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FROM THE EDITORS

UPDATE

Tom Mireles is now on the list for both a pancreas and kidney transplant. Money is still an issue: a number of events being planned. Call Tom if you are interested: 624-0288.

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

No report

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338 and Paul Cartter

SRDI CALENDAR

Training: Mt. Lemmon 07:00 Sun, July 04
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
General Meeting 19:00-22:00 Wed, July 14
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Training: TBA 07:00 Sun, July 25
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Any SAR member wanting to join in on SRDI trainings, please contact Paul Cartter at 825-6517 or on ham KD7BIB.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, 793-2300

POSSE CALENDAR

Posse Board Meeting 19:00 Thu, July 08
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Gymkhana 11:00 Sun July 17
Rincon Valley Stables
Posse General Meeting 19:00 Thu, July 22
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Doug Myrvold

DIVER'S CALENDAR

July Training: Parker Canyon Lake Sat,Sun July 10,11
Call Rich Kunz for coordination. Some people may go down on Saturday, and camp out.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

SARA General Meeting 19:30 Fri July 02
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Program: TBA
Fourth of July Picnic 18:00 Sun July 04
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
MRA Regional Search Workshop Sat July 10
Phoenix
River Rescue Pool Sessions 18:00 Sat,Sun July 10,11
Jacob's Park, Fairview between Prince and Miracle Mile
July Training: River Rescue 08:00 Sat July 17
Location: Oracle and Magee
Field Skills Recertification 08:00 Sat July 24
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Hike of the Month: Mp 12 to Mp 8 09:00 Sun July 25
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
SARA Board Meeting 19:30 Thu July 29
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
SARA General Meeting 19:30 Fri Aug 06
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
August Training: Basic Rock TBA Sat Aug 07
Location: TBA
Advanced Training: Vertical Stokes TBA Sat Aug 21
Location: TBA
SARA Board Meeting 19:30 Thu Aug 26
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

DUES !!

SARA annual dues are past due. The Board of Directors will drop those who haven't paid at the next BOD meeting, in July. Talk to Treasurer Karmin.

JULY TRAINING

River Rescue

Site: Gila River near Winkleman
Meet: 08:00, Sat July 17, Oracle and Magee
Trainer: Bill Graff

You must complete a pool session at least once every three years to enter the river during this practice. You must provide your own wet suit and PFD, type 3 or 5, for this practice. Wet suits may be rented at one of the local dive shops.

Pool sessions are tentatively scheduled from 18:00 to 19:00, July 10 and 11, at Jacob's Park on Fairview between Prince and Miracle Mile. If you cannot make it to a pool session contact me and we will schedule a time to meet at the pool at Dennis Weaver Park.

The river practice will consist of reading the river, swimming the river and crossing techniques. Ranger 38 may show up to practice pick-ups. The practice takes up most of the day so bring a lunch.

AUGUST TRAININGS

Basic Rock

Site: Windy Point, Catalina Hiway milepost 14
Meet: 08:00, Saturday, August 7
at Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Trainer: Josh Poles

A helmet, seat harness, rappelling device, carabiners, and prussik cord will be required for this training.

Vertical Stokes

Site: Windy Point, Catalina Hiway milepost 14
Meet: 08:00, Saturday, August 21
at Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

HIKE OF THE MONTH

Upper Bear Canyon to Prison Camp

Meet: 09:00, Sun July 25,
at Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Map: Catalina Hiking Map, or Mt Bigelow 7.5' map
Guides: Fran Kunz 886-2216, Karmin Laramie 498-0588

This trail is part of the old Soldier's Trail, that the Forest Service thinks is now called the Bug Spring Trail. (The Bug Spring Trail goes to Bug Spring !, a mile up Soldier's Canyon from the Prison Camp.) The bottom trailhead was rerouted during the last road construction, and is now at a parking area at milepost 7.6. We'll start at the upper trailhead at the Bear Canyon Picnic area, milepost 11.6. The top couple miles is just a route in Cherry Creek, but the bottom section along the ridges is pretty good trail. The total mileage is 3.5, dropping 1000' in elevation. Don't miss the fun, bring a sack lunch for a leisurely stop along the way.

** 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 SPRING MEETING

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

Thanks to all that helped make the meeting a success. Several favorable comments were received about the fine hospitality and the enjoyable meeting. Once again it showed SARA members at their finest.

Southern Arizona Rescue Association June 25, 1999

Dear SARA folks,

On behalf of Vi and I, we would like to thank you for making our MRA raffle a success. Thank you for your donations and contributions. Thank you for helping make this a fun and successful raffle. We can always count on SARA folks to pull us through.

If anyone needs a receipt for their donations, please feel free to call either Vi at 762-0165 or me at 749-5066, and we'll get a receipt to you. Please provide your name, address, and value of your donation.

Again, thank you for supporting Southern Arizona Rescue Association's MRA conference raffle. We had a great time and enjoyed our part in the conference.

Sincerely,
Bonnie C. Terry
MRA Committee

TECHNICAL NEWS

from S.A.R.A.'s Technical Committee

S.A.R.A.'s rappel racks have been modified to make them easier and safer to use. The top bar has been pinned so that the bars stay on the correct side of the rack. The big bar is now the second bar down from the top. Additionally, reflective tape has been added to the bars so that it is easier to thread the rope correctly. When properly threaded, the rope should not run on the tape – the tape should be visible on every bar. Check them out!

The committee has spotted some potential problems on rescues of late. We have seen some carabiners with unlocked gates on the haul systems. We have also had to completely assemble the advantage plates because they weren't packed "ready to go". Also, we sometimes have to dump out a rope bag to get to the end of a rope that was stuffed with both ends at the bottom of the bag. Please keep the following in mind:

1. All carabiner gates must be locked in use. The gates must be facing away from the ground or any object that may force them open. The screw locking device must be tightened and the gates checked by trying to open them. The locking device must also be oriented so that the device tightens downhill. This will make it harder for vibration to unlock the gate – it's the gravity of the situation. This is what the expression "GATES DOWN AND OUT" means.
2. When the tech kits are packed, the advantage plates must be packed with the carabiners and pulleys attached as they would be in a "5 to 1" system. This makes it much faster to set up on a rescue. If you are packing after a training or rescue and don't know how to do this, please ask.
3. When stuffing the 600-foot rope bags, one of the rope halves must be packed so that the end feeds from the top. Always check the first bag, which is stuffed with the end on the bottom, and then pack the second bag with the middle of the rope at the bottom. It takes valuable time and some space to dump 300 feet of rope on the ground when both bags are packed rope end first.

There is still some confusion regarding screamers and where in the system to put them. They should be used at the stokes only. That goes for the belay attachment as well as the haul

line attachment. Remember to use them in tandem (parallel) for each attachment.

Last, the dynamometer should be used in every haul system, unless we have to go a long way into the field. Remember that the setting needle must be used to set the max indicator needle "low scale", then moved "high scale" so it is out of the way, otherwise it can prevent an accurate maximum reading.

CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

Data Summary

Reporting Period: 01 Jan – 26 June **Callouts:** 41
SARCI People: 426 **Total Hours:** 1488 **Hours/Person:** 3.5
Calls/Week: 1.9

Reporting Period: 27 May – 26 June **Callouts:** 2
SARCI People: 143 **Total Hours:** 553 **Hours/Person:** 3.9

WED 02 JUN CALL 99.??? Search for a 51 year old female and a 53 year old male overdue on a picnic on Saturday May 29. The couple had planned a picnic for their third date. She was reported missing Sunday morning. The two had met on the Tucson Singles Line, and all that was known about him was that his name was Bob and he lived in Sierra Vista. Her vehicle was not found, and it took several days to determine his identity. We were called after the male's vehicle was located at noon, at the Palisades Trailhead. Teams covered the trails that leave from the parking lot since there was no known itinerary. Ranger 38 also flew the trails without success. After dark a light was seen to the north which appeared to be a campfire so R38 was asked to take a look. They found that the light was at or near a building north of the search area. On the way back R38 did spot a campfire low in Edgar Canyon, noting that there was at least one person who did not appear to be attracting attention, and the camp was adjacent to pools in the stream bottom. It would be light by the time a team could get to the camp from the top or bottom, so R38 would check at first light. Everyone was out of the field about midnight.

THU 03 JUN CALL 99.??? Continuation of the search for the two hikers. Ranger 38 located a single male hiker with near the campsite, but again he did not attract attention. Several trails were checked, and R38 flew the trails again but did not find anything. A tracking team started down the Davis Spring Trail from the Butterfly Trail, and picked up bits and pieces of track about a mile downtrail that looked appropriate for the missing pair. R38 concentrated on Atchley Canyon, running north into Alder Canyon, and spotted the female about 2 miles down canyon. They landed nearby and flew the dehydrated hiker to TMC, where T.J. interviewed her. Her description of her companion, whom she last saw Sunday morning, matched the hiker R38 had spotted in Edgar Canyon. R38 located him again in the same area, a couple of miles east of the tracking team. R38 flew him out, then picked up the tracking team (can YOU get smoothly into the helicopter at a four-foot hover, with your pack?).

?? people, ?? hours, R38

SUN 20 JUN CALL 99.??? Search for an 11 year old barefoot boy reported missing for over 30 hours from his home in Avra Valley, west of Sandario Road. U.S. Border Patrol agents were also involved. A 10 o'clock news story prompted a report that a residence nearby had been broken into earlier in the day, for donuts. The boy was located shortly afterwards hiding under the trailer home, 1.5 miles from home.
?? people, ?? hours, USBP

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