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SARCI.ORG Now Registered

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SARCI.ORG has now been officially registered thanks to a generous donation of domain registration and hosting by Joe Barr. This web address now points to our existing SARCI website, and is much easier to remember and give to others than "hambox.theriver.com/sarci" (which will continue to work as well for those who have bookmarked it.) This would be a good time for all SARCI component groups to review their website content and discuss changes or additional requirements with Henry or Mykle.

Communications

by Joe Barr, 331-5666, info@sarci.org

Alpha pages: We have setup a non-commercial list server to eventually replace the Yahoo system. This will eliminate the advertisements that follow the text page info. Hopefully it will also reduce the header that tends to crowd the message off the screen of some cell phones. We are currently testing the system and expect the change to occur in the next month.

There are several other uses for this list server that you are encouraged to try out. A list server holds email addresses for a specific group (Training Team, Divers Board, Candidates, K9s, etc.). An email to the list server is repeated to all the addresses in that specific group. Generally folks can add or delete themselves from a list at will. It's a great way to communicate with a group, particularly when the membership changes over time.

A list server example that you are already familiar with is "sarnews@hambox.theriver.com". This address forwards your message to a group of folks involved with newsletter/records/website. You don't have to worry about "Who's doing that this month?" or "Who's the backup while she's out of town?"

New and improved addresses: As a byproduct of the list server, we have registered the domain name "SARCI.ORG". While the SARCI web files remain where Henry set them, you can use the shortcut www.sarci.org to get there. Other shortcuts include:

- info@sarci.org - for SARnews input
- info@sarci.org - for records input
- info@sarci.org - to add your email device to our alpha alert system
- info@sarci.org - for web page updates
- info@sarci.org - to create or change a list server group

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Dan McPhedran, mcphed@aol.com

POSSE CALENDAR

<u>Dec. 04</u>	09:00, Wednesday	Trail Familiarization Ride	Prison Camp to Molino Basin to La Milagrosa Ridge Trail
<u>Dec. 12</u>	19:00, Thursday	Board Meeting	Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
<u>Dec. 19</u>	19:00, Thursday	General Meeting	Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
<u>Jan. 09</u>	19:00, Thursday	Board Meeting	Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
<u>Jan. 23</u>	19:00, Thursday	General Meeting	Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

Members interested in any of the above training rides should contact Kelly Goudieloch, 298-8431.

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by Robert McCord, Rdmcii@aol.com

<u>Dec. 01</u>	SAR School Part I
<u>Dec. 08</u>	SAR School Part II
<u>Dec. 15</u>	Christmas Party
<u>Dec. 22</u>	No Meeting
<u>Dec. 29</u>	No Meeting

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

DIVER'S CALENDAR

<u>Dec. 08</u>	<u>09:00, Sunday</u>	Altitude Tables	Location: Kunz House, 1329 S. Marc Drive
<u>Jan. 12</u>	<u>09:00, Sunday</u>	Pool Session	Location: Ft. Lowell Pool

November's annual meeting brought a whopping 18 potential new trainees to the meeting. Elections were held and the new board is as follows:

President	Richard Kunz
Vice President	Robert Offerle
Secretary	Fran Kunz
Treasurer	Joe Barr
Members-at-Large	Ray Gundy and John Millard

December's Training will be altitude tables in the morning, a BBQ lunch and work on winterizing the pontoon boat in the early afternoon.

January's Training will be held at a local pool, (most likely Ft. Lowell) to begin our "wet" training. We will be conducting swim/fitness tests.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

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

SRDI CALENDAR

<u>Dec. 04</u>	<u>19:00-21:00, Wed</u>	Board Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Dec. 11</u>	<u>19:00-22:00, Wed</u>	General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Jan. 01</u>	<u>19:00-21:00, Wed</u>	Board Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Jan. 08</u>	<u>19:00-22:00, Wed</u>	General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

<u>Dec. 06</u>	<u>19:30, Friday</u>	SARA General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Dec. 07</u>	<u>07:00, Saturday</u>	Training: MRA Winter Skills	Meet: Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Dec. 19</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	Board Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Jan. 03</u>	<u>19:30, Friday</u>	SARA General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Jan. 04</u>	<u>TBA, Saturday</u>	Training: Technical Improvising	Location: TBA
<u>Jan. 16</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	Board Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

TRAINING:

by Walter Pickett, Wpick85706@aol.com

<u>Dec. 07</u>	<u>07:00, Saturday</u>	MRA Winter Skills Training	Meet: Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
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Due to a SNAFU in coordinating, our MRA snow recert has been moved to Feb 8th. In response to several folks desire to have a train-up before the recert, Jim Gilbreath & Mike Comeau will provide a scenario based on past MRA Snow recerts.

<u>Jan. 04</u>	<u>TBA</u>	Technical Improvising	Location: TBA.
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Ok, we have a technical rescue callout. All the technical rescue gear was brought out of the truck. You get to the site where you'll be setting up systems and suddenly realize that there's only one brake bar rack in the lower system. What are you going to do? Or, there's a rescuender missing. What are you going to do? And they brought the two 150' ropes rather than a 300' rope. Do you know how to pass a knot in SARA's technical system?

To find out the answer to these and other questions, Jeff Merrill and Mike Comeau will be conducting an Advanced High angle Training in January that will focus on improvising safely. Mike and Jeff have also requested that you RSVP them as soon as possible if you plan to attend. They would like to know how many are coming so they can have enough stations and equipment set up so everyone has a chance to play.

2003 Training Schedule

<u>Jan. 04</u>	Advanced High Angle Training (improvising)	<u>Jul. 05</u>	Man tracking/Night Search
<u>Feb. 08</u>	MRA Snow recertification	<u>Aug. 02</u>	Basic Rock/Basic Rope Skills (Phase II & III)
<u>Mar. 08</u>	Map & Compass	<u>Sept. 06</u>	Helicopter Operations
<u>Apr. 05</u>	Basic Search Training	<u>Oct. 04</u>	High Angle Rescue Training
<u>May 03</u>	Mine Rescue	<u>Nov. 08</u>	ICS/Base Camp/Exercise with NPS
<u>May 09-11</u>	Arizona Sonoran Desert Seminar	<u>Dec. 06</u>	Mountain Travel/Snow Rescue/Cold Weather Orientation
<u>Jun. 07</u>	Swift water Rescue		

Training: Urban

by Mike Comeau, 531-5270 (pager), mjicom@theriver.com

Dec. 14 0800, Saturday Urban Training

Location: SARA House.

The Urban Training Team will continue their Turf and Surf physical training with a 3 mile run and 0.5-mile swim. Come join us on December 14 at 0800, at the SARA House. Rope training to follow.

Building Fund Raising

by John Perchorowicz, 529-0080, rct2jtp@aol.com

MATCH EXCEEDED! I'm pleased to report that SARA members contributed or pledged a total of \$3,195, which will result in the addition of \$6,195 to the Building Fund! Thanks to all who stepped up at the November SARA meeting to put us over the top.

Don't forget when doing your online holiday (or other) shopping to start at the www.buyforcharity.com web site. It will not influence the price you pay for merchandise and the merchant will make a donation of a portion of the purchase price to SARA should you select us as your charity. Thanks and happy holidays!

Synopsis of SARA Board of Directors Meetings, September and October

by Rob Offerle, rofferle@juno.com

Verizon numeric pagers have been abandoned.

Gary Copus took four rescucenders to Summit Hut for repair. Not only did Summit Hut complete the repairs without charge, they donated an additional rescucender to SARA. The rescucenders needed repair of the wire lanyards that are becoming kinked and broken from misuse. A technical minute on proper rescucender handling is slated for the next general meeting.

George Price continues development of an Arizona Sonora Desert search, rescue, and survival course.

Jim Gilbreath is considering reducing the number of committees within SARA.

The county attorney is still working on the SARA House lease.

The board discussed the draft SARA Code of Conduct.

The Urban Training Committee is opening an account for its grants, dues, and donations.

The Hug-a-Tree (HAT) program requires revitalization. Jim Gilbreath and Dave Brown are our current instructor-presenters.

The by-laws revision is postponed until the April 2003 Annual Meeting when the revisions will be voted on individually.

The president tasked Scott Clemans to draft guidelines and procedures for accepting returning SARA members and participants from other MRA and NASAR groups into SARA.

Scott Clemans will promulgate a new reworded draft of proposed SARA Qualifications.

Board Member attendance through the November Board Meeting:

Jim Gilbreath, President	8	Scott Clemans	8
John Carroll, Vice President	7	Jeff Merrell	6
John Gorski, Treasurer	7	John Perchorowicz	7
Rob Offerle, Secretary	7	Mike Comeau	8
		Linda Catterson	8



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CALLOUT REVIEWS

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<i>Call</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Hrs</i>	<i>Problem</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Resources</i>
2.083	021024	Thur	3	30	Canine Evidence Search	Ajo Hwy, mp101	USBP
Evidence search for missing male near Sells. Nothing found.							
2.084	021027	Sun	0	0	Overdue hikers	Ventana Canyon Trail, Catalinas	
Two overdue and ill equipped hikers. TJ started up trail while volunteers were enroute. He met them on trail, near the apartments.							
2.085	021028	Mon	4	21	20ym backpacker overdue	Sabino Canyon, Catalinas	R38
A backpacker started from the Sabino Visitors Center on a two day trip, planning to hike up Bear Canyon, the Palisades Trail, somehow get to Marshall Gulch, and return via Wilderness of Rocks, Romero Pass, and West Fork Sabino. He was well equipped, so one team checked out the trail to Hutch's Pool. Ranger flew the route and other interesting areas, but the hiker did not have any sources of light to alert the crew as they flew over him while camped at trail junction at the west end of the Wilderness of Rocks.							
2.086	021029	Tues	7	40	20ym backpacker overdue	Sabino Canyon, Catalinas	
Continuation of search. Several Posse teams started from several directions in the morning, while the hiker made it back to his vehicle before the Sabino team got going.							
2.087	021103	Sun	0	0	??ym hunter missing	Sahuarita and Sonoita Hwy, Santa Ritas	R38
A hunter was reported overdue in the area between the Sonoita Hwy and Mt Fagan (south of Corona de Tucson), and south of Sahuarita Road. TJ and Ranger covered the area without finding anyone. Volunteers were requested to meet in the morning. Soon afterwards, Sgt.Jim found the hunter walking along Wentworth near I-10, complaining that nobody would give him a ride.							
2.088	021104	Mon	5	6	??yf hiker missing	Bassett Peak, Galiuro Mtns	GCSO
A Southern Arizona Hiking Club group was looking at the fall colors in Ash Canyon on the east side of the Galiuros northwest of Willcox. A relatively popular trail runs up the canyon, meeting a trail along the ridge at the top. The trail runs south on the ridge, then circles around Bassett Peak to the south side, then a trail climbs back north to the peak. The last hiker started down behind the group, but forgot about the trail running back to the north around the peak, and she continued south. She dropped down on the west side, while remembering that she had to turn right to return to the trailhead. Old mine structures provided some shelter during the night, then she followed old roads for many miles, finally reaching Hooker Hot Springs on the south side of the range. Volunteers from Tucson were just getting started when word reached us that she had made it out on her own..							
2.089	021112	Tues	6	33	21, 23ym hikers overdue	Finger Rock Canyon, Catalinas	R38
Two hikers were overdue in Finger Rock Canyon. One of them had been talking about going to "Finger Rock", so we paid a lot of attention to the several routes up to the Finger itself. The first teams remained on trail during the night, with one reaching Linda Vista Saddle before getting some rest during the early morning. The guys did not have any sources of light to alert Ranger as they flew overhead a couple of times. They had intended to take the trail to Mt.Kimball and return the same way, but had not recognized the trail junction where a short trail runs over to the peak itself, so they wound up starting down Pima Canyon before realizing their problem. Then, they thought that they could simply cut across to the Finger Rock Trail, so spent the night off trail, high in Pima Canyon where they were not able to hear the search teams.							
2.090	021113	Wed	13	82	21, 23ym hikers overdue	Finger Rock Canyon, Catalinas	R38
Continuation of search. Ranger covered the trails, ridges, and canyons again during the daylight, but did not see the guys with their dark clothing. The team continued up and over the peak, then down Pima Canyon, while the guys were continuing their bushwhack around the south side of the peak. A Posse team started up Pima Canyon. A second foot team blocked the Finger Rock Trail at the Overlook, and checked the stream bottom for tracks. There were a pair of tracks headed up along the route to the Finger, but we were expecting one of the guys to be wearing size 14 shoes, and both of the tracks were about size 10. One hiker passed by, headed for the peak. Hearing of our search, he cut across canyon below Linda Vista, climbed to the saddle behind Prominent Point, and checked around the base of the Finger before returning by the same route without finding anyone. The guys would have been getting back on trail about now, a short distance below the top of the trail. A roommate hiking up trail met the two just below Linda Vista, and reported the find by cellphone. The group met the blocking team, who lightened their packs of water before continuing down trail to meet teams with more goodies.							
2.091	021117	Sun	0	0	Canine evidence search	Catalina Hwy, mp 0, Catalinas	
No paperwork, no information.							
2.092	021117	Sun	9	25	??yf hiker ankle injury	Romero Canyon Trail, Catalinas	CSP GRFD
A hiker twisted her ankle a short distance below the first saddle on the Romero Pass Trail. The Catalina Park people had recently handled several calls for help, meeting people a short distance from the bottom, so they thought that this would be similar, and didn't take much gear. It was certainly more than a short distance up from the old trailhead. She got a ride out behind Nick on "T-Bone".							
2.093	021117	Sun	4	8	??yf, ??ym hiker disoriented	Cactus Forest, Rincons	NPS
While the previous call was getting going, a hiker called by cellphone to report that she was unable to find her way out of the Cactus Forest near the east end of Speedway. It was getting dark, but she continued down trail to the Bajada Vista and Garwood junction, where she was met by a Posse team and escorted back to the trailhead.							

2002 Totals: People: 1106 Hours: 4298 Hours per person: 3.9

SARCI Calendar


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Dec 02 .	Dec 03 .	Dec 04 SRDI Board Posse Tr Ride <i>Prison Camp</i>	Dec 05 .	Dec 06 SARA Meeting	Dec 07 SARA Training <i>MRA Winter Skills</i>	Dec 08 CAP SAR School I Diver's Training <i>Altitude Tables</i>
Dec 09 .	Dec 10 .	Dec 11 SRDI Meet	Dec 12 Posse Board	Dec 13 .	Dec 14 Urban Training	Dec 15 CAP Christmas Party
Dec 16 .	Dec 17 .	Dec 18 ATTP	Dec 19 SARA Board Posse Meet	Dec 20 .	Dec 21 .	Dec 22 CAP No Meeting
Dec 23 .	Dec 24 .	Dec 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	Dec 26 .	Dec 27 .	Dec 28 .	Dec 29 CAP No Meeting
Dec 30 .	Dec 31 <i>New Years Eve</i>	Jan 01 <i>New Years Day</i> SRDI Board	Jan 02 .	Jan 03 SARA Meeting	Jan 04 SARA Training <i>Technical Improvising</i>	Jan 05 .
Jan 06 .	Jan 07 .	Jan 08 SRDI Meet	Jan 09 Posse Board	Jan 10 .	Jan 11 .	Jan 12 Divers Training <i>Ft Lowell Pool</i>
Jan 13 .	Jan 14 .	Jan 15 ATTP	Jan 16 SARA Board	Jan 17 .	Jan 18 .	Jan 19 .
Jan 20 .	Jan 21 .	Jan 22 ATTP	Jan 23 Posse Meet	Jan 24 .	Jan 25 .	Jan 26 .
Jan 27 .	Jan 28 .	Jan 29 .	Jan 30 .	Jan 31 .	Feb 01 .	Feb 02 .
Feb 03 .	Feb 04 .	Feb 05 SRDI Board	Feb 06 .	Feb 07 SARA Meeting	Feb 08 SARA Training <i>MRA Snow Recert</i>	Feb 09 Divers Training

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