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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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Oct 15 19:30, Wednesday **SARCI Meeting**

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

### ECAP News

by Rob Offerle, 318-9710, [rofferle@juno.com](mailto:rofferle@juno.com)

Both the **Pima County Search & Recovery Divers** and the **Southern Arizona Rescue Association** are in the 2003-2004 Employee Combined Appeal Program, the United Way for city and county employees. The ECAP Agency Codes for DIVERS and SARA are:

- Pima County Search & Recovery Divers – 9842
- Southern Arizona Rescue Association – 9883

Tell your friends employed by our Tucson City and Pima County governments they may contribute to SARA and DIVERS through ECAP.

### Combined Federal Campaign

by Rob Offerle, 318-9710, [rofferle@juno.com](mailto:rofferle@juno.com)

Both the **Pima County Search & Recovery Divers** and the **Southern Arizona Rescue Association** are in the 2003-2004 Combined Federal Campaign, the United Way for FEDERAL employees. The CFC agency codes for DIVERS and SARA are:

- Pima County Search & Recovery Divers – 4060
- Southern Arizona Rescue Association – 4074

Mention to your FEDERALLY employed friends they can contribute to these SARCI organizations through the CFC.

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Fran Kunz, 886-2216, [divers@sarci.org](mailto:divers@sarci.org)

### DIVER'S CALENDAR

Oct 12	09:00, Sunday	Kunz's House	Work Party
Nov 04	17:00, Tuesday	SARA House	Annual Elections and Potluck
Nov 21 – 23		Mexico	Dive Trip

September's training on OSHA requirements and diver safety showed that we are in line with requirements. Discussion took place about some new and different training sessions for the upcoming year. October's training will be primarily to winterize the boat, replace worn equipment, inventory and marvel at the new boat trailer. We will have a barbecue lunch.

November's activity is our annual meeting and elections on Tuesday, November 4 beginning at 5:00pm for meet and greet. Potluck will begin at 6:00 with elections taking place thereafter. The new slate is in place so come and share some food and watch some videos of past seminars and callouts.

Ray and Lisa Gundy have graciously put together a sport diving trip to Mexico. They have room for 8 people so please contact Lisa at [lisat@us.ibm.com](mailto:lisat@us.ibm.com) if interested. This is on a first come – first served basis. The price of \$200 will get you food, lodging, and boat travel to various dive sites and a chance to reacquaint yourself with "visibility".

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Paul Cartter, 825-6517, [k9@sarci.org](mailto:k9@sarci.org)

### SRDI CALENDAR

Oct 01	19:00-21:00, Wed	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Oct 08	19:00-22:00, Wed	<b>General Meeting</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

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

by Robert McCord, [cap@sarci.org](mailto:cap@sarci.org)

### CAP CALENDAR

Sundays 15:30-18:00

Location: Oro Valley Library

1305 W. Naranja Dr, corner of La Canada and Naranja

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Cindy Cusack, [posse@sarci.org](mailto:posse@sarci.org)

### POSSE CALENDAR

Oct 09 19:00, Thursday

**Board Meeting**

Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

Oct 23 19:00, Thursday

**General Meeting**

Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

Oct 25 17:00, Saturday

**Gymkhana**

Vail Arena - Registration 4:00pm – Event 5:00 pm

Welcome home Larry - hope all is fine and if you need any help call anyone of us for help! Speedy recovery.

Thank you Kelly, Cindy and Greg for helping out at Agua Caliente School on their Rescue Day on Sept 12. Please remember Rescue Days at Collier School, Tuesday, Nov 25. The enrollment has increased and they asked for more horses since the children do enjoy seeing them. For more info please contact Cindy.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN

### SARA CALENDAR

Sep 30 19:00 Tuesday

**High Angle Rescue Classroom**

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Oct 03 19:30 Friday

**SARA General Meeting**

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Oct 04 08:00, Saturday

**High Angle Rescue Training**

Location: Pontatoc Canyon, from north end of Alvernon

Oct 11 07:30 Saturday

**Basic III**

Meet: Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

Oct 16 19:30 Thursday

**SARA Board Meeting**

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Oct 25 08:00 Saturday

**Field Skills Recertification**

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Nov 01 TBA Saturday

**MRA Re-accreditation**

Location: TBA

Nov 09 08:00 Sunday

**OEC Refresher**

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

### SARA TRAINING

by Brian Duffy, [saratraining@sarci.org](mailto:saratraining@sarci.org)

#### October Monthly Training

Oct 04 08:00, Saturday

**High Angle Rescue Training**

Location: Pontatoc Canyon, from north end of Alvernon

Andy Lamb will teach a class on High Angle Training, and extends his invitation to bring friends and family to a training that shouldn't be missed! In preparation for this monthly training Andy will conduct a class at SARA House on Tuesday September 30 from 19:00 to 22:00.

#### 2003 / 2004 Training Schedule (revised)

Note: we will begin including the (*target audience*) so that people can choose training sessions that are more likely to be of interest.

Oct 04 High Angle Rescue Training (*all members*)

Feb 2004 Winter Skills (*all members*)

Nov 01 MRA Technical Reaccreditation (*all members*)

Mar 2004 Tanque Verde Falls Orientation (*candidates*)

Dec 06 Base Camp/Truck & Equipment Orient. (*candidates*)

Apr 2004 Cave Rescue Training (*all members*)

Jan 2004 Map and Compass (*all members*)

May 2004 Swift Water Rescue (*all members*)

#### Field Skills Recertification Sessions for 2003:

Oct 25 0800 Saturday

**Field Skills Recertification**

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

#### Helicopter Training For Helicopter Team

In late October or early November the Helicopter Team will be doing their required quarterly currency training with DPS. Because coordination and scheduling are difficult for these activities, the date will not be published. Any SARA member with static helicopter training (minimum) may observe by prior arrangement with the team leader, Scott Clemans, at 749-4548.

#### MRA Technical Reaccreditation training update

In preparation for the MRA Technical Reaccreditation personal rope skills practice will be conducted at the SARA House on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 18:30. This is not introductory level training. This practice is specifically for members with strong Single Rope Techniques (SRT) skills. You need strong skills and the ability to ascend a rope with prusiks, lock off, and then changeover to rappel to participate in this practice.

## **Membership**

by Linda Catterson, [ljardin@aol.com](mailto:ljardin@aol.com)

It's finally here! Basic III will be held Saturday, October 11. C2 candidates with the required number of callouts please meet at 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy at 07:30. You will need your full pack, training manual, and food/water for an all-day training. We will cover: haul, lower, knots, and stokes tie-in. No previous knowledge is necessary except to start practicing your knots. C3 candidates and other members are also welcome. The actual training will take place at Bear Wallow Road, just past mile marker 22. Any questions please contact Linda Catterson.

## **OEC Corner**

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

The September refresher was held on the Sept 20. We had a large turn out, and good weather. If you missed this one, mark your calendar for Sunday, November 9. That will be your next opportunity to complete this year's refresher cycle.

Our thanks to the class of 2003 for being patients at the recent OEC refresher class. We look forward to your assistance again on Sunday, November 9. Also, a thank you to Pam Phillips for dropping off the manikin from Red Cross so that we were able to practice our Oropharyngeal and Nasopharyngeal airways.

Rich Kunz with his Powerpoint presentations and his new projector added an additional twist to the OEC refresher. The November refresher will have a tough time trying to top the food display we had on Saturday. OK, so it was only Krispy Crème donuts and a couple dozen bagels. Thank you to everyone who purchased the snack food.

## **SARA Birthday**

Come join us at the November meeting for cake and ice cream. I will bring the cake if someone will bring the ice cream!

SARA has been serving Tucson and the surrounding areas for 45 years. SARA was organized in 1958. SARA gained attention in October of that year when a snowstorm hit the Santa Rita mountain range, and a group of Boy Scouts became trapped in the snow. And as they say...the rest is history.

## **SARA Store**

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

We have a new location for the SARA Store and even a new entrance!!! The remodeling crew did a great job and has split the large Board Room closet into two smaller ones, so now you will find the new entrance (door) at the base of the stairs. This should make it more convenient for everyone to shop. A big Thank You!! to Rich Kunz and Mike Jennings for all their efforts in putting the SARA Store back in order and in time for our monthly meeting in August.

The SARA store will be putting in an order for name patches for your orange SARA shirt. If interested please let John Gorski know.

## **Building Fund Raising**

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

Golf Tournament, 18 October: We are still looking for more foursomes, sponsors and items to place in the player's goodie bags. Please contact George Herget to assist.

Community Outdoor Safety Day presented by SARA and Friends, 15 November at Rillito Park. We need volunteers to help with the day of the event and we are looking for additional door prizes (restaurant and other gift certificates, new cars, etc). Look for sign up sheets posted at the SARA House at the October meeting.

Christmas is coming! Don't forget when you shop on line, please consider going through [buyforcharity.com](http://buyforcharity.com) and selecting the Southern Arizona Rescue Association as your charity. You may access all of the most popular shopping sites and your cost or expense will not be affected.

Don't forget the \$2500 matching pledge put up by an anonymous SARA member offered through 15 December. Any amount large or small will help us achieve our goal. Send checks to the P.O. Box or place them in the Building Fund box at the SARA House. Give cash to John Gorski with a note of who it's from and that it is to count toward the match.

## **CALLOUT REVIEWS**

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

**Call Date Day # Hrs Problem Location Resources**

**3.042 030830 Sat 26 91 38ym climber fall victim Windy Point, Catalinas R38 MLFD RMFD**

A climber at Windy Point wasn't belayed as he stepped off the top of a climb, expecting to be lowered to the ground. He fell about 60', slowed somewhat by rope friction through biners along the climb. Another climber with Ski Patrol training stabilized the climber. Deputy TJ was just down the road, and was soon on scene, followed by Mt. Lemmon Fire. A short haul system brought the climber up to the saddle at the base of Nancy's Thumb. He was carried a short distance to an open area where Tucson Ranger hovered over a rock rib, and the litter was loaded.

**3.043 030831 Sun 23 191 3 hikers disoriented Butterfly & Davis Spring Tr, Catalinas**

A father and two of his sons hiked down from Mt.

Bigelow, intending to be picked up shortly at the new Butterfly Trailhead below Palisades. A left turn in the saddle, instead of a right turn, took them two miles down to the junction with the Davis Spring Trail. They called for directions by cellphone. Since they were at a signed junction and asking for directions, they were asked to sit and wait for teams to reach them. In case they kept walking, teams were sent in from both ends of the Butterfly Trail. The group was found at the junction, and all started out after a short break.

A Posse team was following, in case one of them needed a ride up the steep trail. The trail has been unused and unmaintained since it was closed after the Bullock Fire last year, so the trail has become narrow and less well-defined. The Posse was not comfortable when the trail became narrow while traversing onto the ridge, and they were looking for a place to turn around. One horse slipped and fell onto the trail, then thrashed while trying to get back on his feet, but tumbled head over tail almost 100' down the steep slope, crashing through brush and over the rocks. To their amazement, the horse's legs were skinned up, but otherwise he was in good condition. Teams that had gone in at the other end of the Butterfly were available, so four Pulaskis were borrowed from a fire cache, and a trail was cleared so the horse could traverse the slope and back to the trail. (the temporary trail was made less attractive as the teams cleared, and by members visiting the site over the following few days, and the tools returned to the cache).

**3.044 030915 Mon 20 40 ??ym fall victim San Pedro Vista, Catalinas R38 MLFD RMFD**

Two males were scrambling on rocks off the old Green Mountain Trail near San Pedro Vista. One fell about 20', bouncing on the rocks several times, with a short loss of consciousness, sustaining deep lacerations to his head and face. Mt. Lemmon Fire packaged the victim, and with the assistance of an off-duty fire crew, carried the litter to the road, and Tucson Ranger flew him to the hospital. We arrived as the evacuation got started, and were prepared to provide technical assistance if needed. The fire crew didn't even stop to attach the wheel.

**3.045 030923 Tue 16 44 61ym hiker hip injury Cargodera Canyon Rd, Catalinas GRFD**

On Sunday a hiker went for an hour's walk up the power line road from the north boundary of Catalina State Park. He stumbled on the rocky road about a mile from the trailhead, and was immobilized by an injury to his hip. On Tuesday, a hiker encountered him on trail. Neither hiker had a radio or cellphone, but the injured hiker had one in his truck. So the uninjured hiker retrieved the cellphone so he could call for help (confusing the emergency service people: why didn't he call for help two days ago?). A deputy scurried up the trail to confirm his location, followed by SAR folks. It tried to rain on the party, but didn't dampen it.

**2003 Totals:    People: 591       Hours: 2472       Hours per person: 4.2**




# PINE PIG RESCUE

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# SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sep 29 . .	Sep 30 SARA Training High Angle Class	Oct 01 SRDI Board	Oct 02 . Rope Skills	Oct 03 SARA Meeting	Oct 04 SARA Training High Angle	Oct 05 .
Oct 06 . .	Oct 07 . Rope Skills	Oct 08 SRDI Meeting	Oct 09 Posse Board Rope Skills	Oct 10 .	Oct 11 SARA Training Basic III	Oct 12 Diver Training
Oct 13 . .	Oct 14 . Rope Skills	Oct 15 SARCI Board	Oct 16 SARA Board Rope Skills	Oct 17 .	Oct 18 SARA Golf Tournament	Oct 19 .
Oct 20 . .	Oct 21 . Rope Skills	Oct 22 .	Oct 23 Posse Meeting Rope Skills	Oct 24 .	Oct 25 SARA Training Field Skills Recert Posse Gymkhana	Oct 26 .
Oct 27 . .	Oct 28 . Rope Skills	Oct 29 .	Oct 30 . Rope Skills	Oct 31 HALLOWEEN	Nov 01 SARA Training MRA Reaccreditation	Nov 02 .
Nov 03 . .	Nov 04 Diver Meeting	Nov 05 SRDI Board	Nov 06 .	Nov 07 SARA Meeting	Nov 08 LMN OEC Refresher	Nov 09 SARA OEC Refresher
Nov 10 . .	Nov 11 .	Nov 12 SRDI Meeting	Nov 13 Posse Board	Nov 14 .	Nov 15 SARA Family Day	Nov 16 .
Nov 17 . .	Nov 18 .	Nov 19 .	Nov 20 SARA Board	Nov 21 .	Nov 22 Posse Gymkhana	Nov 23 .
Nov 24 . .	Nov 25 .	Nov 26 .	Nov 27 THANKSGIVING	Nov 28 .	Nov 29 .	Nov 30 .
Dec 01 . .	Dec 02 .	Dec 03 SRDI Board	Dec 04 .	Dec 05 SARA Meeting	Dec 06 SARA Training Equipment/BaseCamp	Dec 07 .

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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**

P.O.Box 12892, Tucson AZ 85732-2892  
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**PIMA COUNTY SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS**

P.O.Box 13961, Tucson AZ 85732  
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**NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.**

4933 N. Sunrise Avenue, Tucson AZ 85705  
Meet each Sunday 15:30-18:00, details inside

**SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS**

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