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SARCI CALENDAR

January 19 1930, Wednesday Council Meeting

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

SARCI RECORDS:

by Joe Barr, jbarr11@aol.com

Communications & Equipment

Ham Calls due to expire in the next year: (if you need help renewing your license, ask Joe or Mykle)

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Ham Call</u>	<u>Ham Exp</u>
Austin	Boosted	Posse	N7TVL	09/03/01
Edward	Sherlock	SARA	N6KIV	03/03/02
Doug	Marcoux	SARA	N7XJI	04/07/02
Kenneth	MacCaslin	Posse	N7XJH	04/07/02
Jim	Gilbreath	SARA	KD6ISM	04/21/02
Chuck	Michels	RACES	KB7RFI	12/22/02

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Joe Beckman, joebec@theriver.com

POSSE CALENDAR

Jan 10 1900, Thursday Board Meeting
 Jan 20 1100, Sunday Gymkhana
 Jan 24 1900, Thursday General Meeting

Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
 Vail Feed Store Arena, 11366 S. Vail Rd, Vail
 Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

The results are in. The new officers and board members of the Posse are:

President - Bill Cunningham	1 st Vice Pres - George Herget
2 nd Vice Pres - Jerry Simmons	Secretary - Jon Klein
Treasurer - Greg Pallack	Director - Bob Siegel
Director - Don Spiel (also Sgt-at-Arms)	

Cindy Cusack and Ken Harrelson have one more year remaining on their terms as directors. Pat Gallagher remains as Past President.

The Posse held its Christmas Party on Saturday, December 15. We were all surprised to see Ken Harrelson remain quiet. Maybe it was because he had his dad there to chaperone him. And thanks, Cindy. You did a great job on the party. My recommendation is that you remain the Posse's permanent party girl.

No other news.

J Beckman

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

DIVER'S CALENDAR

Jan 13 0900, Sunday Pool Session
 Feb 10 0900, Sunday Pool Session

Location: Sunnyside High School Pool
 Location: Ft. Lowell Pool

December's training provided a good review of altitude tables. Thanks to Joe Barr for the interesting scenarios. January training will be at Sunnyside High School pool. Be prepared to swim laps and perform other tasks under black out conditions.

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by Robert McCord, Rdmcii@aol.com

No News

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Paul Cartter, 825-6517, hornet@flash.net

SRDI CALENDAR

<u>Jan 02</u>	<u>19:00-21:00, Wed</u>	Board Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Jan 06</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Training	Location: I-10 and AZ 83
<u>Jan 09</u>	<u>19:00-22:00, Wed</u>	General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>08:30 Sun</u>	Training	Meet: I-10 & AZ83, Location: Empire Seneca
<u>Feb 03</u>	<u>08:30 Sun</u>	Training	Meet: I-10 & AZ83, Location: Gardner Canyon
<u>Feb 17</u>	<u>TBA Sun</u>	Training	Location: Catalina State Park

Happy New Year to everyone from SRDI.

Training the dogs and people continue as it grows closer to more K-9's will become mission ready to go into the field. We are working the dogs in more difficult scenarios to prepare for the unexpected.

Paul was selected by the Elks Lodge as Search & Rescue person of the Year.

Welcome to Ben Aller, Shannon Holt, Shawna Hunter & Daniel Hunter, new members to SRDI.

As always, everyone in SARCI is welcome to attend our training sessions.

PAW PRINTS

"My dogs are worried about the economy because Alpo is up to .99¢ a can. That's almost \$7. in dog money." – Joe Weinstein
Paul B. Cartter

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

<u>Jan 04</u>	<u>19:30, Friday</u>	SARA General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Jan 05</u>	<u>07:30, Saturday</u>	Training: Snow	Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
<u>Jan 08</u>	<u>TBA, Saturday</u>	Training: TBA	Meet: TBA
<u>Jan 19-20</u>	<u>Saturday-Sunday</u>	Training: Hi Altitude Mountaineering	Flagstaff: Humphrey's Peak
<u>Jan 24</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	SARA Board Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Jan 26</u>	<u>07:30, Saturday</u>	SARA Basic IV	Location: Catalina State Park
<u>Jan 27</u>	<u>08:00-12:00, Sun</u>	Field Skills Recertification	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Jan 30</u>	<u>19:00, Wednesday</u>	Classroom: Winter Survival	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb 01</u>	<u>19:30, Friday</u>	SARA General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb 02</u>	<u>TBA, Saturday</u>	MRA Mock Snow Recert	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb 02-03</u>	<u>TBA, Sat-Sun</u>	Overnight Winter Training	Location: Mt Lemmon
<u>Feb 16-17</u>	<u>TBA, Sat-Sun</u>	MRA Snow Recert	Location: TBA

FROM THE PREZ

by Jim Gilbreath, 647-7635, jbgarchitect@theriver.com

I would like to wish all members of the SAR fellowship the best of the season with good friends, family, and a promising New Year.

From Dentsu's Ten Rules of the Demon

Take an active role in all your endeavors, not a passive one.

BULLETIN BOARD

by Jackie Marcus, 312-5890

There is a new LARGE bulletin board in the SARA House "Chandelier Room". Committee Chairpeople are requested to please post upcoming meetings and reports in the space provided. Feel free to add and/or remove as appropriate.

JANUARY TRAINING EVENTS

by Walter Pickett, 292-9422, wpick87506@aol.com

Saturday, January 05 - Snow Training: Moving on the snow, snow anchors hauls and lowers in the snow environment. Meet 0730, 05 January, Sheriff's Substation 106. Come dressed for the occasion, bring your favorite cold weather lunch, and snow gear. Maybe this time Walt will play picket. The practice should end at 1400 or a callout, which ever comes first. Jim suggests Pizza afterwards; the first pizza is on the Prez.

Sat, Sun, January 19-20: CAMRA High Altitude Mountaineering Training: CAMRA (Central Arizona Mountain Rescue Association) will be having their annual Winter overnight training on Humphrey's Peak (12,633 feet) north of Flagstaff. Their plan is to drive up Friday evening, sleep in the parking lot to acclimatize, get picked up the next morning, and climb to 11,500 feet where they will bivvy. The next morning is planned training on Mountaineering & Rescue skills (ice axe & crampon use, ice axe arrest & ice axe belays, Team roped ascending & crevasse rescue). This does require some advanced skills & equipment. For more information, call Walter Pickett @ 292-9422.

Sunday, January 27 - Field skills recertification, 0800 to 1200, at the SARA HOUSE - Rusty? Need a little refreshing? What is a "Z system"? Give Jeff Merrill a call for a helpful and very informative ATTP Session. Remember just call Jeff at 745-2310

Wednesday, January 30 - Winter Survival Presentation: Henry Jacobs and company will be presenting a class on Winter Survival. We will share thoughts and experiences on Clothing, Equipment, Mental attitude, and other thoughts on how to survive and enjoy camping and operating in the snow. The class will prepare you for the Winter Overnight training that will be held on Feb 2-3 after the Mock MRA recert. The class will start at 7pm at the SARA House. People with little experience in snow camping are encouraged to attend. Some loaner equipment will be available. Call Henry Jacobs at 296-9949 or Walter Pickett at 292-9422.

DECEMBER TRAINING REVIEWS

by Walter Pickett,, 292-9422, wpick87506@aol.com

Saturday, 08 December: Approximately 9 SARA members braved the blistery winds on Mt. Lemmon to learn more about anchors & anchor systems, especially when the Trees/Vegetation are not as robust as we would want them to be. Scotty Clemans and Cathy Wasmann presented an excellent presentation on anchors. Thanks guys for your help.

Saturday, 15 December: Nine hardy souls braved the first snow of the year for our first impromptu snow practice. We put on our snowshoes, some for the first time, and slipped down the Butterfly Trail for about a quarter of a mile. Walter Pickett led the way, but soon John, Rian, and Brian each took a turn at trail breaking in the 18 plus inches of snow. Just a reminder to all when moving across snow, snow fields, and glaciers: it is good to keep a good distance (at least 20') between team members. This makes for better hearing of returned shouts, and not everyone will fall into our many crevasses or avalanches. Our progress was slow and steady on the way up, Brian accomplished this without the use of snow claws and poles. Back at the top we set and tested snow anchors, bollards, ice ax T's, and pickets using ice axes. The first 18" inches was powder, great for skiing and not for great anchors, but thanks to the snow plowing we were able to make a bollard; it even passed an 8 people - 15' fall dynamic test. Yes!!!! Heads up we will try more of these impromptu practices as weather permits. Special thanks to all whom joined us especially Walter and Mykle for encouragement and sharing knowledge. Karmin rules after her first time on snowshoes.

TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

by Walter Pickett,, 292-9422, wpick87506@aol.com

Saturday, February 02 - Mock MRA Snow Recert Training/Overnight Winter Survival Training: Have you ever participated in an MRA Recert with SARA? Ever wonder why it's such a big thing to recert in the MRA. Well, Jim Gilbreath & Rich Kunz will prepare and evaluate a scenario based on past MRA Snow recerts. This is to prepare SARA for the Snow recert later in the month. All SARA members are invited to attend. Time and location to be announced later.

Sat, Sun, February 02-03 - Overnight Winter Survival Training: After the Mock MRA recert, Henry Jacobs and other interested SARCI members will wonder off into the Great White North of Mt. Lemmon to camp overnight in the snow. This is a continuation of the Winter Survival Training that was conducted on January 30. We will be moving over snow, carrying everything you need to survive a night on the snow on your backs. People with little experience in this art are encouraged to attend both the class and the overnight exercise. Some loaner equipment will be available. Call Henry Jacobs at 296-9949 or Walter Pickett at 292-9422 for more information

Sat, Sun, February 16-17 - MRA Snow Recert: It's that time again for SARA to recertify in Snow & Snow rescue. All SARA Field members are invited. Time and location will be announced soon.

March 02	Tanque Verde Falls Familiarization & mock rescue mission:
April 06	ICS/Search Operations
May 04	Cave Rescue
June 08	Helicopter Training
June 22	Desert Survival Training
July 06 or 13	River Rescue
August 03	Basic Rock/Rope
Aug 17 or 24	Advanced Rock/Rope
September 07	Map & Compass
October 05	Man tracking/Night Search
November 02	Mine Rescue
December 07	Advanced Technical Rescue Training

OUTDOOR EMERGENCY CARE

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

Happy New Year! OEC is gearing up for a spring class. The start date will be Feb 19. Anyone wishing to assist during the class please give me a call or drop me an e-mail. For those in last year's class, this is a chance for you to refresh your skills and help with the new class. It is looking like it will be a full class, again.

ORIENTEERING

Learn to read a map and use a compass: The Tucson Orienteering Club holds orienteering meets on the third Sunday of each month. This is a great way to improve your map reading skills. Fees are \$8 per individual, \$10/team, \$1 per map for color maps. \$5 discount for members of TSN, PHX, USOF, SAHC or SARA members (be sure to tell them at the check-in desk when you check in). Compasses rent for \$1. Safety whistles sell for \$1. Every person, all courses, all meets is required to carry some type of safety whistle. For more information, call Jeff Brucker @ 886-2528 or go online to <http://go.to/tucsonorienteering>

HOUSE BUILDING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

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

Thanks to all of the SARA Members who generously contributed to the Building Fund Match. We made our goal of \$2000 !!

SARA BOARD: SIGNIFICANT ITEMS FROM NOVEMBER MEETING

by Rob Offerle, rofferle@juno.com

The board discussed a plan to hold OFC prior to OEC. Holding OFC has proved impractical from an instructor standpoint. Without a vote, the board dropped the OFC/OEC idea for 2002.

Rich Giachetti will produce a list of items deemed necessary in our personal medical kit.

Look for an AcuCOMM briefing at the January Board Meeting and at the February General Meeting.

Thanks to those who replaced the SARA House roof, and to those who remodeled the computer and fax room

Next year's annual OEC refreshers are September 14 and November 16.

An Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) information meeting will be held on January 12, 1400, at SARA House.

Jim Gilbreath recommended that this board set the dues for 2002 and get the dues notices out before the April meeting.

MT LEMMON SKI PATROL

by Rich Kunz, 886-2216, rekunz@juno.com

The basic mountaineering overnight is scheduled for the weekend of January 26/27 at Sunrise Resort. The class session will either be at Sunrise on the day before the overnight or, preferably, at some convenient time/location in Tucson. Those who only need the overnight to complete basic Mountain Travel and Rescue can join us at Sunrise.

The advanced mountaineering field session is a two-night overnight with daytime travel and skiing mixed in. This is scheduled for March 15, 16, and 17 at Lee Canyon. Two class sessions are required before the overnight and will take place in Tucson, Phoenix and Las Vegas, time to be arranged to fit interested people's schedules. The overnights are intentionally scheduled to allow anyone to take basic and advanced classes in one year.

If you are interested, contact Henry Trube, 577-9494, hat@alpex.org, and you can work out the best schedule.

CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Mykle Raymond, 531-6438, n7jzt@arrl.net

Reporting Period	Callouts	SARCI People	Total Hours	Hours/Person	Weeks	Calls/Week
01 January– 28 December	82	1010	4328	4.3	51	1.6
25 November – 28 December	3	38	66	1.7	4	0.8

SAT 08 DEC CALL 1.080 12 people 12 hours

A 55 year old female hiker injured her ankle on Blackett's Ridge in Sabino Canyon. Her companion assisted her slowly down trail, and met rescue people a short distance from the trailhead.

MON 17 DEC CALL 1.081 12 people 13 hours

A 74 year old male hiker was overdue on the Finger Rock Trail. He was returning down trail and it got dark about the time he passed the spring. His small flashlight ran out less than a half-mile from the trailhead. The search team walked him out without problems.

FRI 21 DEC CALL 1.082 14 people 41 hours RMFD

A 62 year old female hiker was exhausted on the Ventana Canyon Trail. Her companions were assisting her, but it was getting late and she was feeling worse, so they called for help. While rescue teams were on the way, they continued slowly down canyon, chasing the remaining sunlight, and were within 10 minutes of the Forest Boundary. Rescue people got lots of clothing on her, and within a half hour she had almost finished off a liter of dilute Gatorade and a little food. As she got moving down trail, she started feeling well enough to continue, and continued out with assistance, with the Stokes following her out.



PINE PIG RESCUE

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SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Dec 31 New Years Eve	Jan 01 New Years Day	Jan 02 SRDI Board	Jan 03	Jan 04 SARA Meet	Jan 05 SARA Training Snow Rescue	Jan 06 CPR Refresher SRDI Training
Jan 07	Jan 08	Jan 09 SRDI Meet	Jan 10 Posse Board	Jan 11	Jan 12 USAR Meet	Jan 13 Divers Meet Sunnyside Pool
Jan 14	Jan 15	Jan 16 SARCI Meet	Jan 17	Jan 18	Jan 19 SARA/CAMRA High Alt Trng	Jan 20 Posse Gymkhana SRDI Training
Jan 21	Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24 Posse Meet SARA Board	Jan 25	Jan 26 Field Skills Recert SARA Basic IV Catalina SP	Jan 27
Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30 Classroom Trng Winter Survival	Jan 31	Feb 01 SARA Meet	Feb 02 SARA Training MRA Mock Recert Winter Overnight	Feb 03 SRDI Training
Feb 04	Feb 05 SARA Cand Orient	Feb 06 SRDI Board	Feb 07	Feb 08	Feb 09 SARA Cand Hike	Feb 10 Divers Meet Ft Lowell Pool
Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13 SRDI Meet	Feb 14 Posse Board	Feb 15	Feb 16 SARA MRA Recert	Feb 17 SARA MRA Recert SRDI Training
Feb 18	Feb 19 OEC Starts	Feb 20	Feb 21 SARA Board	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24
Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28 Posse Meet	Mar 01 SARA Meeting	Mar 02 SARA Training TVF Mock Rescue	Mar 03

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Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

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