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FROM THE EDITORS

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

The *Elks Search and Rescue Volunteer of the Year* is selected from nominations submitted by SAR groups. If you have someone in mind, let your group know. These nominations are due in December.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Doug Myrvold

DIVER'S CALENDAR

November Meeting 18:30 Mon Nov 01
Meet at Kunz's

Monday, November 1st - Divers annual elections meeting and potluck at 6:30pm at the SARA house. Bring your favorite dish to pass. Please invite interested new divers and support members. Please contact Richard Kunz 886-2216 with any questions.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Pam Phillips, 218-5242

SRDI CALENDAR

Board Meeting 19:00-21:00 Wed, Nov 03
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Training: TBA Sun, Nov 07
TBA
General Meeting 19:00-22:00 Wed, Nov 10
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

No report

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, 793-2300

POSSE CALENDAR

Corona de Tucson Parade Sat. Nov 06
Posse Board Meeting 19:00 Thu. Nov 11
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
C.P.R. Training TBA Tue. Nov 16
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Posse General Meeting 19:00 Thu. Nov 18
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Public Relations

Rex Allen Days Rodeo Parade in Wilcox was attended by Capt. Pat Gallagher, Dan McPhedran, Ken Harrelson, Larry Cunningham, Kelly Goudielock, Randy Moon, and Bob Siegel. The Posse was the flag bearer for the parade. Ken H. put on a show. Seems Ken had a problem with his spurs and Ivory (1300 lbs horse) corrected his mistake! However, it was a safe trip - no breakdowns and fun for the ones who attended.

Dan McPhedran, Bob Siegel and horses will go to Collier Elementary School for a show and tell presentation.

Training

Eight Posse members attended map training put on by S.A.R.A. at Rosemont Junction. The trainees paired up to go find plants (objects) in the desert. A couple of the Posse met a couple of female horseback riders who insisted they help with the gates etc., etc.! Who said search is boring? Also in order to get there we must load our horses in a trailer. Did you know some horses have bad days also? Ask Bill C. how long it took to get his seasoned horse in his trailer. This horse has been loading in and unloading out for three years. Stuff happens when you have animals! I like the field helpers better!

Well, Mac McCaslin semi-retired from S & R. I was sure sad to hear this. We've been on quite a few rescues and he's gonna be missed. Anyone who has met Mac will agree he's a class act and will be missed. Good Luck Mac. Thanks for the chaps donated to the Posse.

Membership

Welcome new members and prospective new members. If you know someone that wants to jump the S.A.R.A. ship that has a horse, call ... no - we're easy! HA.

Upcoming

Planning stages of Outdoor First Care class. Call Simmons if you qualify for the class.

Respectfully, Jerry Simmons

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

SARA General Meeting	<u>19:30 Fri Nov 05</u>
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft	
November Training: Mine Rescue	<u>07:30 Sat Nov 06</u>
Location: U. of A. San Xavier Mine	
Basic IV	<u>12:00 Sat Nov 13</u>
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy	
SARA Board Meeting	<u>19:30 Thu Nov 18</u>
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft	
Vertical Mile	<u>06:00 Sat Nov 20</u>
Meet: Sabino Canyon Visitor's Center	
OEC Refresher	<u>08:00 Sun Nov 21</u>
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft	
SARA General Meeting	<u>19:30 Fri Dec 03</u>
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft	
SARA Board Meeting	<u>19:30 Thu Dec 16</u>
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft	

NOVEMBER TRAINING

Mine Rescue Training

Contact: John Perchorowicz, 529-0080, RCT2JTP@aol.com

When: 07:30 Saturday, November 06

Meet: Mission and Ajo, Northeast corner parking lot.

Where: U. of A. San Xavier Mine

We experience problems working at vertical shafts without a solid collar around its entrance. The sides are of unknown angle and composition, like many in Southern Arizona. This one is too wide and unstable for a conventional tripod. We'll experiment with rigging to lower a searcher to explore.

We will have an oxygen monitor and ventilation device on hand. Come on out and see the challenge and work as a team member to formulate a strategy to meet it and then implement the strategy to see if its practical. I hope that we will have time to experiment with several approaches.

Rich Kunz will talk at the SARA Meeting on the precautions and hazards of working in and around confined space.

Bring a harness and helmet to the training. We should be done around noon. Be gassed up and ready to depart by 7:40 or read the message cone. We'll be going south on Mission.

HIKE OF THE MONTH

Vertical Mile

COME ONE COME ALL.....test your ability and challenge your team mates in this fun event. Yes, you got it, it's the VERTICAL MILE.... for those that are "real rescuers" you won't want to miss this one. I bet you can't make it to the top even if I let you start off easy and hike the road to the switchbacks where our journey begins. Don't get lost, it won't look good ... find the Palisades Trail and hike 'til you drop for 6.8 miles to the Girl Scout Camp where you will be greeted with smiling faces and lots of food and refreshments.

Candidate Corner

by Andy Lamb, 743-7175

BASIC IV will be Sat, Nov 13. Meet at 12:00, Sheriff's Substation 106. We will go up the mountain for the checkout and mock search exercise.

The next opportunity to join SARA starts with the Introduction to Search and Rescue on Tues, Feb 15. The Candidate Hike will be Sat, Feb 19. The OEC class will start Tues, Feb 22.

Board Attendance

SARA policy directs the Secretary to publish Board Member attendance twice a year. A quorum of at least five Board Members is required so that the Board may conduct business.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	total
Andy Lamb	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	6
Bill Kelleman	A	A	P	A	P	A	P	3
Tom Faulkner	A	P	A	A	A	A	P	2
Fran Kunz	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7
Josh Poles	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	5
Karmin Laramie	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	6
Bob Buecher	P	A	P	P	A	A	A	3
John Perchorowicz	A	P	P	A	P	A	P	4
Wendy Niehaus	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	5
<i>total</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>8</i>	
	A= absent		P= Present					

OEC Corner

by John Gorski

First of all, we would like to thank all instructors who assisted at our first OEC Refresher. The next OEC Refresher will be held on Sunday, November 21, 1999 at 8:00 a.m. at the SARA House. If you plan to attend this refresher, please advise John Gorski, pager 291-1555 (leave voice message) or Rich Kunz. This will help us ensure that there are an adequate number of instructors present.

For anyone interested in working on the OEC Task Force, we will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the SARA House. Anyone interested can join us to discuss issues related to the OEC course and refreshers

Technical News

by the S.A.R.A. Technical Committee, October '99

The S.A.R.A. Technical Committee met in September to discuss the technical climbing rack and climbing ropes that are currently in the trucks. The committee recommended to the Board that the trucks not carry climbing racks or climbing ropes. First, the frequency of use of these items has been extremely low. Second, and most important, a climbing rack requires (traditional) lead climbing skills that most S.A.R.A. members do not have. Those of us who do climb would prefer to use our own equipment, because we are familiar with it. The climbing ropes have been retired and the climbing rack bag has been removed from SARA 1 (Rescue 331). Therefore, ALL CLIMBERS IN S.A.R.A. SHOULD CARRY THEIR CLIMBING RACKS AND ROPES IF THE CALL SOUNDS LIKE CLIMBING MAY BE REQUIRED.

The S.A.R.A. Board has approved the purchase of an up-to-date bolt kit to be kept in SARA 1. This kit will replace the ancient kits that were kept in the old climbing rack bag. There will be an announcement when the kit is in place. In addition, we will be purchasing another dynamometer to be included in SARA 2 (Rescue 332). The Technical Committee has strongly recommended that a dynamometer be placed in every haul system, unless the haul is truly "backcountry", where carrying it would present a hardship. Also, the steeper the slope, the more load on the system, and the more reason to have a dynamometer to monitor that load.

CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Andy & Mary Lamb, 743-7175

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Data Summary

Reporting Period: 01 Jan – 30 Oct **Callouts:** 97
SARCI People: 1114 **Total Hours:** 4547 **Hours/Person:** 4.1
44 Weeks **Calls/Week:** 2.2
Reporting Period: 26 Sep – 30 Oct **Callouts:** 7
SARCI People: 76 **Total Hours:** 301 **Hours/Person:** 4.0

WED 04 OCT CALL 99.091 Rescue of a 54 year old male who injured his head at the base of the Main Tanque Verde Falls. The victim and his companion had hiked up from the SARA Trail. The main problem was the alcohol that he had been consuming, and the injury may have been minor. He tried to hike out while his companion was going for help, but started up the south side of the canyon. Fortunately Ranger 38 spotted him before he got very far. The medic hiked from the helipad a short distance to the subject, then escorted him back for a pickup just after sundown.
22 people, 40 hours, R38

SUN 10 OCT CALL 99.092 Rescue of a 30 year old male who was sick, exhausted and out of water on the Sutherland Trail. He and his companion were on an overnight backpack trip. They requested help by cell phone, and Ranger 38 located them about 4 miles from the trailhead at Catalina State Park. They were both flown to the park helispot, and the ill hiker rode by ambulance to the hospital.
6 people, 10 hours, R38, Golder Ranch Fire

SUN 10 OCT CALL 99.093 Two 14 year old male mountain bikers were overdue on a ride down the Palisades Trail from the top to the Sabino Canyon Visitors Center. Ranger 38 spotted their flashlights near the base of the trail in the East Fork of Sabino. The parents of one of the boys met them at the junction and SAR teams met them on the way out.
12 people, 57 hours, R38

SUN 17 OCT CALL 99.094 RMFD requested our assistance with an exhausted female on a steep slope below the road, near Tram Stop 8 in Sabino Canyon. T.J. and RMFD ran a simple belay and helped the elderly patient up to the road. No one made it into the field.
11 people, 13 hours, RMFD

SAT 23 OCT CALL 99.095 A call came in from Ohio that two mountain bikers had called by cellphone, saying that they were out of light and needed assistance. They were following written notes that were supposed to lead them back to Ski Valley, but they wound up at Romero Pass. The bikes had been stashed and they were attempting to hike back to the top. As teams were arriving on top Deputy Jess located them on trail at the junction of the Mt. Lemmon and Sutherland Trails. One of them returned to Ohio the next day and the other was planning to retrieve the bikes in the next few days, and was looking for a "guide" to help him.
8 people, 20 hours

SUN 24 OCT CALL 99.096 A couple attempted to hike down the Box Camp Trail to Sabino Canyon Visitors Center. They got off trail and ended up on the Palisades Trail which they got off of also. They called the woman's sister by cellphone at 17:00 saying that they were between the Box Camp and Palisades Trails, looking down into Sabino Basin. They said not to call SAR until 21:00, if they didn't call back. Ranger 38 located their flashlight at the top of the main Palisades waterfall, about one mile above the basin. Teams hiked down the Palisades Trail from the top and up from the bottom, reaching the hikers about 03:30 with warm clothes and food. At daylight they hiked back up to the trail, met the rest of the teams, then hiked down to the end of the road in Sabino.
8 people, 120 hours, R38

TUE 26 OCT CALL 99.097 Two hikers called on their cellphone to report that they had lost the trail near Romero Pools. One of them was one of the mountain bikers from the previous Saturday callout. He had recruited a companion to help him retrieve the bikes. They reached the bikes from the top by 10:30, then headed down Romero Canyon (not easy with bikes!). The many trails-of-use around Romero Pools made it more difficult to find the ill-defined trail crossing. They stashed the bikes well above the stream, and intended to continue downstream until Park Rangers strongly recommended that they not go that way. So they walked back upstream and waited for SAR. They were very surprised to find that they were waiting next to the trail at the crossing. One of them had twisted his knee, so the hike out was slow.
9 people, 41 hours

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