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FROM THE EDITORS

Voice Pagers

Those of you that have voice pagers that work, count your blessings. But when they have problems, don't expect them to get fixed without a lot of aggravation (so that they work again). That sums up our recent experience.

Alpha pagers now cost about the same as the voice pagers, and digital pagers run much less. Add voice mail and make your pager more flexible. Pay by the year and save more. Alpha pagers receive numeric pages just like the digital pagers. Alphanumeric pages (text) can be sent from a special console (rented), from a pager program on a computer, from a web page, or best of all from an email message.

Eventually we'll stop making SARCI pages to the voice pagers when there are only a few left, and we're getting close to that now. Talk to Bill K or Mykle.

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

OEC Refresher

by John Gorski, 744-9190

All SAR personnel with OEC certifications before 1999 will need to take the refresher this year. The OEC refresher will be held at the SAR house at 08:00 Sept. 11th, 1999. The OEC refresher handout must be filled out before showing up at the refresher and will be available at the September SARA meeting. A second refresher is scheduled for Sunday, November 21st, 1999.

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

September Training: Evidence Search 09:00 Sun Sep 12

Meet at the Model Boat Pond, Silverbell Lake. The pond is behind the Pima County Animal Control Facility on Silverbell Road. The park entrance is about a half mile to the north. (including a tank at least half full)

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, 793-2300

POSSE CALENDAR

Posse Board Meeting 19:00 Thu. Sep 09

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Posse General Meeting 19:00 Thu. Sep 23

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Gymkhana 11:00 Sun Sep 19

Rincon Valley Stables

No report. Note that Posse people are invited on the October Orienteering training described in the SARA section.

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

No report

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Paul Cartter

SRDI CALENDAR

Training: Oak Tree Canyon	<u>Sat / Sun, Sep 04,05</u>
Overnight, Sonoita Hwy at Oak Tree Canyon Meet 15:00 at Houghton and I-10 or 16:00 at Oak Tree Can.	
General Meeting	<u>19:00-22:00 Wed, Sep 08</u>
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy	
Training: Water Training	<u>Thur, Sep 09</u>
TBA	
OEC Refresher	<u>Sat, Sep 11</u>
TBA	
Training: SRDI Basic III	<u>Sun, Sep 26</u>
TBA	
Training: Marshall Gulch	<u>08:00 Sun, Oct 03</u>
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy	
SRDI Yard Sale	<u>Fri-Sun Oct 22-24</u>
TBA	

SRDI had some nice training in August. Kay & Drexel with Masque & Jura have been training in WY. and have gone to Canada to train. Janelle/Vader, Loretta/K-Duke and Paul/Sally Mae/Eike went to Scottsdale for 3 days. We worked with Glen Ribly (coordinator for FBI K-9). We did Tracking, Cadaver, Crime scene and Locate a lost gun by scenting off of the expended shell casings. K-9's did great and handlers learned lots. Vi and Patches worked Cadaver on 5 August with no results. Vi/Patches, Paul/Sally Mae worked the Green Valley search on 12 August. Both K-9's showed strong interest/direction of travel to the Northwest from the footprints to the area where the subject was found. Patches scared up four rattlesnakes and Sally Mae scared up one.

Congratulations to new candidates, Jeff Merrell, Carol Richards, Elizabeth Rosgen, Jason Merrell and Jennifer Arnold.

The SRDI yard sale will be Oct. 22, 23 & 24 at Pam Phillips house. Do you have clothes stuffed in closets, garage full and need room? If you have anything to pass along, we will gladly accept any donations. We have had some successful yard sales in the past. Help us make this another one.

Vi/Patches and Paul/Sally Mae will be off to Colorado in Sept. to train with the John Lutenberg school. Where the Navy Seals have hell week, this is it for K-9's and handlers.

Condolences to Pam Phillips whose K-9, Penny, went to dog heaven on 16 August. She will be missed.

Paw Prints: In 1899, military ambulance dogs were used to search for wounded soldiers. They would carry small parcels on their back, marked with a red cross. Ignoring the fighting, walking, standing or marching soldiers, they would travel the battlefield, going to wounded and allow them to treat themselves and lead them to the field hospital. If the soldier could not make it, they would return to lead the medic to them.

Talk about triage, these dogs would have to make a decision to stay or return for help.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

SARA General Meeting	<u>19:30 Fri Sep 03</u>
Location: SAR House, 3455 N. Craycroft	
Hike of the Month: Davis Spring Trail	<u>08:00 Sat Sep 04</u>
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy	
OEC Refresher	<u>08:00 Sat Sep 11</u>
Location: SAR House, 3455 N. Craycroft	
Grand Canyon Vertical Checkout	<u>08:00 Sun Sep 12</u>
Location: HAIDA Range, Rita Road south of I-10.	
September Training: Tracking	<u>09:00 Sat Sep 18</u>
Location: Oracle and Magee	
Helicopter Training: Ingress/Egress	<u>08:00 Sun Sep 19</u>
Location: Redington Pass	
Orienteering Event	<u>Sat-Sun, Sep 18-19</u>
Location: Dragoon Mtns	
SARA Board Meeting	<u>19:30 Thu Sep 23</u>
Location: SAR House, 3455 N. Craycroft	
Grand Canyon Clean-up	<u>Fri-Sun Sep 24-26</u>
Location: Grand Canyon	
SARA General Meeting	<u>19:30 Fri Oct 01</u>
Location: SAR House, 3455 N. Craycroft	
October Training: Orienteering	<u>08:00 Sat Oct 09</u>
Location: Rosemont Junction / Greaterville	
Basic III	<u>08:00 Sat Oct 16</u>
Location: TBA	
MRA Re-Accreditation: High Angle	<u>TBA Sat Oct 23</u>
Location: TBA	
Field Skills Recertification	<u>08:00 Sat Oct 30</u>
Location: SAR House, 3455 N. Craycroft	

Outdoor Equipment Benefit Auction

Thanks to all who donated to the auction for the Mireles'. The auction netted \$380. Tom Faulkner has plates for sale for the benefit. See Loma for quilt raffle tickets, drawing in September.

SEPTEMBER TRAININGS

Tracking Training

Contact: Andy Lamb

When: 09:00, Saturday, September 18

Where: SAR House

Bring your callout pack, and wear a pair of boots with an interesting tread pattern. Learn some interesting tricks to tracking, a much needed skill in the field.

Helicopter Hover Ingress/Egress

Contact: Dale Mann 325-9958

When: 08:00, Sunday, September 19

Meet: Circle K, Tanque Verde east of Tanque Verde Loop.

Where: Redington Pass at the cattle pens (milepost 7.5)

Ingress/egress training with the helicopter flying at a low hover of 1' to 3'. A smooth transition of your weight from the ground to the helicopter is needed. Bring your pack, and be prepared for a cross-country hike of several miles. Helmet and goggles are required, earplugs are recommended.

This is not introductory training. Participants are expected to have had a helicopter orientation with Ranger 38, and be familiar with procedures for entering, seating, and exiting the aircraft with packs. Other people are welcome to observe.

OCTOBER TRAINING

Advanced Map & Compass Training

Contact: Jeff Brucker, 886-2528, or Rob Offerle 318-9710

When: 08:00 Saturday, October 09

Meet: Houghton & Irvington (Pima County Maint.Shop)

Where: Rosemont Junction / Greaterville (off Sonoita Hwy.)

This training will be targeted primarily for intermediate and advanced map-readers to practice and work on map and compass skills. The Posse is welcomed and encouraged to attend. The distances covered will be longer than a typical orienteering event, so it will therefore be much like a realistic search. It is also a great opportunity to practice with your GPS if you have one.

We will begin with an intermediate/advanced class that will focus on map-reading techniques and terrain identification. We will also discuss cross-country route selection strategies and lost-prevention. After the class, each person will be given a map of the area. There will be a several remote destinations marked on the map for you to find using only map and compass (and/or GPS). Expect to be on foot (or horse) anywhere from three to six hours, your choice. You may go out individually or with a partner. Everyone should have full SARA search pack, especially compass and whistle. Also bring GPS and ham radio if you have them.

Candidates and members who have less-than-intermediate map skills are encouraged to participate and team up with another member. You are especially encouraged to attend the orienteering event the weekend of September 18-19 in the Dragoon Mountains. It will have a beginner's class and courses for all skill-levels. (See notice elsewhere in this newsletter).

ORIENTEERING PRACTICE

Contact: Jeff Brucker, 886-2528, pager 793-7021

Where: Dragoon Mountains (Slavin Gulch)

When: Saturday-Sunday, September 18-19

Candidates and members who have less-than-intermediate map skills are especially encouraged to attend this orienteering event as a preparation for the October training. This is NOT an official SARA training. The Orienteering Club allows us to attend at the same cost (cheap, \$3) as their own members.

Maps are provided. There will be various classes and practices from beginner to advanced. Also, Slavin Gulch is a really beautiful camping area near the West Stronghold if you want to take the family. Contact the Tucson Orienteering Club for full info at 628-8985, <http://www.cloudbow.com/sites/toc/>, Jeff Brucker, 886-2528, or Rob Offerle 318-9710.

GRAND CANYON CLEAN-UP

Vertical Checkout

Meet: 08:00, Sunday, September 12,

at HAIDA Range, Rita Road south of I-10

Contact: Josh Poles, 577-6346

If you wish to go over the edge at the canyon you must show that you are proficient in rappelling, ascending, and switching between these systems while on the rope. The distance is approx. 100 feet of rope. THIS IS NOT A TRAINING! You must show that you can execute these functions safely and properly.

Grand Canyon Cleanup

September 24th-26th, 1999

A wonderful Arizona SAR tradition! Join CAMRA and AMC from Maricopa County in cleaning up the Grand Canyon. Oh, but no ordinary clean up. We get to rappel off the south rim to pick up trash, camcorders, hats, coins, oh you would be surprised at what one can find!!!

Your campsite at the rim is FREE. Most people come up Friday night (or day) and we clean up on Saturday. You are welcome to camp out Saturday night also, but it's all over on Sunday. You can usually find some AMC'ers to climb with Sunday morning if you haven't had enough time on the rope.

There are many jobs at the top if you don't wish to go over the edge. We need all the safety support we can get! Come one, come all. All SARA people who wish to participate in any fashion are cordially invited by the GCNP.

PLEASE RSVP WITH NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR PARTY TO JOSH POLES BY SEPTEMBER 3rd.

Josh Poles: 577-6346 or polesj@u.arizona.edu

HIKE OF THE MONTH

Pictograph Spring

Meet: 08:00, Saturday, September 04,

at Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Map: Catalina, or Mt Bigelow 7.5' maps

Guides: Josh Poles, 577-6346

We'll take the Mt. Bigelow and Butterfly Trails to the junction with the Davis Spring Trail, and probably continue a ways to Pictograph Spring. All are welcome! We should be pretty well worn out by the end. Bring lots o' water.

There are many nice places to stop or turn around on this ambitious walk. It will be good to visit the top of the Davis Spring Trail, since hikers on the Butterfly Trail often wind up going the wrong way.

** These hikes are not 25mi, 6000 vertical feet affairs. They are a good way to get to know your fellow rescuers in a non-callout situation.

** 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 **

HIKE OF THE MONTH REVIEW

August: Box Camp Trail

by Jurgen Seidel

The Box Camp Trailhead is high in the Catalinas, but it was already warm as we started around 9am. On the way to the Box Camp / Box Spring Trail junction, we visited overlooks into upper and middle Sabino Canyon (find the Butterfly/"H" shaped contour line on the topo map). The old lookout is a great place to hone your map and compass skills when identifying the landmarks around you.

The Box Spring Trail goes thru a saddle above the spring, where a steep trail-of-use heads toward Brinkley Point, passing the Dragon's Tail overlook. From an earlier search I knew we would find a good rest spot: a hammock! We found that it was big and strong enough for all four of us while we continued our map orientation (maps - held overhead - provide great shade when lying down!). We easily found the Dragon's Tail, which looks into most of upper Sabino Canyon. Towering cumulus clouds persuaded us to stroll back to the parking lot.

Hammock Testers: Jurgen, Karmin, Jackie, Brad

CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

Data Summary

Reporting Period: 01 Jan – 28 August **Callouts:** 78
SARCI People: 907 **Total Hours:** 3622 **Hours/Person:** 4.0
Calls/Week: 2.2

Reporting Period: 28 July – 28 August **Callouts:** 15
SARCI People: 153 **Total Hours:** 584 **Hours/Person:** 3.8

SUN 02 AUG CALL 99.064 Divers' Call, I-10 Frontage Road and the Rillito. A pickup was discovered upside down in a pool of water. 2 bodies were recovered from the pickup after it was pulled from the water.

8 people, 36 hours

MON 03 AUG CALL 99.065 Search for two 18 year old female hikers overdue on a hike to Romero Pools. They apparently walked down Montrose Canyon and were picked up near the contact station. No volunteers made it into the field.

7 people, 7 hours

FRI 06 AUG CALL 99.066 Dog search in the area of I-19 and Ajo.

5 people, 17 hours

SAT 07 AUG CALL 99.067 Search for a 15 year old male hiker whose companions hiked ahead to Romero Pools. Not knowing that he past the pools, he continued up trail and was found in the morning near Romero Spring.

11 people, 57 hours

SUN 08 AUG CALL 99.068 Divers evidence search, Santa Cruz River.

7 people, 28 hours

SUN 08 AUG CALL 99.069 Rescue of a 22 year old male fall victim at 7 Falls. Ranger 38 landed at the base of the falls, then ferried a team of volunteers to help carry the patient on a backboard to the helicopter.

21 people, 35 hours

THR 12 AUG CALL 99.070 Search for a 84 year old male missing from his residence in Green Valley. He suffers from the early stages of Alzheimer's. Tracks were found crossing a road, railroad tracks and fence into a open area near mine tailings northwest of the residence.

19 people, 101 hours

FRI 13 AUG CALL 99.071 Continuation of the search. He was spotted at the base of the tailings by Ranger 38.

5 people, 12 hours

SAT 14 AUG CALL 99.072 Exhausted ?? year old male hiker on the Mt Lemmon Trail. He called by cellphone, three miles from the trailhead, very tired and wet. TJ drove down the top of the trail and found him just after the Lemmon Rock junction. Rendezvous only.

0 people, 0 hours

MON 16 AUG CALL 99.073 Rescue of a ?? year old female with an ankle injury at the third stream crossing on the 7-Falls trail. She was carried by stokes to the trailhead.

10 people, 20 hours

MON 16 AUG CALL 99.074 Search for a 25 year old male hiker down the Box Camp Trail to the Sabino Canyon Visitor's Center. Pine Creek Crossing and Hutch's Pool were checked without sign of the hiker.

7 people, 41 hours

TUE 17 AUG CALL 99.075 Continuation of search. While teams rechecked trails and junctions in the morning, the subject walked to the Visitor's Center. He had not planned to hike the route reported by his companions, but hiked to Romero Pass, then over to Esperero Canyon where he spent the night and walked out in the morning.

11 people, 52 hours

FRI 20 AUG CALL 99.076 Rescue of a 30 year old female who fell from the trail near the base of the switchbacks on the 7-Falls Trail. She was complained of back and neck pain. She was backboarded and LifeNet 4 landed on the rock in the streambed, then flew her to the hospital.

12 people, 38 hours

SAT 21 AUG CALL 99.077 Rescue of a 15 year old female complaining of lower back pain after jumping 30' into Romero Pools. She was carried on backboard to LifeNet 2.

20 people, 97 hours

SUN 22 AUG CALL 99.078 Cochise County requested our help with a search east of Sierra Vista for a 56 year old male whose car was discovered near the San Pedro River. The subject walked into basecamp just after our teams arrived.

8 people, 32 hours

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Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

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P.O.Box 12892, Tucson AZ 85732-2892
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P.O.Box 13961, Tucson AZ 85732
Meet 2nd Sun 09:00, details inside.

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

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

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Meet 2nd Wed 19:00
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