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Elk's S&R Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Vi Brown, who was selected by the Elks for their S&R Volunteer of the Year! The Elks select one person from nominations from each SAR group, although several groups usually get together and nominate one person. The honored person is invited to dinner at the Elks Lodge, then attends their meeting. One of our SAR Officers presents the nomination, extolling the virtues of the lucky person. Then the winner speaks to the Lodge, and is presented the award. Patches was rumored to have done most of the talking!

Ham License Restructuring

from the ARRL

Last months article left some people unclear about what the new license structure means for S&R people. The Technician license is still the minimum for using VHF and UHF ham frequencies, in addition to several other bands. A single 35-question test replaces two previous exams that were required to qualify for Technician. As before, you don't need to pass the code test unless you want privileges on HF frequencies (below 30MHz). Existing privileges will not automatically change, unless you upgrade.

Activity Records

Summaries of activities in addition to callouts are requested of many SARCI groups during their fundraising efforts. Many hours are contributed during public service activities with little documented evidence recognizing the contributions by numerous volunteers.

Participants are invited to record the names and approximate times involved in these activities. Either of our usual forms will suit this purpose. Simply mark the event as an activity. Please feel welcome to make a note or two if you like, such as the nature of the event, the number of people involved other than SAR people, or whatever feels relevant.

Any activity that is relevant to local SAR may be documented, in addition to our usual callout and training events. These records may be accumulated by each group as they wish. SARCI will maintain folders of activity records that are provided. Copies may be delivered to Mykle, faxed to the SARA House at 615-0288, or placed on the fax table (until we can set up an In-Box for each group!).

Groups are welcome to suggest activity guidelines to their members, or even say that they would rather not participate.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Paul Cartter, 825-6517

SRDI CALENDAR

<u>Feb 02</u>	<u>19:00-21:00, Wed</u>	Board Meeting	Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Feb 06</u>	<u>09:00, Sun</u>	Training:	Oaktree Canyon
<u>Feb 09</u>	<u>19:00-22:00, Wed</u>	General Meeting	Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Feb 20</u>	<u>07:00, Sun</u>	Training:	TBA
<u>Mar 05</u>	<u>09:00, Sun</u>	Training: Urban Search	Jennifer Johnson's
<u>Mar 18,19</u>	<u>Sat,Sun</u>	Training: TBA	Gardner Canyon

Congratulations to Vi Brown for SAR person of the year. Deputy Doug looks pretty sharp in the Class "A" uniform. We did a promo for the local AKC on the 18th of Jan. that went real well. New SRDI board members are; President - Pam Phillips, VP/PRO - Paul Cartter, Secretary - Loretta Merrell, Treasurer - Jeff Merrell, Training - Vi Brown, and Member at Large - Janelle Wilt.

Come on out and join us at any training.

Paw Prints

We did negative tracking for positive results. We had a person leave a scent article hanging out of a car door and got into another car and left the area. We would scent the dogs and work the area to see the dogs reaction to no trail to follow. They did very well and ended back at the vehicle to alert, telling us there was no track.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

DIVER'S CALENDAR

Feb 13 09:00, Sun February Training: 2nd Pool Session Fort Lowell Pool

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Joe Beckman

POSSE CALENDAR

Feb 04-06	Fri-Sun	El Paso Parade and Rodeo	El Paso, Texas
Feb 10	19:00, Thu	Board Meeting	Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Feb 23-27	Wed-Sun	Tucson Rodeo, Grand Entry	Rodeo Grounds
Feb 24	Thu	General Meeting & Rodeo Parade	On a horse in Tucson

Well, I knew it would happen!!! If I typed the last Posse SAR NEWS report, Simmons would somehow con me into the job full time. I did and he did. So, I guess from now on, I will be Ye Olde News Person. Actually, it is a blessing in disguise. Not having to decipher his handwriting is preserving my eyesight and sanity.

Due to the holidays, not much happened during the month of January. Simmons (@#%\$* his hide) reports that he has 22 participants in his Outdoor First Care class. Holding class at the SARA House is great because of the space and availability of training equipment.

With the above schedule, and the nice weather we have been having, you can see why we are keeping the horse trailers hooked up to our trucks.

That's all, folks!!! Beckman

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

No report

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

Feb 04	19:30, Fri	SARA General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Feb 11	TBA, Sat	Hike of the Month	Location: TBA
Feb 15	18:30, Tue	SARA Orientation	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Feb 17	19:00, Thu	February Classroom: Snow Rescue	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Feb 19	08:00, Sat	Candidate Hike	Location: Ventana Canyon Trailhead
Feb 20	08:00, Sun	February Training: Snow Rescue	Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Feb 24	19:30, Thu	SARA Board Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Mar 03	19:30, Fri	SARA General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Board of Directors Nominations

by Gary Copus

The Nominating Committee presents a list of nine people at the February General Meeting. Nominations from the floor may be made at the February and March General Meetings, and elections are held at the April Annual Meeting. Permission by the nominee is required. The committee's list for 2000 includes:

Rich Kunz	Frances Walker	Dale Mann	John Perchorowicz	John Gorski
Elizabeth Graff	Mike Comeau	Rob Offerle	Jeff Merrell	Scott Clemans

Louise Ambrose

One of the Founding Members of SARA passed away on January 22. Louise was 81 years old. Bob Ambrose passed away in March 1988. Bob and Louise were responsible for SARA Meetings being held at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church for many years (until last April when we moved into the SARA House). Several SARA members got together after Bob died, and we expect to do something similar for Louise towards the end of February.

February Training: SNOW RESCUE

by Andy Lamb

Feb 17	19:00, Thurs	Classroom Session	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Feb 20	08:00, Sun	Field Session at Bear Wallow	Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Hopefully we will have snow this year. The training will cover cross country traveling on snow, snow anchors, and other aspects of technical snow rescues. Be sure to wear warm clothes and have dry clothes to change into when the training is over. If you own snow

skis or snow shoes be sure to bring them. If there is enough interest we will go up and snow camp Saturday night. Please contact me if you are interested in the snow camping.

Helicopter Training

by Dale Mann, 325-9958, 793-2777

A team for short-haul / rappel operations has been formed. Because of limited training flight-time with DPS, only a few people could be selected.

We will continue with ingress / egress and short-haul ground crew training for field-qualified members / candidates. Watch for an announcement for ground-crew training within a couple of months.

Hike of the Month Review: Mt. Kimball and Pontatoc Canyon

by Josh Poles

An excellent turnout for a last minute proposal. 8 people arrived at the Finger Rock Trailhead to embark on what would be an exhilarating day for all. One member turned back just before Radio Relay. Four others continued up to Mt. Kimball to gain a new perspective on Cathedral Peak and La Ventana. Karmin, Brad, and Jackie took Mykle's advice and caught the Pontatoc Trail. The snow that struggles to survive in the shadows certainly added to the intense beauty of this area. The team of four met a 70 year old gentleman from New Jersey who beat them to Mt. Kimball. An inspiring sight!

14 sore feet and Sue's homemade fudge got everyone out in the mid-afternoon. Absolutely a great day of discovery for all.

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.

A note concerning your orange training card. If you attend a field skills re-certification you can either have items on your orange card signed off, or re-cert your field skills, but not both. Remember that if you are a Candidate when you re-cert your field skills the recertification is good only for one year.

SARA Store

We are trying to get an order together for more of the SARA Golf/Polo shirts. Cost is approximately \$25 each. We need a minimum order of twelve shirts. This time we are requiring payment when the order is placed. We will have a color chart at the General Meeting so be sure to select your shirt color and order your shirt. We plan to place the order after the March General Meeting so we can get delivery of the shirts in time for the Annual Meeting in April.

Outdoor Emergency Care

by John Gorski

This years OEC class will begin on Feb. 22nd. Those interested in assisting can view the schedule at the SARA House and sign up for a night or two. We are also looking for oversized clothing for use during the hands-on training. Any clothing maybe dropped of at the SARA House.

SARA Scrapbook

by Josh Poles

SARA has two scrapbooks that document the heroic history of SAR in Southern Arizona. Fortunately for the victims and SARA this legend continues to grow. A space has been set aside in the Tom Harlan Library for people to put SARA related news clippings and articles. If you have been collecting articles and would like to donate them to an upcoming scrapbook, please feel free to leave them in the Library at the SARA house. Please also put your name somewhere on the article so we know who collected it.

Orienteering, Camping, Hiking Weekend

by Jeff Bruckeri

This will not be an official training. The Tucson Orienteering Club will host an orienteering event at Chimney Rock (near Bellota Ranch) on Saturday Feb 5. There will be a special long-distance course (~5 miles) for those who are advanced and really want to test their skill. In addition, there will be an easier course for those who are new to orienteering. There is a small fee for maps & such, about \$3 or \$4. We will meet at CircleK (Tanque Verde/ Tanque Verde Loop) at 8:30 am. In addition, my wife and I will be camping further east on Reddington Road on Saturday night, and then hiking to Fox Mtn. and White Ridge (near Espiritu Canyon) in the Rincons on Sunday. Anyone is welcome to join us for the camp and/or hike. Please call in advance for either the orienteering or hike.

Orienteering

by Jeff Brucker

This will not be an official training. SARA, Posse, and SRDI are invited by the Tucson Orienteering Club to an orienteering event at Silver Bells Mtns. on Sunday Feb 20. There will be a special long-distance course (as much ground as you wish to cover in 4 hours, you get to choose your route) for those who are intermediate or advanced. In addition, there will be an easier course for those who are new to orienteering. There is a small fee for maps & such, about \$3 or \$4. We will meet at Orange Grove near I-10 (NE corner Orange Grove and Thornydale) at 8:00 am. Please call in advance. 886-2528

Baboquivari Peak

This message was sent to the Arizona Hiking Club from the owners of the Baboquivari Ranch:

The east-side trail to Baboquivari Peak is at risk of being closed. The BLM is doing a management plan for the wilderness area that includes the eastern face of the peak. At the public scoping meeting on Jan. 22, 2000 there was very little turnout from area climbers and hikers. Public access is being challenged by the Tohono O'Odham who were well represented at the meeting.

THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING ON FEB. 12, 2000 FROM 1:00 TO 3:00 AT THE U OF A FARMS (ROGER WEST OF CAMPBELL). THE PUBLIC IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Andy & Mary Lamb, 743-7175, wb0lwh@arrl.net

Reporting Period	Callouts	SARCI People	Total Hours	Hours/Person	Weeks	Calls/Week
01 Jan – 30 Jan	9	97	290	3.0	4	2.3
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MON 03 JAN CALL 2000.001 7 people 14 hours SCSAR
 Search for a 19 year old male and a 24 year old male overdue on a hike in Madera Canyon. The subjects walked out as search people were getting to the lodge. No one made it into the field.

TUE 04 JAN CALL 2000.002 9 people 87 hours SCSAR, Sonoita Fire, Tubac Fire
 Cave Rescue of a 4? Year old male with a leg injury in the entrance pit of Oynx Cave in the Santa Rita Mountains. The patient was completing a caving trip and had gotten the rest of his party out of the entrance pit when he fell 5-10 feet and suffered a tib-fib fracture. Sonoita Fire were the first ones on scene followed by Tubac Fire, SARA, and Santa Cruz SAR. The patient was packaged into a Sked Stretcher and hauled to the cave entrance, then loaded into a Stokes basket. The patient was hauled up to the top of the ridge using a haul system then wheeled down the ridge to basecamp.

SAT 15 JAN CALL 2000.003 6 people 6 hours RMFD
 Rescue of a ?? year old male patient with a leg injury on the trail between the Sabino Canyon Visitors Center and the Seven Falls Trailhead. The patient was located 300 yards before the trailhead. RMFD was loading him into the ambulance as the first teams were arriving. No one made it into the field.

SUN 16 JAN CALL 2000.004 21 people 38 hours MLFD
 Rescue of an injured hiker near Geology Vista on the Catalina Highway. The patient was located about 200 yards from the road. MLFD had the patient packaged when the first team was arriving. The first team helped MLFD with their Stokes and got the patient to the road on an easy trail-of-use.

SUN 16 JAN CALL 2000.--- 0 people 0 hours
 Search for overdue hikers in Pima Canyon. A group of seven hikers hiked up to the dam, then headed up a gully towards Table Mountain, then turned down-canyon on the usual route. The group became separated and three did not make it out to the trailhead before nightfall. After we were paged TJ started hiking up-trail and ran into the three near the Forest Service boundary. No one else made it into the field.

SAT 22 JAN CALL 2000.005 18 people 64 hours
 Stranded hikers below the Willow Canyon Overlook north of Geology Vista. The four hikers ended up in Willow Canyon after a mid-afternoon hike to Rose Canyon Lake. A passerby noticed the three signal fires that the victims had started. Teams hiked in from Rose Canyon while a single team hiked in from Col. Birdseye to direct teams to the victims. Everyone was OK and were hiked back to Rose Canyon Lake after the fires were extinguished.

SUN 23 JAN CALL 2000.006 13 people 13 hours
 Assist MLFD with a fall victim with an ankle injury near Windy Point. MLFD was able to get the patient out of the field before anyone made it to Windy Point. The victim noted that he did not hook himself up correctly for a rappel, and fell about 30' from near the top of Hitchcock Rock. The immediate problem was a punctured aorta. He also shattered his right arm and fractured his left ankle, pelvis, and ribs, in addition to internal injuries.

TUE 25 JAN CALL 2000.007 10 people 10 hours
 A mother and daughter hiked down the Phoneline Trail, but ran out of daylight before reaching the trailhead. They didn't have any lights, but called for help by cellphone. They described passing a junction before dark that indicated 0.8 miles to go, and they were at another junction that included the Phoneline and Bear Canyon Trails. While we headed for Sabino, we recommended that the responding deputy drive to Lower Sabino and stop after crossing the stream, then shout for the women about 50 yards in front of his vehicle. He did and that's where they were. The deputy walked the short distance up the trail, and nobody else got into the field.

THU 27 JAN CALL 2000.008 9 people 54 hours
 A 34 year old male hiker got a late start hiking up Sabino Canyon. He intended to continue up the West Fork, up and over Cathedral, and down Esperero Canyon. He ran out of daylight a short distance above Bridal Veil Falls. His father reported him overdue. Ranger 38 spotted a fire and the coordinates appeared to be appropriate. A couple teams of two headed up trail from Bird Canyon, reaching the fire about 03:00, and the overdue hiker. He was in good condition, and all made it out about dawn.

FRI 28 JAN CALL 2000.009 4 people 4 hours
 Two girls were reported to be in the bottom of Bear Canyon, below the Seven Cataracts Vista, and unable to find their way back up. A couple of bystanders led them out as SAR people were meeting.



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January 31	February 1	February 2 SRDI Board	February 3	February 4 SARA Mtg	February 5	February 6 SRDI Tmg
February 7	February 8	February 9 SRDI Gen Mtg	February 10 Posse Board	February 11	February 12 Hike of the Month	February 13 Divers Tmg
February 14	February 15 SARA Orientation	February 16	February 17 SARA Monthly Tmg: Classroom Session	February 18	February 19 SARA Candidate Hike	February 20 SARA Monthly Tmg: Snow Rescue SRDI Tmg
February 21	February 22 OEC Class Begins	February 23	February 24 Posse Mtg SARA Board	February 25	February 26	February 27
Tucson Rodeo						
February 28	February 29	March 1 SRDI Board	March 2	March 3 SARA Mtg	March 4	March 5 SRDI Tmg
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March 13	March 14	March 15 SARA Monthly Tmg: Classroom Session	March 16	March 17	March 18 SRDI Tmg	March 19 SARA Monthly Tmg: TV Falls SRDI Tmg
March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23 Posse Mtg	March 24	March 25	March 26
March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30 SARA Board	March 31	April 1	April 2 SRDI Tmg

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