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April 16 19:30, Wednesday **SARCI Meeting**

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Dan McPhedran, mcphed@aol.com

POSSE CALENDAR

<u>Feb. 05</u>	<u>09:00, Wednesday</u>	Trail Familiarization Ride
<u>Feb. 13</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	Board Meeting
<u>Feb. 26</u>	<u>09:00, Wednesday</u>	Trail Familiarization Ride
<u>Feb. 27</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	General Meeting

Rincon Creek Trail to Cowhead Saddle
 Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
 Rincon Creek Trail to Happy Valley
 Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

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

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

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

SRDI CALENDAR

<u>Feb. 02</u>	<u>09:00, Sunday</u>	Training
<u>Feb. 05</u>	<u>19:00-21:00, Wed</u>	Board Meeting
<u>Feb. 12</u>	<u>19:00-22:00, Wed</u>	General Meeting
<u>Feb. 16</u>	<u>09:00, Sunday</u>	Training

I-10 and Hwy 83, Sonoita Hwy
 Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
 SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
 I-10 and Hwy 83, Sonoita Hwy

Bow Wow and Hello from the humans also, some of the K-9's got to travel up Montrose Canyon. What's with the big rocks anyway? We enjoyed it even if the humans had to lift us up and over some stuff. We also got to go up to Starr Pass and search an area where a missing person from about a year & half ago was found. We found a watch, glasses and other items that were turned over to the M.E.'s office. In February, we are going to train in the area of I-10 & Hwy. 83 at 0900 hrs. on the 2nd and on the 16th we are going to Gardner Canyon. We may start Gardner Canyon on the 15th and make it an overnight campout. Call Vi, Jeff or Paul if you would like to join us, for more info. Our board meeting will be on 5 February at #106 and the General meeting at the SARA house on the 12th @ 1900hrs.

Paw Prints – When you do something wrong, always take responsibility for it, (after you have been dragged out from under the bed).

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by Robert McCord, Rdmcii@aol.com

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Fran Kunz, 886-2216, divers@sarci.org

DIVER'S CALENDAR

Feb. 09 08:30, Sunday **Pool Session**

Location: Ft. Lowell Pool

Please note the change in starting time. January's training started with our swim/fitness test. Congratulations to Cathy Wassman who turned in the best time of the day for the 800-yard swim at 14:11. The record is still 12:00. Also congratulations to the 5 new trainees who attended. Rumor has it that Jennifer led the lunch group all over south Tucson before finding El Guero Canelo's for Lunch. Jennifer, it's only the men who don't ask directions!

February's training will be held at Ft. Lowell Pool, also starting at 8:30 pm where we will begin introduction into grid patterns and assembling various patterns.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

SARA CALENDAR

<u>Feb. 01</u>	09:00-13:00, Sat	Training: MRA Pre-Recert Session	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb. 07</u>	19:30 Friday	SARA General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb. 08</u>	TBA, Saturday	Training: MRA Snow Recertification	Location: TBA.
<u>Feb. 11</u>	TBA, Tuesday	2003 Applicant Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Feb. 15</u>	TBA, Saturday	2003 Candidate Hike	Location: TBA
<u>Feb. 25</u>	TBA, Tuesday	2003 OEC Class Starts	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Mar. 07</u>	19:30 Friday	SARA General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Mar. 08</u>	08:00, Saturday	Training: Map and COMPASS	Meet: 108, Pima Co Maint Yard, Houghton & Irvington

FEBRUARY TRAINING: MRA Recertification

by Brian Duffy, saratraining@sarci.org

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

Tri-annual Snow Re-certification 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 re-cert to share their experiences with those that have not, and give everyone the opportunity to learn what is expected of them during the actual re-certification. We need your experience and participation!

MARCH TRAINING: Map and COMPASS

by Rob Offerle, , saratraining@sarci.org

<u>Mar. 08</u>	08:00, Saturday	Map and COMPASS	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.

On March 16, you can test your navigational skills at the Tucson Orienteering Club's Rogaine in the Little Rincons. SARA members pay reduced entry fees. A Rogaine is a long-distance timed orienteering event, usually lasting 24 hours. In this Rogaine, the TOC is running either 12 or 24 hours. For more info, go to: <http://www.lpl.arizona.edu/~mc/rincon/index.html> or email mc@lpl.arizona.edu if you have questions or comments.

The National Cave Rescue Commission of the National Speleological Society, Ins will be presenting their week-long Cave Rescue Operations and Management Seminar June 21-28, 20003 at Washington Ranch, Carlsbad New Mexico. For more information, go to <http://www.caves.org/io/ncrc/seminar2003.htm>

Anyone interested in helping George Price out for the Arizona Sonoran Desert Seminar, please contact Walter at 440-4059.

Emergency Personal Locator Beacons Study Group

For those who were not at the general meeting a couple of months ago, Deputy Doug Myrvold told us that the Federal Government has given approval for Emergency Personal Locator Beacons to be sold to folks coming next year. The FCC has released the final workings of the new Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) ruling. These are essentially New ELT's for people rather than the ELT's in aircraft and EPIRB's in boats. The device is manually activated. The new rules and devices will become effective in July 2003. These are personalized transmitters to be used STRICTLY for emergency signaling that you are in distress. They will transmit a distress beacon that contains the identity of the transmitter, which must be registered with NASA. The SARSAT/COSPAS satellites will DF the beacon and then send the information the AFRCC. We may then be called out to find out what is happening and precisely locate the victim. These EPLB are similar to the Emergency Locator Beacons used on aircraft but can be carried by a person in the backcountry. There are several people in SARCI who are looking into this. If you are interested in this subject, have some thoughts or ideas, please call Owen Watson at 891-6936.

The complete FCC rulemaking is 19 pages long. For those really interested you can download the ruling at the FCC URL. http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-02-271A1.doc

2003 Training Schedule

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

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

The OEC Spring class is set to begin Tuesday, February 25th, anyone interested in assisting in the class contact John Gorski. This year's Instructor of Record will be Steve Simi, lead instructor and Pam Phillips as back-up instructor. CHECK your calendar for this year's OEC refresher dates...Saturday, September 20th, and Sunday November 9th.

SARA Store

by John Gorski, tucmj@worldnet.att.net

The store now has a supply of long sleeve orange and yellow T-shirts for \$13.00 each. Medium to 3X in yellow. Medium to 2X in orange. Short sleeve T-shirts in both colors from medium to 3X. New style baseball caps are also in stock, orange or black, \$10.00.

Urban Training News

We will conduct our turf and surf training on Sunday, February 16. Meet at 0800 at the SARA house. We will swim .5 mile and continue our rope work. Any questions contact Mike Comeau 975-1791.

Membership

Applicants for the 2003 OEC class need to attend the February 11th meeting, 1900 at the SARA house. Applications will only be handed out at this meeting. The hike is Saturday, February 15 at Pontatoc/Finger Rock, leaving from the SARA house between 0730 and 0800. We need SARA people to help with each phase of this process. Tuesday night meeting, interviews Wednesday & Thursday evenings, and the hike on Saturday morning. Please contact Linda Catterson 825-1562 or Mike Comeau 975-1791 if you can assist.

Members dropped at the July SARA Board Meeting for not paying 2002 dues are:

John All	Karen Fiore	Wendy Niehaus	Arthur Turnbull
Scott Archibald	Karl Fisher	Francisco Nieto	Jack Walton
Lyle Calkins	Scott Lonergan	Steven Perry	Mark Wood
Mitch Cessna	Darrill New	Nate and Kathy Schecter	

Building Fund Raising

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

Don't forget when doing your online 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!



PINE PIG RESCUE

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CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Mykle Raymond, 793-2303, 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> |
|--|-------------|------------|----------|------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 2.098 | 021223 | Mon | 15 | 80 | 49ym missing | E end Speedway, Rincons | NPS |
| A male was missing from his vehicle at the east end of Speedway, and suspected to be suicidal. Teams searched in the rain until they got wet and the search was suspended. | | | | | | | |
| 2.099 | 021223 | Mon | 5 | 25 | 49ym missing | E end Speedway, Rincons | NPS |
| Continuation of search. Searchers out on their own located the subject about a half mile from the parking lot, close to a trail. His body was carried out after the scene was processed. | | | | | | | |
| 2.100 | 021228 | Sat | 13 | 41 | ??yf hiker exhausted | Hollin Canyon, Molino Basin, Catalinas | R38 |
| A female was exhausted, mentally and physically, near the end of a cross-country loop from Molino to Hollin Basin. Two of the party met TJ as he was ready to start up canyon, and one companion remained with the woman. Teams reached the pair above the first waterfall, and escorted them back to the road. | | | | | | | |
| 3.001 | 030101 | Wed | 19 | 48 | ??ym climber fall victim | Ruins, Molino Canyon, Catalinas | Medevac Lifeline RMFD |
| A male climber lost his footing at the top of a climb, falling about 40' before being caught by his belay. He was lowered to the base of the climb and awaited help. The "Ruins" climbing area is on the south side of the top of the ridge, south of the Molino Overlook and about 500' above. A helicopter landed at the top of the area, then had a "chip light" and was shut down. A second helicopter landed at the top of the ridge (wide and flat ridgetop) and met the rescue team as they arrived. The subject had a laceration to his head, a fractured wrist, a couple of rib fractures, and many bruises that suggested more serious injuries. | | | | | | | |
| 3.002 | 030112 | Sun | 8 | 15 | 10ym hiker missing | Pontatoc Canyon, Catalinas | R38 |
| A boy was missing from his family group at Pontatoc Mine, on Pontatoc Ridge. He got ahead of his group, waited at the mine for awhile, then started down trail, missing his group. He returned to the parking lot, then started back up. His family had called for help, then made voice contact from an overlook with the boy on the trail well below. Search people met the boy and waited until the family joined him. | | | | | | | |

10 Year Callout Summary:

Year	Calls	Search	Rescue	People	Hours	Hrs/person
2003	2	1	1	27	63	2.3
2002	100	36	36	1200	4673	3.9
2001	83	29	27	1016	4371	4.3
2000	92	25	33	1232	4569	3.7
1999	105	40	36	1228	5022	4.1
1998	101	35	34	1194	4962	4.2
1997	62	21	27	674	2401	3.6
1996	92	28	33	1047	4022	3.8
1995	104	39	36	1224	4691	3.8
1994	106	39	44	1673	7245	4.3
1993	82	30	29	1108	4009	3.6

Note: All columns include all calls, except that Search and Rescue totals do not include limited calls, or calls that were cancelled at rendezvous.

Note: Contrary to popular belief, the number of calls remains relatively consistent, and the number of Search calls and Rescue calls remains relatively even.

SARCI Calendar

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
Jan 27 . .	Jan 28 .	Jan 29 .	Jan 30 .	Jan 31 .	Feb 01 . SARA Training MRA Pre-Recert	Feb 02 . SRDI Training
Feb 03 . .	Feb 04 .	Feb 05 SRDI Board Posse Trail Fam Ride	Feb 06 .	Feb 07 . SARA Meeting	Feb 08 . SARA Training MRA Snow Recert	Feb 09 . Divers Training Ft Lowell Pool
Feb 10 . .	Feb 11 . SARA Applicant Meeting	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 . SARA Board	Feb 21 .	Feb 22 .	Feb 23 .
Feb 24 . .	Feb 25 . OEC Starts	Feb 26 ATTP Posse Trail Fam Ride	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 Meeting	Mar 08 . SARA Training Map & Compass	Mar 09 . Divers Training
Mar 10 . .	Mar 11 .	Mar 12 . SRDI Meet	Mar 13 . Posse Board	Mar 14 .	Mar 15 .	Mar 16 . SRDI Training
Mar 17 . .	Mar 18 .	Mar 19 . ATTP	Mar 20 . SARA Board	Mar 21 .	Mar 22 .	Mar 23 .
Mar 24 . .	Mar 25 .	Mar 26 . ATTP	Mar 27 . Posse Meet	Mar 28 .	Mar 29 .	Mar 30 .
Mar 31 . .	Apr 01 .	Apr 02 .	Apr 03 .	Apr 04 . SARA Meeting	Apr 05 . SARA Training Basic Search	Apr 06 . SRDI Training

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