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<u>April 16</u>	<u>19:30, Wednesday</u>	<b>SARCI Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>April 1-6</u>		<b>Search and Rescue State Conference</b>	Prescott, AZ

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

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

### **POSSE CALENDAR**

<u>March 05</u>	<u>09:00, Wednesday</u>	<b>Trail Familiarization Ride</b>	Douglas Springs Trail/Campground
<u>March 13</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
<u>March 16</u>	<u>11:00, Sunday</u>	<b>Gymkhana</b>	Vail Feed Store Arena
<u>March 19</u>	<u>09:00, Wednesday</u>	<b>Trail Familiarization Ride</b>	Pima Canyon Trial
<u>March 22</u>	<u>09:00, Saturday</u>	<b>Haul System</b>	SARA House
<u>March 27</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	<b>General Meeting</b>	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.

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### **SRDI CALENDAR**

<u>March 02</u>	<u>09:00, Sunday</u>	<b>Training</b>	TBA
<u>March 05</u>	<u>19:00-21:00, Wed</u>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>March 12</u>	<u>19:00-22:00, Wed</u>	<b>General Meeting</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>April 06</u>	<u>09:00, Sunday</u>	<b>Training</b>	TBA

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

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## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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### **DIVER'S CALENDAR**

<u>March 09</u>	<u>08:30, Sunday</u>	<b>Pool Session</b>	Location: Ft. Lowell Pool
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Please note the change in starting time. February's training introduced members to the basic search patterns we use for most operations and introduction of the underwater communications masks. March training will continue with the patterns and training on how to actually set them up in the water. Underwater knot-tying competition will be held and Mike Vohland will talk about the "Vohland Bowline". We again may have to compete with the synchronized swimmers for the deep end. Hope to see everyone there.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN.

### **SARA CALENDAR**

<u>March 07</u>	<u>19:30 Friday</u>	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>March 08</u>	<u>08:00, Saturday</u>	<b>Training: Map and COMPASS</b>	Meet: 108, Pima Co Maint Yard, Houghton & Irvington
<u>March 15</u>	<u>TBA, Saturday</u>	<b>Training: TV Falls Training</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>April 04</u>	<u>19:30 Friday</u>	<b>SARA Annual General Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

## SARA TRAINING CALANDAR

by Rob Offerle, , [saratraining@sarci.org](mailto:saratraining@sarci.org)

March 08    08:00, Saturday    **Map and COMPASS**    Meet: 108, Pima Co Maint Yard, Houghton & Irvington

Jeff Brucker will present a program on map & compass Friday March 7th after the SARA meeting. Jeff is presently the President of the Tucson Orienteering Club, & an Orienteering State Champion. The new people who just started OEC are highly encouraged to attend this program as well as any Orange shirts that may need to review.

The next day (Saturday the 8th) We'll all (Candidates & Orange shirts) meet at the County Maintenance yard (AKA 108) located at Houghton & Irvington at 0800. Rendezvous at Houghton & Irvington (County Maintenance Yard, AKA '108') at 0800. We'll proceed to Lincoln Park for training. Jeff & Rob have training set up for all levels (Beginner, Novice & Expert).

March 15    08:30, Saturday    **TV Falls Orientation Hike**

John Carroll will lead a TV Falls Orientation hike on Saturday, March 15 with 1st rendezvous at SARA House (8:00am) and second rendezvous at Tanque Verde Loop (8:30am). Tanque Verde Falls is one of the "regular places" SARA goes to frequently during the year. This is a sign-off for all Candidates & I think Linda may be driving the SARA truck up there so folks can play with ropes, hauls & lowers after the hike.

On-Going    18:00, Fridays    **ATTP Sessions**

For those who would like to review their basic skills (SARA Orange Card items) Walter Pickett will hold "Augmented /Testing, Training and Proficiencies" (ATTP) sessions every third and fourth Fridays 1800 to 2100 at the SARA House.

April 5    08:00, Saturday    **Basic Search Training**

Jim Gilbreath will be coordinating an indepth Basic Search Training at the SARA House at 0800. Topics to be covered will be: Hasty (Type I) search techniques; Efficient (Type II) search techniques; Grid line (Type III) search techniques; Man tracking; Search Theory; Clue awareness; Passive search techniques; Attraction Techniques; Confinement techniques; Working with search dogs; Night Search Techniques; Basic understanding in the ICS system.

May 09-11    TBA    **Arizona Sonoran Desert Seminar**

This is a classroom & field presentation on the Arizona Sonoran Desert by George Price. George, (an old member of SARA) is a very informative instructor, a trained naturalist, & has a lot of experience in the Sonoran Desert. George wrote the Desert Survival section for the Army & The U.S. Marine Corps Field manuals, he has taught Desert Survival at The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, USMC Force Recon, U.S. Navy SEAL Team 4, U.S. Border Patrol, The USGS & the Australia Special Air Service. George has retired from SARA and has plans to walk the Arizona Trail soon. The classroom portion will be in Classroom C at Northwest Medical Center (6200 N. La Cholla Blvd.) at 6 pm on Friday the 9th. Subjects to be covered include: The Makeup of the Sonoran Desert; The Physiology of Man Under Survival Stress; and Survival Equipment.

The Field Trip RV will be at 106 (Tanque Verde & Catalina Highway) at 0800. We'll be carpooling because we'll leave some vehicles at Babad Do'ag Vista. The field trip will start at the Box Camp trailhead. George will present information on 5 biomes we'll walk through on our way to Babad Do'ag. The field trip is not mandatory, but highly recommended & will be very informative. The field trip will be 24 hours long & have an overnight bivy. This is a great opportunity to try out equipment & techniques you would use on a search mission. For those who can't stay out overnight, There's a few places you can meet the tour at: The Box Camp trailhead, the Pine Creek crossing junction at top of Sabino Canyon trail, or at the Prison Camp. These are also good places to leave the tour if you have commitments later. Subjects to be covered on the field trip will include: Survival Methodologies; The Mental Techniques of Survival; An Alert and Inquiring Mind; The Removal of Stress From Decisions; Assessment of Situation; Building a Survival Plan; Managing and Reassessing the Plan; Making it Work; Thorn & Scrub Biome; and Coniferous Biome.

Plan on being out of the field Sunday the 12th before dinner. You can bring anything you want to carry for the Field trip, you just have to carry it yourself. If anyone would like to help George out, please contact Walter Pickett at 440-4059.

### **Other opportunities for Training:**

On March 16, test your skills at the Tucson Orienteering Club's Rogaine in the Little Rincons. Jeff Berringer is looking for SARA members to help out with manning a First Aid station. SARA Members would pay reduced entry fees. Call Jeff at 512-4685. A rogaine is a long-distance timed orienteering event, usually lasting 24 hours. The Rogaine the TOC is 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](mailto: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, 2003 at Washington Ranch, Carlsbad New Mexico. For more information, go to <http://www.caves.org/io/nrcr/seminar2003.htm>

## 2003 Training Schedule

<u>Mar. 08</u>	Map & Compass	<u>Jul. 05</u>	Man tracking/Night Search
<u>Apr. 05</u>	Basic Search Training	<u>Aug. 02</u>	Basic Rock/Basic Rope Skills (Phase II & III)
<u>May 03</u>	Mine Rescue	<u>Sept. 06</u>	Helicopter Operations
<u>May 09-11</u>	Arizona Sonoran Desert Seminar	<u>Oct. 04</u>	High Angle Rescue Training
<u>Jun. 07</u>	Swift water Rescue	<u>Nov. 08</u>	ICS/Base Camp/Exercise with NPS
		<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): April 26, July 26 and October 25 (Last Saturday of first month of each quarter)

### OEC Corner

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

SARA is working on a new vehicle pass for Mt. Lemmon. This pass will be available beginning with the April meeting. Price will be set to cover the cost of the materials, and will be announced at the April meeting.

### Building Fund Raising

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

Don't forget when doing your online 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!

### SARA Annual Awards

John Gorski at [tucmj@worldnet.att.net](mailto:tucmj@worldnet.att.net)

The awards committee is looking for nominations on this year's SARA member of the year. Your nomination will need a small note to explain your reason for nominating this person. Nominations can be left at the SARA house mailroom in the treasure's slot, by e-mail: [tucmj@worldnet.att.net](mailto:tucmj@worldnet.att.net), or mailed to the P. O. Box 12892, Tucson, 85232.

### World Care Day

John Gorski at

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SARA is looking for people to assist the World Care Organization in setting up their medical supply storeroom. The job details are as follows: assembly of shelving units and arranging them to fit the floor space. After arranging the units, we will then stock them with the many medical supplies they have in the warehouse. The big job will be placing the supplies in a well-defined orderly fashion.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact John Gorski at [tucmj@worldnet.att.net](mailto:tucmj@worldnet.att.net), or phone 990-9644. Depending on the length of time, we are also looking at making it a mini bar-b-que at the same time if enough people are interested in helping that day. This also would be a good time to bring your old computer, printer, books, musical instrument, etc. This organization not only assists people in the Tucson area, but they help people around the world with many needed items.

### Public Relations Opportunities

John Carroll, 529-4900 or

[tech.resource@worldnet.att.net](mailto:tech.resource@worldnet.att.net)

SARA has two opportunities to present a positive image to the public and we need a small amount of your time to help with them:

Summit Hut Sale – Saturday & Sunday, March 8 & 9 (not March 18 & 19 as I erroneously announced at the last general meeting!) from 8:00am to 4:00pm

Green Valley SAV (Sheriff's Assist Volunteers) Open House – Thursday, March 13 from 8:00am to noon (at the PCSO Substation in Green Valley)

We'd like to split the schedule for these events so no one has to give more than a few hours of their time. If you can help (wo)man a table to answer questions about SARA from the public, please contact John Carroll (see contact info above). You'll probably have fun doing it and just think of the admiration you'll get from the general public while showing off your orange or yellow shirt! Thanks.

## 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>
3.003	030120		9	25	4 14ym hikers overdue	Pima Canyon, Catalinas	
<p>Four boys were overdue from a hike in Pima Canyon. They left the trailhead at 08:30, and climbed Mt. Kimball. At 2 mph, and 1000' elevation climb per hour, the 14 mile 4000' hike would require 11 hours, or they would be expected to return about 19:30. Add an hour for a thundershower that passed over the canyon, the search team returned to the trailhead with the boys right on time. We had cellphone contact with the boys while the search team was moving up trail, so we knew that they were below the dam, were all together, and were in good condition.</p>							
3.004	030125		12	26	13ym hiker ill	Bear Canyon Trail, Catalinas	R38 R73
<p>A small group of mentally challenged kids were returning from a walk up Bear Canyon. One of the hikers appeared to be having seizures, so the adult companions called for help. The helicopter spotted the group at the first crossing, and the hasty team arrived shortly afterwards. The ill hiker was carried to the ambulance at the trailhead.</p>							
3.005	030201		10	29	??ym hiker lost	Mt Kimball, Catalinas	R38
<p>A male hiker lost his way at the top of Mt. Kimball (sounding familiar?), and called for help by cellphone. His description placed him below the trail as it bends off the ridge into Pima Canyon, looking across the side canyon at Finger Rock. He was not able to move around very far due to the steep rocky slope. Ranger 38 used a rock outcropping to load the hiker and return to the trailhead.</p>							
3.006	030205		16	50	28ym climber fall victim	Pharoah, Bear Canyon, Catalinas	R38 MLFD RMFD
<p>A climber fell over 50' near the top of a three-pitch climb on the Pharoah, pulling out a couple pieces of protection, stopping a short distance below the belayer, over a rope length from the base of the rock. The belayer required a couple of hours to reach the climber, secure him to the rock so the rope could be freed, then rappel twice to get off the rock. It was a weekday, so there had not been any response to his hollering for help. The belayer gave an excellent description of the condition of the climber. Ranger 38 made several passes as the sun set, and their description of what they could see matched the report from the rescue people at the base of the rock. We felt certain that the head injuries had been quickly fatal. Usually, companions are able to lower the injured climber to the base of the rock, where the extrication is relatively straightforward. Not so from the middle of a 300' rock face. Also, we usually have access to the top of the climb, and can proceed with normal rope rigging to rappel to the scene. The top of the Pharoah overhangs on the back side, so the easiest way up is a normal lead climb up one of the routes on the front side. All of these considerations suggested that we return in the morning to do the recovery.</p>							
3.007	030206		19	143	28ym climber fall victim	Pharoah, Bear Canyon, Catalinas	OME SAV
<p>A technical team hiked down to the top of the Pharoah. Two climbers rappelled to the last pitch of the standard route, a hundred feet or so to the side of the fallen climber. They climbed to the top of the rock and rigged ropes down the backside to the rest of their team, who then climbed the ropes to the top. Ropes were rigged down the front side, and the two climbers descended to the scene, packaged and lowered the body to the base of the rock. A second team had moved the litter from the road above, down to the Pharoah and around to the base. A path was cleared to the road below by the time the body was lowered to the litter. Both teams were on the road at about the same time.</p>							
<b>2003 Totals:</b> People: 93            Hours: 336            Hours per person: 3.6							



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# SARCI Calendar

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<i>Feb 24</i> .	<i>Feb 25</i> OEC Starts	<i>Feb 26</i> Trail Fam Ride	<i>Feb 27</i> Posse Meet	<i>Feb 28</i> .	<i>Mar 01</i> .	<i>Mar 02</i> SRDI Training
<i>Mar 03</i> .	<i>Mar 04</i> .	<i>Mar 05</i> Trail Fam Ride SRDI Board	<i>Mar 06</i> .	<i>Mar 07</i> SARA Meeting	<i>Mar 08</i> SARA Training Map & Compass	<i>Mar 09</i> Divers Training Fort Lowell Pool
<i>Mar 10</i> .	<i>Mar 11</i> .	<i>Mar 12</i> SRDI Meet	<i>Mar 13</i> Posse Board	<i>Mar 14</i> .	<i>Mar 15</i> TV Falls Hike	<i>Mar 16</i> Posse Gymkhana SRDI Training
<i>Mar 17</i> .	<i>Mar 18</i> .	<i>Mar 19</i> Trail Fam Ride ATTP	<i>Mar 20</i> SARA Board	<i>Mar 21</i> ATTP	<i>Mar 22</i> Posse Training Haul System	<i>Mar 23</i> .
<i>Mar 24</i> .	<i>Mar 25</i> .	<i>Mar 26</i> .	<i>Mar 27</i> Posse Meet	<i>Mar 28</i> ATTP	<i>Mar 29</i> .	<i>Mar 30</i> .
<i>Mar 31</i> .	<i>Apr 01</i> .	<i>Apr 02</i> .	<i>Apr 03</i> .	<i>Apr 04</i> SARA Meeting	<i>Apr 05</i> SARA Training Basic Search	<i>Apr 06</i> SRDI Training
<i>Apr 07</i> .	<i>Apr 08</i> .	<i>Apr 09</i> .	<i>Apr 10</i> Posse Board	<i>Apr 11</i> .	<i>Apr 12</i> .	<i>Apr 13</i> Divers Training
<i>Apr 14</i> .	<i>Apr 15</i> .	<i>Apr 16</i> .	<i>Apr 17</i> .	<i>Apr 18</i> ATTP	<i>Apr 19</i> .	<i>Apr 20</i> SRDI Training
<i>Apr 21</i> .	<i>Apr 22</i> .	<i>Apr 23</i> .	<i>Apr 24</i> Posse Meet	<i>Apr 25</i> ATTP	<i>Apr 26</i> .	<i>Apr 27</i> .
<i>Apr 28</i> .	<i>Apr 29</i> .	<i>Apr 30</i> .	<i>May 01</i> .	<i>May 02</i> SARA Meeting	<i>May 03</i> SARA Training Mine Rescue	<i>May 04</i> SRDI Training

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