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FROM THE EDITORS

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

New SARCI Officers elected at July Meeting

President	Pam Phillips
Vice-President	Nick Thill
Secretary	Joe Barr
Treasurer	Cathy Wasmann

OEC Refresher

by John Gorski, 744-9190

All SAR personnel with OEC certifications before 1999 will need to take the refresher this year. This year's OEC refresher for Instructors will be 08:00, Aug. 28th, 1999 at the SARA house. The OEC refresher will also be held at the SARA house at 08:00, Sept. 11th, 1999. The OEC refresher handout will be available at the August meeting.

New Version of H.A.T.

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338

The first Saturday for shooting some slides for the new children's outdoor safety program will happen on Saturday, September 4. Interested people please meet at Oak Tree Canyon (West side of Sonoita Highway about M.P. 41.5) at 07:30 for shooting to start by 08:00. Wear your group colors and bring your rescue/search packs.

This project will be a three or four phase endeavor so if you can't make this first weekend don't sweat it. There will be several more. Any questions please call Pam at 325-4338.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Doug Myrvold

DIVER'S CALENDAR

August Training: Evidence Search 09:00 Sun Aug 08
Meet at Orange Grove and Thornydale, NE quad. This month's training/callout will be an evidence search for car parts in what is most likely an old gravel pit located near the Santa Cruz River. For information contact Cathy Wasmann, Doug Myrvold or Rich Kunz.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Pam Phillips, 325-4338 and Paul Carter

SRDI CALENDAR

Training: Patagonia Lake	Sun, Aug 15
TBA, water work.	
Training: Basic I/II	Sun, Aug 15
TBA	
General Meeting	19:00-22:00 Wed, Aug 11
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy	
Training: Oak Tree Canyon	Sat / Sun, Sep 04,05
TBA	

Since training in New Mexico, we have been doing water work, tracking and cadaver. We used the D.M.A.F.B. aircraft storage area for night work on 10 July. Many thanks to the D.M. K-9 unit for letting us use this area. Patches recertified on cadaver on 31 May. Vader and Sally Mae continue their cadaver training. All three will be going to Scottsdale at the end of July for training for 3 days.

Paw Prints: Around the year 1800, a dog named Barry was famous for saving so many lives that he was preserved by a taxidermist and is at the museum in Berne. He was killed by a traveler who, stranded in a snowstorm, mistook Barry for a wolf and stabbed him. He returned to the Hospice to lead the monks back to the man, then died of his wounds.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, 793-2300

POSSE CALENDAR

Posse General and Board Meeting	19:00 Thu, Aug 12
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy	
Gymkhana	11:00 Sun Aug 15
Rincon Valley Stables	

Public Relations: Heroes on Horseback

If it has animals in it the public will watch! Channel 4 did a super job for Search and Rescue. They also did a super job for the Pima County Sheriff's Posse. Yep, Heroes on Horseback except my case when riding some of the trails with McPhedran, then it becomes, Chicken on Horseback, me.

Beckman handled all the coordinating of the event. Dan McPhedran, Larry Cunningham, and myself assisted with the

filming. Rough job however we did succeed. We managed to put in about 1 1/2 hours of filming to get 6 minutes of tape!

Dan and Joe received a lot of interview time and did an excellent job. Larry Cunningham was worn out from being up all night before however still showed to complete the foursome. Our line search was actually very good. Found one beer can, one shoe, and two lizards.

There was only thanks for Posse members who had to do all this hard work. Keep in mind, we had to load Joe Beckman on Dan's horse. This patient is huge. Poor Nacho, had to drug the dude to convince him to hold the load! He (Nacho) knows a bad deal and this was it. However, Nacho was perfect all day. No drugs! Dan handled the load call.

The interview was nice. Joe hustling dollars while Dan explained our Search and Rescue job. Didn't miss a thing. We plugged everyone in Search and Rescue from candidates to Diver recovery and all the behind-the-scene personnel. In fact we did such a sales job, I joined the Posse again.

It was excellent P.R. and we enjoyed doing it. It was hot, humid and fun, hope you enjoyed the show. I gave Kim from Channel-4 a short ride off trail thru the brush and stickers. She learns fast! We'll do it again if asked.

Training: Nothing planned at present. However Dan & Linda have been hiking a lot of the Mt. Lemmon trails and Dan told me they were a lot of Jerry trails there (trails chickens can ride at night). This will help in the future.

Our Gymkhana is still showing good numbers with a good growth potential. Bill Cunningham doing a good job with help at the events from Alex Hodge, Lew Tenny, Beckman, Randy, Richard, Janet, Ron, Jean, me and others. We have a lot of kids and teens show up and its fun to watch. A special thanks to Yvonne and Nacho at Rincon Creek Stables.

That's it for this month, follow the letter for S&R Callouts. Respectfully submitted by Jerry Simmons

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

No report

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

SARA General Meeting	<u>19:30 Fri Aug 06</u>
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft	
August Training: Basic Rock	<u>TBA Sat Aug 07</u>
Location: TBA	
Hike of the Month: Box Tr, Sabino Can.	<u>08:00 Sat Aug 14</u>
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy	
Advanced Training: Vertical Stokes	<u>TBA Sat Aug 21</u>
Location: TBA	
SARA Board Meeting	<u>19:30 Thu Aug 26</u>
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft	
SARA General Meeting	<u>19:30 Fri Sep 03</u>
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft	
OEC Refresher	<u>08:00 Sat Sep 11</u>
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft	
September Training: Tracking	<u>TBA Sun Sep 18</u>
Location: Oracle and Magee	

TOM MIRELES

Outdoor Equipment Benefit Auction

A benefit auction of outdoor equipment will be held before the August SARA meeting at 7:00 pm. Clean out your closets and garage of sleeping bags, tents, stoves, and other camping/hiking/ backpacking/ climbing equipment that you are not using. Drop the stuff off at The SARA House anytime before the auction. The auction will benefit Tom Mireles and family. Tom is fighting diabetes, renal failure and dialysis. He needs a kidney and pancreas transplant. Tom has been a member of SARA for over 17 years and is a past-president.

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
This training is open to candidates and members. Your participation at certain activities will depend upon previous training and experience. Harness, helmet, and personal rappel device are required. Gloves and knee pads are recommended.

A short rappel station is for people who have never rappelled or are not familiar with proper rappel technique. Longer raps will practice simple pick-offs and basic vertical skills. We will discuss climbing techniques and appropriate anchors for personal loads (rescue anchors are covered in Basic III).

After the training, interested and qualified personal are invited to do some significantly longer raps in the Windy Point area, and maybe some climbing if anyone still has energy. Anyone who has information to offer is cordially invited. Last year we had a lot of members who showed up to share good information (e.g. Bob's rope bicycle). Be there or be square!

Vertical Stokes

Site: Windy Point, Catalina Hiway milepost 14

Meet: 08:00, Saturday, August 21

at Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

A Tracking Note

by Tom Harlan

The Davis Spring Trail is not used very much, was never built to the standards of the other trails, and has deadfall across it in places - nothing bad but it does take a little alertness in following. That is the reason, I think, that our lost pair wandered off it on the Saturday they went out.

There are a lot of leaves, needles, branches, etc. on the trail. Bare patches that would show tracks were infrequent. There was the probability of some light rain on the day before the lost pair went out, but it wasn't enough to cause any muddy places where tracks would really show.

What we did have is hard dry ground with a light layer of dust that would show any recent track. However, the tracks were five days old before we were called. By this time, the fairly strong winds had removed the fine layer of dust from any open areas. That means that the nice track-trap places that we all love to utilize were swept clean.

The only places where we found tracks were in sheltered areas where we also had bare ground. Since sheltered places also tend to accumulate leaves and needles this meant tracks were very infrequent. They were present in the very small bare spots in the lee of sticks, rocks, and so forth.

If we had not been convinced that the Davis Spring Trail was where the hikers had to have gone, we would have given up after a quarter of a mile and we would have reported that no one had gone down that trail for a long time. We, and they, are lucky that knowledge of an area leads to intuition about where someone might be. Hard-headedness about sticking to that intuition plays a role also.

I have had for years a quote posted on my wall next to the telephone. I do not know the source. It is true about tracking. "The eye seldom sees what the mind does not anticipate".

HIKE OF THE MONTH REVIEW

June: Baboquivari

by Marvin Stafford

On June 12, Marvin Stafford led a group of SARA Hikers from the Baboquivari Ranch (formerly the Riggs Ranch) to the campsite in Baboquivari's North Saddle. We followed a trail-of-use frequently used by climbers who plan to use the Forbes Route or any of several other summit routes that start from Lion's Ledge. Part of the group made a side trip to the spring on Lion's Ledge. We managed to haul a little over 10 gallons of drinking water to the campsite to be used by climbers the following week. The SARA Members who joined Marvin on this Hike-of-the-Month were Loma, Kevin, Bob and Debbie.

This mountaineering trip is usually done in late fall or early spring, but SARA was hosting the Mountain Rescue Association conference during the third weekend in June. A summit day was set for June 21, the longest day of the year.

Seven conference attendees from out of town joined four SARA members late in the afternoon for the hike to the campsite, finishing the hike by moonlight. The next morning the group climbed the three technical pitches of the Forbes Route to gain the summit. You will have to go yourself to read the poetic description these out-of-town MRA people used for our mountain.

There were some sunburned necks, blistered heels, skinned knees and catclaw racked legs, but everybody left with a smile on their face. Marvin Stafford, for whom this was his 32nd ascent, enjoyed the trip most of all as he was the leader of a group which did not need leadership. Also, because the group accepted his 14-year-old foster son, Robert Rincon, as a beginning backpacker and rock climber and as the 12th member of the climbing party. The pictures should be great.

The SARA members on top with Marvin and Robert were Josh Poles, Andy Lamb and Jeff Merrell. The guests were Werner Hueber from China Lake, Don Adamski from Portland, Suzanne Atkinson from Allegheny, Vern Miller from Allegheny, Bill Cotton from Larimer County, and Tim Hennine from Idaho. Loma Griffith came up on Monday to greet hikers on their way down with more water and a watermelon.

HIKE OF THE MONTH REVIEW

June: Tanque Verde Falls

Jim Gilbreath & Wife, Jeff Brucker & Wife, Mykle Raymond, Jackie Marcus, Brad Steffens, Fran Kunz, Karmin Laramie

Our venture from Bear Canyon to the Prison Camp would not work due to the road closure. So we decided to hike Tanque Verde Canyon where we had our last couple of call outs. It was an easy stroll from the SARA Trail to the stream.

As we reached the first pool, the cool waters were too inviting to pass up, so we stopped to play. Jeff and his wife did not pass up the opportunity for a refreshing dip. The stream was running nicely, so the stroll upstream was more energetic than usual if you wanted to keep your boots dry. Half of the group climbed out at the Middle Route that was well overgrown, and it looked easier than it was. The rest of us continued upstream to the Main Falls, then out the trail past the overlook and helispot.

HIKE OF THE MONTH

Box Camp Trail, Sabino Canyon, and Bear Wallow

Meet: 08:00, Saturday, August 14,

at Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Map: Catalina, or Mt Lemmon and Mt Bigelow 7.5' maps

Guides: Jurgen Seidel, 218-1624 pager

We occasionally find hikers that are well down Sabino Canyon from Marshall Gulch. The route out is usually via the Box Spring Trail, then to the Box Camp Trailhead. This 2.7 mile exercise climbs 1300'. But Marshall Gulch is less than two miles and only 800' higher. The canyon is rough in spots, with a vague trail-of-use that is getting to be pretty clear.

We will carpool to the Box Camp Trailhead, milepost 22.5. We frequently use the Box Camp Trail on calls, and people who aren't interested in our loop can go find the Old Lookout and Dragon's Tail overlooks, then return on their own. Box Spring is tucked nicely into the tall trees, along the steep drop into Sabino. The bottom of the trail is where your search team decides which way to go. The trail up the canyon stays near the stream, then climbs up a steep side canyon until it can wander upstream above the cliffs past the old Gauging Station. There is another trail-of-use in Bear Wallow that we'll follow to the highway. Those that have had enough can sit and wait while the rest continue up an old road and back to the cars.

** 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 **

CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

Data Summary

Reporting Period: 01 Jan – 28 July	Callouts: 63
SARCI People: 747	Total Hours: 3038
	Hours/Person: 4.1
	Calls/Week: 2.1
Reporting Period: 27 June – 28 July	Callouts: 16
SARCI People: 202	Total Hours: 955
	Hours/Person: 4.7

SUN 27 JUN CALL 99.048 Search for 5 overdue hikers on the Box Camp and Bear Canyon Trails. Two of them called when the rest didn't show. They appeared at their own pace shortly afterwards, before anyone got into the field. 0 people, 0 hours

SUN 27 JUN CALL 99.049 Search/Rescue for 5 undocumented aliens near the Silverbell Mine. We were canceled by the USBP before anyone made it into the field. 13 people, 13 hours

WED 30 JUN CALL 99.050 Rescue of a 28 year old male stranded in the early morning darkness on a cliff above the roadway at the bridge about milepost 9.4 on the Catalina Highway. A team scrambled up the side through manzanita to get to the subject and walked him off.
15 people, 31 hours

FRI 02 JUL CALL 99.051 Search for a 45 year old female hiker overdue in the Marshall Gulch area. Teams covered the trails and she was located at dawn by the Posse at the Mt. Lemmon Trail and Wilderness of Rocks Trail junction. She had gotten confused and spent the night near the junction. Nacho gave her a ride out and Dan got some (more) exercise.
12 people, 101 hours

SUN 04 JUL CALL 99.052 Search for a 43 year old male hiker in Finger Rock Canyon. His wife reported him overdue when he failed to return for dinner. Teams started up the Finger Rock, Pontotoc, Pima Canyon, and Ventana Canyon trails. Ranger 38 flew the area, but the winds kept them high. The Finger Rock team at the Overlook finally heard a quiet response from further upstream. He was found wet with a significant head injury apparently received when falling down the 30' waterfall, probably as a thunderstorm started to move across the canyon. Teams were recalled, and people started in with equipment. The winds had calmed, and Ranger-38 located a relatively flat, rocky area just above the stream 200 yds below the scene. Equipment and a couple of people were unloaded at a 2' hover. Equipment coming in by ground was then cached, and people continued to the Overlook. The patient was carried to the "LZ", and loaded into Ranger at first light. Equipment and people were then ferried to basecamp. The patient had fractures to his skull and C6, in addition to a sub-arachnoid hematoma, lacerations, dehydration, and getting started on hypothermia. He started rehab in a couple of days, and was home in a couple more days. His short-term memory is expected to gradually return.
20 people, 141 hours, R38

MON 05 JUL CALL 99.053 Border Patrol requested K-9's to search for a missing 17 year old male near Why, AZ. His companion was found deceased the day before. Clothing was found and possibly tracks where the two separated. Tracks are everywhere from people headed north. Nothing else was found. Temp: 108° at 08:00, 115° at 10:00.
3 K-9's, 6 SRDI, 2 PCSO deputies and 4 BP. 72 hours.

TUE 06 JUL CALL 99.054 Dog teams returned to Why, AZ to continue search. He was not located. There were reports of a few bodies found and he may have been one of them. We found 3 bicycles used by drug smugglers. Temp: 122° at 09:00. If called to this area, bring extra water and a wide brim hat. There are many of snakes and lots of sunshine.
2 K-9's, 3 SRDI and 1 PCSO deputy. 36 hours.

THU 08 JUL CALL 99.055 Dog teams called to Ajo, AZ to search for a missing 19 year old female. Her husband was found deceased the day before. 15 miles SW of Ajo, she was found "alive" on a hillside next to the road. We treated for heat and she went by ambulance to the Sells hospital.
3 K-9's, 5 SRDI, 1 PCSO deputy and 2 BP. 55 hours.

FRI 09 JUL CALL 99.056 Rescue of a ?? year old female with head injury at "The Crack" upstream of Tram Stop 8 in Sabino Canyon. RMFD backboarded the patient and Ranger 38 short-hauled her up to the road in our stokes basket.
8 people, 16 hours, R38

SUN 11 JUL CALL 99.057 Rescue of a ?? year old female injured when a rock fell on her while hiking near Seven Cataracts. Bones in her hand were fractured when she tried to protect her head, and her symptoms suggested a head injury, so she got carried out (about 220#). A 300' lower down the steep slope got to the stream in Bear Canyon. A rough carry downstream about 1000' got to the base of a 150' haul up the south side, then a traverse to the top of the ridge, and over to where Ranger 38 landed. Good thing, there was 1800' of rope running up the ridge to the road.
29 people, 221 hours, R38

WED 14 JUL CALL 99.058 Rescue of ?? year old male at Tanque Verde Falls with a foot cut by glass at the Turkey Pools. He was carried upstream and up the Main Trail.
19 people, 57 hours

THR 15 JUL CALL 99.059 People stranded by flood waters in Sabino Canyon. We assisted Ranger 38 ferrying about a dozen people from upper Sabino, and seven from lower Sabino. The flow at 06:15 was 200 cfs, and by 06:30 was up to 1700 cfs. At 07:30 the flow peaked at 10600 cfs, which dropped to 2500 cfs after two more hours.
8 people, 18 hours, R38, LN

MON 19 JUL CALL 99.060 Rescue of a 34 year old female who had fallen about 30 feet into the stream bottom below the overlook at Tanque Verde Falls, a couple hundred yards downstream from the Main Falls. Alcohol contributed to this incident. A 200' haul got her out of the streambed and up to the 600' main haul system.
23 people, 150 hours

TUE 20 JUL CALL 99.061 Rescue of a 20 year old male with a cut foot at the Middle Turkey Pool at Tanque Verde Falls. He hobbled up to the Main Trail and was carried out by stokes.
14 people, 22 hours, RMFD

SUN 25 JUL CALL 99.062 Search for a 20 year old female at Catalina Sate Park. She was last seen by her friends near Romero Pools. Park Rangers found her there. She walked to the saddle, then Nick gave her a horse ride that she won't forget. Rumor sez that she was skinny-dipping when Ranger flew over, so wasn't trying to attract attention.
15 people, 30 hours, R38

TUE 27 JUL CALL 99.063 Swift water rescue for stranded hikers in Sabino Canyon. We spent some time making sure that nobody was left on the east side of Lower Sabino. The gage peaked at 700 cfs at the time of the call, and had dropped to 250 cfs (wadeable) within about 30 minutes, as we were arriving.
12 people, 12 hours

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