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ANNUAL ELKS AWARD

by Joe Barr, records@sarci.org

Each year (since 1988) the Elks lodge (B.P.O.E. No.385) offers recognition of an outstanding local search and rescue volunteer. This has been a wonderful opportunity to recognize folks who have generously devoted hours of volunteer service to the community.

At this time the Elks are seeking our nominations of suitable candidates. A nomination letter detailing the accomplishments and qualifications of your nominee should be sent before January 5th to Sam Bass (k70mr@cox.net, 747-8903).

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

DIVER'S CALENDAR

<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>09:00, Sun</u>	Altitude Tables	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Jan 9</u>	<u>08:30, Sun</u>	Ft. Lowell Pool	Ft. Lowell Pool

New Board is in place and the current Board members are: President: Richard Kunz, Vice President: Rob Offerle, Secretary: Fran Kunz, Treasurer: Joe Barr, Members-at-Large: Ray Gundy and John Millard. We are looking forward to the start of another year. December's training will be on Altitude Tables and will be held at the SARA House. January's training will be at Ft. Lowell Pool and will include swim qualifications and beginning pool work. Also, welcome to new members Robert and Jennifer Neto.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Amy Marble, k9@sarci.org

SRDI CALENDAR

<u>Dec 01</u>	<u>19:00 Wed</u>	Board Meeting	Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway
<u>Dec 04/05</u>	<u>09:00 Sat-Sun</u>	Public Relations	Catalina Crafters, River Center (NE corner of River/Craycroft). Demos at 10:00, 12:00, 14:00, 16:00, and Maybe 17:30. Contact Amy Marble with questions
<u>Dec 08</u>	<u>19:00 Wed</u>	General Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Dec 15</u>	<u>18:00 Wed</u>	Training/Christmas Tree Setup	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft – If bring dogs, will run problems in house and walk-aways
<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>11:00 Sun</u>	SRDI Christmas Party	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft. We'll eat at 14:00. Lots of games and food and gift exchange (\$20 max)
<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>19:00 Wed</u>	Training Committee Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>18:30 Thurs</u>	Technical Work/Training	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft. Contact Jason Merrell with questions

We are pleased to announce that Jennifer Arnold and her border collie, Trouble, passed the basic tracking test in October. Look for them in the field. We are also excited to welcome two new candidates to the group: Pam Johnson and Debbie Evans.

Thanks to everyone who donated items, helped clean the SARA House yard and bought items at the SRDI Yard sale! This was definitely one of the best ever!

To all dog handlers and assists, make sure Vi has checked your dog/assist log. You must keep it up-to-date otherwise you may not be allowed to participate in the trainings.

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 trainings, 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

POSSE CALENDAR

<u>Dec 04</u>	<u>18:00 Sat</u>	Holiday Party	Old Spanish Trail steak house. Mark your calendars
<u>Dec 06</u>	<u>19:00 Thurs</u>	Board Meeting	Sub-station 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway

There will be no general meeting or Gymkhana in December. The Posse would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season.

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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SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA CALENDAR

<u>Dec 03</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Dec 04</u>	<u>09:00 Sat</u>	SARA Monthly Training	Location: HIDTA Training Facility, south end of Rita Rd.
<u>Dec 11</u>	<u>18:30 Sat</u>	1st Special Response Group	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>19:00 Thurs</u>	SARA Board Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Jan 07</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft
<u>Jan 08</u>	<u>09:00 Sat</u>	SARA Monthly Training	Location: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

1st SPECIAL RESPONSE GROUP PRESENTATION

by Walter Pickett, WPick87506@aol.com

David Kovar will make a presentation about the 1st Special Response Group. 1SRG is an all volunteer, completely non-profit international response SAR organization with members all over the United States and several in Canada and Mexico. In addition to SAR services, 1SRG offers international training and program development in an effort to reduce the need for international response by enabling local resources to successfully manage their own SAR events. 1SRG has successfully deployed to places such as Fiji, Mexico, Peru, and Tajikistan using members drawn from teams much like SARA. 1SRG is an associate member of the MRA.

TUCSON FOR TUCSON RAFFLE

by John Perchorowicz, RCT2JTP@aol.com

You may have thought the recent SARA raffle had terrific prizes, well check out the Tucson for Tucson raffle sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Southern Arizona! The goal is to raise \$1 million for Tucson charities. SARA has been signed up. Prizes include a new '05 Hyundai Tucson, tickets to the Fiesta Bowl, UA Season Basketball tickets, Notre Dame vs USC tickets (including air and hotel), a Mexican Riviera Cruise plus each ticket has discount coupons to Metro Restaurants. Anyone can enter the raffle by sending a check for \$25 per ticket made out to SARA (Note Tucson for Tucson on the check) to the SARA mailing address or by dropping it off in the fund raising box at the SARA House between now and the end of March 2005. Tickets will be sent out by return mail. All of the proceeds from contributions sent to SARA remain w/SARA.

SARA TRAINING

by Brian Duffy, bduffy@email.arizona.edu

Subject:	Rope Ascending/Descending Systems
Date:	December 4 th
Location:	HIDTA Training Facility
Time:	08:00 (Instructors), 09:00 (All Members)
Rendezvous:	Outside the HIDTA facility at the end of S.Rita Road. 0800 for instructors. 0900 for all members wishing to attend training. Please be prompt, this is a controlled access facility and the gate will be unlocked only long enough to bring our people into the facility.
Principal Instructor:	Cathy Wasmann
Description:	This training is for all SARA members and candidates interested in learning about rope ascending/descending equipment and techniques. Helmets are mandatory for anyone near the tower. Bring your technical equipment. Anyone interested in learning to size and tie personal Purcell Prusiks should bring 10 meters (33 ft) of 6mm accessory cord.

The Monthly Training for January 2005 will be conducted on January 8th. It will consist of two unrelated subjects that will be conducted at different times on January 8th, to allow participation in both trainings.

Subject: An Introduction to New Technical Equipment
Location: SARA House
Rendezvous: 09:00
Description: This training is to afford all SARA members and candidates the opportunity to learn how to use technical rescue equipment like the Baumann Bag, the new Rescue Harness (in Rescue 3) and the Haul in the Bag. If you don't know what I'm talking about, you really should be there?.

Subject: Map and Compass aka Land Navigation
Location: TBA
Rendezvous: 13:00
Description: This class is primarily for candidates who need this training to be signed off on their Orange Card. However it is useful for all members desiring to refresh or improve their map reading and navigation skills.

Member Advocates

by Manny Montano, desertbear@att.net

Manny Tehran's "Orange Card" was presented to the Board of Directors for a vote at the November meeting by the Member Advocates. He was approved by the Board for "Orange Shirt" status. Please join us in congratulating Manny T. on his accomplishment in becoming an "Orange Shirt."

Thanks to all for continuing to use saramembership@sarci.org for any SARA membership inquiries. The inquiries come directly to the Member Advocates and we send out Board approved application, selection, and training information.

As always, feel free to contact any Member Advocate (Manny Montano, desertbear@att.net, Deb Heilig, dheilig@cox.net, and Elizabeth Graff robbgraff@cs.com). Your friendly neighborhood Member Advocates at work. SARA, not a job, but an adventure!



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CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Mykle Raymond, 793-2303, SARnews@sarci.org

Call	Date	#	Hrs.	Problem	Location	Resources
4.069	41026			3?y male stranded hiker	Agua Calente Hill	
<p>A hiker was intending to hike Agua Calente canyon, but was unsure of the location and area. He ended up in a unnamed canyon on the side of Agua Calente Hill at the top of a waterfall, and his dog was exhausted. He called for help on his cell phone reporting his situation, and that he could see a parking lot. After some confusion the parking lot was determined to be the trailhead for Agua Calente Peak. Subject was in good shape when we reached him although he was out of water. His dog needed water also and an oatmeal cookie before having the energy needed to hike out.</p>						
4.070	41029			Injured Hunter	Catalina Highway MP 3.5 R52	
4.071	41029			3 lost hikers	Lower Bear Canyon, Cat. R52	
4.072	41029			2 lost hikers	Finger Rock Canyon, Cat.	
<p>Two lightly equipped hikers left the Finger Rock trailhead at 3PM to go to Finger Rock. During their descent, they missed the route and ended up in the canyon bottom below Linda Vista, at the start of the rough section of the canyon. They only had one light. DPS Ranger located them, but due to the rock walls was unable to provide assistance at the scene. They did the next best thing - gave us the GPS location. Five SARA members hiked up the trail; three dropped into the bottom of the canyon at the bend before the Linda Vista drainage, and joined the hikers in a difficult cliffy area in the bottom. They assisted them back up the canyon and then back up to the trail. Everyone was out by 5:30AM Saturday.</p>						
4.073	41105			2 horse riders	Baby Jesus Trail	R52
4.074	41120			Injured female	Phone Line Trail, Catalinas	



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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>Nov 29</i> . .	<i>Nov 30</i> .	<i>Dec 01</i> . SRDI Board Mtg	<i>Dec 02</i> .	<i>Dec 03</i> . SARA General Mtg.	<i>Dec 04</i> . Posse Party SARA Training SRT Systems	<i>Dec 05</i> .
<i>Dec 06</i> . .	<i>Dec 07</i> .	<i>Dec 08</i> . SRDI Training	<i>Dec 09</i> . Posse Board	<i>Dec 10</i> .	<i>Dec 11</i> .	<i>Dec 12</i> . Divers Meeting SARA House
<i>Dec 13</i> . .	<i>Dec 14</i> .	<i>Dec 15</i> . SRDI Meeting	<i>Dec 16</i> . SARA Board Mtg.	<i>Dec 17</i> .	<i>Dec 18</i> .	<i>Dec 19</i> . SRDI Training
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<i>Dec 27</i> . .	<i>Dec 28</i> .	<i>Dec 29</i> .	<i>Dec 30</i> .	<i>Dec 31</i> .	<i>Jan 01</i> .	<i>Jan 02</i> .
<i>Jan 03</i> . .	<i>Jan 04</i> .	<i>Jan 05</i> . SRDI Board Mtg.	<i>Jan 06</i> .	<i>Jan 07</i> . SARA General Mtg.	<i>Jan 08</i> . SRDI Training SARA Training Tech. Etc.	<i>Jan 09</i> .
<i>Jan 10</i> . .	<i>Jan 11</i> .	<i>Jan 12</i> .	<i>Jan 13</i> . Posse Board	<i>Jan 14</i> .	<i>Jan 15</i> .	<i>Jan 16</i> .
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