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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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Jan. 15 19:30, Wednesday **SARCI Meeting**

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

### **OUCH !!**

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

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jeff Berringer, involved in a vehicular collision on Wednesday morning, December 18.

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Dan McPhedran, [mcphed@aol.com](mailto:mcphed@aol.com)

### **POSSE CALENDAR**

<u>Jan. 09</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<u>Jan. 23</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	<b>General Meeting</b>
<u>Feb. 13</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<u>Feb. 27</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	<b>General Meeting</b>

Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway  
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The following were elected at the November meeting:

Captain:	Larry Cunningham	Secretary:	Pat Gallagher
First Lieutenant:	Terry Moore	Sergeant of Arms:	Don Spiel
Second Lieutenant:	Cindy Cusack	Board Members:	Dan McPhedran, Nick Thill
Treasurer:	Greg Pallack	Board Members:	Bob Siegel, Bill Cunningham

Congratulations to our new officers. There is a new Posse probationary member, Alan Schlecht. The November 17 helicopter training went well, with the helicopter arriving right on time, providing valuable training. Special thanks to Kelly and his wife Linda for serving a great lunch to all.

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

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

### **SRDI CALENDAR**

<u>Jan. 01</u>	<u>19:00-21:00, Wed</u>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<u>Jan. 05</u>	<u>09:00, Sunday</u>	<b>Training</b>
<u>Jan. 08</u>	<u>19:00-22:00, Wed</u>	<b>General Meeting</b>
<u>Jan. 19</u>	<u>09:00, Sunday</u>	<b>Training</b>

Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy  
 Michael Perry Park, Pantano and Golf Links  
 SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft  
 I-10 and Hwy 83, Sonoita Hwy

Hello, from the Doggie Folks. We have some new dogs that have passed entry requirements to start training. "Blue", a Border Collie by Drexel Jones, "April", a Black Lab by Jason Merrell, "Trouble", a Border Collie by Jennifer Arnold, and "Hero", a German Shepherd by Scott Moore. Where did they come up with these names for their dogs? We will be training the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month as always and anyone is invited to come join in with us.

Ask Paul about taking care of foot blisters. Guess he will get to cover that subject at the next OEC class

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

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

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

### DIVER'S CALENDAR

<u>Jan. 12</u>	<u>08:30, Sunday</u>	<b>Pool Session</b>	Location: Sunnyside Pool
<u>Feb. 09</u>	<u>08:30, Sunday</u>	<b>Pool Session</b>	Location: Ft. Lowell Pool

Please note the change in starting time. Also please arrive on time and be ready to dive. January's training will be our water training / fitness swim test at Sunnyside pool. We plan to conclude by 12:00 pm. February's training will be held at Ft. Lowell Pool, also starting at 8:30 pm.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

### SARA CALENDAR

<u>Jan. 03</u>	<u>19:30, Friday</u>	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Jan. 04</u>	<u>08:00, Saturday</u>	<b>Training: Technical Improvising</b>	Location: TBA
<u>Jan. 16</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Jan. 25</u>	<u>08:00, Saturday</u>	<b>Field Skills Recertification</b>	Meet: Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Jan. 25</u>	<u>08:00, Saturday</u>	<b>Basic IV</b>	Meet: Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Jan. 25</u>	<u>14:00-16:00, Sat.</u>	<b>Hug-A-Tree &amp; Education Programs</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb. 01</u>	<u>09:00-13:00, Sat</u>	<b>Training: MRA Pre-Recert Session</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb. 08</u>	<u>TBA, Saturday</u>	<b>Training: MRA Snow Recertification</b>	Location: TBA.
<u>Feb. 11</u>	<u>TBA, Tuesday</u>	<b>2003 Applicant Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb. 15</u>	<u>TBA, Saturday</u>	<b>2003 Candidate Hike</b>	Location: TBA
<u>Feb. 25</u>	<u>TBA, Tuesday</u>	<b>2003 OEC Class Starts</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Mar. 08</u>	<u>08:00, Saturday</u>	<b>Training: Map and COMPASS</b>	Meet: "108", Pima Co Maint Yard, Houghton & Irvington

### JANUARY TRAINING: Technical Improvising

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

<u>Jan. 04</u>	<u>TBA, Saturday</u>	<b>Technical Improvising</b>	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? And can you improvise safely?

### IMPROMPTU SNOW ACTIVITY

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

It's snowing on the mountain! SARA has a spy on the mountain (John Carroll) who can let us know what the snow conditions are like. If things look good up there, we'll put out a page on Thursday or Friday inviting anyone in SARA for a hike on the mountain in the snow. This is a great opportunity for folks to try out their cold weather gear and try out snowshoes (maybe for the first time). For more info, please call Walter at 440-4059 or John Carroll at 529-4900.

### FEBRUARY TRAINING: MRA Recertification

by Brian Duffy, [bduffy@as.arizona.edu](mailto:bduffy@as.arizona.edu)

<u>Feb. 01</u>	<u>09:00-13:00, Sat</u>	<b>Pre-Recert Session</b>	Location: SARA House
<u>Feb. 08</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<b>MRA Snow Recertification</b>	Location: TBA.

Tri-annual Snow Recertification on February 8. This recertification is a membership requirement for the nationally recognized Mountain Rescue Association (MRA). SARA callouts in the snow are minimal, but it is good thing to be prepared.

Our goal is to complete this recertification to the best of our organizations considerable abilities. To this end, we will conduct a pre-recert brief and rehearsal. This will afford members who have previously participated in a Snow recert to share their experiences with those that have not, and give everyone the opportunity to learn what is expected of them during the actual recertification.

We need your experience and participation. **RSVP:** Please respond to my address above by January 15, with a short reply of whether you intend to participate in the rehearsal and recert or not. Use: **Snow Recert 2003 RSVP** as your subject line. Early replies are appreciated, Pray for Snow!

### MARCH TRAINING: Map and COMPASS

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

<u>Mar. 08</u>	<u>08:00, Saturday</u>	<b>Map and COMPASS</b>	Meet: "108", Pima Co Maint Yard, Houghton & Irvington
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Proceed to Lincoln Park for map and COMPASS training. This year stresses COMPASS navigation.

Then on March 16, test your navigational skills at the Tucson Orienteering Club's Rogaine in the Little Rincons. SARA members pay reduced entry fees. Look for more complete information in the next SARnews.

## 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		

## FIELD SKILLS RECERTIFICATION Sessions for 2003

Place: SARA House, unless otherwise announced

Time: 08:00 to 12:00

Dates (Saturday): January 25, April 26, July 26 and October 25 (Last Saturday of first month of each quarter)

## Education Programs: HUG-A-TREE and Others

Place: SARA House

Date: Saturday, January 25, 2003

Time: 14:00 to 16:00

People interested in participating in Hug a Tree and other outdoors programs for Children, please attend. We are looking for presenters, folks interested in talking to teenagers, hiking groups, and/or developing additional educational materials. Call James Gilbreath for information 647-7635 after 18:30 and before 22:00.

## OEC Corner

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

Welcome 2003!! This year's spring OEC class will begin on Tuesday, February 25. Please contact me if you are interested in assisting with the class. We welcome any assistance.

OEC version 4 Study Guide is available. I will be ordering books for the spring class the first of February. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please send a check to the P.O. Box or you may leave the payment at the SARA House in the slot marked "Treasurer". Please make check payable to SARA in the amount of \$49.50.

OEC Instructors please plan on attending a meeting on Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m.

## Building Fund Raising

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

Don't forget when doing your online holiday (or other) shopping to start at the [www.buyforcharity.com](http://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, November

*by Rob Offerle, [rofferle@juno.com](mailto:rofferle@juno.com)*

Summit Hut repaired four damaged Rescuenders without charge and donated a fifth Rescuender to SARA.

Jim Gilbreath desires all SARA groups, which conduct training - Helo Rappel, ATTP, Urban, etc. - to report to the Training Committee in order to form a master training list.

The criteria for experienced rescuers to join SARA - Policy for Reinstatement of Former Members and Policy for Acceptance of Members of Other Teams - is available for membership comment. The document is posted in the SARA House "Chandelier Room." Please make comment to Scott Clemans, Jim Gilbreath, or any SARA board member.

Basic IV will be on Super Bowl Saturday, January 25, 2003.

With a new candidate class approaching Linda Catterson will begin advertising with local outdoor entities. The applicant meeting will be February 11, and the candidate hike in the following Saturday, February 15.

SARA's MRA Snow Rescue Certification is now slated for February 8. Rich Kunz, Dave Brown, Scott Clemans, and Mykle Raymond were picked as SARA evaluators. We are looking at lodging the visitors at the Sheraton Tucson with a post-certification barbecue at SARA House. More details will come following the MRA Winter Meeting next month in Salt Lake City.

The 2002 Building Fund Challenge was met, and the total collected came to \$6,195.

The SARA Code of Conduct document is available for membership comment. The document is also posted in the SARA House 'Chandelier Room'. Please make comment to Scott Clemans, Jim Gilbreath, or any SARA board member.

The board reiterated an existing guideline for interacting with public and press by referring the inquiry to the Sheriffs Department, on-scene deputy, or to John Carroll, SARA's vice president.

The SARA directors commenced work on the SARA budget for the upcoming year.

The nomination committee will be formed in December. Consider what characteristics and qualifications nominees for the 2003-2004 Board of Directors should possess.

## 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>
2.094	021207	Sat	14	23	2m hikers overdue	Sabino Canyon, Catalinas	R38
<p>Two hikers were overdue while hiking from Marshall Gulch to the Sabino Canyon Visitors Center. Ranger 38 spotted their lights a short distance up the trail, and T.J. escorted the tired hikers to the end of the road.</p>							
2.095	021209	Mon	5	6	62ym hiker separated	Pima Canyon Trail, Catalinas	
<p>A group of hikers missed the Pima Canyon Trail at the top of Mt. Kimball, and were an hour into Pima Canyon before they figured out that they weren't going to find the Finger Rock Trail without returning to the top of the mountain. One of the group was well ahead, but they were in contact by FRS radios. He chose to continue down the strange trail while the others figured out how to find the Finger Rock Trail, and called by cellphone to seek guidance concerning their companion. We sent a team up the Pima Canyon Trail, meeting the separated hiker soon after the first crossing. He had followed the trail very nicely, and very quickly without problems.</p>							
2.096	021210	Tue	13	90	??ym hiker, exhausted knee	Ventana Canyon, Catalinas	
<p>Two people hiked up Ventana Canyon to the Window, and thought that continuing on the same trail might provide a more convenient and quicker route back. They called by cellphone for guidance, and learned that the way they were headed would be a longer way out via Esperero Canyon. So they chose to return by the way they had come. At 17:00 they were around Maiden Pools, and having problems with a very tired knee, and they were out of water, and they had no lights. We met them above the pools a couple of hours later. He was able to move very slowly, but warmed enough after twenty minutes that he could move steadily down canyon, and all were out of the field soon after midnight.</p>							
2.097	021214	Sat	16	63	62yf hiker exhausted	Wilderness of Rocks, Catalinas	
<p>A 62yf and her two sons hiked from Marshall Gulch into the Wilderness of Rocks, then up to the Lookout. Not knowing of any alternative routes to use for their return, they retraced their steps. She was pretty tired by the time it got dark, so they called for help. The first team met the group just after Marshall Saddle as they continued to move slowly. After a short rest, they continued down trail until running into a couple of mules. She rode most of the remainder of the trail. One of her sons was moving pretty slowly by the time they got out.</p>							
<b>2002 Totals:</b>	People:	1167	Hours:	4504	Hours per person:	3.9	



**PINE PIG  
RESCUE**

**Bob Brantley** In Arizona Call: **Dave Brown**  
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# SARCI Calendar


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Dec 30 .	Dec 31 NEW YEARS EVE	Jan 01 NEW YEARS DAY SRDI Board	Jan 02 .	Jan 03 SARA Meeting	Jan 04 SARA Training Technical Improvising	Jan 05 SRDI Training Red Cross CPR
Jan 06 .	Jan 07 .	Jan 08 SRDI Meet	Jan 09 Posse Board	Jan 10 .	Jan 11 .	Jan 12 Divers Training Sunnyside Pool
Jan 13 .	Jan 14 .	Jan 15 ATTP OEC Instructors SARCI Board	Jan 16 SARA Board	Jan 17 .	Jan 18 .	Jan 19 SRDI Training
Jan 20 .	Jan 21 .	Jan 22 ATTP	Jan 23 Posse Meet	Jan 24 .	Jan 25 SARA Field Skills Recert SARA Basic IV Hug-A-Tree Meet	Jan 26 .
Jan 27 .	Jan 28 .	Jan 29 .	Jan 30 .	Jan 31 .	Feb 01 SARA Training MRA Pre-Recert Session	Feb 02 SRDI Training
Feb 03 .	Feb 04 .	Feb 05 SRDI Board	Feb 06 .	Feb 07 SARA Meet	Feb 08 SARA Training MRA Snow Recertify	Feb 09 Divers Training Ft Lowell Pool
Feb 10 .	Feb 11 SARA Applicant Meet	Feb 12 SRDI Meet	Feb 13 Posse Board	Feb 14 .	Feb 15 SARA Candidate Hike	Feb 16 SRDI Training
Feb 17 .	Feb 18 .	Feb 19 ATTP	Feb 20 .	Feb 21 .	Feb 22 .	Feb 23 .
Feb 24 .	Feb 25 OEC Class Start	Feb 26 ATTP	Feb 27 Posse Meet	Feb 28 .	Mar 01 .	Mar 02 SRDI Training
Mar 03 .	Mar 04 .	Mar 05 SRDI Board	Mar 06 .	Mar 07 SARA Meet	Mar 08 SARA Training Map and Compass	Mar 09 .

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**PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE**

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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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