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FROM THE EDITORS

Andy and Mary have changed their e-mail address. Please send newsletter submittals to wb01wh@arrl.net. We are trying a new layout for the calendar. Note: Saturday is the first day of the week. Give us your feed back. We're also sending email reminder notices about the next newsletter. If you'd like a to be included, let us know. We'll probably send it out around the 15th of the month.

SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

Ham License Restructuring

from the ARRL

The FCC has issued its long-awaited Report and Order on amateur licensing restructuring. The bottom line is that starting April 15, 2000, there will be three license classes-- Technician, General, and Amateur Extra -- and a single Morse code requirement -- 5 WPM.

Although no new Novice and Advanced licenses will be issued after the effective date of the Report and Order, the FCC does not plan to automatically upgrade any existing license privileges. Current licensees will retain their current operating privileges, including access to various modes and subbands, and will be able to renew their licenses indefinitely.

Under the new licensing scheme, there will be four examination elements. Element 1 will be the 5 WPM Morse code exam. Element 2 will be a 35-question Technician exam; Element 3 will be a 35-question General exam; and Element 4 will be a 50-question Amateur Extra exam.

All of this means that people looking for a new license will take one 35-question exam instead of two exams. None of our existing privileges will change. Several of us got our Technician license when we had to take a code test, and when the Technician and General tests were given as one exam. These people will be able to upgrade to General simply by applying for it. Mykle has more info if you have questions.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Paul Cartter, 825-6517

SRDI CALENDAR

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| Training: TBA | TBA | <u>Sun, Jan 02</u> |
| TBA | | |
| Board Meeting | 19:00-21:00 | <u>Wed, Jan 05</u> |
| Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy | | |
| General Meeting | 19:00-22:00 | <u>Wed, Jan 12</u> |
| Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft | | |
| Training: TBA | TBA | <u>Sun, Jan 16</u> |
| TBA | | |

Happy Holidays from Dog folks

We are still having trainings with K-9's and anyone who would like to come out and get lost is welcome. Looking at possibly Oak Tree Canyon near Sonoita on 2 January. Call Paul for details, 825-6517. Good training at Chimney Rock this past month. Will drop off pictures of Karmin rappeling at SARA house for viewing. Paul got caught at a weak moment at Animal Control and now is slave to a 1 year old, Black & Tan Bloodhound named "Ginger". Watch out for drooling and carry a towel. We went with Loma & Liz to CDO High School for a couple days, talked to students, and had a great time.

Paw Prints

Bloodhounds have been traced to ancient Babylon, dating to 1000 and 2000 B.C. They are a very large K-9 that tends to intimidate people. They love to track and become very focused on tracking, will walk into traffic, walls and off cliffs. They drool in great quantities and have a deep bellowing bark. They have been used in criminal court as testimony to identify suspects.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Rob Offerle, 318-9710, rofferle@juno.com

DIVER'S CALENDAR

January Training: Orientation & Pool 09:00 Sun Jan 09

Fort Lowell Pool

Bring complete scuba equipment including snorkel and tank

February Training: Pool Session 09:00 Sun Feb 13

Fort Lowell Pool

Election Results

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| President - | Richard Kunz |
| Vice President - | Mike Vohland |
| Secretary - | Fran Kunz |
| Treasurer - | Joe Barr |
| Members at Large - | Rob Offerle Cathy Wasmann |

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, 793-2300

POSSE CALENDAR

Board Meeting 19:00 Thu. Jan 13

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Gymkhana TBA Sun. Jan 16

Rincon Stables

General Meeting 19:00 Thu. Jan 27

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Horse for Sale

9 y.o. dark chestnut mare, spunky and robust, ready to handle any trail. If you'd like, take her on search & rescues for a couple of months to try her out before you buy. Asking \$2,000. Contact Lewis or Adele Tenney @ 682-0445

Public Relations

Bob Siegel and Dan McPhedran assisted the Sheriff's Volunteers loading of food and presents for the Airlift delivery to outlying areas of Arizona. Helping with the Airlift has become an annual event for the Posse.

Thanks to Bob Siegel, Ken Salber, and Larry Cunningham for their Posse Search and Rescue presentation at the T.R.O.T. fundraiser held at Al-Marah Stables.

Parties

A big thanks to Pat Gallagher for the Posse Dinner at the Clarion. We had four new members sworn in and lots of food. Simmons provided a cake for dessert. His wife and brother-in-law, Ken Harrelson, had birthdays. Had to blend the birthdays into the Christmas Party. I must say, the spouses of the Posse members were dressed for Christmas – beautiful. Good to see Frank Dearden and his wife, Winnie. Grace McCaslin is out and about, and Mac's sister came as a guest. She is just like Mac, so she fit right in. A good time was had by all.

Thanks to Joyce and Pat Gallagher for their super open house. There was enough food to feed a Posse!!! And we do like to eat.

Training

Outdoor First Care classes start on Jan 04 at the SARA house, and last for a month. Additional field training is being planned even as I write this.

Membership

We welcome the following new members into the Posse:

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| Ken Harrelson | George Herget |
| Dan Spiel | Dennis Wood |
| Jon Klein | Terry Moore |

2000 Officers And Board

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| CAPTAIN | Pat Gallagher |
| 1 st LIEUTENANT | Nick Thill |
| 2 nd LIEUTENANT | Jerry Simmons |
| SECRETARY | Jean McNeill |
| TREASURER | Joe Beckman |
| SERGEANT-AT-ARMS | Dan McPhedran |
| S&R COORDINATOR | Larry Cunningham |
| MEMBERSHIP CHAIR | Bob Siegel |
| GYMKHANA DIRECTOR | Bill Cunningham |
| PAST CAPTAIN | Larry Caugh |

Finally, I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. Have a good 2000.

Respectfully submitted: Jerry Simmons

(with a whole lot of help from Beckman. English is a Second language for Jerry, along with zero typing ability)

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

Callout activity has been light recently, but our last mission added a new footnote to our operational history. Several SARSAT hits suggested that an ELT was going off in the vicinity of Tucson International Airport. The squadron ground team, lead by LtCol Laura Markiewicz, responded and quickly acquired the signal. After chasing the heavily reflected signal around the airport, the transmitter was located in an inflatable life raft, locked in the storage of a warehouse. This was not an ELT at all, but an EPIRB - essentially the maritime equivalent of an ELT. Congratulations to all on our first EPIRB Find!

On Nov 5,6,7, Neotoma Composite Squadron held its annual SAR Academy at the Double V Scout Ranch near Tucson. Besides covering the materials in SARCI Basic Orientation, this Academy covered materials in Civil Air Patrol's new Emergency Services Curriculum Program (ESCP). This standardized training program for ground teams will be implemented nationwide in March of 2000. Neotoma Composite Squadron is one of the test units for it, the only such test unit in Arizona. Congratulations to our new crop of Ground Team Trainees who graduated.

Congratulations to:

- LtCol Robert McCord who was named Ground Team Leader of the Year at the annual Arizona Wing Conference in Mesa, AZ.

- C/MSgt Jonathan Purdy and Capt Michael Barker on the Award of their Basic and Senior Ground Team Badge, respectively.

- Cadets Scott and Christopher Bauer on the Award of their FIND Ribbon.

- LtCol Robert McCord on his upcoming Award of the Silver Beaver by the Catalina Council, Boy Scouts of America.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

SARA General Meeting 19:30 Fri Jan 07
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Program: TBA

Hike of the Month TBA Sun Jan 08
Location: TBA

January Training: Vertical Rope TBA Sat Jan 15
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Field Skills Certification 08:00 Sat Jan 22
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

SARA Board Meeting 19:30 Thu Jan 27
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

SARA General Meeting 19:30 Fri Feb 04
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Program: TBA

Candidate Corner

by Andy Lamb

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

SARA Store

We have received our order of MRA decals & patches. Also we have new small SARA decals.

Outdoor Emergency Care

by John Gorski

We will be ordering books for the next OEC class that will start the end of Feb. Several people have expressed a interest in upgrading to the 3rd edition of the OEC book. The cost will be \$27.00 plus shipping. ANYONE interested in a book may contact John Gorski at 744-9190, or message on the pager at 291-1555, before Feb. 01.

Field Skills Certification

Reminder: Field Skills Certifications are good for three years if you are a full member, and one year if you are a candidate or a trainee.

Next opportunity to refresh your Certification:
08:00, Saturday, January 22, at The SARA House

Training Review

December Hike-of-the-Month

by Jeff Brucker and Marvin Stafford

Four SARA members and two guests went on the hike-of-the-month on December 11th. I guess only the hard core come out two weeks before Christmas. Come to think of it, maybe the true hard core were all at the mall. I'd rather be hiking. From Gordon's Place (the old Prison Camp / Indian Youth Camp / Old Vail Corral is now the Gordon Hirabayashi Recreation Site) we trailed down to Sycamore Reservoir. Four continued on trail, eventually lunching near lower Sycamore Saddle overlooking Pine Creek. My wife and I rock-hopped down Bear Canyon to the trail crossing near the Thimble for lunch. Flowing water, big pools and some optional downclimbing along that stretch.

After lunch, Marvin and our guests regrouped (via the magic of ham radio) along Sycamore Trail and returned to the cars. Mykle and Jackie continued down the East Fork and Phoneline

Trails, meeting Scotty then continuing to a waiting vehicle at the Bear Canyon Rd. Trailhead. It was a beautiful blue-sky day for a hike.

CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Andy & Mary Lamb, 743-7175

wb0lwh@arri.net

Data Summary

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| Reporting Period: 01 Jan – 31 Dec | Callouts: 105 |
| SARCI People: 1228 | Total Hours: 5022 |
| | Hours/Person: 4.1 |
| | 52 Weeks |
| | Calls/Week: 2.0 |
| Reporting Period: 26 Nov – 31 Dec | Callouts: 5 |
| SARCI People: 60 | Total Hours: 202 |
| | Hours/Person: 3.4 |

SAT 27 NOV CALL 99.101 Two hikers with ankle injuries on the 7 Falls Trail. The first hiker had limped from near the falls down across the first crossing. His ankle was wrapped, then rode out by stokes. As the litter was starting out, a report was received about another ankle injury just up trail. His ankle was also taped, then rode out on Jasper the Mule.

19 people, 33 hours, RMFD

SAT 27 NOV CALL 99.102 Search for a 24 year old and a 19 year old male overdue on a hike to The Window. The two failed to show up at the trailhead at the end of Alvernon. Teams started in from several locations. Rescue 38 spotted two individuals matching their description high in Pima Canyon. Teams hiked throughout the night up Pima Canyon to get to the individuals. R38 returned at first light and helped direct a team of two to the subjects. R38 picked up the two subjects as well as the search team and flew them to the Pima Canyon Trailhead.

15 people, 103 hours, R38

MON 29 NOV CALL 99.???. Dog search for a 32 year old male with a mental capacity of a six year old in the area of Old Nogales Hwy and old Vail Road. The subject returned at sunset. No one made it into the field.

?? people, ?? hours

TUE 30 NOV CALL 99.103 Dog search for an accident victim at milepost 13 on the Catalina Highway. The victim crashed his car and was not found at the accident scene. Soon after teams left 106 the victim was found near milepost 11 by the Mt. Lemmon deputy.

11 people, 11 hours, R38

THU 09 DEC CALL 99.104 Rescue of a 70 year old female with a sore knee a short distance up the trail from the end of the tram road in Sabino Canyon. The victim was with a group that hiked to Hutch's Pool. Her knee became sore as she was arriving at the pool. With the help of a companion she was able to walk slowly while the other two went for help. Teams met them a short distance above the switchbacks and accompanied them the rest of the way out.

11 people, 22 hours

TUE 14 DEC CALL 99.105 Evidence search in Silverbell Lake. A vehicle was in the lake, with the top just below the surface. TJ and Scott looked around before and after the vehicle was towed out.

4 people, 6 hours, TPD

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SARCI Calendar

| Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| January 1 New Year's Day | January 2 SRDI Trng | January 3 | January 4 | January 5 | January 6 | January 7 SARA Mtg |
| January 8 Hike of the Month | January 9 Divers Trng | January 10 | January 11 | January 12 SRDI Gen Mtg | January 13 SARA Monthly Trng: Classroom Session | January 14 |
| January 15 SARA Monthly Trng: Vertical Rope | January 16 | January 17 | January 18 | January 19 SARCI Quarterly Meeting | January 20 | January 21 |
| January 22 SARA Field Skills Recert | January 23 | January 24 | January 25 | January 26 | January 27 Posse Mtg SARA Board | January 28 |
| January 29 | January 30 | January 31 | February 1 | February 2 | February 3 | February 4 SARA Mtg |
| February 5 | February 6 SRDI Trng | February 7 | February 8 | February 9 SRDI Gen Mtg | February 10 | February 11 |
| February 12 Hike of the Month | February 13 Divers Trng | February 14 | February 15 SARA Orientation | February 16 | February 17 SARA Monthly Trng: Classroom Session | February 18 |
| February 19 SARA Candidate Hike | February 20 SARA Monthly Trng: Snow Rescue | February 21 | February 22 OBC Class Begins | February 23 | February 24 Posse Mtg SARA Board | February 25 |
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