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SARBASE Records

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So, what's all this extra stuff across the top of my SARnews address label? For example:

Med:12/31/01, CPR:9/30/02, FS:1/22/03 Joe Barr 3023 Calle Castellon Tucson, AZ 85745

This month we've included the expiration dates currently recorded in the newsletter database (SARBASE) for your medical & field skill certifications. If you are a SARA member, the database must show current dates for you to be considered "field qualified". Other groups may or may not use these fields; ask your respective boards to be sure.

If any of these dates are incorrect you should scan or copy your current certification or renewal, and send it:

via snail mail: SARbase Records 3023 N Calle Castellon, Tucson, AZ 85745

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via e-mail, sarnews@hambox.theriver.com

Note: I cannot accept verbal updates to these fields; I must SEE a copy of your certification, or receive a copy of the roster turned in by the instructor.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Joe Beckman, joejbec@aol.com

POSSE CALENDAR

<u>Feb 08</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	Board Meeting	Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Feb 15</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	General Meeting (week early)	Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Feb 18</u>	<u>none, Sunday</u>	No Gymkhana	Rodeo Parade and Grand Entries

Not much happening this month. February looks to be busy with the Rodeo Parade and Grand Entries. Note that the General Meeting is a week early. Understand that Kenny Harrelson has an interesting way to find out how deep a holding tank is. Be sure to ask him the next time you see him.

That's all folks,
Beckman

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Pam Phillips, 218-5242

SRDI CALENDAR

<u>Feb 04</u>	<u>08:00, Sunday</u>	Training, Old Sonoita Hwy	Meet: Sonoita Hwy, at junction with old highway
<u>Feb 07</u>	<u>19:00-21:00, Wed</u>	Board Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>19:00-22:00, Wed</u>	General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb 18</u>	<u>09:00, Sunday</u>	Water Training, Pena Blanca Lake	Meet: I-19 & Valencia (WalMart) or 10:00 at lake
<u>Mar 04</u>	<u>08:00, Sunday</u>	Tracking, Reddington Pass, MP9.5	Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

SRDI's new board is:

President Jason Merrell
Vice President Paul Carter

Secretary Jeff Merrell
Treasurer Loretta Merrell

Training Vi Brown
Member-at-Large .. Dave Brown

A reminder that all personnel participating in water trainings need to have a current CPR-FPR (for professional rescuer) status. The Water Training is for certified dogs only, but any level of candidate / member.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Fran Kunz, 886-2216, fkunz@lrlaw.com

DIVER'S CALENDAR

Feb 11 09:00, Sunday **Second Pool Session** Location: Fort Lowell Park Pool

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by Robert McCord, rdmccii@aol.com

The SAR Academy has been postponed until the new year to accommodate new members and to incorporate the new Emergency Services program.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

<u>Jan 31</u>	<u>19:00, Wednesday</u>	Classroom: Winter Survival	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb 02</u>	<u>19:30, Friday</u>	SARA General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb 3-4</u>	<u>10:00, Saturday</u>	Training: Snow Rescue	Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Feb 07</u>	<u>19:00, Wednesday</u>	Round Table Discussion	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb 12</u>	<u>19:00, Monday</u>	Committee Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>TBA, Tuesday</u>	2001 Candidate Orientation	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb 17</u>	<u>19:30, Sunday</u>	2001 Candidate Hike	Location: TBA
<u>Feb 20</u>	<u>19:30, Tuesday</u>	2001 OEC Class Starts	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	SARA Board Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Mar 02</u>	<u>19:30, Friday</u>	SARA General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

February Training: Winter Survival

<u>Jan 31</u>	<u>19:00, Wednesday</u>	Classroom Session	by Henry Jacobs, 296-9949, hjacob@azstarnet.com
<u>Feb 03</u>	<u>10:00, Saturday</u>	Field Day 1	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb 04</u>	<u>TBA, Sunday</u>	Field Day 2 (until 14:00)	Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

SARA's first annual Winter Survival Training course is intended as an introduction to winter survival for search and rescue personnel operating in Arizona. The class will emphasize information and techniques that enhance personal survival and field effectiveness under winter conditions found in Arizona. Hard-core winter mountaineering subjects such as glacier travel, ice climbing, and 8000 meter operations are not the focus of the course. The course is open to all SARCI members and candidates as well as law enforcement personnel. No prior experience or training is required, inexperienced personnel should attend. Participants should bring backpackable winter overnight camping equipment (sleeping bag, bivvy sack, layered warm clothes, waterproof shoes, food, etc.) to the field session and be prepared to spend Saturday night in the field on top of Mt. Lemmon, 0.5 to 2 miles from the trailhead depending on conditions. Classroom session will cover equipment needs in detail. Loaner equipment is available for those who have not - contact Henry Jacobs. Specialized equipment (crampons, ice axe, etc.) will be provided and is not required.

This course is strongly recommended for anyone with limited experience in winter hiking and camping. Even if you can't attend the whole class, you can attend any of the days individually to enhance your own survivability. Topics include learning to snowshoe, make a snow cave, and many new ways of staying warm and dry in the worst weather conditions!

Classroom	January 31, 1900-2200 hrs	SARA House
Introduction to Winter Weather		Introduction to Snow and Ice Travel
Introduction to Snow		Winter Land Navigation
Avalanches and Other Snow Dangers		Basic Winter Camping
Winter SAR Missions in Arizona and Elsewhere		Special Equipment for Winter Operations
Hypothermia and Winter Health Review		Winter Driving and Vehicle Operations
Clothing and Moisture Management		
Day 1	February 3, 1000 hrs	Mt. Lemmon Rendezvous 106
Basic Snow Travel Practical		Winter Fire-Building Practical
Winter Navigation Practical		Snow Camping Practical
Snow Shelter Practical		
Day 2	February 4, until 1400 hrs	Mt. Lemmon
Introduction to Winter Technical Operations		Snow Rescue Practical
Basic Avalanche Avoidance and Rescue Practical		Winter Vehicle Ops Practical

Round Table Discussion

Feb 07 19:00, Wednesday **Round Table Discussion**

by John Gorski, 744-9190, tucmj@worldnet.att.net
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

John Gorski will be holding a round table discussion on at 1900 hours, Wednesday, February 7, 2001. This is a chance for everyone to present issues and concerns they may have on a variety of topics. Time will be limited on each topic so everyone will have a chance to present.

In order to expedite discussion, John is asking anyone planning to attend to have a written copy of your topic for presentation and discussion. If any board action is requested/required, the hard copy will facilitate accurate representation at the next board meeting. NOTE: this meeting is for discussion only; no action will be taken at this time.

2001 OEC Class

Feb 20 18:30, Tuesday **2001 OEC Class Begins**

by John Gorski, 744-9190, tucmj@worldnet.att.net
Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Those interested in taking this class, please contact your group representative.

John Gorski will be the lead instructor. As always, we will need past students to assist with hands-on practice applications. This year the Saturday classes have been added back into the schedule. If you are willing and able to assist on any class night, please stop by that night or call John. (Be warned, you will also be receiving some minor “telephone solicitation” from a couple of your peers encouraging you to volunteer for specific times – at your convenience, of course.)

A class outline and a sign-up sheet will be posted at the SARA House.

Nominating Committee

by Gary Copus, 298-1351

The President appointed a Nominating Committee, and they have submitted nine people to be included on the ballots for the elections at the April General Meeting. Nominations will be open to the membership at the February and March General Meetings. People must agree to be nominated.

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| Mike Comeau | Andy Lamb | Mykle Raymond |
| Bill Kelleman | Rob Offerle | Ed Sherlock |
| Rich Kunz | John Perchorowicz | Cathy Wasmann |

Requests For Use of the SARA House

by John Gorski, 744-9190, tucmj@worldnet.att.net

As stated before, SARA has invited all component groups to use the SARA House. However, to avoid duplicating previous problems with double-booking – especially when large groups are involved – we ask groups to submit a written request to the Board two weeks before the requested usage date, or before a regular schedule is to start. For your convenience, request forms have been prepared and are located in the mail room. When the board approves the request, it will be posted on the yearly calendar in the SARA Board Room. The board will consider short notice requests on a case-by-case basis, but approval is more likely with advance notice.

SARA House Building Fundraising Committee

by John Perchorowicz 529-0080, RCT2JTP@aol.com

<u>Feb 02</u> <u>19:00, Friday</u>	Committee Meet (before Gen Meet)	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb 12</u> <u>19:00, Monday</u>	Committee Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Mar 02</u> <u>19:00, Friday</u>	Committee Meet (before Gen Meet)	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

The SARA House Building Fund effort is scheduled to be included in an article in the Arizona Daily Star concerning capital campaigns for buildings. The committee at the Star is working through a database of granting agencies and will be ranking them before setting a strategy for contact.

New committee members are always welcome.

CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Mykle Raymond, 793-2303, n7jzt@arrl.net

Reporting Period	Callouts	SARCI People	Total Hours	Hours/Person	Weeks	Calls/Week
01 Jan – 25 Jan	8	110	495	4.5	3	2.7

MON 01 JAN CALL 2001.001 18 people 38 hours

A male parked along the Catalina Highway at about milepost 3.5, walked a short distance away from the road, up a rocky drainage. Then he shot himself. The recovery required a short belay down to the road.

MON 01 JAN CALL 2001.002 17 people 63 hours Ranger 38

A 23 year old male was overdue from an afternoon hike in the Sabino Canyon area. He had indicated an interest in Esperero Canyon, so a couple of teams covered the low parts of the trail, up to Cardiac Gap next to Mt Miguel. Ranger 38 covered Esperero and Ventana Canyons without results. Before departing, they were asked to look at the section of the canyon downstream of the first

trail crossing. The hiker had lost the trail and wandered after dark, and didn't have any light. He had already used up the fuel in a cigarette lighter (didn't use it to make a fire). When he "flicked his Bic" at the helicopter, the sparks looked like a strobe light thru the night vision goggles. He was well off trail, but near the top of the ridge leading out to Mt Miguel. The lights from the helicopter guided him up to the ridge top, where he was met by a search team and led back to the trail.

THU 04 JAN CALL 2001.003 13 people 66 hours Ranger 38, Mt Lemmon Fire

Two hikers in their fifties took an afternoon walk from Carter Canyon along the Mint Spring Trail. They were confused by the signs at Marshall Saddle, and chose to head into Wilderness of Rocks. Several miles later they met a backpacker, who turned them around and led them back. Ranger 38 spotted his flashlight east of the Lemmon Rock junction, and the group was almost to Marshall Saddle when they were met by search teams and walked out.

SAT 06 JAN CALL 2001.004 10 people 34 hours Ranger 38, Saguaro National Park

A regular wildlife survey of Javelina was being done by helicopter in Saguaro Park East. The observers spotted a human body, and relayed the coordinates to the park people. Ranger 38 ferried park and sheriff people to the scene, finding what appears to have been the natural death of a homeless male, a short distance off the Three Tanks Trail just upstream of Mica Tank. A couple of teams started in from the east end of Speedway, in case additional help was needed. Ranger also ferried a breakdown stokes basket, landing within a quarter mile of the scene. As one team arrived, the remains had been packed and were almost ready for a short-haul.

SUN 07 JAN CALL 2001.005 46 people 270 hours Ranger 38

A 14 year old bow hunter was missing from his group north of Arivaca. He walked over a hill near their camp and down the other side, then became confused by the dirt roads. He wandered around for the rest of the day, then walked along one of the roads that headed for lights in the distance. In the morning, search teams were covering the area when a rancher called to report the boy was at his ranch. Ranger retrieved him from the ranch, reporting the line-of-sight distance was over ten miles. He had walked all the way out to the Sasabe Highway, and wound up at a ranch several miles further west, at the foot of the Baboquivari Mountains.

SUN 07 JAN CALL 2001.006 6 people 24 hours

Three hikers were on an afternoon hike on the Butterfly Trail, heading for Palisades. The 300lb adult was becoming exhausted, and was suffering from having gone too long without his medications. His daughter and companion were doing well, but none of them were prepared for dark and a temperature drop. The group was met a short distance below the Bigelow Saddle. It took awhile to help the adult up the trail to the towers.

SUN 07 JAN CALL 2001.007 people hours

A female was overdue from a walk in Catalina State Park. Many of the people who were responding to the previous call were rerouted around the mountain. She returned to her vehicle before anyone got on trail. **WHERE IS THE SIGN-IN SHEET??**

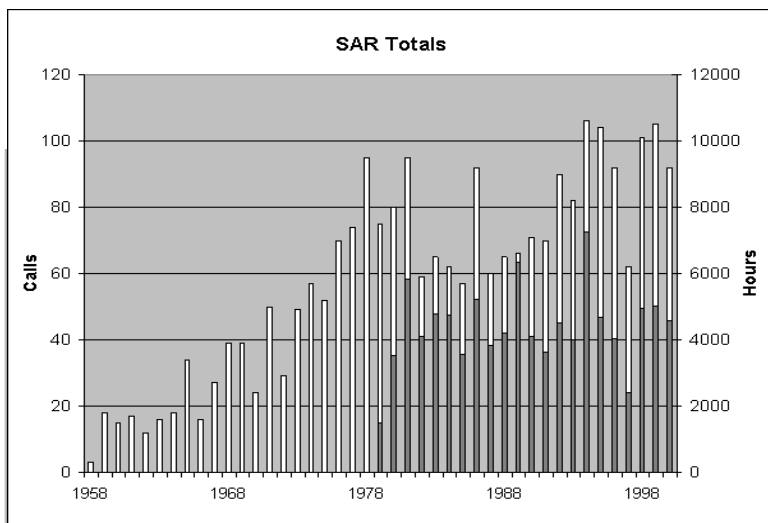
WED 24 JAN CALL 2001.008 people hours

A 56 year old female hiker injured an ankle when she stepped into a crack and couldn't stop before it bent. Her companion assisted her as they started out, but barely got to the junction at the base of the switchbacks. Teams met them there, and she rode out, in care of the Posse. The stokes was well up canyon in case she was unable to continue riding. Several rests were needed, but she made it out in good condition.

A PERSONAL GPS RECEIVER IS MISSING FROM THE SARA TRUCK DURING THIS MISSION. ALL PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED ARE REQUESTED TO CHECK THEIR STUFF FOR A GARMIN ETREX. CALL GARY COPUS.



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SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jan 29 . .	Jan 30	Jan 31 . SARA Class	Feb 1	Feb 2 . SARA Meet	Feb 3 . SARA Training Snow Rescue	Feb 4 . SRDI Training SARA Training Snow Rescue
Feb 5 . .	Feb 6	Feb 7 . SRDI Board	Feb 8 . Posse Board	Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11 . Divers Training
Feb 12 . .	Feb 13 SARA Candidate Orientation	Feb 14 . SRDI Meet	Feb 15 . Posse Meet	Feb 16	Feb 17 . SARA Candidate Hike	Feb 18 . SRDI Training
Feb 19 . .	Feb 20 . OEC Class Start	Feb 21	Feb 22 . SARA Board	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25
Feb 26 . .	Feb 27 . OEC	Feb 28	Mar 1 . OEC	Mar 2 . SARA Meet	Mar 3 . SARA Training	Mar 4 . SRDI Training
Mar 5 . .	Mar 6 . OEC	Mar 7 . SRDI Board	Mar 8 . Posse Board OEC	Mar 9	Mar 10	Mar 11 . Divers Training
Mar 12 . .	Mar 13 . OEC	Mar 14 . SRDI Meet	Mar 15 . OEC	Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18
Mar 19 . .	Mar 20 . OEC	Mar 21	Mar 22 . Posse Meet OEC	Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25
Mar 26 . .	Mar 27 . OEC	Mar 28	Mar 29 . SARA Board	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1
Apr 2 . .	Apr 3 . OEC	Apr 4 . SRDI Board	Apr 5 . OEC	Apr 6 . SARA Meet	Apr 7 . SARA Training	Apr 8 . SRDI Training

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Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

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Meet 1st Fri 19:30, SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

PIMA COUNTY SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

P.O.Box 13961, Tucson AZ 85732
Meet 2nd Sun 09:00, details inside.

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

4933 N. Sunrise Avenue, Tucson AZ 85705
Meet each Sun 15:00-18:00, RMFD, 490 W. Magee Rd

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS

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