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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

The repeater equipment has been returned to Loma's Ham shack on Mt. Lemmon. Thanks to Loma for cleaning the empty shack before moving day! All is running well again and we are back to using the 449.775 repeater.

A lesson from this exercise is to keep in mind other repeaters and simplex frequencies that may be better suited for your activities, SAR related or not. The RACES 448.550 repeater covers very well to the west, including spots around Ajo and Gila Bend. The Tucson Mtn repeater on 447.875 is very useful on the northwest side. We are also using 445.775 simplex (tone 110.9) around town, and will be using it in the field rather than cluttering up the repeater output frequency. A 2m simplex frequency may also be useful.

Bullock Fire: MilePost Zero Checkpoint

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

Thirty SAR people contributed to manning the checkpoint for a couple of weeks. Joe Beckman and Paul Cartter covered six shifts each! Bob Siegel did an excellent job coordinating our shifts. All paperwork has been completed, so SARCI should see a significant contribution "soon". Thanks to all that helped, everyone was very pleased with our assistance.

Pagers and other Text Messaging Devices

by Joe Barr sarnews@hambox.theriver.com

We are starting to use an internet list server to broadcast alpha (callout) pages to devices other than just our usual Verizon and Arch alpha pagers. If you would like to add your widget, send the email address for your portable device (cell phone, PDA, other Alpha pager, laptop, brain implant, etc.) to Records (sarnews@hambox.theriver.com). This system will be used in addition to our normal paging system, and will be slower while we increase our ability to send text messages.

Cellphone users will probably find that adding text messaging to your cellphone will be less expensive than a pager. This assumes that your current phone has the appropriate capability. Also, note that you will want to learn how to configure your phone for use when you would normally just turn it off, but still want to receive callout alert messages. You may be able to separately turn off the phone ringer, but leave the message ringer on. We'll be interested in hearing about your adventures with this new capability.

Records

by Joe Barr sarnews@hambox.theriver.com

Expiration dates on the SARnews mailing labels appear to have worked out well. I have started publishing these expiration dates by email (one list emailed to all) in hopes that it will encourage more converts to the paperless SARnews. If you have not been getting this notice, then your current email address is not in SARbase. Please send an update to sarnews@hambox.theriver.com

All SARCI groups and members are welcome to use SARbase to track their medical and CPR expirations. Just send (email, fax or USPS) an image of your certification with expiration date.

Records inputs are best sent by:

- 1) Email to sarnews@hambox.theriver.com (Preferred)
(include "SAR Records" in the title)
- 2) FAX to 743-0901 (you can use SARA House Fax)
- 3) Mail to 3023 N Calle Castellon, 85745
(look for a stamped & addressed envelope in the Records Box)

Note: Items just left in the Records Box may take 30 to 60 days to get processed.

To update medical, CPR or Field Skills: I need to see an image of the card, or a class roster from the instructor of record. Have you checked your SARbase record for accuracy lately? A Copy of your individual SARbase record is available at any time. It can be sent to you by Email (preferred), Fax or US Mail

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by Robert McCord, Rdmcii@aol.com

CAP CALENDAR

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

DIVER'S CALENDAR

July 14 0900, Sunday Pena Blanca Meet: 0900 at boat launch

This training may be changed to another location depending on the progress of the Walker Fire. Helicopters were using the lake to fill water containers in fighting the fire. June's training was at Patagonia. We were notified that our divers were needed at Ft. Huachuca to help locate a missing person. We were cancelled in route. No further details at this time on the drowning.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Joe Beckman, joebec@gci-net.com

POSSE CALENDAR

July 11 1900, Thursday Board Meeting Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
July 20 1600, Saturday Gymkhana Vail Feed Store Arena, 11366 S. Vail Rd, Vail
July 25 1900, Thursday General Meeting Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

The Mile Post 0 operation is finally over!! Want to thank Bob Siegel for the time and effort he put into coordinating SARCI volunteers to man the Command Center along with the SAV personnel. Did a great job, Bob!

Just as a reminder, the Gymkhana for July, and August will be on Saturday evenings. Registration at 4:00PM, start at 5:00PM. No other news. J Beckman

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

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

SRDI CALENDAR

July 03 19:00-21:00, Wed Board Meeting Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
July 10 19:00-22:00, Wed General Meeting Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Dogs and folks say Hi. We will be having our SRDI Basic 1 & 2 on July 13 / 14. SARCI Basic will be on 13 July for our new folks, and other SARCI folks are invited. We will be having night training on July 6 / 7 with a rendezvous at 20:00 at I-10 and Hwy. 83, and July 21 will be water training at Patagonia Lake at 09:00. August 4 will be night training at Oak Tree Canyon with a rendezvous at 20:00. If anyone is interested in attending, contact Vi Brown or Paul Cartter.

We would like to pass our condolences to Janelle Wilt as "Jedi", her German Shepherd, crossed over the "Rainbow Bridge" in June. Janelle is now in Texas as a K-9 trainer and is still working "Vader".

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

July 04 19:30, Thursday SARA General Meeting Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
July 06 19:00, Saturday Training: River Rescue Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
July 25 19:00, Thursday SARA Board Meeting Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
July 27 08:00, Saturday SARA Recertification Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Thoughts from The Prez

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

Look around: there a few new faces on callouts and at trainings. Candidates have completed C2 and are on their way into the field. I am asking Mentors to stay with your candidate until they have completed C4. By then they should have lost their callout virginity and have learned the ropes a little better. I want to extend a welcome and congratulations to all those who have completed OEC and are now part of the working SAR community. Welcome to the madness!

Last week I spent a few hours behind the wheel of various high performance cars being taught by professional driver how to avoid collisions and the mistakes that can injure, kill or leave you looking foolish. As in the past when I have attended these classes, instructors constantly reminded us to pay attention to the moment and what we are doing. Their contention is that if we all drove with the intense attention used behind the wheels of these race-prepared vehicles we would have fewer collisions on the streets.

Paying attention on your way to a call is hard as there is the anxiety about what you are going to do, will I get there in time to be of help, trying to figure out what you will need, listening to the cell phone, the radio, scanners, etc. We stop paying attention to speed, make unsafe turns, or just don't drive as safely as we should. This can end in tickets, collision or making yourself or your team look foolish and unsafe. It places the people we serve in the Sheriff Department, Forest Service and Park Service in a position that is not fair to them. SARA's long time position is that if you are being unsafe while driving to a callout, you should be ticketed. Going to any SAR function is not an excuse for lack of attention and good sense while driving. The team needs you in the field, not on the side of the road getting a ticket, or exchanging collision information. We all end up looking like loose cannons, not responsible people.

I know we all do. It is in the nature of the beast that we can and must control. Pay attention and drive safely. One more thing, my apologies to SAR members, SAR deputies and Forest Service Officers if my driving has been less than exemplary. I'll strive to pay more attention.

July Fourth General Meeting (THURSDAY)

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

Please note the change in date and join us for a short general meeting, Fundraiser and 4th of July party. We will be selling raffle tickets for \$5 each to raise money to offset the travel cost of sending two SARA personnel to Slovenia as part of a Search and Rescue exchange program.

SARA Board Meeting change

SARA Board Meetings will be held on the Third Thursday of each month beginning in September. This will provide more time between the board and general meetings, and it will help the newsletter get delivered before activities commence for the next month.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

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

July 06 19:00, Saturday River Rescue Training Meet: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

We will have a video presentation of one river rescue and then retreat to the Rillito River outside for a hands-on practice with various river rescue techniques.

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.

DUES Corner

by John Gorski, tucmj@worldnet.att.net

People who have not paid their dues will be dropped at the NEXT Board meeting. Please check the list of non-paid members that will be posted in the chandelier room.

OEC Corner

by John Gorski, tucmj@worldnet.att.net

Congratulations to the OEC Class of 2002, we are looking forward to seeing you in the field with your respective group.

The long awaited refresher "A" is finally out on the NSP Website: www.nsp.org Upon entering the site, click on the Topic "What's New". In the next window you will see the title "OEC refresher "A". After opening the file, you will be able to print the class outline for use when you attend the yearly refresher on either September 14 or November 16. The 2002 class will not have to attend the refresher. As usual, if you are interested in providing assistance, you may contact either John Gorski or Rich Kunz. If you are UNABLE to ATTEND either refresher dates, please contact John Gorski or Rich Kunz to make other arrangements. We will have a master copy of the Refresher "A" in the copy room for anyone those who are unable to print a copy at home.

MRA Report

by John Gorski, tucmj@worldnet.att.net

This year's conference was hosted by Larimer County Search and Rescue in Estes Park, Colorado. There were plenty of classroom sessions, with time to venture into the beautiful outdoors for the hands-on work. A good time was had by all!! A delegation from Israel was hosted by Larimer County Search and Rescue the week of the conference and a delegation from China was hosted by Vail, Colorado Search and Rescue the week after the conference. Here is the MRA conference schedule for the next couple of years:

- June 13 -15, 2002, Idyllwild, California with pre-conference program involving rockwork.
- June 18 -20, 2004, Anchorage, Alaska with pre-conference program involving a fly-in for glacier work.
- 2005 – Vail, Colorado

SARA Stores

by John Gorski, 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

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.

CALLOUT REVIEWS

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

<i>Call</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Hrs</i>	<i>Problem</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Resources</i>
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2.041	020526	Sun	11	38	15yf, 54ym hikers stranded	Cat Mountain, Tucson Mountains	
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Two hikers started up Cat Mountain in the afternoon heat. Near the peak they tired, then the sun set, and they started flashing a light to attract attention. Deputies requested SAR, and the Survey 1 aircraft provided light and a high point-of-view. Teams headed up the peak from a couple directions, since it looked like they might be on the side of the mountain. Ranger 38 joined the operation after clearing from a medical call, and approached the pair on top of the ridge, near the peak. After waiting for a ground team to arrive and escort the pair to a nearby point that was clear enough for the helicopter, Ranger returned and ferried the two off the hill.

2.042	020609	Sun	3	18	UDA c900 recovery	Aguirre Valley, west of Silverbell	USBP
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The Border Patrol picked up a UDA along the road west of Silverbell who reported companions scattered behind him. The USBP helicopter spotted a body under a tree near the main powerline to the west. Human remains are the jurisdiction of the Sheriff, so we assisted in the recovery with a few people.

2.040	020609	Sun	6	24	UDA c900 recoveries	Aguirre Valley, north of San Pedro	USBP, TOPD
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An individual found the remains of two UDA along the same powerline well to the south in the vicinity of San Pedro. It was well after dark before Tohono O'odham PD was able to determine whether it was their jurisdiction, or the Sheriff's. We assisted in the recovery with several people and vehicles.

2002 Totals: People: 525 Hours: 2008 Hours per person: 3.8



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jul 01 . . .	Jul 02	Jul 03 . SRDI Board	Jul 04 . SARA Meeting July 4 Picnic	Jul 05 .	Jul 06 . SARA Training Swift Water Rescue	Jul 07 . SRDI Training
Jul 08 . . .	Jul 09	Jul 10 . SRDI Meet	Jul 11 . Posse Board	Jul 12 .	Jul 13 . SRDI Basic 1	Jul 14 . SRDI Basic 2 Divers Training
Jul 15 . . .	Jul 16	Jul 17 . ATTP SARCI Board	Jul 18 .	Jul 19 .	Jul 20 . Posse Gymkhana	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 & Adv Rock	Aug 04 . SRDI Training
Aug 05 . . .	Aug 06	Aug 07 . SRDI Board	Aug 08 . Posse Board	Aug 09 .	Aug 10 .	Aug 11 . Diver's Training
Aug 12 . . .	Aug 13	Aug 14 . SRDI Meet	Aug 15 .	Aug 16 .	Aug 17 .	Aug 18 .
Aug 19 . . .	Aug 20	Aug 21 . ATTP	Aug 22 . Posse Meet	Aug 23 .	Aug 24 .	Aug 25 .
Aug 26 . . .	Aug 27	Aug 28 . ATTP	Aug 29 . SARA Board	Aug 30 .	Aug 31 .	Sep 01 .
Sep 02 . . .	Sep 03	Sep 04 . SRDI Board	Sep 05 .	Sep 06 . SARA Meeting	Sep 07 . SARA Training	Sep 08 .

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