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Jan 21 19:30, Wednesday **SARCI Meeting**

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

The Tucson Elks Lodge No. 385 annually presents an award to the outstanding Volunteer Search and Rescue Person in the Tucson Pima County Area. Please submit the Name and Resume of the individual from your Organization that you feel will qualify for the year 2003 award before December 31, 2003, no resume received after this date will be honored.

The merits of the entry you submit, and other entries from other Volunteer Search and Rescue Organizations will be judged by the Elks 385 Lodge Search & Rescue Committee. The Award will be made on January 13, 2003. If you require any further information, please feel free to call Joe Barr at 747-8903.

Lost and Found

by Rob Offerle, rofferle@juno.com

A "survival type" knife was turned in at Rillito Park during our Community Outdoor Safety Day. Please describe your missing knife to Rob Offerle, 318-9710 or rofferle@juno.com. If unclaimed, the knife will go into SARA's equipment raffle next year.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

DIVER'S CALENDAR

Dec 14	09:00, Sunday	Kunz House	Altitude Tables
Jan 11	09:00, Sunday	Ft. Lowell/Sunnyside Pool	First Pool Session

Congratulations to the new board! Actually it's the old board elected to another term. President: Richard Kunz, Vice President: Rob Offerle, Treasurer: Joe Barr, Secretary: Fran Kunz, Members-at-Large: Ray Gundy and John Millard. The new slate is in place and we're eager to start another year of training with some new twists. December training will be altitude tables at the Kunz house. January and February trainings will be pool trainings..

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Paul Cartter, 825-6517, k9@sarci.org

SRDI CALENDAR

Dec 03	19:00-21:00, Wed	Board Meeting	Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Dec 07	11:00, Sunday	Christmas Party	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Dec 10	19:00-22:00, Wed	General Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Dec 17	18:00-22:00, Wed	Training: Tucson Estates	Meet: Kinney/Ajo at McDonalds
Dec 21	08:00 Sunday	Training: (All dogs)	Meet I-10 / Hwy 83

All are welcome to come to any training. Check with Vi Brown or Paul Cartter beforehand, as times or places may have changed.

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by Robert McCord, cap@sarci.org

CAP CALENDAR

<u>Sundays</u>	<u>15:30-18:00</u>	Location: Oro Valley Library	1305 W. Naranja Dr, corner of La Canada and Naranja
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PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Cindy Cusack, posse@sarci.org

POSSE CALENDAR

<u>Dec 11</u>	<u>19:00, Thursday</u>	Board Meeting	Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>11:00, Friday</u>	Christmas Party	
<u>Jan 10</u>	<u>10:00, Saturday</u>	Obstacle Ride-Bird Sanctuary	Meet west side of Houghton on Tanque Verde Wash

January 10th will be a training exercise. Meet on west side of Houghton at Tanque Verde Wash - contact Kelly for more information. All are welcome. We have a busy month so please check your calendars and make as many dates as possible. There will be no General Meeting in December.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSN

SARA CALENDAR

<u>Dec 05</u>	<u>19:30 Friday</u>	SARA General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Dec 06</u>	<u>09:00 Saturday</u>	MRA Re-accreditation	Location: TBA
<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>19:30 Thursday</u>	SARA Board Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Jan 02</u>	<u>19:30 Friday</u>	SARA General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

SARA TRAINING

by Brian Duffy, saratraining@sarci.org

December Monthly Training

<u>Dec 06</u>	<u>08:00, Saturday</u>	Base Camp/Truck & Equipment	Location: Catalina & TV Highway @ 106
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Monthly Training for December will be Base Camp Operations/ Truck and Equipment Familiarization. Instructors will be Gary Copus Mykle Raymond and Richard Kunz,. Rendezvous at 106 at 0800. One hour class on Base Camp Operations then move to field site for hands-on time with SARA vehicles, use of radios and look and see. All SARA members and candidates are urged to attend the monthly trainings/meeting. The Training Committee meetings are conducted at the SARA house at 7pm on the following dates:

December 9, 2003	March 9, 2004
January 13, 2004	April 13, 2004
February 10, 2004	

2003 / 2004 Training Schedule

<u>Dec 06</u>	Base Camp/Truck & Equipment Orient.	<u>Mar 2004</u>	Tanque Verde Falls Orientation
<u>Jan 2004</u>	Map and Compass	<u>Apr 2004</u>	Cave Rescue Training
<u>Feb 2004</u>	Winter Skills	<u>May 2004</u>	Swift Water Rescue

Field Skills Recertification Sessions for 2003:

<u>Jan 31</u>	<u>08:00 Saturday</u>	Field Skills Recertification	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
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New OEC Instructor Phase I Training and December OEC Instructor's Meeting

Rich Kunz, rekunz@juno.com

<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>18:30 Tuesday</u>	OEC Instructor's Training	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
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Dave Brown will commence training for SARCI component and MLSP members wishing to become OEC instructors at 1830 on Tuesday, December 16, at SARA House. Inform Rich Kunz, 886-2216 or rekunz@juno.com, that you are interested. Bring note-taking paraphernalia. Additionally, all current OEC instructors must attend this meeting. After the initial portion of Instructor Phase I Training, current instructors will move to the SARA board room to discuss 2004 OEC syllabus modifications, scheduling, and course ground rules. You may send your inputs ahead of time to Jackie Marcus. Lecture sign-ups will be next month.

OEC Instructors Meeting – January

Jackie Marcus, lunaj@cox.net

We will finalize the SARCI 2004 OEC syllabus and sign up for teaching commitments at a meeting in January. Watch next month's SARnews for the date and time.

OEC 2004

Rob Offerle, rofferle@juno.com

Rich Giachetti, Jackie Marcus, and Rob Offerle are the Instructors of Record. The SARCI 2004 OEC class begins on Tuesday, February 24.

Membership

by Linda Catterson, lcjardin@aol.com

Basic 4 will be held Saturday, January 31, 2004 in conjunction with the Field Skills Re-certification. Location to be announced in next newsletter. Practice sessions will be held at the SARA house every Wednesday evening starting at 6:30pm. Contact Mike Jennings or Steve Archibald for more info.

Time again to recruit new candidates for the 2004 year. All activities will take place between February 9 and 17th. Firm dates have not been set yet. The process will consist of the Applicant meeting, interviews, weekend hike, and reception where all members of SARA will be given the opportunity to meet the applicants before they are presented to the BOD. Any questions please contact Linda Catterson.

SARA Store

by John Gorski, tucmj@worldnet.att.net

Polo shirts will be on sale at the monthly meeting. The Polo shirts are white with our logo, along with the lettering "45 years" in green under the logo. There is a limited supply of this collectable polo shirt and is priced at \$25.00.

Building Fund Raising

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

Thanks to all who helped and participated in the Community Outdoor Safety Day presented by SARA and Friends at Rillito Park.


Christmas is coming! Don't forget when you shop on line, please consider going through 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.

SARA Board of Directors Participation at Board Meetings

saraboard@sarci.org

Mike Comeau (P)	8
Rich Kunz (VP)	8
Henry Schneiker (S)	8
John Gorski (T)	5
Bob Buecher	7
Rich Giachetti	8
Mike Jennings	8
Ed Sherlock	7
Cathy Wasman	7



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CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Mykle Raymond, 793-2303, n7jzt@arrl.net

Call Date Day # Hrs Problem Location Resources

3.048 031020 13 32 1R 3 hikers out of supplies Mule Ears, Samaniego Ridge, Catalina Omaha747

Five young men were dropped off at the Ski Lodge, intending to ride mountain bikes down Samaniego Ridge, and out to Catalina. As they started, they met a Coronado Forest person who informed them that the area was closed due to the Aspen Fire. They continued anyway. By the next morning, they had dumped their bikes, and two of them straggled down the side of the ridge and out to a residence. They had left their remaining supplies with their companions. Cell phone and FRS radio contact was available while their batteries lasted. By noon they were low on supplies and not making much progress, although they were still on trail near the Mule Ears. Teams were assembled to hike down from the top, and up from the bottom, but it was going to take many hours to reach them. A Customs Blackhawk helicopter landed at Catalina State Park, picked up a team, and flew up to the ridge. The three were spotted quickly, and a clear area was found relatively close by. A column of ash towered into the sky as the helicopter dropped off the team, retrieved the trio and returned to the helicopter, then returned to the park.

3.049 031101 15 58 1B Suicide body recovery Gates Pass, Tucson Mtns R38 FWFD SAV PARKS

A male jumped from a cliff in the Gates Pass area. His vehicle was reported by Tucson Parks people, and Tucson Police linked it to a missing person report. Family members walked around the area, and found the body. We were asked to retrieve the body, and carry it back down the ridge to the parking area. Meanwhile, a group of people were hiking on Bushmaster Peak to the north of Gates Pass. One of the people twisted her ankle, and was being helped slowly down from the ridge, but was still a long distance from the road. Tucson Ranger was responding to help locate the suicide victim, and switched to see if they could help with the twisted ankle. One of the paramedics was dropped off on the ridge top, and helped the party escort the woman back to the ridge top. Ranger picked them up one-by-one and returned them to the parking area. Other parties that were part of the large group were running out of daylight, so we escorted them to the road.

3.050 031111 25 65 1S 50yf hiker overdue Sabino Canyon, Catalinas R38

A female hiker was overdue on a hike in Sabino Canyon. She took the tram up Sabino, and intended to hike around and down Bear Canyon. Her friends and family thought they had talked her out of that trip, thinking she would have taken the Phonline Trail, but she had already done that hike. She was poorly equipped for the weather, and got wet in several hours of drizzle, and didn't have any lights to use when it got dark. She made it down to crossing six, below Seven Falls, and then could not find the trail after the crossing, so she sat and waited. Teams were assigned as usual, with a couple heading for Pine Creek Crossing, then be ready to split between Hutch's Pool and East Fork trails. Posse started in from Gordon's Place (Prison Camp), while another team headed up the Bear Canyon Trail. Other teams worked on the Phonline Trail, and the low trails between Stop 1 and Lower Sabino. She was doing fine when the team arrived, and walked out easily.

3.051 031116 3 3 4R Car over side MP2 Catalina Hwy, Catalinas Lifeline RMTD

A driver lost control of his high-speed vehicle near milepost 2, leaving the road on the wrong side, clearing a few trees, and coming to rest well below the roadway. He crawled from the car, and managed to get almost all the way up to the roadway. In the morning, a bike rider heard his calls for help. At first, the Rural Metro people thought that they could get him back onto the road quickly and easily, then asked for help. Since it takes awhile for us to get together, they had managed to do the job on their own, and evacuated him by air. Looks like we need to encourage them to ask for our response if it looks like we MIGHT be needed, that we are going to stage somewhere out of the way, and we can be cancelled without hard feelings.

-.--- 031111 3 3 4S ATV Rider missing Avra Valley R38

Several people were riding ATVs on the west side of Avra Valley. One was last seen in the late afternoon. Due to the search area of several square miles, Tucson Ranger was requested, followed by Posse. The missing rider was found by the helicopter, limping down a brushy wash. It took some work, but the crew was able to retrieve him.

2003 Totals: People: 677 Hours: 2663 Hours per person: 3.9



**PINE PIG
RESCUE**

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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>Dec 01</i> .	<i>Dec 02</i> .	<i>Dec 03</i> SRDI Board	<i>Dec 04</i> .	<i>Dec 05</i> SARA Meeting	<i>Dec 06</i> SARA Training Base Camp Op's	<i>Dec 07</i> SRDI Party
<i>Dec 08</i> .	<i>Dec 09</i> .	<i>Dec 10</i> SRDI Meeting	<i>Dec 11</i> Posse Board	<i>Dec 12</i> Posse Party	<i>Dec 13</i> .	<i>Dec 14</i> Diver Training
<i>Dec 15</i> .	<i>Dec 16</i> OEC Training	<i>Dec 17</i> SRDI Training	<i>Dec 18</i> SARA Board	<i>Dec 19</i> .	<i>Dec 20</i> Posse Gymkana	<i>Dec 21</i> SRDI Training
<i>Dec 22</i> .	<i>Dec 23</i> .	<i>Dec 24</i> .	<i>Dec 25</i> MERRY CHRISTMAS	<i>Dec 26</i> .	<i>Dec 27</i> .	<i>Dec 28</i> .
<i>Dec 29</i> .	<i>Dec 30</i> .	<i>Dec 31</i> .	<i>Jan 01</i> HAPPY NEW YEAR	<i>Jan 02</i> SARA Meeting	<i>Jan 03</i> SARA Training Map and Compass	<i>Jan 04</i> .
<i>Jan 05</i> .	<i>Jan 06</i> .	<i>Jan 07</i> SRDI Board	<i>Jan 08</i> .	<i>Jan 09</i> .	<i>Jan 10</i> Posse Training	<i>Jan 11</i> Diver Training
<i>Jan 12</i> .	<i>Jan 13</i> .	<i>Jan 14</i> SRDI Meeting	<i>Jan 15</i> Posse Board	<i>Jan 16</i> .	<i>Jan 17</i> .	<i>Jan 18</i> .
<i>Jan 19</i> .	<i>Jan 20</i> .	<i>Jan 21</i> SRDI Training	<i>Jan 22</i> SARA Board Posse Meeting	<i>Jan 23</i> .	<i>Jan 24</i> .	<i>Jan 25</i> .
<i>Jan 26</i> .	<i>Jan 27</i> .	<i>Jan 28</i> .	<i>Jan 29</i> .	<i>Jan 30</i> .	<i>Jan 31</i> Basic IV Field Skills Recert	<i>Feb 01</i> .
<i>Feb 02</i> .	<i>Feb 03</i> .	<i>Feb 04</i> SRDI Board	<i>Feb 05</i> .	<i>Feb 06</i> SARA Meeting	<i>Feb 07</i> SARA Training Winter Skills/Snow	<i>Feb 08</i> .

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