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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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### SARCI CALENDAR

July 17 19:30, Wednesday Council Meeting

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

### Bullock Fire: HAM Repeaters

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

All of the repeater equipment in Loma's Ham shack on Mt. Lemmon was removed before the roads up the mountain were closed due to the Bullock Fire. We are now using the RACES 448.550 MHz (tone 110.9) repeater at the top of Mt. Lemmon. This repeater is one of those that we have recommended for many years, but the tone has recently changed. There is a Ham Radio page on the SARCI web site (address above) that lists several repeaters that cover areas of interest to SAR people. All TRA and RACES repeaters are OPEN.

The ownership of several Tucson Repeater Association repeaters have been transferred to the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The local RACES ham group works closely with both TRA and OEM, so that's how these repeaters are now listed. The repeaters have been moved from Mt. Bigelow and from Loma's shack to the GATOR site. Their new location looks to the west better than any other site that Tucson hams have had available, so you can reach the repeater by mobile radio from places in Ajo, and by handheld radio on the northwest side of Tucson that is deep in the shadow of the site of our usual repeater.

Regular users of TRA and RACES repeaters are encouraged to support them by becoming members of TRA. More information is on the [TRA website](#), or you may contact Ted Willis, Secretary, 790-3828, [aa7hx@arrl.net](mailto:aa7hx@arrl.net)

### Bullock Fire: MilePost Zero Checkpoint

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

Both roads up Mt. Lemmon and the Redington Road are closed due to the Bullock Fire and the extreme fire hazard. The Catalina Highway is closed at MilePost Zero. Sheriff's Assist Volunteers (SAV) have been working the checkpoint around the clock with up to three people per shift. SARCI volunteers were asked if they were interested in helping SAV with the heavy load on their personnel. Compensation will be made to SAV and SARCI. We have been providing one person per shift for several days, and have filled a schedule for another week, if needed.

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

### DIVER'S CALENDAR

June 09 0900, Sunday Patagonia Lake

Meet: 0900 at swim beach

At May's training, Divers conducted line and pivot searches for a submerged mannequin target. Divers spent forty minutes underwater reaching a depth of 26 feet. Lake Patagonia temperature dipped to 67-degrees at depth, and there was visibility all the way down. June's training will be back at Lake Patagonia.

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Joe Beckman, [joebec@gci-net.com](mailto:joebec@gci-net.com)

### POSSE CALENDAR

June 13	1900, Thursday	Board Meeting
June 15	1600, Saturday	Gymkhana
June 15	1800, Saturday	Posse Appreciation Dinner
June 27	1900, Thursday	General Meeting

Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
Vail Feed Store Arena, 11366 S. Vail Rd, Vail
Tanque Verde Guest Ranch, 14301 E. Speedway
Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

Just as a reminder, the Gymkhana for June, July, and August will be on Saturday evenings. Registration at 4:00PM, start at 5:00PM.

On June 4, 2002, the Posse will put on a demonstration for the 4-H horse camp at the Sonoita Fair Grounds. Six Posse members have agreed to put on the demonstration. Preliminary estimates are that there will be 400 4-H'ers in attendance.

The Posse appreciation dinner will be on Saturday, June 15, 2002 at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. The dinner was arranged by the Party Girl, Cindy, and should be a blast.

No other news. J Beckman

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

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

### CAP CALENDAR

June 02 "blues meeting" no e.s. training  
June 09 Blood borne pathogen training  
June 16 Emergency Services Training

June 21-23 Arizona Wing Conference  
June 29-30 SAREx, Tucson

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

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

### SRDI CALENDAR

June 05 19:00-21:00, Wed **Board Meeting** Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft  
June 12 19:00-22:00, Wed **General Meeting** Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Hi Y'all, from the Dog Folks. We went to the AZ SAR Conference in Prescott and had a good time and learned lots. Did water training at Patagonia, got plenty of sun as well as the dogs did well.

When we work the dogs, they are playing a game that they always win. If a subject is not found then we have to finish or have a closure for them to complete the game or they will lose interest and don't want to play anymore so we set it up so they can win. Anyone in SARCI is welcome to come join us on our trainings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's of the month and learn more of what the dogs and we do.

**PAW PRINTS:** When doing water training we use a net bag with hair in it, submerged under water. The dog's nose is that sensitive that they will find it.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

### SARA CALENDAR

June 07 19:30, Friday **SARA General Meeting** Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft  
June 08 08:00, Saturday **Training: Helicopter** Meet: Ranger Base, 6868 S. Plumer  
June 27 19:00, Thursday **SARA Board Meeting** Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft  
June 28 18:30, Friday **Desert Survival Training: Classroom** Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft  
June 29 09:00, Saturday **Desert Survival Training: Field** Meet: Pima Canyon Trailhead

### TRAINING REVIEW: Cave Rescue Training

by Walter Pickett, [Wpick85706@aol.com](mailto:Wpick85706@aol.com)

We had a small turn out due to an on-going search in the Reddington Pass area. The rescuers immediately found a victim sleeping in the truck and provided valuable information as well as a partially completed map of Cave of The Bells. Three of the rescuers responding to the training were former SARA members, including Larry Brewster, now also a member of The Superstition Wilderness SAR Team in Apache Junction. Two teams went into the cave and immediately found the first victim, who was evacuated by SKED.

This three-man team along with three more SARA members and cavers successfully evacuated the patient without the need of technical rope rescue. The other team got a little misplaced in the cave, but Dave Hamer as well as Dennis and Rebecca O'Sullivan helped get that team straightened out and found the last victim, who just needed to be assisted out.

An interesting innovation to the Cave Rescue training was Bob Buecher's homemade cave radios: A CB radio with a large antenna and 12-volt battery. Though they are rather bulky, they worked amazing well and no telephone wire or cave phones were used.

### TRAINING SCHEDULE

June 08	Helicopter	Aug 03	Basic Rock / Rope	Oct 05	Night Search / Tracking
June 28	Desert Survival	Aug 17 or 24	Advanced Rock / Rope	Nov 02	Mine Rescue
July 06 or 13	River Rescue	Sept 07	Map & Compass	Dec 07	Advanced Technical Rescue

**June 08** 08:00, Saturday **Helicopter Training** Meet: Ranger Base, 6868 S. Plumer

We will meet at the airport (south Plumer Ave. off Valencia, in the parking lot just south of Ratliff Aviation) and the training will be for hover ingress/egress. This training is NOT for new candidates, as DPS has very limited air time. Participants should be on time or they will be locked out. Airport security is tight.

**June 15** Postponed **Joint Cave Training** Where: Kartchner Caverns State Park

This will be a joint training exercise with the Rangers & Tour Guides at Kartchner Caverns.

This exercise will be at night when the park is closed & the public has gone home.

**June 28** 18:30, Fri **Desert Survival Training: Classroom** Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

George Price, (an old member of SARA) wrote the Desert Survival section for the Army and Marine Corps. He has taught Desert Survival at The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, USMC Force Recon, U.S. Navy SEAL Team 4, and the Australian Special Air Service. George is a very informative instructor, has lots of experience in the Sonoran desert and knows the mission of SARA. George has retired from SARA and plans to walk the entire length of the Arizona Trail (north to south) sometime in September.

**June 29** 09:00, Sat **Desert Survival Training: Field** Meet: Pima Canyon Trailhead

This is the hands-on training part of the Desert Survival Training. Be ready for a Rescue of an injured climber approximately 6 miles from trailhead. You'll need your full rescue pack and water. Temperatures should be in the 100's.

## ATTP Sessions

by 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.

## OEC Corner

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

OEC class is coming to an end. The final testing will be on June 11 and June 13. Anyone interested in assisting, contact either Rob Offerle or John Gorski. Starting time for both nights will be at 18:30, we encourage helpers and instructors to show up as early as 17:30 to prepare for the nights outings.

## DUES Corner

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

Yes, time is running out for those of you who have not yet paid your dues for this year. Please check the list of non-paid members that will be posted in the chandelier room.

Since I will be attending the MRA conference this year and will not be attending the general meeting, contact a Board member if you wish to pay your dues or, you may leave them in the mail room.

## SARA Stores

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

If you have paid your dues for this year, you may pick up your renewal sticker for your SARA Parking Tag at the general meeting. You may also leave a self addressed-stamped envelope in the treasure's box, and the tag will be mailed to you. A limited selection of laminated maps is now in stock.

## SARA SCRAPBOOK

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

I'm gearing up to start working on the SARA scrapbook again. If you have any news articles featuring SARA activities and photos or callouts, please direct them to my attention. Also, anyone who would like to donate some time to sorting and dating news articles please let me know. The thinking is to create various books in ten-year increments. The book is fairly current from the late 50's to the mid-80's. Any other ideas to help preserve SARA's history is appreciated.

## EMT's and OEC's Wanted

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

First Aid positions are available at the Boy Scout Camp on Mount Lemmon. Must hold current EMT or OEC or higher medical certification and current CPR card. Stay at Camp Lawton health lodge. Teach First Aid merit badge. Age 21 or older. Weekly slots are available from June 2 through July 21. Contact Mr. Wade Hatch at the Catalina Council Boy Scout Office, 750-0385 or [wade@catalinacouncil.org](mailto:wade@catalinacouncil.org)

## CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

Call	Date	Day	# Hrs	Problem	Location	Resources
2.026	020426	Fri	21	116 53yf hiker ankle injury	Soldier's Canyon, Catalinas	RMFD
A female hiker broke her ankle well above "milepost" 0.5, in a fork of Soldier's Canyon. A lengthy carryout use 13 separate belays and lower systems, but went smoothly.						
2.027	020429	Mon	11	20 22ym hiker exhausted	Finger Rock Trail, Catalinas	R38 RMFD
A male hiker rode his bicycle to the Finger Rock Trailhead, then hiked about halfway up Mt Kimball. He had eaten little before and during his outing, and had a minimal amount of water. He called for assistance from Finger Rock Spring. Rest, rehydration, and a setting sun got him going again.						
2.028	020430	Tue	13	16 Hikers in distress	7 Cataracts, Catalinas	R38
Two separate reports were received of people in distress below 7 Cataracts Vista Point. They got to the road as initial teams arrived.						
2.029	020503	Fri	4	13 ??ym missing	Tanque Verde Canyon, Rincons	R38
A male was reported missing, having been last seen a week before, and his vehicle was found at Tanque Verde Falls. An initial evening search did not find anything.						
2.030	020504	Sat	24	166 ??ym missing	Tanque Verde Canyon, Rincons	R38
Continuation of search. Several teams worked in all directions, especially upstream above the Upper Falls.						
2.031	020505	Sun	13	70 ??ym missing	Tanque Verde Canyon, Rincons	
Continuation of search. A few additional areas were covered without results. Suspended search pending additional information.						
2.032	020505	Sun	16	44 ??ym hiker stranded on cliff	Barnum Rock, Catalinas	
A hiker climbed up and behind Barnum Rock, then to the top. He tried to descend down the rock, then became stranded close to the bottom. He was reached from below, anchors were scrounged from the rock, then he was lowered to the ground.						
2.033	020507	Tue	4	15 ??ym hiker disoriented	Mud Springs, Palisades Trail, Catalinas	Customs
A hiker headed down the Palisades Trail, heading for a pickup at the Prison Camp. The trail eluded him below Mud Spring, and his wanderings didn't help, so he requested assistance by cellphone. A customs helicopter tried to spot him without success, but was able to determine roughly where he was. With that guidance he got back to the trail and was met by a SAR team shortly above the spring. He appreciated the extra water, and the assistance staying on trail as the sun set.						

<i>Call</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i># Hrs</i>	<i>Problem</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Resources</i>
2.034	020518	Sat	11	40	45ym hiker exhausted	Lemmon Rock Trail, Catalinas Lifeline MLFD RMFD
A male hiker became exhausted below Lemmon Rock Lookout. We assisted Mt. Lemmon Fire carrying him the rest of the way up.						
2.035	020519	Sun	16	50	32ym climber fall victim	Windy Point, Catalinas Lifeline MLFD RMFD USFS
A male climber injured his arm, with possible c-spine involvement. We assisted Mt. Lemmon Fire with a haul system to the road.						
2.036	020519	Sun	12	33	6y 10ym stranded on cliff	Milton & Gunsight, Tucson R38 Survey1 DHFD
Two boys became stranded on a 150' cliff. One of the boys was on a ledge with a rattlesnake that probably bit him without envenomation. Two rescuers were lowered, one for each of the boys. Everyone reached the bottom in good shape.						
2.037	020522	Wed	5	5	??ym hiker chest pain	Rose Canyon Lake, Catalinas MLFD
A male was reported to be having chest pain while hiking near Rose Peak. Mt. Lemmon Fire reached the person quickly, and determined that he could walk with assistance. They quickly returned to the parking lot, suggesting that he was just along the shoreline and not up the trail to the peak.						
2.038	020522	Wed	8	16	??ym hiker disoriented	Romero Pools, Romero Canyon, Catalinas CSP
A male hiker was reported exhausted at Romero Pools. A Catalina State Park ranger made voice contact before getting to the pools, then dropped into the canyon to meet him. He was in good shape, just disoriented after losing the trail. Teams chased him all the way down the trail.						
2.039	020523	Thu	20	119	??yf missing	Loma Linda, Catalinas
A female was missing along the Catalina Hwy while trying to find Rose Canyon. After she was reported missing a day later, her vehicle was found at Loma Linda. Mt Lemmon Fire people reported giving her directions early in the morning after she was last seen. Search teams located several items associated with her, leading along a line dropping down the slope below the picnic area. A bag of medications was included, with recently-filled pill bottles almost empty. One team probably passed within a couple hundred feet of the victim, but she was either sleeping or was not responding due to her medical condition.						
2.040	020524	Fri	9	67	??yf missing	Loma Linda, Catalinas R38 MLFD and others
Continuation of search. One team was available on a Friday. They dropped down a drainage below the last item found, and located the woman about 1000' vertical below her car. She was bruised, dehydrated, and disoriented after spending a couple of nights in the woods while sleeping off her excess medications. A dozen people wound up at her location, most from fire people that were preparing to fight the Bullock Fire. Ranger 38 delivered tools and supplies, then the large woman was packaged in a diaper seat with additional harnesses, then short-hauled up to the road. The teams dropped down the slope another 400' vertical to the Crystal Springs Trail, then walked out to the Control Road for pickup.						

**Totals:** People: 187      Hours: 790      Hours per person: 4.2



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## SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 27 . .	May 28	May 29 .	May 30 SARA Board	May 31 .	Jun 01 .	Jun 02 SRDI Training
Jun 03 . .	Jun 04 Posse Demo 4-H Horse Camp	Jun 05 SRDI Board	Jun 06 .	Jun 07 SARA Mtg Technical Refresh	Jun 08 SARA Training Helicopter Trng	Jun 09 Divers Training
Jun 10 . .	Jun 11 OEC Final	Jun 12 SRDI Meet	Jun 13 OEC Final Posse Board	Jun 14 .	Jun 15 SARA Basic II Posse Gymkhana Posse Appr Dinner	Jun 16 SRDI Training
Jun 17 . .	Jun 18	Jun 19 ATTP	Jun 20 .	Jun 21 .	Jun 22 .	Jun 23 .
Jun 24 . .	Jun 25	Jun 26 ATTP	Jun 27 SARA Board Posse Meet	Jun 28 Desert Survival Classroom	Jun 29 Desert Survival Training	Jun 30 .
Jul 01 . .	Jul 02	Jul 03 SRDI Board	Jul 04 .	Jul 05 SARA Meeting	Jul 06 SARA Training River Rescue	Jul 07 SRDI Training
Jul 08 . .	Jul 09	Jul 10 SRDI Meet	Jul 11 Posse Board	Jul 12 .	Jul 13 .	Jul 14 Divers Training
Jul 15 . .	Jul 16	Jul 17 ATTP SARCI Board	Jul 18 .	Jul 19 .	Jul 20 .	Jul 21 SRDI Training
Jul 22 . .	Jul 23	Jul 24 ATTP	Jul 25 SARA Board Posse Meet	Jul 26 .	Jul 27 Field Skills Recert	Jul 28 .
Jul 29 . .	Jul 30	Jul 31 .	Aug 01 .	Aug 02 SARA Meeting	Aug 03 SARA Training Basic Rock	Aug 04 .



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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

**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

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