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FROM THE EDITORS

Happy Holidays 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

December Meeting: Dive Tables 09:00 Sun Dec 12
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

No report

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Paul Cartter, 825-6517

SRDI CALENDAR

Board Meeting 19:00-21:00 Wed, Dec 01
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Training: Chimney Rock Sat, Sun, Dec 4-5
SARCI welcome. Redington Pass
General Meeting, Xmas Potluck 19:00-22:00 Wed, Dec 08
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Training: TBA TBA Sun, Dec 19
SARCI welcome. Call Paul 825-6517

Congratulations to Jennifer & Sugar Bear, Loretta & K-Duke on passing their field tests and becoming mission ready. Welcome back Drexel & Kay Jones from Wyoming. We trained with Pinal Co. K-9 at Picacho Peak for 2 days, and look forward to training with them again. Janelle took Vader to Kansas to train with Glenn Rimbey and got the experience of mud, cornfields and high winds. Vi & Patches and Paul & Sally Mae returned from Colorado where they trained at the John Lutenberg school. Both passed Level I certification.

SRDI will be having dog training and doing rope work at Chimney Rock in Redington Pass on 4/5 of December. Any SARCI people are invited to come play.

We took the dogs to Tubac exit of I-19 to look for a radio supposedly left there. Found several "waystations" of food and water for foot travelers North, a smashed car radio, two hubcaps and about 50 empty boxes of Viagra.

We'd like to pass a Get Well wish to Pam's sister Wes.

PAW PRINTS

What did the dogs left eye say to the right eye? Something between us smells!

What does the K-9 actually smell? Everyone sheds thousands of skin cells a minute and bacteria eats them creating a vapor. This is a unique odor for each person, just like DNA. When we collect a scent article, we must ensure that it is not contaminated by someone else, so we track the wrong person.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, 793-2300

POSSE CALENDAR

Posse Board & General Meeting 19:00 Thu. Dec 09

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Gymkhana

None in December

El Paso Texas Rodeo Parade

February

El Paso

Public Relations

Been busy - Green Valley Parade - Veterans Day Parade, Corona de Tucson - Rex Allen Parade in Wilcox; missed the Collier Elementary School event due to search in Sanchez, AZ east of Safford. Help build corrals in Prison Camp for horses and large humans, Ha. The only event not including our horses was Prison Camp. (*Editor's Note: now it's the George Hirabayashi Recreation Site. So what do we call it? "Bashi Site"?)*)

Membership

We have five new Posse members. This means new training, field and medical. It will be busy in 2000.

New Stuff

Slate of officers for 2000. Training for Outdoor First Response starting January 04, working with the parks department, Saguaro East and their volunteers. Thanks to SARA for the use of the SARA House. I will be working with SARA for joint training for our new members. We'll send a field qualified person for each session. We'll handle all the paper work and related expenses of training. I'll be begging for special classes; -"but we feed steak"! Instructors beware!

Recap of 1999

The Posse had fifty seven different functions, not including S&R and specialty training.. Sounds like a full time job! Some members more work, some members less. Still it's a joint effort.

We've had members drop to associate status. We've picked up new members. I guess that's normal, even though it shows up originally as confusion! Overall it has been a good year for the Posse. Thanksgiving will be over by the time this reaches you. Hope you had a good one and remembered what you were thankful for!

Until the next newsletter, be safe, see ya on S&R.

Respectfully, Jerry Simmons

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

SARA General Meeting 19:30 Fri Dec 03

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Helicopter Training at 305th 08:00 Sun Dec 05

Location: Craycroft Gate, Davis-Monthan AFB

December Training: Mine Rescue 07:30 Sat Dec 06

Location: U. of A. San Xavier Mine

SARA Board Meeting 19:30 Thu Dec 30

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

SARA General Meeting 19:30 Fri Jan 07

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Candidate Corner

by Andy Lamb

BASIC IV was held on Sat, Nov 13. Nine candidates completed Basic IV and were moved to Candidate Level 3.

The next opportunity to join SARA starts with the Introduction to Search and Rescue at 18:30, Tues, Feb 15 at the SARA House. The Candidate Hike is Sat, Feb 19. The OEC class starts Tues, Feb 22.

Helicopter Training

The 305th Air Rescue Squadron has invited us out to DMAFB for an orientation and demonstration on Sunday, December 5th. The 305th would like to train with us in the future so this is the first step to making that a reality. *The only people allowed on base will be those whose name is included on a list provided in advance to the 305th.* An info page will have been made by the time you read this, so that people can be added to the list. The orientation will start at 08:00 and should be done by noon. Be sure to bring you field pack with helmet, eye protection and ear plugs. Meet at the Craycroft Gate at 08:00. Don't be late.

Training Review

The Vertical Mile Hike

by Loma Griffith

The 1999 Vertical Mile Hike up the Palisades Trail on November 20 attracted a record number of outdoor enthusiasts, from toddlers to "seniors." (and those who just felt like seniors by mid afternoon). Sixteen SARA members, and their friends and families tackled the almost 15 miles of trail from Sabino Visitors' Center in the saguaros up about 5000 feet of elevation gain to the Girl Scout Camp in the pines.

Starting before dawn, seven hikers formally "competed" in this non-competitive event by walking the distance with a pack weighing at least 20% of their body weight. David and Sherry Mulkey added interest to the day by packing up their 2 children, Aaron, age 2, weight 35+ pounds, and Jesus, age 1, weight 25+ pounds. Their formula seemed to work; they came up in the shortest time --- 6 hours flat --- all four looking like they did this daily and loved every minute of it.

They were followed, more than an hour later by Jurgen, then Brad, Jackie, Henry and Karmin. The "Vertical Mile Lite" entrants carried packs like John Perchorowicz's that weighed 10 pounds sopping wet, and some even waited to catch the first tram and so sat out the first 3.7 miles. However, all made it up in good time: first John in 6 hours, 5 minutes, then Josh, Sue, Sally, Robert, Marvin, and Andy.

Many thanks to Gary Copus who provided radio communications with the flock throughout the hike from the road above the Mt. Bigelow turnoff. Thanks also to Richard and Fran for help with trail flagging, picnic logistics and (with Gary) for transporting all those exhausted sweaty souls back down the hill. We would also like to thank The Summit Hut for donating items for the event.

The Vertical Mile involves speed, stamina, trail following and a chance to learn a bit more about one's own capabilities. At its best, it also involves teamwork and friendship and a good time (at least in retrospect). This year's group distinguished itself in all these areas, finishing strongly in very good times and with enough energy left over to look out for the rest of the team and cheer them as they came running and skipping (Jurgen!) into camp. Hats off to the whole pack!

CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Andy & Mary Lamb, 743-7175

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Data Summary

Reporting Period: 01 Jan – 25 Nov **Callouts:** 100
SARCI People: 1168 **Total Hours:** 4820 **Hours/Person:** 4.1
48 Weeks **Calls/Week:** 2.1
Reporting Period: 26 Oct – 25 Nov **Callouts:** 3
SARCI People: 54 **Total Hours:** 273 **Hours/Person:** 5.0

THU 11 NOV CALL 99.098 A 65 year old male hiker collapsed about four miles up the Pima Canyon Trail, above the dam. The victim was in good condition, training with his son for a trek in New Zealand, and had no history of cardiac problems. The son got ahead of his dad and waited for him to catch up, then walked back when he didn't show up. He found his dad face down on the trail, and started CPR while calling 911 by cellphone. Ranger 38 dropped the medic off near the scene, and the patient was pronounced. The pilot was unfamiliar with our SAR people, the drop-off point required a hover egress, and the medic was on scene with the son. A SARA member hiked to the scene, then Ranger could fly the son and medic to base camp, and ferry stokes and a second volunteer to the scene. The victim was short-hauled to base camp, then the volunteers were picked up. Ground teams were out of the field shortly afterwards.
14 people, 61 hours, R38, RMFD

THU 11 NOV same call A ?? year old female tripped on trail and injured her knee and ankle a short distance from the Pima Canyon Trailhead while the body recovery was in progress. Rural Fire treated the patient, and asked for our assistance carrying the patient back to the trailhead.

MON 15 NOV CALL 99.099 Search for a 79 year old female Alzheimer patient walk-away from her residence in Continental Ranch, near Cortaro Farms and Silverbell. She was last seen Saturday evening. We were requested about 48 hours later. After we arrived at base camp a teenager rode up on his bicycle and said that he and his mother had possibly located the subject near the Santa Cruz River. The Marana Police and Deputy Rick confirmed that she was our subject. No SARCI members made it into the field.
14 people, 18 hours, R38

THU 18 NOV CALL 98.100 Search for a 3 year old male near the town of Sanchez east of Safford. Pima County Search and Rescue teams were requested by the State Office of Emergency Management to assist with the search. The subject had been in his backyard with the family dogs. His mother noticed him missing around sunset on Wednesday evening. The dogs returned but the little boy did not. Graham County started the search with assistance from other counties through out the night. We arrived about 08:30 with lots of horses, dogs, and foot teams. Shortly after we arrived a Phoenix news helicopter spotted the subject about a mile from the house. A Maricopa County Sheriff's helicopter brought him back to base camp. The little guy was OK despite spending a chilly night outside, without any clothes.
26 people, 194 hours, Graham, Cochise, Maricopa, Pima

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Meet each Sun 15:00-18:00, RMPD, 490 W. Magee Rd

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS

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Meet 2nd Wed 19:00
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