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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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### SARCI CALENDAR

January 19 1930, Wednesday Council Meeting

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

### SARCI BOARD MEETING MINUTES: 10/17/2001

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

#### Representatives and (Alternates) present:

CAP	Bob McCord, Laura Markiewicz
Divers	Joe Barr, Richard Kunz, (Robert Offerle)
Posse	Bob Siegel, Nick Thill, (Larry Cunningham, Kelly Goudielock)
SARA	Cathy Wasmann, Scott Clemans, (Mykle Raymond, Bill Brown)
SRDI	(Jason Merrell)

#### Records

A new call list was distributed with the October SARnews. An electronic (.pdf) version is available for download. Email your request to [SARnews](mailto:SARnews).

The 2003 tithe will be based on each group's number of SARnews labels (for paper copies) in January. A newsletter list for each group was distributed for editing. Send updates to [SARnews](mailto:SARnews), or Fax to 743-0901.

After some discussion there was a motion (Joe/Cathy) to: raise the tithe to \$7.00. This was amended by Bob to clarify the motion to: raise the tithe to \$7.00 per paper newsletter label per year. Motion failed.

#### Communications & Equipment

Arch is closing their Tucson store. They will keep two reps in town to service accounts. And between Bill K. and Mykle we will have a program cradle which can add group codes on private arch pagers (on the proper frequency). In another change, Arch will no longer provide their \$0 lease on new SAR pagers. New customers will need to purchase their pagers at \$140. There will be no change for existing customers.

Group pages on the Verizon system will be discontinued at the end of November. This will reduce the calls required to put out pages (and update Audix) from 5 to 3.

That countdown at the end of Audix messages is intended to cut down on Hang-ups that each gets recorded as a separate voice mail message. Then when it comes time to put on a callout message it can take up to 10 minutes to clear all the empty messages. So... Please hang up before the end of the message.

#### Special Activities

We need a quarterly activity report of all non-callout activity. This should start with a log of non-callout messages to the Audix systems, both the HAT number (Pam) and the regular call status number (Comeau). Then any follow up or presentations should be included in the quarterly reports.

In general we all need to do better at recording ALL remotely SAR related activities (orientation hikes, presentations, meetings, work sessions, meetings, etc.). Fax a sign in sheet with one or more names to SARA House at 615-0288.

#### Grant requests approved

SRDI	Coleman personal pontoon boat & accessories.
SRDI	3ea Motorola Model 1225 commercial portable radios

**Reminder** – The Elks will be looking for nominations for their Search And Rescue Volunteer of the Year.

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

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

No News

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

### **DIVER'S CALENDAR**

<u>Nov 06</u>	<u>1830, TUESDAY</u>	<b>Diver's Annual Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Dec 09</u>	<u>0900, Sunday</u>	<b>Altitude Tables</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

November's meeting is our annual meeting and potluck dinner. Bring your favorite dish to share and participate in elections for next year's board. October training consisted of overhauling our BC's. Thanks to Rob Offerle for his time and patience as we disassembled and reassembled our BCs. No extra parts left over.

December training will be Altitude Tables. This will be our annual review as we use these for all dives performed in Arizona. Bring your training manuals.

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

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

### **POSSE CALENDAR**

<u>Nov 08</u>	<u>1900, Thursday</u>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
<u>Nov 15</u>	<u>1900, Thursday</u>	<b>General Meeting</b>	Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>1100, Sunday</u>	<b>Gymkhana</b>	Vail Feed Store Arena, 11366 S. Vail Rd, Vail

Simmons held a Posse medical training on Saturday October 13 at Alex Hodge's place. Alex was supposed to do hamburgers and hotdogs after the training was completed. Since I had to fly back to Kentucky for my Mom's funeral, I can't report if anyone stubbed their toe. I'll find out and report next month.

No other news.

J Beckman

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

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

### **SRDI CALENDAR**

<u>Nov 07</u>	<u>19:00-21:00, Wed</u>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Nov 14</u>	<u>19:00-22:00, Wed</u>	<b>General Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

SRDI was called to look for a drowning victim 40 miles south of Douglas. Isn't Douglas on the border? En-route at "0 Dark Thirty", we encountered an overturned van on Hwy 82, with nobody to be found. We called 911 and after the border patrol arrived, we continued to join Cochise Co. Sheriff's Dept. for our trip south. The dogs indicated an area on the lake but a recovery was not possible. The man surfaced after 7 days and was returned to the U.S.

We like to welcome a new doggie person, LaLania and "Hank" her Bloodhound.

The newer dogs training is progressing and we hope to have them mission ready soon. "Eike" is smiling with a gleam after having to have dental work done. She now has all her canine teeth capped in chrome. Some of us are going to AZ. SAR Conference 2001 at Prescott on the 5,6 & 7th of Oct. Anticipate learning and having fun. As always, anyone in SARCI is welcome to join us in any trainings. Oct. 21 will be at the Old Sonoita Hwy. There are some unscheduled training during the month. Call Paul for more info.

**Paw Prints:** For those who may not know, a World War I soldier found a shell-shocked puppy in the French trenches. He brought the German Shepherd home to the U.S. and in 1922 Rin Tin Tin made his movie debut. At the age of 16, he passed away and was buried in Paris. At the time of his death, he was receiving over 2,000 fan letters a week.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

### **SARA CALENDAR**

<u>Nov 02</u>	<u>18:00, Friday</u>	<b>PreBriefing: Mine Rescue</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Nov 02</u>	<u>19:30, Friday</u>	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Nov 03</u>	<u>07:30, Saturday</u>	<b>Training: Mine Rescue</b>	Meet at Ajo and Mission, northeast parking lot.
<u>Nov 10</u>	<u>08:00, Saturday</u>	<b>OEC Refresher</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Nov 29</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	<b>SARA Board Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Dec 07</u>	<u>19:30, Friday</u>	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Dec 08</u>	<u>TBA, Saturday</u>	<b>Training: TBA</b>	Meet: TBA
<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>TBA, Wednesday</u>	<b>MRA Round Table</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

**November Training:  
Mine Rescue Training**

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

Friday, 02 November, 18:00, SARA House: There will be a prebriefing on mine safety and confined space procedures. Volunteers will be recruited to staff the operation. This is an excellent chance to put yourself in a position of authority in a practice situation. You need not attend the prebriefing to participate in the training.

Saturday, 03 November, 08:00, University of Arizona San Xavier Mine.

**The Scenario:** Debbie and her parents moved to Tucson a few months ago from the east. They live in the city. Debbie is 18 years old although she has the mental capacity of an 8-year old. The family is invited to dinner at a friend's house on Friday evening. The friends live in a rural area off Mission Road. It is the family's first time away from the city proper. Following dinner on the patio, the parents carry dishes into the house, wash them and put them away, leaving Betty and the other couple's 10-year old (Jeff) to entertain each other. Upon returning to the patio some 45 minutes later, Jeff informs them that Debbie left to "explore" shortly after the adults went inside. After searching for several hours, the parents call 911 around midnight.

Debbie's parents describe her as 5 ft 4 in tall, 120 lbs, very strong and in good physical shape. She has always been very inquisitive, and does not frighten easily. She was wearing jeans, a white T-shirt with an American flag on the front and white tennis shoes when last seen.

SARA, Southwest Rescue Dogs, and the Posse begin an overnight search for sign, that is uncharacteristically unsuccessful. At first light, Ranger joins the operation and spots a mine in the vicinity. A second page is put down to gather volunteers to search the unsecured mine while the air and ground search continues.

**The Training:** Please be prepared to depart rendezvous by 07:40 since the site is twenty minutes away. At rendezvous I will ask for volunteers for various duties (see below) associated with an operation that were not recruited at the prebriefing. The volunteers will assume their duties at rendezvous. At the site, there will be a brief orientation about the mine and a review of mine safety after which the operation will begin. In order to expose the largest number of people to the different aspects of an operation I would ask that those with experience participate as team members rather than leaders. The training will be run using the incident command system. We will need the following positions filled: Scene Commander (in charge of this site of the operation) and the following positions to support the SC: Surface Communications (responsible for communicating with and monitoring teams and their locations (could be the SC once the operation is underway if we are short of personnel)), Logistics (responsible for coordinating and providing the SC with the personnel (including accounting for their whereabouts) and equipment resources), Underground Coordinator (the SC's eyes underground), Team Leaders, and Safety Officers. The complexity of the operation will be tailored to the size of the group responding. In the interest of time, part of the operation normally run sequentially may be run in parallel.

**The Objective:** The training is primarily to hone skills associated with mine or confined space operations in a safe manner and secondarily to gain experience in positions or responsibility and tasks that one may not have frequent opportunity to hold or participate in on an actual operation. This is a chance to do get to do things that are often assigned to more experienced members.

As part of qualifying for MRA recertification, the practice will emphasize proper briefing and debriefing of field teams, and proper communication around high angle systems. Please be prepared to rig raising and lowering systems and to work around areas where open shafts exist. Personal equipment should include a helmet, three sources of light (at least one of which can be used without your hands), and a climbing harness. There is no potable water on site.

I expect the training will end early afternoon with a debriefing.

**Outdoor Emergency Care – Refresher 2001**

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

The second refresher will be held Saturday, November 10 at the SARA House. 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".

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)

**Nov 29 19:00, Thursday AcuCom final Report to SARA Bd** Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

A final report will be delivered to the SARA Board at the November Board Meeting. *(It got postponed a month)*

A SARA member has agreed to match donations to the SARA Building fund up to a total of \$2,000. Donations must be received by December 15 to be matched. The donor wishes not to see funds usually donated to the SARA operating fund diverted to this purpose.

**SARA Strategic Planning**

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

As was mentioned in last month's newsletter, SARA will hold a strategic planning meeting in mid November. While it is not practical to include all of the membership in the meeting, your input is valued. Please provide any input you care to in writing by the November General Meeting. You may email it to me, leave it the Building Fund Raising box (lower left) in the mailroom at the SARA

House or hand it to me at the General Meeting. I will be using your input to develop the agenda for the meeting in mid November and look forward to your input and suggestions.

**SARA Board Meeting: Significant Items from September**

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

We will soon discontinue making SARCI group pages to Verizon pagers.  
 Gary Copus will shortly publish a new listing of qualified SARA truck drivers.  
 Walter Pickett introduced a proposed MRA qualification checklist, a list of items not done in SARA’s monthly trainings  
 AcuCOMM will brief the Fundraising Committee on October 17, the board of directors on October 25, and the general membership on November 2.  
 Rich Kunz will attempt to get pre-emergent weed killer for the SARA House grounds from the county.  
 The SARA strategic planning session would occur on November 17. He will request inputs from the membership through the November 2 general meeting.  
 The SARA Short Haul Rappel Team program unanimously passed.

**CALLOUT REVIEWS**

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

Reporting Period	Callouts	SARCI People	Total Hours	Hours/Person	Weeks	Calls/Week
01 January– 05 October	70	898	3731	4.2	41	1.7
23 September – 05 October	8	74	271	3.7	2	4.0

**MON 24 SEP** CALL 1.064 7 people 35 hours LifeNet, RM72, MLFD  
 A female hiker had problems breathing during a hike on the Aspen Trail. Mt Lemmon Fire was joined by Rural Fire and LifeNet medics, followed by SARA and Posse. She rode out by horse.

**SAT 29 SEP** CALL 1.065 11 people 40 hours  
 A 79 year old male Alzheimer’s patient was missing from Tucson Estates. Numerous resources checked the housing, golf course, and surrounding desert areas, without results (so far).

**SAT 29 SEP** CALL 1.066 19 people 45 hours R38, RM72  
 A female fell at the base of a climbing area upstream from Milepost 0.5 on the Catalina Hwy. Rural Fire and DPS medical people were assisted by SAR resources. The route was too steep to use the stokes wheel. Fortunately she was relatively lightweight.

**TUE 02 OCT** CALL 1.067 6 people 20 hours  
 Continuation of search for 79 year old male Alzheimer’s patient missing from Tucson Estates.

**WED 03 OCT** CALL 1.068 2 people 10 hours  
 Continuation of search for 79 year old male Alzheimer’s patient missing from Tucson Estates.

**WED 03 OCT** CALL 1.069 7 people 14 hours  
 Continuation of search for 79 year old male Alzheimer’s patient missing from Tucson Estates.

**THU 04 OCT** CALL 1.070 6 people 30 hours  
 A 68 year old male Alzheimer’s patient was missing from a rural area southwest of Ajo Hwy and Sandario. Nothing was found during the initial evening search.

**FRI 05 OCT** CALL 1.071 16 people 77 hours R38  
 Continuation of search for 68 year old male Alzheimer’s patient missing from a rural area southwest of Ajo Hwy and Sandario. Search teams covered the rural area and surrounding desert. A passerby found him in good condition, behind a residence.



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## SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Oct 29 . .	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 01	Nov 02  SARA Meet	Nov 03 . SARA Training Mine Rescue	Nov 04
Nov 05 . .	Nov 06  Divers Annual Meet	Nov 07  SRDI Board	Nov 08  Posse Board	Nov 09	Nov 10  OEC Refresher	Nov 11
Nov 12 . .	Nov 13	Nov 14  SRDI Meet	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18  Posse Gymkhana
Nov 19 . .	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22  Thanksgiving	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25
Nov 26 . .	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29 . Posse Meet SARA Board	Nov 30	Dec 01	Dec 02
Dec 03 . .	Dec 04	Dec 05  SRDI Board	Dec 06	Dec 07  SARA Meet	Dec 08  SARA Training	Dec 09  Divers Meet
Dec 10 . .	Dec 11	Dec 12  SRDI Meet	Dec 13 . MRA Meet Posse Board	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16  Posse Gymkhana
Dec 17 . .	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23
Dec 24 . .	Dec 25  Christmas	Dec 26	Dec 27 . Posse Meet SARA Board	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30
Dec 31 . New Years Eve	Jan 01 . New Years Day	Jan 02	Jan 03	Jan 04  SARA Meet	Jan 05 . SARA Training	Jan 06

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**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.**

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**SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS**

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