





**APRIL 2006** 

# TUCSON, ARIZONA

# SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL http://www.sarci.org

## SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

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

## CRAYCROFT ROAD UPDATE

The Craycroft Road widening project will soon close the Craycroft entrance to the SARA House for several weeks while the driveway is reconstructed with a wash crossing. The only access to the SARA House neighborhood will be the River Road entrance. We strongly recommend **NO LEFT TURNS** either from or to River Road. Please plan your route to use **RIGHT TURNS ONLY** and to approach on eastbound River, and to exit on eastbound River. **Be very cautious and aware of the major intersection nearby at River and Craycroft**.

# PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

## **DIVER'S CALENDAR**

Apr 09	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Search Patterns - Lakeside Lake	Kunz's@ 0830
May 21	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Search Patterns - Patagonia Lake	Kunz's@0730[Note change indate]

March's training was held at Black Mountain Reservoir. April's training will be held at Lakeside Lake where we will work on patterns, with continued emphasis on setting up and executing search patterns. All types of patterns will be covered for particular conditions including the Vohland Bar. Meet at Kunz's at 0830 to load gear and travel to Lakeside. May's training will continue with search patterns starting at the swim beach at Patagonia Lake. This will be an introduction into limited visibility searches. **Please note the change in date due to Mother's Day.** 

# PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

#### POSSE CALENDAR

<u>Apr 13</u>	19:00 Thurs	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>12:00 Sun</u>	Gymkhana	Vail Arena
<u>Apr 27</u>	19:00 Thurs	<b>General Meeting</b>	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Agenda: Apr 8 Posse Trail Orientation Ride. Rendezvous is at Davidson Rd. and Sahaurita Mountain Rd. (Vail). In saddle by 9:30 a.m., ride approx. 3 hrs in the foot hills of Santa Rita mountain. After which we will have lunch at Argenziano's Italian Restaurant at 1p.m. in Corona de Tucson. Invitation open to anyone in S&R with a horse or mule to join us.

FYI: The Sheriff's Posse won 1st place in the 2006 Tucson Rodeo Parade in the category of Western Riding Group.

O.E.C. has started. If SARA needs victims for class, let us know, we're always busting something up! And we're glad to help. Contact Simmons 400-1809 or see him in class.

We are always on the look out for new Posse members. Basic requirements: Be able to pass an extensive sheriff's background check. Own a mule or horse, have access to a horse trailer for transport. Call Bob Siegel 722-1358

Special Note: We regret to report that posse member Larry Cunningham's father passed away the second week in March.

# NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

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# CAP CALENDAR

Sundays 15:30-18:00 Location: Oro Valley Library

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

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# SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

# SRDI CALENDAR

<u>Apr 1-2</u>	09:00 Sat-Sun	Circle Training (skills refresher)	Gardner Canyon
<u>Apr 5</u>	<u>19:00 Wed</u>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Apr 8	11:00 Sat	PR: Adobe Vet Center	TBD
<u>Apr 12</u>	19:00 Wed	General Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Apr 19</u>	18:00 Wed	Night Training	Fort Lowell Park
<u>Apr 21-23</u>	<u>3 TBD Fri-Sun</u>	PR: Pima County Fair	County Fairgrounds
<u>Apr 22</u>	TBD Sat	PR: Veterinary Specialists of Tucson	4909 N La Canada
<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>10:00 Sun</u>	Regular Training	I-10 & 83 area
<u>Apr 26</u>	18:00 Wed	Training Meeting	Golden Corral (on 22nd)
<u>Apr 28-30</u>	) <u>TBD Fri-Sun</u>	PR: Pima County Fair	County Fairgrounds
<u>May 5</u>	<u>17:00 Fri</u>	PR: Sycamore Elementary	16701 S Houghton
<u>May 6-7</u>	10:00 Sat-Sun	Water Training	Parker Canyon Lake

Greetings from the dog team! April will be a busy month for the dogs; we have lots of PR opportunities coming up plus our usual training and meeting schedule. In the news, SRDI is happy to announce that Jennifer Arnold and Trouble (Border collie) have passed their Level 2 Cadaver test and are rapidly becoming a top cadaver duo. Meanwhile Tonya Moore and Hero (German shepherd), and Jason Merrell and Pyro (Queensland heeler) passed advanced obedience and are moving on towards tests in their respective disciplines, Air Scent and Cadaver.

We would also like to honor two retiring dogs: Patches and Sugar Bear. Patches (Queensland heeler), our senior and most experienced dog, is transitioning into retirement. Her handler, Vi Brown, continues as the team's Training Chairman. Sugar Bear (Border collie mix), winner of the "Cuddliest Tracking Dog" award, is also retiring but will remain with the team as a PR dog. Handler Jennifer Johnson will continue as one of the team's valued Assists.

All are welcome at our trainings, but please call ahead to confirm time and location. Call Vi at 762-0165 or Kim at 219-9906.

# SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

#### SARA CALENDAR

<u>Apr 05</u>	19:00 Wed	<b>Classroom:</b> Cave Rescue	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Apr 07</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Apr 08</u>	TBD Sat	Training: Cave Rescue	Rdv: TBD
<u>Apr 29</u>	TBD Sat	Field Skills Recert	Location TBD_

#### SARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES

Accepting nomination for open SARA Board of Directors positions. Current nominees are:

Frances Walker, Dr. Cathy Wasmann, Jim Holmes, Mike McAuley, Richard Kunz, and Scott Clemans.

Voting to take place at the April General Meeting.

## 2005-2006 SARA BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE

The results up to and including the March 2006 Board Meeting are (name, end of term, and attendance percentage):

Jennifer Jennings	2006	100%	Brian Duffy	2007	77%
Bill Florence	2007	100%	Rob Offerle	2007	100%
Dr. Cathy Wassman	2006	85%	Scott Clemens	2006	92%
Henry Scheiker	2007	92%	Mike Jennings	2007	100%
Richard Kunz	2006	100%			

## SARA FUNDRAISING

#### **IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT!**

The lease for the new building will come before the Pima County Board of Supervisors at their Tuesday, 4 April meeting. We wish to have a large contingent of Orange Shirts their in support. We will meet at 7:45 AM at the SARA House to carpool to the meeting. Please join us.

We have a contract in final form with a local architecture firm. We continue to interact with our donors and the political representatives including Pima County, the City of Tucson and Representative Grijalva and Kolbe's offices in our search for additional resources.

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#### SARA TRAINING

# Review of March Training:

The monthly training for March was both a Tanque Verde Falls Orientation and a Technical Rescue Practice. Mykle led a mixed group of members and candidates on an orientation of the Tanque Verde Falls area. This group then met up with a team of members led by Scotty Clemans to rig a lower system off the artificial anchor. The team then practiced stokes lower and raise with attendants in a low angle evacuation.

## April Monthly training:

Cave Rescue Date: 08 April 2006 Rendezvous: Check audix Instructor: Henry Schneiker Target Audience: All members and candidates

Cave Rescue training will be conducted in Peppersauce Cave on the north side of the Santa Catalinas. This training is especially relevant this year given our recent involvement in an actual cave rescue. We hope that the members who participated in the recent rescue will come out and pass along their knowledge and experience to the rest of the team.

Classroom training for cave rescue will be conducted at the SARA house on the Wednesday before the monthly training on 5 April 2006 at 7 pm at the SARA House\_

May Monthly Training

Subject: Swift Water Rescue Date: 06 May 06 Time: 08:00 Rendezvous: Oracle and Magee Rd Instructor: Richard Kunz Required equipment: Helmet. PFD.

Required equipment: Helmet, PFD, whistle, knife, suitable footwear. Recommend wearing a wetsuit. Some PFD's available thru SARA. Swim test is required and current for three years. Swim test will be scheduled to not interfere with OEC schedule.

#### **BASIC TRAINING**

#### by Henry Jacobs, <u>hjacobs @ bblabs.net</u>

Congratulations to SARA Candidates of the Class of 2006 who graduated from Basic IV on March 11th:

Chris Bonhorst	Eric Jacoby	Matthew Knatz	Andy Blatchford	Ryan Coykendall
Misty Navarro, M.D.	Mona Johnson	Vicki Omori	Jim Donovan	
Nikolas Greenson, M.D.	Dave Walton	Tina Blatchford	Phillip Pier	

Misty, Nik, Eric, Chris, and Mona already have their medical qualifications, and will begin responding to callouts immediately. Everyone else (including Clyde Pretti) is proceeding to OEC, and will be joining us in the field June. Please help these new folks to learn the ropes and feel at home as you encounter them.

Thanks to the following SARA members who were instrumental in making Basic Training possible this year:

John Gorski	Scott Clemans	Fran Kunz	Jane Larkindale	Marvin Stafford
Richard Kunz	Dr. Cathy Wasmann	Bill Kelleman	Steve Archibald	Tom Faulkner
Dale Mann	Dr. Lee Ryan	Jeff Mayhew	Mykle Raymond	Dan McPhedran
Henry Schneiker	Victor Braun	Jackie Marcus	Gary Copus	Dirk Harris
Rich Giachetti	Brian Duffy	Joe Barr	Frances Walker	Dep. Doug Myrvold



#### and reported someone stuck on the cliffs. TucsonRanger looked around without finding any problems, then cleared. Various other people had hiked towards the cliffs, without any means of communication. Attempts to call for any stranded people resulted in many

standing by near Ranger Base in case additional support was needed by air or ground.

#### 6.017 060227 Mon 11 30 Hikers lost, exhausted Lemmon Rock Trail, Catalinas

Two hikers from Boston hiked down Mt Lemmon Trail, across Wilderness of Rocks, then started up Lemmon Rock 17:06 - 19:37Trail before losing the trail. They were also tired from their hike, and were feeling the effects of the elevation since they had arrived the previous day and slept poorly. Deputy Brad made voice contact nearby from the Lookout, Posse made contact from the trail nearby and got them back on trail. Additional teams arrived, fed and watered the pair, then slowly escorted them up the trail.

Location

assistance from the helirappel team, and flew with one member to the scene. The patient was loaded into Ranger, who dumped their tech equipment and our member while configuring for the medical transport. Customs flew remaining people and equipment to their staging area just east of Onyx Cave in Gardner Canyon, then multiple helicopters returned everyone to Tucson. Other members were

between themselves until they reunited near the top. Several groups of people near the parking area thought they heard calls for help.

responses from other people. The two males were met as they returned to the bottom, figuring out that they may have been the source of the initial report. Finally, our people reached all of the people trying to help, so all would be quiet while we listened for anyone in

Melendrez Pass, Santa Ritas

Two males bushwhacked up Bushmaster Peak, just north of Gates Pass. They climbed separate routes, calling

#### 6.018 060302 Thu 8 8 54ym hiker exhausted Pusch Peak, Catalinas

10:31 - 11:52An overweight male was hiking with a group on the trails below the cliffs, from the Linda Vista Trailhead. He became exhausted and unable to continue. Rural Fire personnel figured out that he was closer to Calle Concordia, and reached the subject in a few minutes. As we arrived, he had rested and was able to walk slowly downtrail with assistance.

6.019 060308 Wed 12 32 26ym NPS Trailcrewman down Manning Camp Trail, Rincons NPS, Lifeline A trail crew was mobilizing to Manning Camp to start work rehabilitating a trail damaged by a fire a couple of years 12:29 - 15:06ago. One crewman was hiking in front of the string of mules, and was found lying unresponsive on the trail, about halfway between Grass Shack and Manning Camp. CPR was started immediately, and assistance requested by cellphone. People responded from Manning Camp, and we were prepared to head up from the Madrona Trailhead. TucsonRanger was not available, snow and rain showers were in the area, and a Lifeline helicopter located the scene and landed a couple hundred vards away. The crewman was

#### CCSO, CCSAR, BORSAR, FRYFD, 305<sup>th</sup>, TucsonRanger 6.020 060317 Fri 25 285 20ym caver fall victim Ft Huachuca

A 20ym was looking for a camera left on a prior trip and left his companions at the cave entrance. When he did not 04:03 - 19:37return, they requested help. The patient was located at the base of a drop at the back of the cave. Several agencies worked on the call, and requested our help about ten hours later. He was extricated from the cave and flown to basecamp about 24 hours after he fell. Significant assistance was provided by cavers from Sierra Vista and Tucson.

#### 0 0 ??vf fall victim 6.021 060317 Fri

**CALLOUT REVIEWS** 

**#Hrs** Problem

6.016 060226 Sun 11 17 Hiker stranded on cliff

trouble. None were heard, so we concluded the operation.

6.015 060223 Thu 5 9 Injured hunter

Call Date

16:57 - 19:33

13:45 - 15:48

Catalina State Park, Catalinas 14:02 - 14:44A female fall victim was reported. But she wasn't in the park, she was at the Catalina Rec Center needing transportation.

**2006 Totals:** People: 212 Hours: 859 Hours per person: 4.1

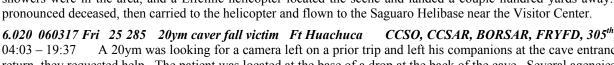




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#### Resources

#### Customs, TucsonRanger Customs located a male with a gunshot wound near Melendrez Pass and requested TucsonRanger. They requested



Bushmaster Peak, Gates Pass TucsonRanger, DrexelFD

RMFD

# SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mar 27	Mar 28 OEC Class	Mar 29	Mar 30 OEC Class	Mar 31	Apr 01 OEC CPR Class SRDI Training	Apr 02 SRDI Training
Apr 03	Apr 04 OEC Class	Apr 05 SRDI Board Mtg SARA Training Cave Rescue Classroom	Apr 06	Apr 07 SARA General Mtg	Apr 08 SRDI PR SARA Training Cave Rescue	<i>Apr 09</i> Divers Training
Apr 10	Apr 11 OEC Class	Apr 12 SRDI General Mtg	Apr 13 OEC Class Posse Board Mtg	Apr 14	Apr 15	<i>Apr 16</i> SRDI Training Posse Gymkanna
Apr 17	Apr 18 OEC Class	Apr 19 SARCI Gen Mtg SRDI Training	Apr 20 SARA Board Mtg	Apr 21 SRDI PR	Apr 22 SRDI PR OEC Field Day	Apr 23 SRDI Training
Apr 24	Apr 25 SARA OEC Class	Apr 26 SRDI Training Comm	Apr 27 Posse Gen Mtg	Apr 28 SRDI PR	<i>Apr 29</i> SRDI PR SARA Field Skills	Apr 30 SRDI PR
May 1	May 2 OEC Class	May 3 SRDI Board Mtg	May 4 OEC Class	May 5 SRDI PR SARA Gen Mtg	May 6 SRDI Training SARA Training Swiftwater	May 7 SRDI Training
May 8	May 9 OEC Class	May 10 SRDI General Mtg	May 11 OEC Class Posse Board Mtg	May 12	May 13	May 14 Divers Training
May 15	May 16 OEC Class	May 17	May 18 SARA Board Mtg	May 19	May 20 OEC Field Day	May 21 SRDI Training Posse Gymkanna
May 22	May 23 OEC Class	May 24 SRDI Training Comm	May 25 OEC Class Posse General Mtg	May 26	May 27	May 28
May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2 SARA General Mtg	June 3 SARA Training TBD	June 4 SRDI 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

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

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