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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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### SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

by Mykle Raymond, [sarnews@sarci.org](mailto:sarnews@sarci.org)

The SARCI Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of January, April, July, and October.

### SARCI Records

by Joe Barr, [records@sarci2.org](mailto:records@sarci2.org)

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## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Fran Kunz, 886-2216, [divers@sarci2.org](mailto:divers@sarci2.org)

### DIVER'S CALENDAR

Feb 12    08:30 Sun                      **Ft. Lowell Pool**                      Ft. Lowell Pool

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Paul Cartter, [kd7bib@earthlink.net](mailto:kd7bib@earthlink.net)

Bow Wow from the SRDI folks. We have a new Cadaver Dog, Trouble and Jennifer Arnold and an Air Scent Dog, Shelby and Kim Leeder that are mission ready. New SRDI board elected with Kim Leeder as President, Paul Cartter as "Vice" !!!!, Diana Arnold as Treasurer, Vi Brown as Trainer, MaryAnn Mott as Secretary and Karen Paquette as Member at Large. As always, all SARCI people are welcome to our trainings. Call Paul or Vi for Training update as to where we might be. A special Safety note to all, Watch when backing up as a child or dog may be behind you, they don't always move when the vehicle starts. I trapped SallyMae's head under a tire last Saturday but she is OK. At the time I did not think she would make it. Be Careful.

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

by Robert McCord, [cap@sarci2.org](mailto:cap@sarci2.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, [posse6@sarci2.org](mailto:posse6@sarci2.org)

### POSSE CALENDAR

<u>Feb 09</u>	<u>19:00 Thurs</u>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>12:00 Sun</u>	<b>Gymkhana</b>	Vail Arena
<u>Feb 23</u>	<u>07:00 Thurs</u>	<b>Rodeo Parade</b>	Tucson Rodeo Grounds

Attention: All members must attend the Rodeo Parade. Be at the Rodeo Grounds before 07:00. The General Meeting will be held after the parade.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

### SARA CALENDAR

<u>Feb 03</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	<b>SARA Monthly Meeting</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Feb 04</u>	<u>08:00 Sat</u>	<b>Training – Winter Skills</b>	Rdv Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Feb 16</u>	<u>19:00 Thurs</u>	<b>SARA Board Meeting</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Feb 18</u>	<u>09:00 Sat</u>	<b>Basic I</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	<b>Basic II</b>	Location: TBA
<u>Feb 25-26</u>	<u>09:00 Sat-Sun</u>	<b>Basic III</b>	Location: TBA

### OEC REFRESHER

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

There is a new price for your three-year OEC card. The new cost is now \$50.00. If you will need a new card this year, please plan on bringing your check to the refresher of choice. Please fill out the form for your NEW OEC card, and attach your check thereto. Please make your check payable to "National Ski Patrol". This will serve as your receipt once the check is cashed.

Mark your calendar with the following dates for this year's Cycle B refresher. Saturday August 19th, 2006 will be the first date. Sunday September 17th, 2006 will be the second date. Starting time will be at 8 am at the SARA House.

### 2006 MRA CONFERENCE

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

The team members of the Marin County Search & Rescue and Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) will be hosting the 2006 MRA Conference during from June 15–18, 2006 at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, California. The conference will feature an expanded schedule of outdoor Search and Rescue (SAR) exhibitions in conjunction with the annual Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) conference. See <http://www.marinsar.org/MRAconf/home.htm> for more information.

### SARA TRAINING

by Brian Duffy, [bduffy@email.arizona.edu](mailto:bduffy@email.arizona.edu)

Subject: Winter Orientation and low angle evacuation

Date: Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Rendezvous: 08:00 Substation 106, Catalina and Tanque Verde Hwy

Instructor: Rich Giachetti

Equipment: 24hour field pack appropriate for the season

Description: Winter Orientation Training is based on the National Ski Patrol's Mountain Travel and Rescue course. It is tailored to the southern Arizona environment that we live and work in. Its purpose is two fold: 1) Give our members practical experience in the conduct of rescue operations in cold weather, particularly in the areas of patient management and team welfare. 2) An opportunity to practice personal bivouac skills, spend the night living out of their 24 hour pack, and/or discover what they need in their 24 hour pack for rescue operations in the mountains of southern Arizona during the winter season.

This year the training will consist of two sessions. The first, a classroom session will be conducted at the SARA House on Thursday January 26th beginning at 7pm. At this session we will discuss common cold related injuries and their symptoms and review recommended equipment.

The field session will be conducted in the Catalina Mountains. The field session will consist of a mock rescue scenario with a technical low angle slope evacuation similar to the MRA Winter Skills recertification. This training exercise will be followed by an optional overnight bivouac on Mount Bigelow.

## BASIC TRAINING

by Henry Jacobs, [hjacob@bblabs.net](mailto:hjacobs@bblabs.net)

The following is the current schedule of Basic Training events through March of next year.

18 Feb 09:00 SARA Basic I, SARA House  
19 Feb 09:00 SARA Basic II, Location TBD  
25 Feb 09:00 SARA Basic III two days w/ overnight until 26 Feb at 17:00, Location TBD  
11 Mar 09:00 SARA Basic IV and Field Skills Recert, Location TBD

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SARA BASIC TRAINING

18-19 Feb, 25-26 Feb, and 11 March

Contact Henry Jacobs or Rich Giachetti

Volunteers are needed to assist in our annual SARA Basic Training. Our training next year will be conducted between January 28th and March 11th. We especially need people to help with Basic III, which will be a two day training with an overnight, and will emphasize technical skills. We can especially use SARA Orange Shirts who have attended the Orientation on December 12th, 2005, but everyone is welcome to come and help out. Basic I will be at the SARA House, the other sessions will be in the field, location TBD.

## CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Mykle Raymond, [sarnews@sarci2.org](mailto:sarnews@sarci2.org)

<i>Call</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i># Hrs</i>	<i>Problem</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Resources</i>
<b>5.087</b>	<b>051219 Mon</b>	<b>6 6</b>	<b>21yf hiker overdue</b>	<b>Pima Canyon, Catalinas</b>	<b>TucsonRanger</b>
19:23 – 20:10 A female hiker was reported overdue in Pima Canyon, with her car at the trailhead. Shortly after Ranger flew up canyon, a cellphone call reported that she was fine. Deputies and family waited at the trailhead for about 30 minutes, greeting the hiker and her boyfriend as they returned from their “sunset-watching”.					
<b>5.088</b>	<b>051225 Sun</b>	<b>12 55</b>	<b>27ym hiker ankle injury</b>	<b>Romero Canyon Trail, Catalinas</b>	
13:58 – 19:07 A hiker fractured his ankle at the top of the main switchbacks on the Romero Canyon Trail. The trail condition has deteriorated to the point where it was not safe to ride the patient on a mule. He was carried by litter to the trailhead.					
<b>5.089</b>	<b>051226 Mon</b>	<b>15 53</b>	<b>40ym missing</b>	<b>Sahuarita</b>	<b>Survey1</b>
12:21 – 16:37 A 40ym with the mental capacity of a child was missing in open desert near his residence. He walks in the area daily with family, but became separated from them. One of the family pointed out the point-last-seen, track was followed east along an old road and beyond the end into brush. As the tracks were being sorted out and continuing east along another road, the subject was picked up by his brother along Wilmot, a mile further east.					
<b>5.090</b>	<b>051228 Wed</b>	<b>15 54</b>	<b>13yf missing</b>	<b>Elephant Head</b>	<b>BP-L35W, Survey1</b>
16:22 – 20:02 A 13yf with an attention deficit disorder was missing from her residence in the Elephant Head area. A Border Patrol canine team was following tracks from the residence to the west into the Canoa Ranch, a large area managed by Parks & Recreation. SAR teams were working into the area while a Border Patrol helicopter covered the area, then replaced by the Survey1 aircraft. A nearby resident reported seeing a subject matching the description near the Canoa Interchange on I-19, about three miles from home. Survey1 spotted a subject nearby with their infrared camera, ducking into a culvert. They directed a deputy to that location and found the girl in good condition.					
<b>5.091</b>	<b>051231 Sat</b>	<b>11 37</b>	<b>53ym hiker overdue</b>	<b>Box Camp Trail, Catalinas</b>	<b>TucsonRanger</b>
18:00 – 22:03 A hiker started down the Box Camp Trail about 11:00, was unable to follow the frequently overgrown trail, so continued bushwhacking his way down into Sabino Basin while backtracking to get around cliffs and waterfalls. He arrived at Pine Creek Crossing about dark, and not seeing the trails, continued downstream. A hole scraped from the sand provided some shelter from night breezes, and he settled in to spend the night, not expecting anyone to be looking for him. A ground team arrived at the old Radio Relay point as Tucson Ranger flew over. The hiker used the flash on his camera to signal his location, and the helicopter provided lighting as the team headed downstream from the trail. He was in good condition and the hike out was uneventful.					
<b>2005 Totals:</b> People: 984 Hours: 3580 Hours per person: 3.6					

**6.001 060101 Sun 8 8 Hikers without lights after dark Esperero Trail, Catalinas TucsonRanger**  
19:01 – 19:54 Hikers coming down Esperero Trail reported two ill equipped hikers heading up trail near sundown, and one headed back up trail to assist. Tucson Ranger spotted the pair above “Cardiac Gap”, provided light to get them to the saddle, then landed and picked up the Japanese daughter and father.

**6.002 060102 Mon 15 15 ??ym hiker fainted, ankle injury Douglas Spring Trail, Rincons NPS, RM73**  
12:24 – 13:10 A male hiker fainted and injured his ankle on the Douglas Spring Trail, near the sign-in post at the Garwood junction. He was assisted to the trailhead without difficulty.

**6.003 060102 Mon 18 73 22ym fall victim**                      **7 Falls, Bear Canyon, Catalinas**                      **TucsonRanger AE20 RM**  
14:26 – 18:40    A 22y male was climbing the east slope at the very bottom of 7 Falls, then fell about 30' sustaining several significant injuries. Tucson Ranger dropped off two people at the first pool, then returned to configure for short-haul. Two off-duty DPS medics responded to handle spotter duties. SAR people arrived by ground, assisting with treatment and packaging. The patient and medic were short-hauled to the Sabino Helispot (Overlook Picnic area) where AirEvac 20 was waiting to transport to UMC.

**6.004 060108 Sun 8 29 Body recovery**                      **McGee Ranch Road, Sierritas**  
15:35 – 18:54    A UDA was shot by his coyote during an argument. The victim walked up onto a nearby ridge before collapsing. PCSD detectives processed the scene, then SAR carried the body about 0.5 miles down a drainage to the road.

**6.005 060110 Tue 13 41 80yf hiker exhausted**                      **Sycamore Basin Trail, Catalinas**                      **RM72**  
12:34 – 16:43    An 80yf hiker was recovering from pneumonia and thought she could handle a hike with her group to Sycamore Reservoir. She collapsed about half-way back up to the saddle, and was carried by litter back to "Gordon's Place" (Gordon Hirabayashi Recreation Site, or Prison Camp to you ole-timers).

**6.006 060115 Sun 9 9 ??ym ATV rollover**                      **Chivo Falls Trail 4417, Rincons**                      **TucsonRanger RM72**  
(15:08) - 15:12 – 15:43    An ATV crashed in Redington Pass. SAR was on standby in case the scene was not accessible by Rural Fire. As more info became available, SAR was requested. Tucson Ranger, Rural, and USFS arrived at the scene at about the same time, near the "Chutes", and handled the call without SAR assistance.

**6.007 060120 Fri 5 5 70ym hiker overdue**                      **Finger Rock Trail, Catalinas**                      **Survey1**  
19:01 – 19:57    A 70ym from out-of-town went for a hike about 09:00, but didn't say where he was going. The family found his vehicle nearby at the Finger Rock Trailhead. A hiker reported someone roughly matching his description coming down Pontatoc Ridge, so initial teams headed that way. The hiker was found at the trail junction above the end of the road. He had climbed Kimball, became disoriented at the nearby non-junction (sound familiar?), went down the wrong trail to Pima Saddle, then climbed back up Kimball and found the Finger Rock Trail. He was not equipped for cold or dark.

**6.008 060122 Sun 9 27 14yf ankle injury**                      **7 Falls, Bear Canyon, Catalinas**                      **TucsonRanger**  
13:55 – 16:42    A 14yf was wearing poor "shoes" for scampering around 7 Falls, slipped and fell 20' into the water, feet first. Initial information just mentioned the ankle injury, so initial teams were lightly equipped. As witnesses were encountered along the trail, the fall became a concern, and later teams carried more gear while Tucson Ranger was requested. The helicopter landed at the first pool with the patient nearby, as initial teams were arriving. Her ankle was found to be slightly deformed, but had no further injuries. She was flown to the trailhead and transported by RM873.

**2006 Totals:**    People: 85            Hours: 207            Hours per person: 2.4



**PINE PIG  
RESCUE**

**Bob Brantley**    In Arizona Call: **Dave Brown**  
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## SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jan 30 .	Jan 31 .	Feb 01 SRDI Board Mtg	Feb 02 .	Feb 03 SARA General Mtg	Feb 04 SARA Training Winter Skills	Feb 05 SRDI Training
Feb 06 .	Feb 07 .	Feb 08 SRDI General Mtg	Feb 09 Posse Board Mtg SARA Fundraising Mtg	Feb 10 .	Feb 11 .	Feb 12 Divers Training
Feb 13 .	Feb 14 .	Feb 15 .	Feb 16 SARA Board Mtg	Feb 17 .	Feb 18 SARA Basic 1	Feb 19 SRDI Training Posse Gymkanna SARA Basic 2
Feb 20 .	Feb 21 .	Feb 22 SRDI Training	Feb 23 Posse Rodeo Parade	Feb 24 .	Feb 25 SARA Basic 3	Feb 26 SARA Basic 3
Feb 27 .	Feb 28 SARA Basic 4 Practice Session	Mar 01 SRDI Board Mtg	Mar 02 .	Mar 03 SARA General Mtg	Mar 04 SARA Training TV Falls Tech	Mar 05 SRDI Training
Mar 06 .	Mar 07 SARA Basic 4 Parctice Session	Mar 08 SRDI General Mtg	Mar 09 Posse Board Mtg	Mar 10 .	Mar 11 SARA Basic 4	Mar 12 Divers Training
Mar 13 .	Mar 14 SARA OEC Class	Mar 15 SARA Fundraising Mtg	Mar 16 SARA Board Mtg	Mar 17 .	Mar 18 .	Mar 19 SRDI Training Posse Gymkanna
Mar 20 .	Mar 21 SARA OEC Class	Mar 22 SRDI Training	Mar 23 SARA OEC Class Posse General Mtg	Mar 24 .	Mar 25 .	Mar 26 .
Mar 27 .	Mar 28 .SARA OEC Class	Mar 29 .	Mar 30 SARA OEC Class	Mar 31 .	Apr 01 SARA OEC CPR Class	Apr 02 SRDI Training
Apr 03 .	Apr 04 SARA OEC Class	Apr 05 SRDI Board Mtg	Apr 06 .	Apr 07 SARA General Mtg	Apr 08 SARA Training TBA	Apr 09 Divers Training



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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**

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

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