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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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### SARCI CALENDAR

Oct 20 19:30, Wednesday SARC Meeting

Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

### WEB SITE NEWS

by Deb Heilig, [debh@sarci.org](mailto:debh@sarci.org)

The update and enhancement of the SARCI web site continues and, for those of who haven't seen the new design, please take a moment to visit the site at [www.sarci.org](http://www.sarci.org). It's still very much a work in progress, with plans to add a more comprehensive events calendar and a photo gallery.

Please also take a moment to visit the new online SARCI Shop. You and all your friends can purchase shirts, caps, bags, mugs, mousepads, etc. with SARCI and SAR theme designs printed on them. Best of all, a tax deductible portion of each sale is donated to SARCI! You'll find a link to the shop on the SARCI web site or go directly to it at [www.cafepress.com/sarcishop](http://www.cafepress.com/sarcishop).

Questions, comments and suggestions for the web site are always welcome!

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

### DIVER'S CALENDAR

Sept 12 0730, Sun

Parker Canyon Lake

Rendezvous at Kunz's at 0730

Oct 10 TBD, Sun

Arivaca Lake

Pontoon craft maintenance

September's training will be at Parker Canyon Lake and rumor is that the lake is full. We will practice setting and executing various search patterns. On August 3, 2004, divers were called to assist Tucson Fire and Police at 2230 hours with a drowning recovery at Lakeside Lake. A big thank you to Deputy Rick Sturgeon and Tucson Fire personnel for their assistance. Our condolences go out to the family of Jeremy Butler.

Thanks to Cathy Wasmann, Doug Myrvold, Richard Kunz and Fran Kunz, who recently attended a technician course offered by OTS and are now certified technicians for repair and maintenance on the Mark II dive mask.

Finally, divers please see the ECAP announcement under SARA information.

### Diver's Callout Information

The Pima County Search & Recovery Divers were paged August 3, 2004 at 2240 hours to recover a 16-yo male missing in the Lakeside Park Lake on the east side of Tucson. Tucson Fire Department personnel waded into the water and used a Zodiac but were unable to locate the missing teenager. Divers arrived at Lakeside Park between 2300 and 2330 interviewed witnesses and set up their equipment and search patterns. Witnesses provided two points-last-seen which lay 30 feet apart. Divers rigged a search line along the bottom encompassing both points. Dive Team One swum to the search buoys. Team Two stood suited-up in shallow water. Team One made contact with body half way through the first sweep. Tucson Fire assisted divers in bringing the body to shore. All divers departed Lakeside Park at 0045 Wednesday morning.

## 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

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Amy Marble, [k9@sarci.org](mailto:k9@sarci.org)

### SRDI CALENDAR

Sept 01	19:00-2100 Wed	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
Sept 04-05	08:00 Sat	<b>Training – Chimney Rock</b>	Meet at Substation 106 for work on technical and tracking/
Sept 08	19:00 – 22:00 Wed	<b>General Meeting</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Sept 15	18:00-22:00 Wed	<b>Training</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft. Mock search
Sept 18-19	09:00-?? Sat	<b>Training – Gardner Canyon</b>	Meet at I-10 and Hwy 83 – Follow flagging.
Sept 22	19:00 Wed	<b>Training Committee Meeting</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

Congratulations to Paul Cartter and his Bloodhound, Ginger, who passed their tracking test in July! Look for them in the field!

SRDI is starting to collect items for its Annual Yard sale (Oct 15-17). If you have items to donate, contact Dave or Vi Brown. Also we have some desks, filing cabinets, bookshelves and chairs available. Chairs are \$5 each and the rest are \$10 each. Contact Vi Brown if interested.

To all dog handlers and assists, please start bringing your dog/assist logs to the general meetings to be checked. For those SRDI members interested in attending the Training Committee meetings, contact Vi to verify the location of the meeting.

As always, all are welcome to come to the dog team trainings, we love having new people for the dogs to track! If you are interested in joining us on a training, please contact Vi Brown or Jennifer Arnold as times and/or places may change.

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

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

### POSSE CALENDAR

Sept 09	19:00, Thursday	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
Sept 18	17:00, Saturday	<b>Gymkhana</b>	Vail Stables. 16:00 - Registration, 17:00 – Event
Sept 23	19:00, Thursday	<b>General Meeting</b>	Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

Reminder: As of Saturday June 19th 16:00, the Gymkhanas will be on Saturdays for the summer.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

### SARA CALENDAR

Sept 03	19:30 Fri	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft. Potluck at 18:30
Sept 18	07:00, Sat	<b>Golf Tournament</b>	Location: Forty-Niners Country Club. Shotgun start at 07:30
Sept 25	08:00, Sat	<b>OEC Refresher</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
Oct 16	TBA, Sat	<b>MRA Technical Recertification</b>	Location: TBA
Oct 23	TBA, Sat	<b>Community Outdoor Safety Day</b>	Location: TBA
Oct 30	TBA, Sat	<b>Field Skills Recertification</b>	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

### GENERAL MEETING

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

Deputy Jess Hartman is retiring from the Sheriff's Department this month. There is no better to say goodbye to Jess than with one of SARA's great potluck dinners. So please bring a dish to share at our monthly meeting, Friday, September 3, 2004 at around 6:30pm. Jess will be presented with a plaque from SARA at 8:00pm.

### SARA STORE

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

We will once again be taking orders for Polo shirts. As in the past, the minimum number of shirts that have to be ordered is 12. The price will be \$20.00 for S - XL, \$22.00 for XXL and above. There is a limited number of colors, in either cotton or 50/50. The Polo's will be embroidered. A sign-up sheet and color chart will be left in the wine room. Make the check out to SARA and place it in the OEC Mail Box..

### OEC CORNER

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

The 2004 OEC Refresher next date Saturday, September 25, 2004. Instructors and helpers start time will be 07:00, with the rest of the students showing up for an 08:00 starting time. As in years past, the refresher will be held at the SARA. house. If anyone is unable to attend either of the SARA dates please contact Rich Kunz or John Gorski. SARA may need to provide instructors to help teach/assist the group on that day. Plus, remember that it is your responsibility to have a copy of your records sent to SARA stating you have attended the class. The refresher study guide can be located on the NSP website. [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org) Select the topic What's New, than select OEC refresher Guide C. If you prefer, there is a Master Copy at the SARA house hanging above the copier for anyone wishing to make a copy.

## MEMBERSHIP ADVOCATES

by Manny Montano, [desertbear@att.net](mailto:desertbear@att.net)

The Board of Directors has appointed Manny Montano ([desertbear@att.net](mailto:desertbear@att.net)), Deb Heilig ([dlheilig@cox.net](mailto:dlheilig@cox.net)), and Elizabeth Robb ([robbgraff@cs.com](mailto:robbgraff@cs.com)) as membership advocates for SARA. Membership Advocates are the point of contact for questions, concerns, and problems that any member may have. We can act as intermediaries in issues, present items to the Board of Directors, and assist those wanting to find out more about or in joining SARA. We also present candidates completing their orange cards to the Board of Directors for review and movement to orange shirt status. Our roles are always evolving, so feel free to approach us on issues not covered by any other SARA body and we can hopefully get you "pointed in the right direction".

## SARA TRAINING

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

- Sept 4    08:00, Sat                    **Vertical Stokes Training**                    Location: North end of Alvernon - Rendezvous
- Target Audience: All members, candidates, especially those planning to participate in the October MRA Technical Recertification
- Principal Instructor: Andy Lamb
- Oct 2    TBA, Sat                    **Technical Rescue**                    Location: TBA
- Target Audience: All members, candidates, especially those planning to participate in the October MRA Technical Recertification
- Principal Instructor: Cathy Wassman
- Oct 16    TBA, Sat                    **MRA Technical Recertification**                    Location: TBA
- Target Audience: All SARA members and candidates interested in participating

Remember, the Training Committee meets at 19:00 at the SARA House on the Tuesday evening following the monthly training.

## HELICOPTER TRAINING

by Scott Clemans, [sbclemans@earthlink.net](mailto:sbclemans@earthlink.net)

SARA helicopter training with DPS - hover ingress/egress - will be scheduled as time allows in September. This training is the highest level of helicopter training available to every SARA member, and very useful on operations involving insertions by air. Personal safety is, of course, paramount. Therefore, anyone wishing to take part in this training must have static helicopter training beforehand. Required clothing is long pants and long sleeves, preferably cotton (more fire resistant), with goggles and helmet. The new helicopter puts out a lot of wind, and blows more (and larger) stuff around, so more protection is necessary. Bring your pack so we can get used to handing packs in and out of the aircraft. There will be a page before the training to alert everyone to the event. This training will most likely be done at the airport in the morning when it is cooler. Call or email Scott Clemans ([sbclemans@earthlink.net](mailto:sbclemans@earthlink.net)) if you have questions. Hope to see you there...

## EMPLOYEES COMBINED APPEAL PROGRAM

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

We need a couple SARA members and DIVERS to assist with two ECAP kick-offs. The Employees Combined Appeal Program (ECAP) is United Way for Pima County and Tucson City government employees. SARA and the DIVERS receive ECAP donations. The City of Tucson kicks off its ECAP 1000-1100 on Wednesday, September 8, at the Community Resource Campus (i.e., The United Way offices), 310 North Commerce Loop. Gary Copus and Rob Offerle will set up the SARA & DIVERS displays. We desire a couple of additional SARA members and DIVERS to help out. The Pima County ECAP kick-off is 1000 to 1330, the following Wednesday, September 15, at the Pima Air & Space Museum. Again, Gary Copus and Rob Offerle will be there, and we could use a few additional members. DIVERS and SARA members please contact Rob Offerle, [rofferle@juno.com](mailto:rofferle@juno.com), 318-9710.

## BUILDING FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

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

George Herget is looking for more golfers for foursomes for the tournament on 18 September. More foursomes are needed soon or the event will be cancelled. Brochures are available in pdf format at [http://www.sarci.org/2004\\_Golf.pdf](http://www.sarci.org/2004_Golf.pdf). In addition, there is no limit to the number of hole sponsorships available. I encourage you to pick up a brochure and drop it off with your employer. If no one there golfs, perhaps they'll sponsor a hole (\$100).

Community Outdoor Safety Day (23 October) planning is also progressing. Join the committee in person or virtually (see below) and find out what's going on and how you can help out.


The Building Fund Raising Committee is seeking volunteers to help in general and with specific assigned tasks of more limited duration ranging from a few minutes to a few hours. These include data gathering and follow up with donors. If you're interested in finding out more, send your email address to [records@sarci.org](mailto:records@sarci.org) and request to be added to the news group where you'll see our regular "traffic" of correspondence. Our meetings are announced through this venue (and in the Newsletter when possible). We encourage all members to help, but are interested in involving especially those who may no longer be field qualified and are looking for a way to continue to contribute time to SARA.

## CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Mykle Raymond, 793-2303, [SARnews@sarci.org](mailto:SARnews@sarci.org)

<b>Call</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Hrs</b>	<b>Problem</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Resources</b>	
<b>4.041</b>	<b>040723</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Female hiker, knee problem</b>	<b>Butterfly Trail</b>	<b>MLFD</b>
15:15 – 16:30 A female hiker with a knee problem was reported on the Butterfly Trail near Novio Spring. Mt. Lemmon Fire found the patient close to the Soldier's Camp trailhead and evacuated her without problems.							
<b>4.042</b>	<b>040731</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37ym leg injury</b>	<b>Tanque Verde Falls</b>	<b>RMFD</b>
11:50 – 15:20 A male jumped into a pool in Tanque Verde Creek (upstream from the Turkey Falls). The water was not as deep as he expected. He was evacuated by stokes up the Main Trail.							
<b>4.043</b>	<b>040801</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>Vehicle rollover</b>	<b>Chivo Falls, Chute route</b>	<b>RMFD</b>
19:20 – 22:40 A 4WD vehicle rolled in the Chute on the first route into Chivo Falls. A female passenger was reported to be injured. Rural Metro got Brush 72 down to the top of the Chute. They walked down, located and packaged the patient, carrying her by stokes back to the truck. The driver was also evaluated, and he appeared to have more serious injuries, so he also was packaged. Ranger landed by the main road due to darkness. Both patients were transported 3/4 mile up to the main road in Rescue-3, with assistance from rescue people scouting the best route along the rocky road.							
<b>4.044</b>	<b>040803</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16y Fisherman drowned</b>	<b>Lakeside Park</b>	<b>TFD TPD</b>
22:40 – 01:00 A 16y male was fishing with friends and family in Lakeside Park, on Stella east of Pantano. He entered the water to free a stuck fishing line, and was last seen while returning to shore. TFD searched with firemen wading and from a boat, then requested divers. Several points-last-seen were evaluated, resulting in a relatively small search area. The first team located the body as they turned for their second sweep.							
<b>4.045</b>	<b>040808</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Body recovery</b>	<b>Empirita Ranch, Empire Mtns.</b>	
12:10 – 14:50 People from BLM located human remains near Bootlegger Well in Cienega Creek. They reported their find to the Empirita Ranch, who called the Sheriff. GPS coordinates guided a deputy to the scene, and determined that the old road up the wash was not passable. SAR was requested to assist with recovering the remains.							
<b>4.046</b>	<b>040808</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Injured quad rider</b>	<b>Redington Pass.</b>	<b>R52 RMFD</b>
While the previous call was being organized, a quad rider was reported injured in Redington Pass near Piety Hill about 15 miles from the end of the pavement. RMFD and Ranger 52 responded, and requested SAR assistance. The patient was evacuated by helicopter with minimal help.							
<b>4.047</b>	<b>040809</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Dehydrated hiker</b>	<b>Pontatoc Ridge Trail</b>	
14:50 – 16:10 A 45ym hiker on the Pontatoc Ridge Trail called by cellphone to report that he was out of water, lightheaded, and unsure of the trail back to the parking lot. A deputy reached him about 1/2 mile from the road, and was shortly joined by SAR volunteers. He was rehydrated and escorted out of the wilderness.							
<b>4.048</b>	<b>040810</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Hikers missing</b>	<b>Bear Canyon Trail</b>	
18:30 – 18:50 13 & 14 y male hikers were reported missing on the 7-Falls Trail. Another report suggested that one might be ill and sitting along trail. A deputy found them along the road. Another two from the same group were then reported to be overdue. They were found further along the road. All were returned to the parking lot.							
<b>4.049</b>	<b>040813</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Evidence Search with dog</b>	<b>Harrison north of Irvington</b>	<b>TPD</b>
11:15 – 12:25 TPD requested cadaver dogs to search a property where bodies were reported to have been buried. One dog was available to look around for a couple of hours during the heat of the day, while access to the property was available.							
<b>4.050</b>	<b>040814</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>Ill equipped hikers</b>	<b>West end Wilderness of Rocks</b>	
19:35 – 02:30 Two hikers were ill equipped, and ran out of water when their trip took longer than expected, and it was getting dark. They had gone down the Lemmon Rock and Wilderness of Rocks trails. They reached the Mt. Lemmon Trail after being delayed for several hours while losing the trail due to the Aspen Fire. Teams met them above the junction and walked them out without problem.							
<b>4.051</b>	<b>040818</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>11yf missing, autistic</b>	<b>Duval Mine Rd, Green Valley</b>	<b>R52 SAV USBP</b>
08:25 – 12:40 A 11yf autistic was reported missing on Tuesday evening. Wednesday morning SAR resources were requested. She was reported to have left with a dog and a "fluffy" chicken. Ranger 52 covered the area from the air, SAV volunteers combed the neighborhood, and SAR teams worked the desert areas. She had walked about ten miles uphill to the west, over the tailings, and into a rural neighborhood. An unoccupied residence had a phone, but she didn't know where she was. 911 operators provided that information and she was shortly picked up, with dog and chicken.							

**2004 Totals:** People: 557 Hours: 2272 Hours per person: 4.1



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# SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Aug 30 . .	Aug 31 .	Sep 01 SARA Fund. Mtg.	Sep 02 .	Sep 03 SARA General Mtg.	Sep 04 SARA Training Stokes Technical SRDI Training	Sep 05 SRDI Training Chimney Rock
Sep 06 . .	Sep 07 SARA Training Mtg.	Sep 08 SRDI General Mtg.	Sep 09 Posse Board Mtg.	Sep 10 .	Sep 11 .	Sep 12 Diver Training Parker Canyon Lake
Sep 13 . .	Sep 14 .	Sep 15 SRDI Training SARA House	Sep 16 SARA Board Mtg.	Sep 17 .	Sep 18 SRDI Training Posse Gymkanna SARA Golf Tourney	Sep 19 Diver Training Arivaca Lake SRDI Training
Sep 20 . .	Sep 21 .	Sep 22 SRDI Training Mtg.	Sep 23 Posse Gen. Mtg.	Sep 24 .	Sep 25 OEC Refresher	Sep 26 .
Sep 27 . .	Sep 28 .	Sep 29 .	Sep 30 .	Oct 01 SARA General Mtg.	Oct 02 SARA Training Pick Offs	Oct 03 .
Oct 04 . .	Oct 05 .	Oct 06 .	Oct 07 .	Oct 08 .	Oct 09 .	Oct 10 Divers Training
Oct 11 . .	Oct 12 .	Oct 13 .	Oct 14 .	Oct 15 SRDI Yard Sale	Oct 16 SARA MRA Recert Technical SRDI Yard Sale	Oct 17 SRDI Yard Sale
Oct 18 . .	Oct 19 .	Oct 20 SRDI Meeting	Oct 21 SARA Board	Oct 22 .	Oct 23 SARA Community Outdoor Safety Day	Oct 24 .
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Nov 01 . .	Nov 02 .	Nov 03 .	Nov 04 .	Nov 05 SARA General Mtg.	Nov 06 SARA Training Mine Rescue	Nov 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  
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 Sunday 15:30-18:00, details inside

### **SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS**

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