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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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### SARCI CALENDAR

July 18 1930, Wednesday Council Meeting

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

### ARCH PAGERS: PERSONAL ACCOUNTS

by Mykle Raymond, 531-6438, [n7jzt@arrl.net](mailto:n7jzt@arrl.net)

Personal accounts are now available through Arch Paging. Authorization forms are available from Mykle or Bill Kelleman. The forms provide what Arch needs to save you a lot of money, and to include the search and rescue paging groups. Fax the forms to the Arch office to get started.

You can save about \$15 per year in administrative costs by arranging to make quarterly payments rather than monthly. You can save about \$20 per year by making annual payments.

If you want to personalize the greeting for your pager number, then you'll need Voice Mail. That adds \$1 per month. Otherwise, you aren't really sure whose pager you are calling!

Also available is a News Feed, and there is no charge. News updates are periodically sent to your pager, but in a way that you are not bothered by the alert tones. They are stored separately from your pages, and can be reviewed at your leisure.

It takes about a week for your new pager to be prepared. Our account person is Sue, and she will call you to arrange a meeting, either at the Arch office on Oracle north of Prince, or at a mutually agreeable location.

Send an email message to an Arch alpha pager, using the address [your-pager-number@epage.arch.com](mailto:your-pager-number@epage.arch.com), like mine: [5205316438@epage.arch.com](mailto:5205316438@epage.arch.com).

We will continue to page callouts using the Verizon group numbers for the immediate future. When the number of pagers on that system dwindles, we will decide when to pull the plug and let everyone know.

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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### DIVER'S CALENDAR

July 08 0900, Sunday Pena Blanca Lake

Meet 0900 at the lake.

July Training - will be held on Sunday, July 8 at Pena Blanca Lake. Please meet at 9:00 am at the parking lot of the lake. We will need a couple of people to help with gear prior to the meeting at the lake. Please contact Rich or Fran to arrange transportation of the dive gear. We again will test our strength and ability to navigate through the desert kelp forest of Pena Blanca Lake.

Drowning is a silent killer and happens quickly. I remember back awhile of a young girl who was watching her little brother near the swim beach. Her brother stepped off a ledge, slipped underwater and drowned. She tried to rescue him and drowned also. That same scenario almost occurred again at last month's training. Five children - ages ranging from 2-9 years old, were playing at the base of the pedestrian bridge near the Patagonia Lake marina. The two-year-old (later found out to be named Michelle) fell off the shore into the lake just as the Diver's pontoon boat was motoring by. No one older than 9 was in sight. Mike Vohland recognized the emergency, launched off the boat within seconds and swiftly swam the 20 yards from our pontoon craft to the little girl. He carried her up onto the shore looking for her parents or an adult guardian. Not a parent was around! Her sister was 8 and "didn't know how to swim". No one was wearing a life jacket. There was a brother, also around 9 years old. He wanted to keep fishing, but Mike told them they had to leave.

After retrieving Mike, the team motored around the east end of Lake Patagonia. Five "two-man" teams dove on a line search pattern, then performed a free swim search and compass tracking. The team of Mike Vohland and Wren Keller first found a dive mask (glad to report it wasn't one of ours) and later in the muck the same duo found a Honda 30 amp generator. It's in pretty good condition...must have been recently lost...still had gasoline in its tank. Well, it *was* a generator. It's an anchor now.

The challenge is now on to find bigger and better "stuff". Diver's will be holding a "lake sale - fund raiser" at the end of our season to boost our treasury. Hope to see you at Pena Blanca with your large capacity "goody bags".

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Joe Beckman, [joejbec@theriver.com](mailto:joejbec@theriver.com)

### **POSSE CALENDAR**

<u>July 12</u>	<u>1900, Thursday</u>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
<u>July 15</u>	<u>1100, Sunday</u>	<b>Gymkhana</b>	Rincon Creek Stables Old Spanish Trail
<u>July 26</u>	<u>1900, Thursday</u>	<b>General Meeting</b>	Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

No news.  
Beckman

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Paul Cartter, 825-6517, [hornet@flash.net](mailto:hornet@flash.net)

### **SRDI CALENDAR**

<u>July 01</u>	<u>07:00, Sunday</u>	<b>Training: Ski Valley</b>	Meet: Substation 106, Catalina and Tanque Verde
<u>July 04</u>	<u>19:00-21:00, Wed</u>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>July 11</u>	<u>19:00-22:00, Wed</u>	<b>General Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>July 14,15</u>	<u>20:00, Sat,Sun</u>	<b>Training: Night</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Aug 05</u>	<u>20:00, Sun</u>	<b>Training: Night</b>	Location: Catalina State Park
<u>Aug 19</u>	<u>TBA, Sun</u>	<b>Training: Water</b>	Location: TBA

Happy 4th of July to everyone from the dog folks. Would like to pass on a speedy recovery to Kay Jones who is recovering from back surgery.

We have had some nice work lately with the dogs. Santa Cruz County had us back to search for more remains of a man. It is a lesson in human anatomy with the dogs on this. We found more parts as well as his credit cards, drivers license and checkbook. Case should be closed after this. Ran into the border patrol who were chasing 12 smugglers. Now since they were going the way we just came from, where were the 12 people they were chasing? We didn't see them.

Congrats to Patches, Vi and Jennifer A. on the find of the drowning victim at Parker Canyon Lake. SRDI would like to thank SARA folks who ran with the dogs, Gary, John and Mike. It was great having y'all with us.

Anyone is welcome to come to our trainings. We like to plan more water work this summer so just call Paul, (825-6517).

## NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by Robert McCord, [Rdmcii@aol.com](mailto:Rdmcii@aol.com)

<u>July 01</u>	<b>Ground Team Leader Training</b>	
<u>July 08</u>	<b>Ground Team Member Training</b>	
<u>July 15</u>	<b>Medical Training</b>	
<u>July 22</u>	<b>Recruiting Activity</b>	Location: TBA
<u>July 29</u>	<b>Field Activity</b>	Location: TBA

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

### SARA CALENDAR

<u>July 06</u>	<u>1900, Friday</u>	<b>SARA Building Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>July 06</u>	<u>1930, Friday</u>	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>July 07</u>	<u>07:00, Saturday</u>	<b>River Rescue Training: Gila River</b>	Meet: Oracle and Magee, SE parking lot
<u>July 11</u>	<u>1900-2100, Wed</u>	<b>Summer Survival – Classroom</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>July 14-15</u>	<u>1000, Saturday</u>	<b>Summer Survival – Field</b>	Meet: TBD
<u>July 17</u>	<u>1900, Tuesday</u>	<b>MRA Committee Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>July 26</u>	<u>1900, Thursday</u>	<b>SARA Board Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>July 28</u>	<u>0800, Saturday</u>	<b>Field Skills Recertification</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

### Southern Arizona Rescue Association – dues

by John Gorski, 744-9190, [tucmj@worldnet.att.net](mailto:tucmj@worldnet.att.net)

Annual SARA dues are now overdue. The board will drop those whose dues remain unpaid at the July board meeting. A list of members who still have not paid their annual dues is posted on the SARA House bulletin board – even those who believe they've paid should check this list to ensure their payments have been properly reflected. Anyone who is dropped from active status will have to re-apply (with their annual fee) and ask the board to consider them for re-admission.

### July Training:

by Jurgen Seidel, [jurgen@pluto.ame.arizona.edu](mailto:jurgen@pluto.ame.arizona.edu)

#### River Rescue Training

The training will be on July 7 at the Gila River. Meet at 07:00 at Oracle and Magee, SE quad in the shopping center parking lot.

For the July meeting, we have a 'Canyoneering Rescue' presentation by Rich Carlson (ACA).

#### Field Skills Recertification

by Jim Gilbreath, [jbgarchitect@theriver.com](mailto:jbgarchitect@theriver.com)

ATTP sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 18:30 to 21:30 before the Recert Session. Call Jeff Merrell for info. The Recert will be from 08:00 to noonish. Changes to the skills content are being planned for the future (most changes simplify the procedures).

#### SARA Summer Survival Course

by Henry Jacobs, 296-9949, [henryjacobs@qwest.net](mailto:henryjacobs@qwest.net)

July 11      1900-2100, Wed      **Classroom Session**      Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

July 14-15      1000, Saturday      **Field Session**      Field session ends July 15 at approximately 1500.

This course will cover basic aspects of desert survival and SAR operations under desert summer conditions. It will include lectures and practical exercises on the following topics:

Desert Environment	Hot Weather Health, Physiology, and Illnesses;
Water and Field Water Sources	Personal Equipment Requirements;
Desert Shelters	Desert Movement and Navigation
Desert Vehicle Operations	SAR Operations in the Desert Environment

This course is strongly recommended for individuals with limited experience in hot weather operations and camping; it's a great opportunity to learn. Students will be instructed on preparation for a 30 hour field session over a course of approximately 10 miles without re-supply. Loaner equipment is available for those who don't have their own, and students who will be unable to participate in the entire class may still attend select portions of the exercise.

NOTE: Students with medical conditions that might affect their ability to operate safely in hot weather should consult with their physicians before undertaking the field session. Support roles requiring less exertion and exposure to the elements are available. All individuals should verify their individual fitness status with Dr. Ken Iserson or Henry Jacobs (cell phone 275-6486) or e-mail [henryjacobs@qwest.net](mailto:henryjacobs@qwest.net).

#### Outdoor Emergency Care – Refresher 2001

by John Gorski, 744-9190, [tucmj@worldnet.att.net](mailto:tucmj@worldnet.att.net)

Congratulations to the OEC Class of 2001 on completing the first part of becoming a SARA Member. We look forward to seeing you on the next SAR mission.

If you would like to get a head start on your OEC Refresher "C" for this year, go to the website [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org), and look under the "What's New" topic.

Reminder: this year's refresher dates are Sept. 15th and Nov. 10th.

#### House Building Fundraising Committee

by John Perchorowicz, 529-0080, [RCT2JTP@aol.com](mailto:RCT2JTP@aol.com)

July 20      17:30, Friday      **Committee Meet**      Location: AccuCom Office

Aug 01      17:30, Wednesday      **Committee Meet**      Location: AccuCom Office

Aug 03      18:30, Friday      **Committee Meet before Gen Meet**      Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Aug 03      19:30, Friday      **AccuCom Presentation at Gen Meet**      Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Aug 08      17:30, Friday      **Committee Meet**      Location: AccuCom Office

We have had our first meeting with our consultants and they will have met with the board on the 28th.

We will be working on developing a questionnaire to be mailed to the Tucson community in mid August.

The Board of Directors contact sheets for AccuCom are due by 10 July. Please leave in Building Fund Committee Box.

## CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Mykle Raymond, 793-2303, [n7jzt@arrl.net](mailto:n7jzt@arrl.net)

Reporting Period	Callouts	SARCI People	Total Hours	Hours/Person	Weeks	Calls/Week
01 Jan – 17 June	42	605	2299	3.8	25	1.7
28 May – 17 June	9	103	468	4.5	3	3.0

**TUE 29 MAY** CALL 2001.034 2 people 6 hours USFS

Two hikers were unsure which way to get out before dark. They called 911 by cellphone, reporting the numbers of the trails that joined at their location. Trail numbers have changed, but a call to Stan the Lookout Man at Lemmon Rock sorted that out, and confirmed that they were at the west end of the Wilderness of Rocks Trail. Two members were on top of the mountain on other business, and walked down to meet them. All were out before dark.

**SAT 02 JUN** CALL 2001.035 18 people 112 hours R38 LL407 MLFD

A male hiker fell and struck his head. He was bleeding from an ear and disoriented, so his companions called for help by cellphone. The preliminary description was insufficient for Mt Lemmon Fire to find the group. Additional information was fed to Ranger 38, who located the group on trail west of Marshall Saddle. The medic was dropped off about five minutes away, and Ranger returned to base to pick up night vision goggles. A fuel pump warning light grounded the helicopter. Ground teams continued into the field, carrying the patient by litter to the trailhead, then by Mt Lemmon Fire to the Bigelow Junction, then by helicopter to the hospital.

**MON 04 JUN** CALL 2001.036 20 people 37 hours AirCare RM72

A 49 year old female was wandering north of Redington Road across from Tanque Verde Canyon. She tired of the heat, didn't have any water, and twisted her ankle. Passers-by heard her cries for help. She rode a mule back to the road.

**TUE 05 JUN** CALL 2001.037 15 people 98 hours

Two 14 year old hikers were overdue on a group hike from the top of Mt Lemmon into the Wilderness of Rocks via Marshall Saddle. Teams started on several trails, and voice contact was quickly made from near the top of the Aspen Trail. Other teams approached from the saddle, and people at Lemmon Rock provided ears on the third side. The moon was bright, so the boys kept trying to move towards the teams shouting from one direction, then another. Finally they just sat and waited for a team to arrive and lead them out.

**SAT 09 JUN** CALL 2001.038 13 people 43 hours R38

A 41 year old dirt bike rider was missing from the Rosemont Junction area in the north end of the Santa Rita Mountains. Search teams were all mobile, covering the network of 4WD roads from Box Canyon to the north, from the east and west. The subject walked out to a residence on the north and got a ride to Corona de Tucson. He thought he was going over Gunsight Pass, but wound up going over the pass leading into Sycamore Canyon. The bike overheated and wouldn't start after cooling off for awhile, so he had to walk awhile. He and a companion returned to pick up the bike later that evening.

**WED 13 JUN** CALL 2001.039 10 people 66 hours

Three 21 year old male hikers were overdue in Spencer Canyon. They had intended to climb a ridge next to the campground, then meet a companion and return. They wound up well down canyon, probably at the top of the high falls in Palisades Canyon. They turned around and covered a lot of the distance back to the campground by dark. Teams hollered from the overlooks into Sabino, Sycamore, and Palisades without hearing any responses. The hikers did respond to shouts, but could not see any lights.

**THU 14 JUN** CALL 2001.040 11 people 68 hours R38

Search continues for three 21 year old male hikers in Spencer Canyon. The daytime coverage repeated much of what had been done overnight, and extended the search area downhill. The team hollering from the Spencer Overlook heard the hikers respond, and spotted their fire near the canyon bottom about a half-mile downstream from the campground. A team headed downstream to meet them as Ranger 38 joined the search. A bare rock provided a suitable pick-up spot, and the group was quickly ferried out of the field.

**THU 14 JUN** CALL 2001.041 8 people 32 hours R38

A 21 year old male hiker was overdue in Catalina State Park, while the Spencer Canyon search continued. He and a companion hiked up the Sutherland Trail to the end of the 4WD road. His companion decided to turn around while he intended to hike up the trail, then down to Romero Pass, and back to the park, all in three hours. He made it almost all the way up to the high point, then turned around at dusk, finding his way back down the trail. He missed the turnoff to the park, continuing down the road, then leaving the road to follow the powerline. He climbed up the next ridge and found the 50 Year Trail, and walked down to the Equestrian Center, then along the roads back to the trailhead. That completely avoided the search teams.



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**SAT 16 JUN** CALL 2001.042 6 people 6 hours C510  
Two hikers were having problems with knees and the heat on the Sabino Canyon Trail above the end of the road. Both were able to continue moving down to the road, leaving nothing for SAR people to do.

Quality gear...for when it counts!



**SUMMIT HUT**  
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**PINE PIG RESCUE**

**Bob Brantley** In Arizona Call: **Dave Brown**  
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## SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jul 2 . .	Jul 3	Jul 4 SRDI Board	Jul 5	Jul 6 SARA Meet SARA Bldg Meet	Jul 7 SARA Training River Rescue	Jul 8 Divers Training
Jul 9 . .	Jul 10 SARA ATTP	Jul 11 SRDI Meet SARA Classroom Summer Survival	Jul 12 Posse Board	Jul 13	Jul 14 SRDI Training SARA Field Exercise Summer Survival	Jul 15 SRDI Training SARA Field Exercise Posse Gymkhana
Jul 16 . .	Jul 17 SARA ATTP MRA Committee	Jul 18 SARCI Meet	Jul 19	Jul 20	Jul 21	Jul 22
Jul 23 . .	Jul 24 SARA ATTP	Jul 25	Jul 26 Posse Meet SARA Board	Jul 27	Jul 28 SARA Recert	Jul 29
Jul 30 . .	Jul 31	Aug 1 SRDI Board	Aug 2	Aug 3 SARA Meet SARA Bldg Meet	Aug 4 SARA Training Basic Rock	Aug 5 SRDI Training Catalina State Park
Aug 6 . .	Aug 7	Aug 8 SRDI Meet	Aug 9 Posse Board	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12 Divers Training
Aug 13 . .	Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19 Posse Gymkhana SRDI Training Water Training
Aug 20 . .	Aug 21	Aug 22	Aug 23 Posse Meet SARA Board	Aug 24	Aug 25 SARA Training Advanced Rock	Aug 26
Aug 27 . .	Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31	Sep 1	Sep 2

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Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 19:30 (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct), details inside.

**PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE**

8987-309 E. Tanque Verde, Box 232, Tucson AZ 85749  
Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Thu 19:00  
Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION**

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Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Fri 19:30, SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

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Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun 09:00, details inside.

**NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.**

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Meet each Sun 15:00-18:00, RMFD, 490 W. Magee Rd

**SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS**

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