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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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### SARCI CALENDAR

April 17 1930, Wednesday Council Meeting

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

### Special Notice

Sgt Jim Berry has been contacted by the local Red Cross office. They are looking for nominations for their "Real Hero" program. This is described as one single event that occurred after February 2001. The deadline for submissions is February 8 2002. Sgt Jim has left blank forms at the SARA House.

### Pagers

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

We now have the ability to program Arch Alpha pagers. Anyone who needs their pager updated, contact Mykle or Bill K. We may be able to program a Verizon Alpha pager.

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

### DIVER'S CALENDAR

Feb 10 0900, Sunday Pool Session

Location: Ft. Lowell Pool, 2900 N. Craycroft

Mar 10 0900, Sunday Pool Session

Location: Ft. Lowell Pool, 2900 N. Craycroft

January's training was a good review of our basic requirements, such as gear exchange, buoyancy control, and swimming STRAIGHT lines under blackout conditions. February's training will focus on search patterns and intro to the dive masks if time permits.

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

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

### POSSE CALENDAR

Feb 10 1100, Sunday Gymkhana

Vail Feed Store Arena, 11366 S. Vail Rd, Vail

Feb 14 1900, Thursday Board Meeting

Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

Feb 20-24 All Day Tucson Rodeo

Parade and Grand Entries

Feb 28 1900, Thursday General Meeting

Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

February is Rodeo month, so it will be a busy time for the Posse. Besides doing the Parade and Grand Entries, we will be hosting the El Paso Sheriff's Posse on Thursday, February 21.

No other news.

J Beckman

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

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

No News

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

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

### SRDI CALENDAR

Feb 06 19:00-21:00, Wed Board Meeting

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Feb 13 19:00-22:00, Wed General Meeting

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

**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>Feb 01</u>	<u>19:30, Friday</u>	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb 02</u>	<u>08:00, Saturday</u>	<b>Training: MRA Mock Snow Recert</b>	Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
<u>Feb 02-03</u>	<u>TBA, Sat-Sun</u>	<b>Training: Winter Overnight</b>	Location: TBA
<u>Feb 16-17</u>	<u>08:00, Sat-Sun</u>	<b>Training: Snow Recert</b>	Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway 6
<u>Feb 21</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	<b>SARA Board Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Mar 01</u>	<u>19:30, Friday</u>	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Mar 02</u>	<u>TBA, Saturday</u>	<b>Training: Tanque Verde Falls</b>	Circle-K, Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop

### SARA Meeting Program

John will show slides from his trip to Nepal

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

### Two Penny's Worth from The Prez

by Jim Gilbreath, 647-7635, [jbgarchitect@theriver.com](mailto:jbgarchitect@theriver.com)

"In each of us are heroes; speak to them and they will come forth." - *Anonymous*

"In order to achieve all that is demanded of us we must regard ourselves as greater than we are." - *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

### Training Schedule for 2002

Feb 2	Mock MRA Snow Recert	July 6 or 13	River Rescue
Feb 2-3	Overnight Winter Survival	Aug 3	Basic Rock / Rope
Feb 16-17	MRA Snow Recert	Aug 17 or 24	Advanced Rock / Rope
Mar 2	Tanque Verde Falls	Sept 7	Map & Compass
Apr 6	ICS / Search Operations	Oct 5	Night Search / Tracking
May 4	Cave Rescue	Nov 2	Mine Rescue
June 8	Helicopter	Dec 7	Advanced Technical Rescue
June 22	Desert Survival		

### ATTP Sessions

Jeff Merrell, 531-5902 pager

For those who would like to review their basic technical skills (SARA Orange Card items), Jeff Merrell will hold "Augmented Testing, Training and Proficiencies" (ATTP) sessions every third and fourth Wednesdays, 18:00 to 21:00, at the SARA House. These sessions will be held while people continue to participate.

### February Training

by Jim Gilbreath, 647-7635, [jbgarchitect@theriver.com](mailto:jbgarchitect@theriver.com)

February 2; Snow practice, if the weather gods cooperate, will start with a search for an avalanche victim, placed there beforehand. Snow anchors, passing a knot on haul and lower will be part of the game plan. Otherwise, if there is no snow we will look for a large sand pile to do the same here in the warmth of the Valley. Henry Jacobs will continue with an overnight in the snow for those who are interested. I'll leave it to Henry to talk about that. Richard Kunz is pushing the MRA region to have recertification on Mt Lemmon. I am asking everyone available to attend. It should be a hoot.

### Training Review "Into the Snow Once Again"

by Jim Gilbreath 647-7635, [jbgarchitect@theriver.com](mailto:jbgarchitect@theriver.com)

This edition of snow practice began early Saturday morning with a drive up Mount Lemon to above the gates at the ski lodge. Twelve people put on snowshoes and pack, and got ready to hike to an area off the ski run picked out by Richard Kunz. The snow depth was about 18" in the deep spots on Northeast facing slopes and less elsewhere, mainly powder with a thin crust of ice after freezing rain the previous week. We started with an avalanche search practice, making a line, probing in a pattern, and advancing, probing, advancing etc. (Remember to have persons behind the probe line to watch for variation in probe heights that might signal a body below. Remember to mark questionable areas for other investigations. Team members should have snow shovels to dig as victim(s) are found.

We proceeded down slope to a pre-selected spot. The scenario was simple: a patient down a 60 to 80 degree slope that must be raised, the only anchors are those you can construct in snow; trees or rocks may not be used. Finally, we will pass a knot through both the haul and lower systems. Anchors were set; Ice axes buried, snow flutes placed, and a snow bollard dug. A little of the mountainside was added to the bollard. A haul system (raise) rigged and knot was placed in the line and passed (ouch). On the lower, a knot was passed using a load-releasing hitch. Walter will demonstrate that hitch as part of the Sara Tech Minute at the next General Meeting.

After the work came the fun. Walter demonstrated Ice Ax self arrest techniques, followed by everyone getting a chance to roll in the snow and try different techniques. Later we tried a little glissading, very little; the conditions were more suitable for skis. After getting covered in snow we headed to the vehicles and a trip to Pizza Hut. Good Pizza and fellows, Jackie and Linda included.

**OEC Mentor Program**

*John Carroll, 576-1160, [tech.resource@worldnet.att.net](mailto:tech.resource@worldnet.att.net)*

Are you feeling guilty about all those unfulfilled New Year's resolutions? Well then, here's an easy way to regain your self-esteem AND help our new candidates become permanent members of the Search & Rescue family. Why not put your experience and knowledge to good use as an OEC Mentor? It won't take much time; in fact, all you need is a friendly, helpful attitude and the desire to be a light-handed guide for a member of this year's OEC candidate class. Become an OEC Mentor and you'll probably have fun in addition to doing some good. (You may also lose unwanted pounds, appear more intelligent, and become better-looking in the process, but the Board won't let us guarantee that!).

Details of this new program will be announced at SARA's monthly meeting on February 1, or you can call John Carroll at 576-1160 and leave a message. Go ahead, feel good about yourself again and become an OEC Mentor!

**Orienteering**

*by Walter Pickett, 318-4059, [wpick87506@aol.com](mailto:wpick87506@aol.com)*

Learn to read a map and 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 per team, \$1 per map for color maps. \$5 discount for members of TSN, PHX, USOF, SAHC and SARA members. Compasses rent for \$1, Safety whistles sell for \$1. Every person, all courses, all meets are required to carry some type of safety whistle. For more information, call Jeff Brucker @ 886-2528 or go on line to <http://go.to/tucsonorienteering>

## CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

**MON 21 JAN**      **CALL 2.001**      **9 people**      **26 hours**    **R38**

A male and his 9 year old son hiked from the Linda Vista Trailhead, wandering off-trail on the middle slopes of Pusch Peak. They tried to descend through a band of cliffs and became stranded, then called for help by cell phone. Ranger 38 quickly spotted the pair, and the medic hopped out on a nearby rock, and then requested technical people. Some hiked in, and others were dropped off by helicopter. The boy was just above the base of the cliff, and was retrieved from below. One rescuer was lowered to the father, and then both were lowered to the base of the cliff. The male was exhausted from holding himself in place on the cliff, so the helicopter carried him to base camp, and then retrieved the remaining people and gear from atop the cliff. Everyone else walked out.



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## SARCI Calendar

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<i>Jan 28</i> .	<i>Jan 29</i> .	<i>Jan 30</i> Classroom Training <i>Winter Survival</i>	<i>Jan 31</i> .	<i>Feb 01</i> SARA Meet	<i>Feb 02</i> SARA Training <i>MRA Mock Recert</i> <i>Winter Overnight</i>	<i>Feb 03</i> SRDI Training SARA Training <i>Winter Overnight</i>
<i>Feb 04</i> .	<i>Feb 05</i> SARA Candidate Orientation	<i>Feb 06</i> SRDI Board	<i>Feb 07</i> .	<i>Feb 08</i> .	<i>Feb 09</i> SARA Candidate Hike	<i>Feb 10</i> ARC CPR Refresh Divers Meet Posse Gymkhana
<i>Feb 11</i> .	<i>Feb 12</i> .	<i>Feb 13</i> SRDI Meet	<i>Feb 14</i> Posse Board	<i>Feb 15</i> .	<i>Feb 16</i> SARA MRA Recert	<i>Feb 17</i> SARA MRA Recert SRDI Training
<i>Feb 18</i> .	<i>Feb 19</i> OEC Starts	<i>Feb 20</i> ATTP <i>Tucson Rodeo</i>	<i>Feb 21</i> SARA Board <i>Tucson Rodeo</i>	<i>Feb 22</i> . <i>Tucson Rodeo</i>	<i>Feb 23</i> . <i>Tucson Rodeo</i>	<i>Feb 24</i> . <i>Tucson Rodeo</i>
<i>Feb 25</i> .	<i>Feb 26</i> .	<i>Feb 27</i> ATTP	<i>Feb 28</i> Posse Meet	<i>Mar 01</i> SARA Meet	<i>Mar 02</i> SARA Training <i>TVF Mock Rescue</i>	<i>Mar 03</i> .
<i>Mar 04</i> .	<i>Mar 05</i> .	<i>Mar 06</i> SRDI Board	<i>Mar 07</i> .	<i>Mar 08</i> .	<i>Mar 09</i> OEC CPR	<i>Mar 10</i> Divers Meet
<i>Mar 11</i> .	<i>Mar 12</i> .	<i>Mar 13</i> SRDI Meet	<i>Mar 14</i> .	<i>Mar 15</i> .	<i>Mar 16</i> SARA Basic I	<i>Mar 17</i> .
<i>Mar 18</i> .	<i>Mar 19</i> .	<i>Mar 20</i> ATTP	<i>Mar 21</i> .	<i>Mar 22</i> .	<i>Mar 23</i> .	<i>Mar 24</i> .
<i>Mar 25</i> .	<i>Mar 26</i> .	<i>Mar 27</i> ATTP	<i>Mar 28</i> SARA Board	<i>Mar 29</i> .	<i>Mar 30</i> .	<i>Mar 31</i> .
<i>Apr 01</i> .	<i>Apr 02</i> .	<i>Apr 03</i> SRDI Board	<i>Apr 04</i> .	<i>Apr 05</i> SARA Annual Meet <i>Pot Luck Dinner</i>	<i>Apr 06</i> SARA Training <i>ICS/Search</i>	<i>Apr 07</i> .

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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**

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