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SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

by Mykle Raymond

More and more SAR people are getting GPS receivers. Eventually, we'll be able to issue a GPS receiver along with a portable radio. We'd like to encourage these receivers to be turned on and stored in your pack so that they can receive satellite signals. Upon your return from the field, we will be able to download the data and easily document your coverage or route. We're also working on a system that connects your receiver to a data radio, so the location of your team will be plotted in real-time. This is a ham radio application called APRS (Automatic Position Reporting System). We'll need to know which brand and model of receiver that you have, so we may acquire the appropriate cables. Please pass this information on to Mykle or Andy.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Paul Cartter, 825-6517

SRDI CALENDAR

<u>June 07</u>	<u>19:00-21:00, Wed</u>	Board Meeting	Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>June 14</u>	<u>19:00-22:00, Wed</u>	General Meeting	Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Hello from the Dog folks.

This past month has been good. Trainings are getting to be more challenging. The fair went very good. We have had a few people interested in joining from it.

Congratulations to Vi & Patches on their find in the Santa Ritas, and to Loretta & K-Duke for passing their Cadaver test.

Welcome to new member, Donna Smith. We worked with the Border Patrol Southwest of Twin Peaks for two days looking for man left by his "Buddies". Found a backpack and shirt that may be his, but not him. Thanks to Dale Mann for running base those days and to my assist Mike Comeau who kept me (Paul), on my grid lines so I didn't wander the desert.

Paul and his pack of K-9's are off to Colorado and Texas for K-9 schools. Drexel & Kay are in northern AZ for a few months. Vi & Dave are heading to Montana and the MRA conference in Alberta. We still have three K-9 teams in town.

Paw Prints

What did the dog's left eye say to the right eye? Something between us smells!

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by Robert McCord

No report.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Joe Beckman

POSSE CALENDAR

<u>June 08</u>	<u>19:00, Thu</u>	Board Meeting	Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>June 18</u>	<u>17:00, Sun</u>	Gymkhana	Rincon Creek Stables, Old Spanish Trail
<u>June 22</u>	<u>19:00, Thu</u>	General Meeting	Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Fran Kunz, 886-2216, frankunz@aol.com

DIVER'S CALENDAR

<u>June 11</u>	<u>07:45, Sun</u>	June Training	Pena Blanca Lake
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SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

<u>June 02</u>	<u>19:30, Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting Program: Tom Harlan, Night Search	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>June 03</u>	<u>TBA, Sat</u>	June Training: Night Search	Location: TBA
<u>June 17</u>	<u>13:00, Sat</u>	BASIC II	Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>June 29</u>	<u>19:30, Thu</u>	SARA Board Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>July 07</u>	<u>19:30, Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>July 15</u>	<u>TBA, Sat</u>	July Training: River Rescue	Meet: Oracle and Magee, Location: Gila River

Committees

by John Gorski, President

We all stand around the rescue truck or rescue house talking about different ways to improve our techniques and skills, so here is a chance to make a difference. Join us at our June meeting and sign-up for a committee or two.

Membership

by Elizabeth Graff, Treasurer

The SARA Board set the dues at \$20.00 this year. If dues are not paid by the July Board meeting you will be dropped.

Candidate Corner

by Andy Lamb

BASIC II will be held on Saturday, June 17. Meet at 13:00 (1:00 pm) at Sheriff's Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway. An overnight search exercise will be a part of Basic II. Details will be given at Basic II

Outdoor Emergency Care

by John Gorski

Our current class will end in just a few weeks. Thursday, June 1 and 8 are open to all those interested in being a patient. The hands-on final is June 13 and 15. We need 8 to 10 patients on both nights.

May Training Review: CAVE RESCUE

by Bill Graff

The Cave Rescue Training was a great experience for all participants from multiple agencies. We succeeded in removing the patient all of the way from the cave in approximately 9 hours. Thanks to Walter Picket for enduring the trip out of the cave as the patient. Thanks to Jeff Merrell and Dave Brown for their outstanding efforts in presenting the training. Thanks to the Escabrosa Grotto for the use of Onyx Cave and their well represented participation. Thanks to the Cochise County Cavers Grotto, independent cavers and the many SARA members for their participation. And thanks to Elizabeth Graff for washing all of the webbing, skeds and 14 ropes.

June Training: NIGHT SEARCH

by Bill Graff

<u>June 02</u>	<u>20:00, Fri</u>	Program: Night Search	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>June 03</u>	<u>19:00, Sat</u>	Field: Night Search	Sabino Canyon Visitor's Center

Meeting Program: Tom Harlan
Field Presenters: Tom Harlan, Jeff Merrell

If you have not already noticed, most of our searches occur at night. Everyone is welcome to attend this training and learn night search and tracking techniques. Please bring one extra shoe if you have one. The training will start with a class session, and a search will then follow. As always, bring your SARA pack. The training will not be overnight.

July Training: RIVER RESCUE

by Bill Graff

<u>JUNE 06</u>	<u>18:00, Tue</u>	River Rescue Pool Session	Freedom Park Pool, 5000 E. 29 th St
<u>July 15</u>	<u>TBD, Sat</u>	Field: River Rescue	Meet: Oracle & Magee, Location: Gila River

Pool Session: Rich Kunz
Field Presenters: Pam Phillips, Rich Kunz

The class and pool session is required at least every three years, if you plan to get in the water during the River Rescue Training. You are expected to swim 4 laps (2 laps with a PFD and 2 laps without), then tread water for 5 minutes without a PFD (Personal Flotation Device). For the pool session you will need a Type 3 or 5 PFD (the SARA truck has a few), towel, swim suit, and a change of clothes. Please don't forget the swimsuit. A class session will follow the pool session at the SARA House.

The River Rescue practice will consist of reading the river, use of throw bottles, crossing the river, and swimming the river (depending on the depth). You need a wet suit, helmet, a Type 3 or 5 PFD, and have completed a pool session in the past 3 years. Of course, water in the river will also be required. Wet suits can be rented from local dive shops. Practice is a full day, so bring a lunch.

August Training: BASIC ROCK TRAINING

by Bill Graff

<u>Aug 03</u>	<u>19:30, Thurs</u>	Class: Basic Rock Training	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Aug 06</u>	<u>TBD, Sat</u>	Field: Basic Rock Training	TBD

Class Presenter: Jurgen Seidel
Field Presenter: Jurgen Seidel

Recommended personal equipment (preferably your own): helmet, seat harness, rappelling device, carabiners, and prussik cord. Everyone is welcome to this training, it not required to go over the side. We need support at the top as well and this is a good opportunity to learn what is needed during a vertical rescue.

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 – 27 May	40	449	1617	3.6	20	2.0
25 Apr – 27 May	12	55	246	4.5	4	3.0

TUE 02 MAY rendezvous only people hours

Rescue of a 73 year old male reported to be one mile above the end of the tram road in Sabino Canyon. He was helped to the trailhead by companions before we arrived.

SUN 07 MAY rendezvous only people hours

Rescue of an exhausted hiker on the 7-Falls Trail in Bear Canyon. He made it out before we arrived at rendezvous.

MON 08 MAY CALL 2000.033 10 people 35 hours MLFD

Rescue of a 73 year old female exhausted hiker reported past Marshall Saddle. A Mt. Lemmon Fire medic hiked to the saddle, and determined that her party was working their way along the Mint Spring Trail. SAR people started from Carter Canyon, meeting her party at the turn into Marshall Gulch. She was able to continue to the trailhead under her own power. She was recovering from a recent illness, and that probably combined with the altitude, contributing to her lack of energy.

MON 08 MAY CALL 2000.034 0 people 0 hours

Search for a 3 year old female missing near Green Valley. She was located while we were enroute.

THU 11 MAY CALL 2000.035 7 people 42 hours Ranger 38

Search for a 29 year old UDA near Queen's Well. He was reported missing a week after he was last seen. The Border Patrol narrowed the search area to a few miles, along the road to Queen's Well. Several dog teams searched during the evening, finding personal effects that may have belonged to the missing person.

FRI 12 MAY CALL 2000.036 5 people 30 hours Ranger 38

Continuation of the search near Queen's Well. Several teams looked in the same area during the morning without further results.

FRI 12 MAY CALL 2000.037 7 people 7 hours Ranger 38

Search for two overdue hikers on the Green Mountain Trail. The two were reported overdue from an afternoon hike on Thursday. Their car was located at San Pedro Vista. Ranger 38 spotted them walking toward the trailhead about a half-mile down the trail. They lost the trail after having a late lunch near Maverick Spring.

SAT 13 MAY CALL 2000.038 12 people 89 hours U.S.Customs Helicopter

Assist a couple lost in Sabino Canyon downstream from Marshall Gulch, out of water, without lights, and wearing shorts and sandals. A U.S. Customs helicopter contacted the couple on their cellphone and shortly spotted the two, almost down to the Box Spring Trail, and about a third of the way above the stream and below the "Old Lookout". Teams headed down the Box Camp Trail and the route down Sabino to the Gauging Station. The first team split, continuing down the Box Spring Trail into the bottom while the helicopter directed Mykle from the Old Lookout, down ridges and canyons to the couple. They were fed and watered, then escorted down to the stream, rejoining the team. Continuing upstream, they met the second team and all walked back to Marshall Gulch.

WED 17 MAY CALL 2000.039 7 people 15 hours MLFD

Rescue of a 70 year old male hiker with a knee injury on the Mint Spring Trail. The patient was with a group of hikers from Canyon Ranch when he twisted his knee. Mount Lemmon Fire responded and we arrived in time to assist with the Stokes basket carryout.

FRI 19 MAY No data people hours Ranger 38

Rescue for a 50 year old female reported to have a sprained ankle and exhausted on the Romero Trail about four miles above Catalina State Park. The patient was hiking with her brother and son on a day hike from Marshall Gulch. She actually had sore knees from the downhill hike. When the three realized that they were running out of water and would be out of light they called her husband by cellphone, then the brother hiked out and picked up water from him and headed back up trail. Ranger 38 spotted the two just before dark, with the brother almost back to them just above Romero Pools. The first team met them at Romero Pools. Larry Cunningham arrived at the top of the switchbacks with two mules. A mesquite branch speared him in the leg as he was switching from one mule to the other. Others congregated from both directions and repaired Larry well enough that he was able to lead the original patient out from the base of the switchbacks on one of the mules. After taking the mules home, he got to spend the rest of the night at the ER.

SUN 21 MAY rendezvous only people hours

Search for three overdue children on Organization Ridge. The three were located before anyone made it to rendezvous.

TUE 23 MAY CALL 2000. 7 people 28 hours

Rescue of two stranded climbers on Baboquivari. They camped on the west-side trail near the foot of the peak. Early the next morning, they traversed the south ledge and had a nice climb up the SouthEast Arete. They descended the Forbes Route, leading to the North Saddle (on the other side of the peak from their camp). They were unable to find Lion's Ledge, intending to fill water bottles at the spring, then continue around to camp. They spent a dry night, and were not able to find the ledge in the morning, so they called for help by cellphone. A Customs Blackhawk spotted the climbers, then put one rescuer on a rock across the canyon, and both met at the saddle a short distance away. Several liters of fluids were quickly consumed, then met the helicopter at the rock.

GOOD NEIGHBOR

Mykle Raymond
Search-and-rescue volunteer

by Glenn Weyant
Special to the Arizona Daily Star, April 27, 2000

On a patch of lawn behind the Southern Arizona Rescue Association headquarters, Mykle Raymond recalls a man who disappeared along the Finger Rock Trail in the Santa Catalina Mountains.

It was night and as the team scoured the area, Raymond "had a feeling" he knew where to find him.

Securing a position with a fellow volunteer atop a bluff near a popular waterfall, he began to shout his name.

A short time later they heard the man call out faintly from far below.

"It was very weak, but it was all we needed," Raymond said. "Just by the sound of him I knew he had a head injury. When we got to him it turned out he had cracked his skull open on the rocks. We were able to package him up and get him out of there once the helicopter arrived. In the end it turned out he was OK. That was one that I will always remember."

Raymond is quick to downplay his role in search-and-rescue efforts, quickly praising his fellow volunteers, the Pima County Sheriff's Department and the Department of Public Safety, which fly the helicopters.

"It doesn't really matter where I am," Raymond said. "It doesn't matter if I am home, on the radio, or in the field humping gear. I am always a part of the team. It is not about counting each person you've rescued."

Raymond has been a member of Southern Arizona Rescue Association since 1973. The nonprofit, volunteer organization responds on average to 63 search-and-rescue missions a year.

In addition to his search-and-rescue work, Raymond is updating maps to reflect escape routes in areas where accidents happen frequently.

When he's not busy saving lives, Raymond, who has lived in Tucson since 1971, works for Zonge Engineering in computer support.

While helping people is an important part of why he volunteers, Raymond said he is equally drawn to the challenge of finding effective ways to overcome obstacles such as steep canyon walls, raging washes and severe weather.

"For every person who does this, the reasons why they do what they do is completely different," Raymond said. "For me personally it is about the challenge of providing what I know when it is needed. The situations are always different and you never know what you will get."

But perhaps most important, Raymond said it is the pleasure of simply getting out in the Arizona wilderness.

"One time during a search I had a chance to hike out over the saddle (near Pusch Ridge) at daybreak. That was really neat," Raymond said.

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May 29 Memorial Day (Observed)	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2 SARA Mtg	June 3 SARA Monthly Trng: Night Search	June 4 SRDI Trng
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June 12	June 13	June 14 SRDI Gen Mtg	June 15	June 16	June 17 SARA Basic II SARA Helicopter Trng	June 18
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June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29 SARA Board	June 30	July 1	July 2 SRDI Trng
July 3	July 4 Independence Day	July 5 SRDI Board	July 6	July 7 SARA Mtg	July 8	July 9 Divers Trng
July 10	July 11	July 12 SRDI Gen Mtg	July 13 Posse Board SARA Monthly Trng: Classroom Session	July 14	July 15 SARA Monthly Trng: River Rescue	July 16
July 17	July 18	July 19 SARCI Quarter- ly Meeting	July 20	July 21	July 22 SARA Field Skills Recert	July 23
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