Masque, Jura, and Patches) with handlers and assists up the Romero Trail to the pools and beyond to look for the body of Kari Lind. Her husband had asked the dog group to do this. We found nothing of any mention. We had to pack everything in ourselves. Many, Many thanks to Loma for her help -- she made trips in to help and even brought us doughnuts !!!

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Doug Myrvold

### DIVER'S CALENDAR

**April Training: CAP** 09:00 Sun April 11

Meet at ABCO Shopping Center on Valencia, west of I-19. We will travel to the Black Mountain Reservoir to practice in a larger body of water the techniques we learned in the swimming pool sessions.

**May Training: Low Visibility** 09:00 Sun May 16

A week after Mother's Day we will travel to Pena Blanca or Patagonia Lake.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

### SARA CALENDAR

**SARA Pot Luck Dinner** 18:30 Fri Apr 02

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

**SARA Annual Meeting & Elections** 20:00 Fri Apr 02

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

**April Training: BaseCamp & Trucks** 09:00 Sat Apr 03

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

**Helicopter Orientation** 08:00 Sat Apr 17

Circle-K, Tanque Verde & Tanque Verde Loop Roads

**May Training: Cave Rescue Orientation** 19:30 Fri Apr 23

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

**Field Skills Recertification** 08:00 Sat Apr 24

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

**SARA Board Meeting** 19:30 Thu Apr 29

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

**May Training: Cave Rescue** 08:00 Sat May 01

Location: Onyx Cave

**SARA General Meeting** 19:30 Fri May 07

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Program: Cave Rescue

**Basic I** 18:00 Thu May 13

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

**Basic III** 08:00 Sat May 22

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

### ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTIONS

The Annual Meeting of the Southern Arizona Rescue Association will be held Friday, April 02 at 20:00. The Annual Meeting is being held at a new location, the SARA House on Craycroft Road. This is the first meeting to be held at the property that Pima County is in the process of making available to SARA. Plan on attending. We will kick off the evening with a pot luck starting at 18:30. Please bring a dish to share. SARA will provide the place setting and soft drinks.

The primary purpose of the annual meeting is the election of the board of directors for the next year. To be eligible to vote you must be a field qualified full member. Candidates and trainees are not eligible to vote.

### SARA HOUSE

A lot of hard work by many people has resulted in a place to call our own, thanks to the Pima County Board of Supervisors. Floods in 1983 washed away a portion of the property, Pima

County acquired the rest including the residence, and is developing access to the River Park.

The building is accessible by dirt roads from Craycroft just north of the Rillito, Tanque Verde, Pantano bridge, and from River Road just west of the Craycroft intersection. Both roads drop steeply just off the main road.

There is a center lane for left turns on Craycroft, so access is fine for both arriving and leaving from the north or south. Please limit River Road access to right-turns only. Please do not turn left into the area, or turn left when leaving, since River Road is only two lanes, is close to the Craycroft intersection, and the entrance is a steep dirt road. And please limit your speed to 25 mph and perhaps only 15 mph to minimize dust and noise.

We expect many activities to use the building, including other SARCI groups, so scheduling will be needed, especially if your activity is not included in the newsletter.

The parking is unorganized, but there is lots of room if we're careful.

### NOMINATIONS

#### April Elections

The following members have been nominated for the elections at the April Annual Meeting.

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

### APRIL TRAINING

#### Basecamp, Trucks and Equipment

Contact: Mykle Raymond, 793-2303

When: 09:00 Saturday April 03

Where: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

The three rescue trucks and equipment will be reviewed, followed by basecamp operations. There is a lot of stuff in each of the trucks, and most of it is the same. When you are in basecamp, it helps to be familiar with what's where.

#### Helicopter Orientation

Contact: Wendy Niehaus

When: 08:00, Saturday, April 17

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!

**MAY TRAINING**  
**Cave Rescue Orientation**

Contact: Elizabeth Graff

Where: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

When: 19:30, Friday April 23

The May Training is BEFORE the May SARA Meeting, so we won't have the usual opportunity to provide a meeting program about the training. So we've scheduled an orientation, a week before the training. We'll talk about caving, and equipment used for caving, equipment used for cave rescue, and how to use all of that equipment.

**Cave Rescue**

Contact: Elizabeth Graff

Where: Onyx Cave, Santa Rita Mountains

When: 08:00 Saturday May 01

Meet: 07:00, Sheriff Substation 108, Irvington and Houghton

This training will take a full day, so pack a lunch. People entering the cave will have a helmet, 3 sources of light (one helmet mounted), extra batteries for each source, boots, gloves, water in a non-breakable container, and something durable to carry everything in (fanny pack). Knee and elbow pads will make it more enjoyable, and you want to wear clothes that you don't plan on wearing again until the next time you go caving. Along that vein, a change of clothes for afterwards would be greatly appreciated by whatever vehicle you are riding home in.

Both in-cave and above-ground personnel will be required for this training, so don't miss out just because you're a little claustrophobic or don't like crawling around in the dark. SARA personnel will be camping out Friday night, if you want to come out and join the fun. (Yes, you can cave at night!)

**FIELD SKILLS RECERTIFICATION:**

**Don't Let It Lapse**

*by Andy Lamb, 743-7175*

To participate on Search and Rescue callouts, SARA members must be field qualified. Currently, field qualified members must have a current medical certificate, a current CPR card, and a current field skills qualification.

Members get their field skills qualification by successfully completing the Basic IV Field Checkout. The initial certification is good for one year. If you are a Full Member when you recertify your field skills qualification is good for three years. If you are not a Full Member (i.e. candidate or trainee) when you recertify your field skills qualification is good for one year.

If you let your field skills qualification lapse you are required to complete basic training again. We are only having one candidate class a year, so it may take as long as 23 months to get your field skills qualification back. Don't let this happen to you. The next recertification is Saturday, April 24.

**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.

**CANDIDATE CORNER**

*by Andy Lamb, 743-7175*

During the months of May and June SARA's Basic Training will be offered.

Basic I & II will be offered for the Spring '99 Candidates:

**Basic I** 18:00-22:00 Thu May 13

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

**Basic II** 08:00-16:00 Sat June 05

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Basic III & IV will be offered for the Fall '98 Candidates. I will contact the candidates who are eligible to attend Basic III & IV.

**Basic III** 08:00-16:00 Sat May 22

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

**Basic IV** 12:00-24:00 Sat June 26

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

**ORIENTEERING**  
**at Cave Creek**

Contact: Jeff Brucker, 886-2528

When: 09:00, Sunday, April 18

Meet: Drive to Cave Creek, 90 minutes from town)

Make your plans for orienteering (map and compass) on Sunday, April 18, at Cave Creek, Santa Rita Mountains (near Gardner Canyon Road). This will NOT be an official scheduled SARA training, but the orienteering club allows us to attend at the same cost (cheap, \$3) as their own members.

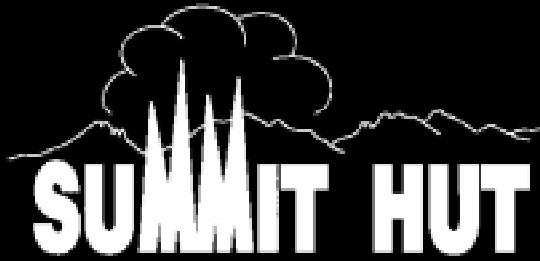
Maps will be provided. There will be various classes and practices from beginner to advanced. You can be finished about noon, or later if you want.

Directions: From Tucson, take I-10 to Exit 281 (State Route 83). Drive south approximately 18 miles on SR 83 to the signed junction with Gardner Canyon Road (FS92). Turn west (right) here. Follow FS 92 and the orange "Orienteering" signs to the meet site.

Note: The Cave Creek crossing may cause problems for cars with low clearance. You will need to ARRIVE at Cave Creek between 9am and 11am. Camping is permitted at the meet site on Saturday night, but it is a primitive site with no facilities.



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**PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE**

8987-309 E. Tanque Verde, Box 232, Tucson AZ 85749  
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, SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

**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.**

4933 N. Sunrise Avenue, Tucson AZ 85705  
Meet each Sun 15:00-18:00, RMPD, 490 W. Magee Rd

**SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS**

P.O.Box 64120, Tucson AZ 85728-4120  
Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 19:00  
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