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Barry Fraser

Our condolences to Judy Fraser and Mike and Ronnie on the death of Barry Fraser. The Frasers have been members of SARA for over ten years.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Paul Cartter, 825-6517

SRDI CALENDAR

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| <u>Mar 01</u> | <u>19:00-21:00, Wed</u> | Board Meeting | Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy |
| <u>Mar 05</u> | <u>09:00, Sun</u> | Training: Urban Search | Jennifer Johnson's |
| <u>Mar 08</u> | <u>19:00-22:00, Wed</u> | General Meeting | Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy |
| <u>Mar 18,19</u> | <u>Sat,Sun</u> | Training: TBA | Gardner Canyon |
| <u>Apr 01,02</u> | <u>Sat,Sun</u> | Training: Overnight | Chimney Rock, Reddington Pass |

SRDI did some good training this month besides a couple of call outs. We had a couple of SARA people come out and work with us and helped greatly. We ran some tracks down in Oaktree Canyon that were about 1.5 to 2 miles long with the track layers crossing each other so the dogs would have to scent discriminate and stay on the correct person. We have some young dogs that will be coming on line for call outs in the near future. In March some of SRDI will be going to Los Angeles Co. Sheriff's Prison to train. They said to notify them if we arrive early so they can open the gates for us! We will be specializing in different areas.

Our condolences to Judy Fraser for her loss of Barry.

We still would like to have anyone in SARCI come out and join in our training's.

Paw Prints

When we have someone assist us on a search, we need that person to watch where we came from and where we are going. Spot danger, and sometimes carry extra water for K-9 as well help bring out an injured dog. Our assists also are a team with us and not to split up. We follow the dog and they may go places where there is no trail. In urban work we may come upon a house whose yard we would like to go through, the assist will knock on the door to ask permission.

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

NEOTOMA CALENDAR

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| <u>Mar 05</u> | <u>15:00, Sun</u> | Regular Meeting | No E.S. Training |
| <u>Mar 12</u> | <u>15:00, Sun</u> | Regular Meeting | E.S. Training and individual E.S. gear inspection |
| <u>Mar 18</u> | <u>TBA, Sat</u> | SAREx | Search and Rescue Exercise |
| <u>Mar 19</u> | <u>15:00, Sun</u> | Banquet | Squadron 26th Annual Anniversary |
| <u>Mar 26</u> | <u>15:00, Sun</u> | Regular Meeting | E.S. Training |

February was an active Emergency Services training month with a traction splint training, rope workshop, and communications-user training. Four people completed Basic Communications User Training, and 2 people completed Advanced Communications User Training.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

DIVER'S CALENDAR

Feb 12 09:00, Sun **March Training** Fort Lowell Pool

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Joe Beckman

POSSE CALENDAR

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| <u>Mar 09</u> | <u>19:00, Thu</u> | Board Meeting | Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy |
| <u>Mar 19</u> | <u>TBA, Sun</u> | Gymkhana | Rincon Creek Stables |
| <u>Mar 23</u> | <u>19:00, Thu</u> | General Meeting | Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy |

The January Gymkhana was one of the best (66 riders) in recent Posse history. Most of us can't remember what we had for breakfast, but Bill Cunningham, who has been keeping records since Y1K, says this is true (rumor has it Bill was a cabin boy on the Ark).

As part of the Outdoor First Care class for the Park Service and new Posse members, Simmons (%#@*& his hide some more) had a session involving the horses. Some participants were mounted, while others were on foot. While nothing serious happened, there were a couple of instances where we were reminded of this: Hayburners have brains not much bigger than a walnut!!!! While we believe our horses are well trained and are pretty stable, we also know they can get up on the wrong side of the corral, just like us humans. The most trivial thing can upset them. So, I would like to remind the foot people to use extreme caution when working with, or approaching, the horses. It's the same as working with the helicopter. If a rotor blade smacks you, it can really ruin your day. So does getting tagged by a number 1 iron horseshoe propelled by an 1100 pound horse. If you are unsure what to do, ask a Posse member. Questions are easier to handle than accidents.

Gallagher, Simmons, and Harrelson represented the Posse at the El Paso Rodeo Parade and Saturday's Rodeo Grand Entry. Ron and Jean McNeill were the official Posse photographers and recorded the events for posterity. We will reciprocate and host the El Paso Sheriff's Posse at Tucson's Rodeo Parade and Thursday's Grand Entry. Understand that Simmons had to handcuff Harrelson to a horse trailer in order to keep him north of the Rio Grande.

Things should be back to normal for March.
Until later,
Beckman

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

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| <u>Mar 03</u> | <u>19:30, Fri</u> | SARA General Meeting |
| <u>Mar 15</u> | <u>19:00, Wed</u> | March Classroom: T.V. Falls |
| <u>Mar 19</u> | <u>08:00, Sun</u> | March Training: T.V. Falls |
| <u>Mar 25</u> | <u>08:30, Sat</u> | Helicopter Training: Short Haul |
| <u>Mar 30</u> | <u>19:30, Thu</u> | SARA Board Meeting |
| <u>Apr 07</u> | <u>18:30, Fri</u> | SARA PotLuck & Annual Meeting |

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
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 Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
 Meet: Circle K, Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop
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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:

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

Candidate Corner

by Andy Lamb

Please welcome the new group of candidates. We had a full house for the Introduction to Search and Rescue on Tues, Feb 15 at the SARA House. Most of them filled out their membership application and showed up for the Candidate Hike on Sat, Feb 19. This is the largest candidate class we've had, so come out and help with Basic Training in May and June. We have moved the overnight search to Basic II.

SARA Store

by Andy Lamb

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

The OEC 2000 class has begun. We have a large turnout this year. Since we have a large number of students, we will need help with the classes. The following class dates we will need people to assist as victims. March 2, 16, 23 and April 4. Anyone interested please contact Jeff Merrell at 745-2310, or John Gorski at 744-9190. This is the only class of the year, so all the candidates in need of filling the voids in their cards call early and call often. We have the class dates posted at the SARA House.

March Training: TANQUE VERDE FALLS

by Andy Lamb

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| <u>Mar 15</u> | <u>19:00, Wed</u> | Classroom Session | SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft |
| <u>Mar 19</u> | <u>08:30, Sun</u> | Field Session at Tanque Verde Falls | Circle K, Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop |

This year we will concentrate on the Turkey Chute area. At last year's training we set the haul system up from the Main Falls, and then we had a rescue using a haul system up the Main Chute next to the Overlook.

Helicopter Training: Short Haul

by Dale Mann, 325-9958, 793-2777

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| <u>Mar 25</u> | <u>08:30, Sat</u> | Meet CircleK, T.V. & T.V. Loop | Location: The Meadow, MP 10, Reddington Road |
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This training will cover the groundside of short haul operations. Ranger 38 will be coming out to train with us. This will be an opportunity to hone our short haul skills with respect to the ground team.



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CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

| Reporting Period | Callouts | SARCI People | Total Hours | Hours/Person | Weeks | Calls/Week |
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| 31 Jan – 23 Feb | 9 | 126 | 356 | 2.8 | 4 | 2.2 |
| 01 Jan – 23 Feb | 17 | 223 | 646 | 2.9 | 8 | 2.1 |

SUN 30 JAN CALL 2000.010 29 people 150 hours R38, 305th ARS

Search for a 43 year old male overdue on a hike in Sabino Canyon. The reporting parties stated that the subject was going on a couple hour hike at Sabino Canyon, and he had mentioned the Phone Line Trail or the Seven Falls Trail. Teams spent the night going up Bear Canyon past Seven Falls, hiking Sabino Canyon, the West Fork to Hutch's Pool, and the East Fork to the Prison Camp with the Posse covering the top of Bear Canyon. Another team hiked the Phone Line Trail. In the morning, the search was expanded and teams hiked the lower trails as well as Esperero Canyon. Ranger 38 flew during the night and the 305th Rescue Squadron helped with the search Monday morning. The subject was spotted by the 305th around noon on Monday, a short distance above the houses in Esperero Canyon, then flew him back to the heliport at Sabino Canyon. The subject had spent the night near the top of Esperero Canyon after running out of daylight.

MON 31 JAN CALL 2000.012 12 people 31 hours

Search for a 69-year-old male Alzheimer's patient who walked away from his care facility near Orange Grove and LaCholla. The dog team responded and spent a couple of hours searching for the subject. He was returned to the facility after arriving at his daughter's home on the south side.

FRI 04 FEB CALL 2000.013 21 people 28 hours R38

Search for an overdue male hiker on the Sutherland Trail in Catalina State Park. The subject and a companion started their hike from the trailhead parking area in the morning, hiked up the Romero Trail to Romero Pass, then up the Mt. Lemmon Trail to the Sutherland Trail Junction and headed down the Sutherland Trail. They separated a short distance later. One made it out and reported his companion overdue. Ranger 38 responded quickly, spotted a flashlight, and reported GPS coordinates. The Sutherland Trail follows the old 4WD road from the north boundary, going up Cargodera Canyon. A new section of trail runs from the Romero Trailhead up to the 4WD road, and the GPS coordinates plotted west along the road, both of them having missed the trail junction. The hiker arrived at the north boundary as teams arrived to pick him up.

SUN 06 FEB CALL 2000.014 13 people 76 hours R38

Rescue of an exhausted 35-year-old male hiker in Sycamore Canyon, a quarter of a mile above Lower Sycamore Saddle. The subject and two others had hiked in from the Prison Camp, then up canyon to pools and falls. The subject was becoming exhausted and they turned around. They were running out of daylight and the subject refused to continue. The other two hiked out since they were ill prepared to spend the night, carrying their lame dog. One of the companions started back in with warm clothes and food for the subject. Posse and foot teams met him near Sycamore Reservoir, confirming reports of where his companion had been left in the canyon bottom. Ranger 38 was restricted by minimal ambient light for NVG's to be useful, but the subject was alerted by the helicopter. He was ready to respond to shouts from the Posse, from the ridge north of the lower saddle. Food, water, warm clothes and encouragement were all he needed to walk back to the reservoir. Then he was ready for a horse ride to the Prison Camp.

MON 07 FEB CALL 2000.015 20 people 40 hours R38, 305th ARS

Search for two overdue climbers whose vehicle was located at milepost 18.5 on the Catalina Highway. They were reported overdue after one of them failed to show up at work the next day. They had intended to climb at RidgeLine, only a short distance from their car. As teams arrived at basecamp one of the climbers called from home, having hiked up to the Butterfly Trail, then down the Davis Spring Trail, and all the way down to the San Pedro River. Shortly afterwards the other climber arrived, having received a ride from Solider Camp, after hiking back up the Davis Spring Trail from where the two separated. Ranger 38 and the 305th ARS helped with the search. They never did find RidgeLine.

SUN 20 FEB CALL 2000.016 18 people 18 hours

Rescue of a 53 year old male w/sore knees on the Romero Trail. The patient was with a group of hikers hiking from Marshall Gulch. The patient's knee became sore after a few hours. They continued very slowly down trail, and were met by other hikers below Romero Pools who reported their plight, since it would soon be dark. Teams assisted him for the short distance to the vehicles at the old trailhead.

THU 24 FEB CALL 2000.017 13 people 13 hours

Assist female hiker with ankle injury, west fork. A group of people hiked from the Prison Camp to Sabino Canyon. One of the hikers began having problems with her knee, between the Palisades and Box Camp Trails. Help was requested, since it was getting late and may have caught them still out after dark and well after the last tram. She continued slowly and made it out just before we arrived.

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SARCI Calendar

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| February 28 | February 29 | March 1 SRDI Board | March 2 | March 3 SARA Mtg | March 4 | March 5 SRDI Tmg |
| March 6 | March 7 | March 8 SRDI Gen Mtg | March 9 Posse Board | March 10 | March 11 | March 12 Divers Tmg |
| March 13 MLSP Mtg | 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 SARA Helicopter Tmg | March 26 |
| March 27 | March 28 | March 29 | March 30 SARA Board | March 31 | April 1 SRDI Tmg | April 2 SRDI Tmg |
| April 3 SARA Monthly Tmg; ICS | April 4 | April 5 SRDI Board | April 6 | April 7 SARA Mtg | April 8 | April 9 Divers Tmg |
| April 10 MLSP Mtg | April 11 | April 12 SRDI Gen Mtg | April 13 Posse Board | April 14 | April 15 SARA Monthly Tmg; Base Camp | April 16 |
| April 17 | April 18 | April 19 SARCI Quarterly Meeting | April 20 | April 21 | April 22 SARA Field Skills Recert | April 23 Easter |
| April 24 | April 25 | April 26 | April 27 Posse Mtg SARA Board | April 28 | April 29 | April 30 |

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