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FROM THE EDITORS

A KIDNEY DONATION IS NEEDED

Most of you know me, Tom Mireles, and my fight with diabetes, renal failure and dialysis. I now need a kidney and pancreas transplant. My insurance will pay for the kidney transplant but not for the pancreas. I have contacted two foundations to help raise money for the pancreas transplant.

We need to raise \$40,000 more. See the enclosed flyer. On March 1st I had a heart attack after dialysis. My doctors have said "Dialysis is putting a lot of stress on the heart and we need to do the kidney transplant as soon as possible to get you off dialysis." Anybody willing to be tested for possible kidney donation would need to have A+, B+, O+ or AB+ blood types.

Please contact Linda Perez, UMC Transplant Coordinator at 520-694-7365. If you need more information on organ donation you can call me at 520-624-0288 or write 1800 N. Aztec Ave., Tucson AZ 85745. Thank you for your support.

Tom and Irene Mireles

(Tom has been a member of SARA for over seventeen years, and is a past-president. ed)

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

<http://hambox.theriver.com/sarci>

The SARCI web page is up and running, with information about each component group and a forum for discussion about SAR subjects. All are welcome, and feel free to post messages about what you would like to see on these pages.

Thanks to Henry Jacobs for setting up the site, to Fr. Mike Bucciarelli N7CK for hosting the files on his computer, and to The River for providing the internet connection.

NEW HAMS

Congratulations to the newest amateur radio licensees!

Jess Hartman KD7FDX
Susan Hartman KD7FDY
Karmin Laramie KD7FDZ
Rick Sturgeon KD7FEB

MEDS TRUCK NUMBERS

Thanks to popular demand, we'll soon change the truck numbers by adding one, and saving one for field use:

Field Use: Meds 330 SARA-2: Meds 332
SARA-1: Meds 331 Rescue-3: Meds 333

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, 293-2300

POSSE CALENDAR

Posse Board Meeting 19:00 Thu. May 13
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Sheriff's Brunch 10:00 Sun May 23
DoubleTree Inn
Posse General Meeting 19:00 Thu. May 27
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Public Relations: The Posse sponsored a Tee Box Sign for the Santa Rita Exchange Club (for the prevention of child abuse). The Hole-in-one shoot out will take place before you get this newsletter.

Training: Outdoor First Responder update is completed. For Dr. Hess and Randy, they'll finish 5-22-99 after field training.

Larry Cunningham, Dan McPhedran, Randy Moon, and Larry Caugh went to Gardner Canyon for tracking training. Had a good ride and they were looking for a horse that had gotten loose. More trips planned for training. Times to be announced.

Also training set for 22 May @ Harrelson's Place, 9930 E. Andrada (Vail Area).

Search & Rescue: Dan McPhedran said watch out for Booby Traps (low wires) while on nite searches. I understand Andy Lamb will verify this. No fatalities allowed on searches!

After talking to the Border Patrol, they are expecting a big year of searches because of the heavy volume of illegals coming over. It could be a busy summer. Get yer water ready.

Respectfully, Jerry Simmons

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Doug Myrvold

DIVER'S CALENDAR

May Training: Low Visibility 08:00 Sun May 16
A week after Mother's Day we will travel to Patagonia Lake. We will dive off the swim beach. Bring a full tank and expect to dive it down to 500 psi.
Meet at Kunz's at 08:00 to carpool or we'll see you at the lake around 09:30.

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

MISSION SYNOPSIS

- 17 Feb 99** AFRCC mission number 99M0330
ELT reported by SARSAT east of Tucson; located at DMAFB (FIND for the Squadron); 5 responding
- 27 Feb 99** AFRCC mission number 99M03397
ELT reported by SARSAT south of Tucson; located at TIA (FIND for the Squadron); re-activated one hour later - shut \ off again, 7 responding
- 6 Mar 99** AFRCC mission number 99M0455
ELT reported by SARSAT near DMAFB; located at DMAFB (FIND for the Squadron); 6 responding

EMERGENCY SERVICES CURRICULUM PROGRAM

Neotoma Composite Squadron is the only Arizona Wing unit to be a test unit for the Emergency Services Curriculum Program (ESCP). The ESCP has been inaugurated by National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol to standardize and upgrade Emergency Services training nationwide. Part One of the program, being tested now, targets ground teams; Part Two, under development, will be for aircrews. Test units are provided CD-ROMS with student and instructor materials, plus Power Point slides. Test units provide feedback on a secure web-page. Subjects include: Search, Rescue, Bloodborne Pathogens, Helicopter Operations, Navigation, and Survival. Testing is expected to be done by late 1999 and the program will be issued to all units in early 2000.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

SRDI CALENDAR

- Training** Sat & Sun May 01 & 02
TBA
- General Meeting** 19:00-22:00 Wed, May 12
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
- Training: Patagonia Lake** 09:00 Sun, May 16
TBA

ALL SRDI members who attended the Police Bloodhound seminar in Alameda, CA learned alot and had a good time. Kay and Masque learned a tremendous amount at the Advanced Cadaver Seminar in Chico, CA taught by Andy Rebmann.

Our May schedule is as follows: May 1 & 2 -- weekend of training. Place TBA; this will be aimed at the new members of SRDI. All are expected to attend. Training will include mantracking, SARCI orientation, radio etiquette, use of maps, ropes, signal mirrors, and compass. When a place is found, all members will be called as to location and rendezvous time. May 16 -- water training -- Patagonia Lake. Rendezvous at lake at 9am. New members expected to be there without dogs to learn how to operate the boat, safety issues, etc. Any questions, contact Kay Jones 1-520-394-2686.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

- 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: MRA Meeting Plans
- Basic I** 18:00 Thu May 13
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
- Hike of the Month: Marshall Gulch** 07:30 Sat May 15
Meet: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
- Basic III** 08:00 Sat May 22
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
- SARA Board Meeting** 19:30 Thu May 27
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
- SARA General Meeting** 19:30 Fri June 04
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Program: TBA
- Basic II** 08:00 Sat June 05
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
- June Training: Night Search** TBA Sat June 05
Location: TBA
- Basic IV** 12:00 Sat June 26
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

SARA HOUSE

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 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.

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HIKE OF THE MONTH

Marshall Gulch / Wilderness of Rocks

Meet: 07:30 Sat, May 15 @ The SARA House

Map: Santa Catalina Mountains, Arizona

Guides: Josh Poles 218-5376 vp polesj@u.arizona.edu

Karmin Laramie 218-8126 dp laramie@theriver.com

We will carpool from the SARA House promptly at 8:00am to the Marshall Gulch parking area, milepost 28.8. We will take the Marshall Gulch Trail 1.2 miles to the saddle and start down the Wilderness of Rocks Trail 1.7 miles to the Lemmon Rock Trail. For those of us who get hungry, we can find a nice resting place for lunch and then head back to Marshall Gulch.

These group hikes are a good opportunity for us to check out the trails, holler points, surrounding canyons, and possible LZ's for Ranger 38.

** If you would like to be a guide for future monthly SARA hikes or have a trail for us to venture, please e-mail or contact Josh or Karmin **

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 May and June SARA 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 Fall '98 Candidates. I will contact the candidates 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

CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

Data Summary

Reporting Period: 01 Jan – 27 Apr **Callouts:** 29
SARCI People: 283 **Total Hours:** 935 **Hours/Person:** 3.3
Calls/Week: 1.7
Reporting Period: 23 Mar – 27 Apr **Callouts:** 9
SARCI People: 65 **Total Hours:** 128 **Hours/Person:** 2.0

SAT 27 MAR CALL 99.021 Rescue for a fall victim at Windy Point. Canceled while meeting at 106. Climbers on Hitchcock Rock at Windy Point had been going up and down all afternoon. One fell, was caught by his belay, but injured an ankle when he swung to the side into the rock. Mt. Lemmon Fire treated and packaged him, and transport was assisted by four SAR people on their way down from other activities.
?? people, ?? hours MLFD

SUN 28 MAR CALL 99.022 Cochise County requested our help with a search for an overdue hiker near Cochise Stronghold. Cochise searchers had been looking since Saturday evening. He walked out before anyone left town.
?? people, ?? hours

MON 05 APR CALL 99.023 Assisted Northwest Fire Department with a rescue of an injured hiker a couple hundred yards north of Gates Pass.
?? people, ?? hours

TUE 06 APR CALL 99.024 Rescue of an 58 year old male hiker with a twisted knee in Pima Canyon. A dislocated knee had been reported, 1.5 miles up trail. RMFD located the patient just before the first stream crossing (1.0 mi from the trailhead), with help from Ranger 38. He was carried by stokes using the trail to the new development north of Ina Road.
?? people, ?? hours, R38, RMFD

SUN 18 APR CALL 99.025,6 Rescue of an exhausted 35 year old female hiker. A Catalina State Park Ranger located the patient about a half-mile above the old Romero Trailhead, with help from Ranger 38. Golder Ranch Fire Department responded to the trailhead. The patient was able to hike out with the Park Ranger and the initial SAR team..

Another cellphone call was soon received, reporting elderly hikers were looking exhausted on the Romero Trail. A SAR team walked up trail welfare check. The individuals were with a group of 17 English hikers just in from London. All but six turned back before the main switchbacks, and the others were doing fine on their return from Romero Pools.

The same group was hiking the Green Mountain Trail several days later. They were late getting to the Hitchcock Trailhead, and a report was made to the Forest Service. Other hikers mentioned talking to them as they headed to Brush Corral.

?? people, ?? hours, R38, GRFD

SUN 18 APR CALL 99.027 Rescue of an 74 year old female hiker complaining of chest pains reported to be 45

minutes up the Phone Line Trail from Tram Stop 1 in Sabino Canyon. Deputy Doug was already at Sabino Canyon for a previous call. He met the group a couple minutes up trail, moving slowly. Rural Metro medics evaluated her at the trailhead, and transported her to the hospital for evaluation. You should see their heavy-duty gurney!
?? people, ?? hours, R38, RMFD

FRI 23 APR CALL 99.028 Search for an 82 year old male missing from Green Valley since Wednesday. He failed to return from a trip to the Green Valley library to get information about hikes in Madera Canyon. A PCSD aircraft and Ranger 38 assisted several ground units looking for the vehicle in the Box Canyon area. About noon car was located about a half mile west of the Sonoita Highway near milepost 54, a mile south of Sahuarita Road. A perimeter search of the car was initiated to try to locate tracks leading away from the car. The Posse was checking tracks near a water tank nearby. Ranger 38 searched from the air but had to take a break due to the gusty winds. After Ranger 38 was airborne again they spotted the subject about 3/4 of a mile west of the car. The subject was severely dehydrated and sun burned. An IV was started and the patient was transported by Ranger 38. Apparently the subject was traveling a road from the west when he came to a washed out section that his sedan could not make it through. He drove off into the desert trying to find a way around. His car became high centered on a barrel cactus.
?? people, ?? hours, R38

SAT 24 APR CALL 99.029 Search for an 77 year old male who walked away from a care facility in Sells. We were canceled as we were gathering at rendezvous.
?? people, ?? hours

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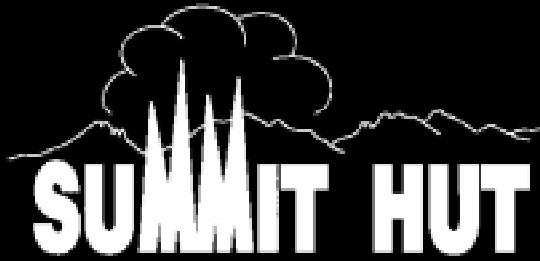
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