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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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### SARCI CALENDAR

October 17 19:30, Wednesday **Council Meeting**

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

The Craycroft Road driveway to the SARA House is closed while approaches to the Rillito Bridge are being reconstructed. Drivers exiting the River Road driveway are restricted to a left (East) turn only. Please do not stop westbound traffic while waiting to turn into the driveway from River Road (it won't take many vehicles to block the intersection behind you).

### SARCI RECORDS

by Joe Barr, [jbarr11@aol.com](mailto:jbarr11@aol.com)

With all the changes from Verizon to Arch pagers, I'm concerned that Records is missing many updates. This month's newsletter label has your pager number across the top. Please verify this number. The letters following the number indicate the type of pager i.e. aap = Arch Alpha Pager, dp = Digital Pager (unknown service) an '\*' indicates a County owned pager.

As always - send Records updates to [sarnews@hambox.theriver.com](mailto:sarnews@hambox.theriver.com) -or to- 3023 N Calle Castellon, Tucson, AZ 85745. They can also be left in the Records box at SARA House, but that method usually takes longer.

## DPS AIR RESCUE

by Fran Kunz, 886-2216, [fkunz@lrlaw.com](mailto:fkunz@lrlaw.com)

It was with much sadness that we said goodbye to "Ike" Rodriguez, who died August 22, 2001 after a courageous battle with liver disease. Ike was a 22-year veteran of the Arizona Department of Public Safety. From 1987 until his death, he was a paramedic with the elite DPS Helicopter Air Rescue unit and served in Kingman, Phoenix and Tucson. Ike had a "great love of flying, and was a licensed airplane pilot, and was working on both his commercial fixed-wing and helicopter ratings. It was his dream and plan to fly commercially. He was one of the last pioneers that helped make DPS Air Rescue what it is today, and he will be deeply missed." Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife and family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the "Ike Benefits Fund" Bank of America, Acct. No. 0046784 12026.

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Fran Kunz, 886-2216, [fkunz@lrlaw.com](mailto:fkunz@lrlaw.com)

### DIVER'S CALENDAR

Sept 09 09:00, Sunday **Parker Canyon Lake**

Meet 07:30 at Kunz'.

Rendezvous at 07:30 at Rich and Fran Kunz to load equipment and gear. August training consisted of orientation of the dam site at Pena Blanca Lake. Divers at last month's training got to experience the extreme thermoclines in the lake.

September will be at Parker Canyon Lake. This lake is typically full of weeds with good visibility when you're not consumed in the weeds. We hope to use the pontoon boat to orient divers to this lake. We will also plan a BBQ after the dive, so plan on bringing something to cook.

If you can't make rendezvous, please contact Rich or Fran Kunz before Sunday's training to arrange transportation of gear.

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

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

### **POSSE CALENDAR**

<u>Sept 13</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
<u>Sept 16</u>	<u>11:00, Sunday</u>	<b>Gymkana</b>	Vail Feed Store Arena, 11366 S. Vail Rd.
<u>Sept 27</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	<b>General Meeting</b>	Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

**Please note that the location for the gymkhana has changed to Patty Kelly's arena at the Vail Feed Store.**

Cindy Cusack has a very interesting and novel way of carrying her pager. Being a true Southern Gentleman keeps me from divulging the location.

A Happy Belated Birthday to Frank Dearden. Frank celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday in August. Way to go, Frank!!!

No other news,

J Beckman

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

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

Sept 02	No Meeting
Sept 09	Orientation
Sept 16	Orientation
Sept 23	Orientation
Sept 30	Orientation

Due to a sudden influx of new members, CAP's September meetings will consist of new member orientation trainings.

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

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

### **SRDI CALENDAR**

<u>Sept 02</u>	Sunday	<b>Training: Water</b>	Location: Patagonia Lake
<u>Sept 15-16</u>	Sat-Sun	<b>Training: Overnight</b>	Location: Gardner Canyon
<u>October 07</u>	Sunday	<b>Training:</b>	Location: Greaterville
<u>October 21</u>	Sunday	<b>Training:</b>	Location: Old Sonoita Highway

Training on September 15 and 16 will be an overnight training at Gardner Canyon. Our candidates will go down in the morning to set up and the rest will follow the OEC refresher.

Hello from us Dog folks. If ya haven't heard, Paul is home now from the hospital and is still nursing his extreme tanned bottom. Will visit at base camp but won't be in the field for a while. Janelle has accepted a position with Triple Crown Dog Training School in Texas and will be moving there.

Three of our K-9 people have been subpoena to criminal court to testify in the case where our K-9's located a deceased male body off Tangerine Rd. This should be an experience for a lecture after the case is over with so if it happened again we will have an idea of what to expect.

SRDI yard sale is coming up, so clean out your garages and closets if ya have anything to donate and call Paul or any SRDI people and we will figure out a way to pick up items. Paul has a shed to store stuff in Catalina and we can also put some stuff in our trailer at the SARA House.

If anyone would like to come train with us, you are most welcome. Call Paul or Vi Brown and let us know.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

### SARA CALENDAR

<u>Sept 04</u>	<u>19:00, Tuesday</u>	<b>SARA Training Committee Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Sept 07</u>	<u>19:00, Friday</u>	<b>SARA Building Fundraising Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Sept 07</u>	<u>19:30, Friday</u>	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Sept 08</u>	<u>07:30, Saturday</u>	<b>Map and Compass Training</b>	Meet at 108, Maintenance Yard, Houghton & Irvington

### September Training:

#### Map and Compass Training

*by Rob Offerle, [rofferle@juno.com](mailto:rofferle@juno.com)*

The training will be on Saturday, September 08. Meet 07:30 at 108, Pima County Maintenance Yard at Houghton & Irvington. Bring compass, whistle, fluids, and snacks. Course materials and maps provided. We will conduct beginner and advanced exercises in Lincoln Regional Park.

#### Outdoor Emergency Care – Refresher 2001

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

Saturday, September 15 will be the first of two OEC refreshers for 2001. Starting time will be 8 a.m. Please be sure to have your study guide complete before attending the class. Also, bring a snack that will keep you going! Study guides are available at the SARA House in the Mailroom and from the NSP website at [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org), under the topic "WHAT'S NEW" look for "Refresher "C" 2001".

The second refresher will be held Saturday, November 10 at the SARA House also at 8 a.m. Remember anyone holding a current OEC card must attend one of the refreshers. If you are unable to attend either date, contact, Rich Kunz or John Gorski to make other arrangements. This year's OEC class does not need to attend, however, if you would like to help by being a patient, please feel free to show up and assist.

#### House Building Fundraising Committee

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

<u>Sept 05</u>	<u>17:30, Wednesday</u>	<b>Committee Meet progress Report</b>	Location: AcuCom Office
<u>Sept 07</u>	<u>19:00, Friday</u>	<b>Committee Meet before Gen Meet</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Sept 19</u>	<u>17:30, Wednesday</u>	<b>AcuCom Initial Draft Presentation</b>	Location: AcuCom Office
<u>Sept 29</u>	<u>08:00, Saturday</u>	<b>AcuCom final draft to Committee</b>	Location: AcuCom Office
<u>Oct 25</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	<b>AcuCom final Report to SARA Bd</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

#### SARA Strategic Planning

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

The SARA board will hold a strategic planning meeting in November (date to be determined). The purpose is to address issues that need longer term planning and commitment than is possible at monthly board meetings. These issues might include improving processes and procedures and anticipating what changes might address these issues. The goal is to establish a small number of goals that the board(s) would work on a continuing basis for the next 3-5 years.

The strategic planning process is not a static one. Meetings like this could occur every few years to assess the appropriateness of the goals and progress toward them as well as to set new ones. Hopefully, this will keep SARA a vibrant organization that meets its needs and those of the community.

You are invited to participate. While it is not practical to have the entire membership present at the meeting, it is extremely important that the board have as much input as possible to help set the agenda and prioritize issues.

Therefore, I encourage each SARA member to spend some time thinking about where SARA should go as an organization over the next few years. With those thoughts in mind, write down two or three things you think SARA should accomplish in that time and send them to John Perchorowicz via email or put them in the building fund box at the SARA house. All comments are welcome.

These will be consolidated into manageable topics and discussed at the meeting in November. We will do our best to include as many as possible.

## 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 – 30 August	58	778	3239	4.2	35	1.7
26 July – 30 August	7	84	473	5.6	5	1.4

**SUN 05 AUG** CALL 2001.052 30 people 318 hours R38 R41 USFS

Three girls, 18 and 19 years, were overdue in Sabino Canyon. They hiked ahead of the rest of their party and did not return. Sabino and Bear Canyon Trails, plus trails from the Prison Camp (“Gordon’s Place”) to Hutch’s Pool were covered without results by about midnight. Teams started up West Fork at about the same time that Ranger 41 arrived after waiting out the storms. They spotted a light from the girls’ camcorder at the base of the Cathedral Rock Trail. A sack was lowered to them, with water, lights, and sheets to tide them over until the foot teams arrived. They were in good condition, rested until dawn, and then walked out.

**TUE 07 AUG** CALL 2001.053 5 people 37 hours R38

A male hiker was overdue on a trip from the Visitor’s Center to Marshall Gulch via Romero Pass. A team walked back along his route, finding him in the Wilderness of Rocks, just east of the Lemmon Rock junction. Everyone walked out without problems.

**MON 20 AUG** CALL 2001.054 5 people 5 hours MLFD, RM72

A 22 year old female climber fell from Hitchcock Rock at Windy Point. Her belay wasn’t, and she struck the ground. Mt Lemmon Fire and Rural Fire personnel carried her to the road while SAR people were assembling.

**SAT 25 AUG** CALL 2001.055 12 people 16 hours

A 39 year old and 10 year old males were missing in Tanque Verde Canyon. The older male had not visited the area for many years, and thought that the SARA Trail parking lot was the start of the main trail further up the road. The two continued up canyon, expecting to run into the trail signs that were well upstream, above the main falls. SAR people were called just after dark, locating the pair in the canyon bottom below the main falls overlook near the helispot. They were brought out the Middle Route.

**SUN 26 AUG** CALL 2001.056 9 people 32 hours MLFD, PM72

A 54 year old female hiker on the Aspen Draw Trail became entangled in her dogs leash, and twisted her knee. She was about a quarter mile down the 1.5 mile trail, so the evacuation planned to carry her uphill. The trail is narrow (for a stokes) with steps, but the ski slope is nearby, so she was carried up the ski slope, zig-zagging when the slope was steep.

**SUN 26 AUG** CALL 2001.057 7 people 7 hours R38

A 14 year old male fell into Tanque Verde stream, just below the washing machine at the Lower Turkey Pool, injuring an arm and hip. Ranger 38 landed on the rock nearby and the patient was easily loaded without needing more assistance.

**SUN 26 AUG** CALL 2001.058 16 people 58 hours R38, NPS

A 52 year old male went for a hike in Saguaro Park East on a day with record temperatures. Another hiker in the evening found numerous belongings discarded near Pink Hill, including a cellphone. The Ranger was able to determine who they belonged to, and his rental car was still parked at a trailhead. Teams headed in from numerous directions, and the victim was spotted deceased a short distance away.

*Rosters have not been received from SRDI and Posse covering their search for a mentally handicapped male in the Old Nogales Road and Old Vail Road areas.*



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## SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Aug 27 . .	Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30 . SARA Board	Aug 31	Sep 1	Sep 2 . SRDI Training
Sep 3 . .	Sep 4 . SARA Training Committee	Sep 5 . SRDI Board	Sep 6	Sep 7 . SARA Meet SARA Bldg Meet	Sep 8 . SARA Training Map & Compass	Sep 9 . Divers Training
Sep 10 . .	Sep 11	Sep 12 . SRDI Meet	Sep 13 . Posse Board	Sep 14	Sep 15 . OEC Refresher SRDI Training	Sep 16 . Posse Gymkhana SRDI Training
Sep 17 . .	Sep 18	Sep 19	Sep 20	Sep 21	Sep 22	Sep 23
Sep 24 . .	Sep 25	Sep 26	Sep 27 . Posse Meet SARA Board	Sep 28	Sep 29 . Grand Canyon Cleanup	Sep 30
Oct 1 . .	Oct 2	Oct 3 . SRDI Board	Oct 4	Oct 5 . SARA Meet SARA Bldg Meet	Oct 6 . SARA Training Night Search	Oct 7 . SRDI Training
Oct 8 . .	Oct 9	Oct 10 . SRDI Meet	Oct 11 . Posse Board	Oct 12	Oct 13 . SARA Basic III	Oct 14 . Divers Training
Oct 15 . .	Oct 16	Oct 17 . SARCI Meet	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21 . Posse Gymkhana SRDI Training
Oct 22 . .	Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25 . Posse Meet SARA Board	Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28
Oct 29 . .	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 01	Nov 02 . SARA Meet SARA Bldg Meet	Nov 03 . SARA Training Mine Rescue	Nov 04

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P.O.Box 44231, Tucson AZ 85733  
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**

P.O.Box 12892, Tucson AZ 85732-2892  
Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Fri 19:30, SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

**PIMA COUNTY SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS**

P.O.Box 13961, Tucson AZ 85732  
Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, RMPD, 490 W. Magee Rd

**SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS**

P.O.Box 64120, Tucson AZ 85728-4120  
Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 19:00  
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