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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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### SARCI CALENDAR

Oct 16      19:30, Wednesday      Council Meeting

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

### Pagers and other Text Messaging Devices

by Mykle Raymond, 793-2303, [n7jzt@arrl.net](mailto:n7jzt@arrl.net)

The new text-messaging system is working well, with messages frequently arriving at cell phones well before the alpha pagers. The system is independent of the paging system, and it doesn't take any more time to send to a large list of addresses. So everyone is encouraged to add their cell phone and their email addresses, whether or not they have a pager on the SARCI system. This will provide a backup system, and you will have an independent method to check for pages. Send your request to [sarnews@hambox.theriver.com](mailto:sarnews@hambox.theriver.com).

To effectively use the text messaging system, you need to have a cell phone that can receive messages, preferably one that can independently configure the voice and message ringers. Unless your cell phone is on all of the time, you want to be able to turn off the voice ringer. Then, you'll need text messaging service from your provider. The service is usually an extra, costing a few dollars a month, but is much less expensive than a pager. You will wind up with an email address that includes your ten-digit cell phone number and the provider's server, like [5204044554@vtext.com](mailto:5204044554@vtext.com) for a Verizon cell phone. Email this address with your request to us.

### ECAP News - Combined Federal Campaign

by Rob Offerle 318-97103, [rofferle@juno.com](mailto:rofferle@juno.com)

Both the Pima County Search & Recovery Divers and the Southern Arizona Rescue Association are listed in the 2002 Arizona Combined Federal Campaign booklet. The CFC is ECAP for federal employees. Agency Codes for the DIVERS and SARA are:

Pima County Search & Recovery Divers – 4048

Southern Arizona Rescue Association - 4061

Ask your federally employed friends to contribute to these SARCI organizations.

### Combined Federal Campaign Kickoff Breakfast:

The 2002 Arizona Combined Federal Campaign begins with a Kickoff Breakfast Buffet on Thursday, September 5, 0730, at the Davis-Monthan AFB Officers Club. KGUN 9's Guy Atchley is the guest speaker. The cost is \$7 per person. Make your reservation by September 2.

P.S. Rich Kunz has a similar invitation for the upcoming ECAP campaign

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

### DIVER'S CALENDAR

Sept 08      0900, Sunday      Vail Quarry      Meet at 0800 at Kunz's

Oct. 13      0900, Sunday      Sahuarita Lake      TBA

This month's training will be held at Vail Quarry. Rob was there and took pictures. Its clear and not at all what you're used to diving in and around southern Arizona. Don't be too disappointed, just try to remember your "fun" dives where you have visibility and actually had something to look at. Rendezvous at Rich and Fran's at 0800 to help haul gear. Next month's training will be at the new Sahuarita Lake.

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

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

### POSSE CALENDAR

<u>Sept. 12</u>	<u>1900, Thursday</u>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
<u>Sept. 21</u>	<u>1600, Saturday</u>	<b>Gymkhana</b>	Vail Feed Store Arena, 11366 S. Vail Rd, Vail
<u>Sept. 26</u>	<u>1900, Thursday</u>	<b>General Meeting</b>	Sub-station 106 Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

No other news. J Beckman

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

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

### CAP CALENDAR

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

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

### SRDI CALENDAR

<u>Sept 04</u>	<u>19:00-21:00, Wed</u>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Sept. 11</u>	<u>19:00-22:00, Wed</u>	<b>General Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Hello from the Doggie Folks. We are training in searches requiring tracking as well as our basic training. As always everyone in SARCI is invited to join in. We are doing line searches, man tracking, tracking, air scenting and cadaver with some water work too. You must have a current CPR to participate in the water work. Would like to welcome to SRDI new people, Linda Lueth, Dominique Feere, Cindy Renner, Mona Johnson.

Trainings in this coming month are Sept. 1st at Oak Tree Canyon. Meet at I-10 & Hwy. 83 at 0730hrs. 15 Sept. for Gardner Canyon and meet I-10 & Hwy. 83 at 0800hrs.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

### SARA CALENDAR

<u>August 29</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	<b>SARA Board Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
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The August meeting remains on our ANCIENT schedule of two Thursdays before the general meeting. The September meeting is on the NEW third Thursday of the month schedule. Hence, the near future meeting dates & times are:

August Board Meeting on Thursday, August 29, 1900  
September General Meeting on Friday, September 6, 1930  
September Board Meeting on Thursday, September 19, 1900

### Building Fund Raising

by John Perchorowicz [rct2jtp@aol.com](mailto:rct2jtp@aol.com) or 529-0080

The ante is up!!!

Once again, one of your fellow SARA members who wishes to remain anonymous has agreed to make a challenge donation to the SARA Building fund. The challenge this year is \$3,000. Donations (or pledges) made to the building fund between now and December 15 will be matched dollar for dollar up to a total of \$3,000. Pledges must be paid prior to the end of January 2003. Make checks payable to the 2002 SARA Building Fund Challenge and put them in the building fund box to my attention or send them to the SARA PO Box or give them to the Treasurer, Jon Gorski. In the coming months the Building Committee will be working with an architect to design the new facility. Estimated cost of accomplishing this is in the neighborhood of \$3,000.

For those of you who shop online a painless way of donating, is to visit the web site <http://www.buyforcharity.com/> search for "Arizona", find the listing for Southern Arizona Rescue Association and follow the directions you find there. Many of the most popular online merchants are listed and they have pledged to give a percentage of what you spend online to various charities.

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

Sept 07	Map & Compass	Nov 02	Joint Exercise with Saguaro East
Sept 28	Phase II Technical Training	Nov. ??	Winter Travel & Rescue Techniques
Oct 05	Person tracking/Night search	Dec 07	MRA Snow Recertification

**Sept 3rd: Basic Map & Compass Class, Tuesday Night, 6:30 pm at the SARA House**

Jeff Brucker will be the lead instructor for this session. He'll be teaching what contour lines on a map are, identifying terrain features on a map, using your compass with a map, & how not to get lost. No gear is necessary for this class.

**Sept 7th: Map & Compass Field Exercise, Saturday, Rendezvous at NE corner of Speedway & Silverbell at 0700 (Training will be at Greasewood Park)**

Jeff Berringer will be the lead instructor, with Rob Offerle assisting. For this field exercise, the beginners will do a "map walk" with the instructors while the more advanced will do a self-guided challenge course. As you can see, there is only one Rendezvous time rather than two like last months training (one for beginners & one for veteran members). Jeff & Rob would like both candidates & veterans to come out for this training at the same time. You won't need your full rescue packs for this training, & GPS's are not allowed to be used for navigating during this training.

**Sept 28th: Technical Rescue (PHASE II) Saturday, Rendezvous 0800 at '106' (Training will be at the Windy Point area)**

Jeff Merrill will be the lead instructor. Training will focus the methods, techniques and safety practices for ascending / descending a CLASS (V) face, use of prussiks as ascending / descending devices, ascend / descend a Class (V) face using prussiks, use of personal rappelling device, descending a Class (V) face using personal rappelling device (on belay) & instructing members on setting up & performing a personal belay.

Each member must have their own equipment as follows: a) Required SARA personal field equipment; b) Climbing harness / sling; c) Two or more locking carabiners; d) Personal rappelling device; e) Three prussiks: (1 each 8 to 12 inches long), (1 each 18 to 24 inches long) and (1 each the length of you body); All prussiks must be rated for personal climbing with a minimum break strength of 3000 ft lbs. or better and be of (6 to 9) millimeters in diameter. (All equipment must be rated for mountaineering, personal or rescue loads).

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

Anyone interested in placing an order for a Polo Shirt?? The Polos will be available in Cotton or 50/50 Ultra Blend, with a variety of colors, (see color chart). Prices will be \$20.00, XXL will be \$21.50, and XXXL will be \$22.50. There will be one master order form along with the color chart placed in the mailroom at the SARA house. You may leave your payment at the SARA house, envelopes provided or you may send your order to the SARA P.O.Box. The order will be placed after the September monthly meeting. Payment is due upon ordering. Please make your check payable to SARA, and make a notation on the check that it will be for a Polo shirt.

A friendly reminder, that if you have placed an order for a polo shirt, at the August meeting, payment is needed before the shirt will be ordered. You leave the payment at the SARA house, envelopes provided, or mail it to our P.O. Box. Check payable to SARA.

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

The first OEC refresher is set for September 14<sup>th</sup> at 0800 at the SARA house. Remember to have all your paperwork filled out before arriving for the refresher. The refresher can be located on the NSP Website at [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org) under the topic "What's New". If you do not have an available PC, we have a master copy at the SARA house for you to make a copy. The master copy is located above the copy machine. Please remember if you make a copy, put the master back!!!

This year we would like everyone to bring their CPR card to the refresher to verify your date we have on record. Joe Barr has been excellent in updating your records, but we can lend some assistance to him and post any changes on the master list. As you may have heard NSP is coming out with a new 4th Edition this month. This year's refresher will have the pages listed for review in both the 3rd and 4th Edition of the student guide. Next year's refresher will be on the 4th Edition of the student guide. You will still be able to use the 3rd edition, with the exception of any new information brought out by the new revision of the student guide.

The OEC task force will be placing a book order in December for the instructors and next year's OEC class. Anyone interested in ordering the 4th edition, I am willing to place an order for you, however payment is due at the time of your order. The price will be \$49.50. If you wish to obtain a book on your own, the information is online at the NSP website. Remember if you are unable to attend one of SARA's two yearly refreshers, you may contact Rich Kunz or John Gorski to make other arrangements. The OEC class of 2002 do not need to attend, but are welcome! WE can always use you as a support (victim).

## CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Mykle Raymond, 793-2303, [n7jzt@arrl.net](mailto: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>
2.048	020722	Mon	20	162	18ym hiker missing	Marshall Gulch, Catalinas	R38
<p>A hiker was reported missing from a group on the Aspen Trail. Another hiker reported hearing shouts from Lunch Ledge. Search teams found the subject well below Lunch Ledge in upper Wilderness Fork of Sabino, alias Blue Line Canyon. Teams returned to the Wilderness of Rocks Trail in the rain, and the subject rode out by horse.</p>							
2.049	020727	Sat	22	139	Suicide body recovery	7 Cataracts Vista Point, Catalinas	
<p>The vehicle of a suicidal subject was found at the 7 Cataracts Vista Point. Search teams were requested in the morning. Hikers in the area reported finding a handgun, and the victim was found a short distance down the slope. The morning search was cancelled and rescue people requested. The route up the slope was not direct, requiring a complex haul system.</p>							
2.050	020728	Sun	11	21	??ym fall victim	Tanque Verde Falls, Rincons	R38
<p>Rescue people were requested to respond to Tanque Verde Falls for an unconscious fall victim. TJ located the subject, and walked the subject out as teams arrived at the trailhead.</p>							
None	020803	Sat	0	0	Stranded in mine shaft	Near Hidden Valley Ranch, Sonoita Hwy	
<p>Standby for people reported stranded in a mine shaft. By the time TJ arrived, everyone was out.</p>							
2.051	020808	Thu	11	11	20yf hiker exhausted	Phoneline Tr, Lower Sabino, Catalinas	RMFD
<p>A female hiker was exhausted and unable to continue the short distance to the road in Lower Sabino, so she rode out in the litter.</p>							
2.052	020808	Thu	9	28	4 male hikers stuck by dark	Marshall Saddle, Catalinas	
<p>Hikers were stranded without lights at Marshall Saddle. A Mt.Lemmon deputy hiked up the Aspen Trail while teams rode up the mountain and headed up the Marshall Gulch Trail. All met at Marshall Gulch and returned to the parking area without problems.</p>							
2.053	020810	Sat	24	119	??ym fall victim	Tanque Verde Falls, Rincons	RMFD
<p>A male jumped 30' into the Middle Pool, finding that sand had filled the pool to 4' of the surface. His angulated ankle was splinted, C-Spine packaging was used, and he was carried upstream and up the trail. As usual, a search is normally required to find the subject, since the variety of informal names don't relate well to the whole area. There are a few overlooks that are easily reached if you know where they are, and can save lots of time and aggravation. The subject was initially reported to be in the water at the middle pool, and the easiest way out is a traverse downstream on a northside ledge, and a haul system up the Turkey Chute. However, the victim had been helped out of the water and up the southside to the ledge running above the upper pool, so the easiest way out is upstream and up the trail.</p>							
2.054	020810	Sat	2	4	??ym hiker exhausted	Douglas Spring Trail, Rincons	NPS
<p>During the Tanque Verde Falls call, a hiker was reported to be exhausted, six miles up the Douglas Spring Trail. A father and son day-hiked to Manning Camp and were returning when dad had problems continuing. A horse team found the pair a mile up trail at the Wentworth Trail junction at the base of the foothills, and the subject was transported to the trailhead without problems.</p>							
None	020813	Tue	0	0	ATV crash	Near Melendrez Pass, Greaterville	
<p>A female victim with head and finger injuries from an ATV crash was reported near Lopez Pass. This feature is labeled on few maps, north of Gunsight Pass in the Santa Ritas. Then, Melendrez Pass was mentioned, well to the south, which proved to be more accurate. It was unclear if a helicopter would be able to land nearby, and the access is rough, so we were requested to start that way in case more assistance was needed. The helicopter did it all, so we didn't get very far.</p>							
2.055	020814	Wed	22	44	17yf hiker exhausted	7 Falls, Bear Canyon, Catalinas	
<p>A female hiker called from 7 Falls, stating that she was exhausted and would have problems returning to the road. Teams found her well below the falls at the sixth crossing, moving slowly but steadily along the trail. Once the sun dropped behind the ridge, it's normally a lot easier for hikers to find the energy to continue walking.</p>							
2.056	020816	Fri	18	72	23yf fall victim	Tanque Verde Falls, Rincons	RMFD
<p>A 23 yo female fell from a ledge at almost the same spot as the previous fall victim at TV Falls, with a broken ankle. This gave us an opportunity to demonstrate improved performance in duplicating the previous stokes carry out upstream on the southside to the trail and out to a waiting ambulance. A candidate visiting the site in the daylight several days later found 3 rolled webbings from bags that had supposedly been inventoried by team members. This indicates the need for increased vigilance in making sure the bags are complete before repacking the truck. Corrective action in our procedures is being contemplated by the board.</p>							
2.057	020818	Sun	14	17	50m missingd hiker	Marshall Gulch, Catalinas	
<p>A 50 yo male hiker was reported missing by his companion during an outing in Summerhaven. John Carroll hiked out to Marshall Saddle and set up a in blocking position there. Before anyone else could get on trail, however, the subject was found walking up the road into Summerhaven.</p>							
2.057	020818	Sun	11	16	50m exhausted hiker	Catalina State Park, Catalinas	GRFD
<p>A 50 yo male hiker was reported to be exhausted and vomiting on a trail near the Romero Canyon trailhead. He was quickly located and carried out to the end of the road and driven out from there.</p>							

**2002 Totals:** People: 762 Hours: 2759 Hours per person: 3.6

SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Aug 26 .	Aug 27 .	Aug 28 ATTP	Aug 29 SARA Board	Aug 30 .	Aug 31 .	Sep 01 SRDI Training
Sep 02 .	Sep 03 Classroom Map & Compass	Sep 04 SRDI Board	Sep 05 .	Sep 06 SARA Meeting Classroom GPS Navigation	Sep 07 SARA Training Map & Compass	Sep 08 Divers Training Vail Quarry
Sep 09 .	Sep 10 .	Sep 11 SRDI Meet	Sep 12 Posse Board	Sep 13 .	Sep 14 OEC Refresher 'A'	Sep 15 SRDI Training
Sep 16 .	Sep 17 .	Sep 18 ATTP	Sep 19 SARA Board	Sep 20 .	Sep 21 Posse Gymkhana	Sep 22 .
Sep 23 .	Sep 24 .	Sep 25 ATTP	Sep 26 Posse Meet	Sep 27 .	Sep 28 SARA Training Phase II Tech Trng	Sep 29 .
Sep 30 .	Oct 01 .	Oct 02 SRDI Meet	Oct 03 .	Oct 04 SARA Meeting	Oct 05 SARA Training Night Search / Tracking	Oct 06 SRDI Training
Oct 07 .	Oct 08 .	Oct 09 SRDI Board	Oct 10 Posse Board	Oct 11 .	Oct 12 SARA Basic 3	Oct 13 Diver's Training Sahuarita Lake
Oct 14 .	Oct 15 .	Oct 16 ATTP SARCI Board	Oct 17 SARA Board	Oct 18 .	Oct 19 .	Oct 20 SRDI Training
Oct 21 .	Oct 22 .	Oct 23 ATTP	Oct 24 Posse Meet	Oct 25 .	Oct 26 .	Oct 27 .
Oct 28 .	Oct 29 .	Oct 30 .	OCT 31 .	Nov 01 SARA Meeting	Nov 02 SARA Training Mine Rescue	Nov 03 SRDI Training



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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**

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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, RMFD, 490 W. Magee Rd

**SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS**

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