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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.

### CRAYCROFT ROAD UPDATE

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The Craycroft Road widening project was expected to close the Craycroft entrance to the SARA House for several weeks while the driveway is reconstructed with a wash crossing. However, an adjacent bypass was constructed, so watch for changes in routing. Eventually, the River Road entrance is expected to close permanently. While it remains open, we strongly recommend NO LEFT TURNS either from or to River Road, while you are very cautious of the major intersection nearby at River and Craycroft.

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

### DIVER'S CALENDAR

May 21	0900 Sun	Lead Pouring Party - Kunz's	Kunz's @ 0900 [Note change in date]
June 10	0900 Sat	Diver's Demo	Embassy Suites @ Airport
June 11	0900 Sun	Search Patterns - Patagonia Lake	Kunz's @ 0730

April's training was held at Lakeside Lake where we search for planted items. May training will be used to make additional pivot weights for use in setting up patterns. **Please note the change in date for May's training due to Mother's Day.** June 10th will be a demonstration by Divers at the CAP AZ Wing Conference at Embassy Suite @ Airport. (More details to follow). June's monthly training will continue with search patterns starting at the swim beach at Patagonia Lake. This will be an introduction into limited visibility searches. Meet at Kunz's at 0730 to load gear and travel to Patagonia.

## 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

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Kim Leeder, [leederk@yahoo.com](mailto:leederk@yahoo.com)

### SRDI CALENDAR

May 05	17:00 Fri	PR: Sycamore Elementary School	16701 S Houghton
May 06	13:00 Sat	PR: Adobe Veterinary Center	TBD
May 13,14	10:00 Sat-Sun	Water Training	Parker Canyon Lake
May 17	18:00 Weds	Night Training	Michael Perry Park
May 21	09:00 Sun	Regular Training	Marshall Gulch
June 03-04	TBD Sat-Sun	Circle Training (rescheduled)	Gardner Canyon

Hello from the dog team! We are happy to announce that we have TWO newly certified Air Scent dog teams who passed their tests within the past month: Jason Merrell with Pyro, the mischievous but lovable Queensland heeler; and Tonya Moore with Hero the German shepherd dog. Coming soon to a callout near you! Also, Karen Paquette and Mati passed their endurance test and are moving on to their Air Scent certification test soon. As always, all are welcome at our trainings, but please email or call ahead to confirm time and location. Call Vi at 762-0165 or Kim at 219-9906.

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, [posse6@sarci2.org](mailto:posse6@sarci2.org)

### POSSE CALENDAR

No input for May

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

### SARA CALENDAR

<u>Apr 30</u>	<u>10:00 Sun</u>	<b>Swim Test</b>	Ft. Lowell Park Pool
<u>May 05</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>May 06</u>	<u>07:30 Sat</u>	<b>Training: Swift Water Rescue</b>	Rdv: Trader Joe's parking lot, Oracle and Magee
<u>Jun 02</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd

### DRAFT ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

At the April Annual Meeting, the membership elected four new board members to serve until April 2008. The new SARA board convened in the 'Board Room' of SARA House to select the officers for 2006-2007. The Southern Arizona Rescue Association officers and directors are:

#### OFFICERS

Richard Kunz (2008), President  
Brian Duffy (2007), Vice President  
Bill Florence (2007), Treasurer  
Rob Offerle (2007), Secretary

#### DIRECTORS\_

Henry Schneiker (2007)  
Mike Jennings (2007)  
Dr. Cathy Wasmann (2008)  
Frances Walker (2008)  
Jim Holmes (2008)

### GERMAN HIKER – APRIL 14, 1996

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

Dear SARA members,

Yesterday, on Good Friday, it was exactly ten years later, that I got cardiac problems while we, my wife Mechtild, our friend Michael, and I were hiking up the Pontotoc Trail in the Catalina Foothills. Michael ran down to the firemen station and called SARA. A short time after the first members of the team, Dr. Iserson was with them, arrived, I suffered a cardiac arrest. But the excellent aid of SARA brought me back to life. I awoke and felt a lady, Mary Lamb, holding my hand. First I spoke German, soon I switched to English. Dr. Iserson said: "He is here again!" I was told. The transport to the helicopter was exciting for me and very exacting for the team.

I was brought to UMC and had a cardiac surgery with a triple bypass. All went well and some weeks later I could visit your annual Meeting in May. The SARA button, which I got there, is still at my hat and the orange SARA t-shirt is still in use.

My wife and I fell very well. We are healthy (when we ignore smaller pain caused by age) and we are still active in life.

We think, specially in those days, very often and with great gratitude to you. You gave us ten years of my life and I hope some more in future.

With our best wishes to all of you,

Günther and Mechtild Fischer

**POOL SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

by Richard Kunz, [fkunz@cox.net](mailto:fkunz@cox.net)

In preparation for Swift Water Rescue training (see SARA TRAINING below), a pool session will be held:

April 30th @ 10:00 - 12:00

Ft. Lowell Park

Swim laps (every three years)

Tread Water

For OEC students - please review Water Rescue Techniques - Chapter 15. Contact Richard Kunz or Rob Offerle if you have questions.

**SARA TRAINING**

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

Review of April Training

The monthly training for April was Cave Rescue. A mix of 20 SARA Volunteers, PCSO Deputies and BORSAR Agents practiced their cave rescue skills in Peppersauce Cave. A good and muddy time was had by all!

May Monthly Training

Swift Water Rescue

Date: 06 May 2006

Rendezvous: 07:30, Magee and Oracle (Trader Joe's parking lot)

Instructor: Richard Kunz

Target Audience: All members and candidates who think they might respond to a Swift Water Rescue, or who might have a need to ford a swift flowing stream.

Required equipment: Helmet, PFD, knife, suitable footwear. The water will be cold! Recommend wearing a wetsuit. Some PFD's available thru SARA

June Monthly Training

Summer is just around the corner and with it comes sunshine, high temperatures and a need to carry more water in your packs. But how much is enough? How do I minimize how much I sweat? What do I need in my pack during the summer? What kind of resources will I find in the Mexican Oak biome/Life zone? How do I find water? And do desert stills really work?

The Desert Survival Training will answer all those question and more. This training will consist of a classroom session and a field session conducted on separate dates and times. All members are welcome.



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## CALLOUT REVIEWS

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<i>Call</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i># Hrs</i>	<i>Problem</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Resources</i>
<b>6.022</b>	<b>060320</b>	<b>Mon 15 26</b>	<b>43ym, 18ym hikers overdue</b>	<b>Sabino to Lemmon, Catalinas</b>	<b>Survey1</b>
20:32 – 22:30 Hikers unfamiliar with the Catalinas intended to hike from the Visitors Center to Mt Lemmon. The report stated they left at 14:00 (really was 10:00), and they were in better condition than anticipated. We suspected they might go up the Palisades Trail rather than thru Romero Pass (got that right). Normally they would have become stranded by dark and snow several miles from the top, but the snow was light enough to cover the ground and provide a contrast between the smooth trail and rough off-trail, so they were able to continue after dark, and got a ride to the fire station by someone at the Boy Scout Camp. We were barely in the field!					
<b>6.023</b>	<b>060327</b>	<b>Tue 9 40</b>	<b>57yf hiker ankle injury</b>	<b>Baboquivari, west side</b>	<b>TOFD TOPD</b>
22:30 – 03:30 A female injured her ankle near some caves about 0.5 miles above the Baboquivari trailhead on the west side. TOFD requested help, since they didn't have a litter wheel. Thinking we were not close yet, they canceled us, but they were very happy to see us, and quickly fastened their patient and litter on our new wheel, then let us finish the evacuation.					
<b>6.024</b>	<b>060329</b>	<b>Wed 8 8</b>	<b>02ym missing with puppy</b>	<b>Green Valley</b>	<b>SAV TucsonRanger USBP</b>
15:44 – 16:22 A 2 year old boy and puppy were missing from a rural area southwest of Green Valley. SAV found the boy in good condition near a garage over a ridge to the south. Don't know about the puppy. They must have taken turns following each other.					
<b>6.025</b>	<b>060330</b>	<b>Thu 0 0</b>	<b>Evidence Search</b>	<b>Green Mtn, Catalinas</b>	
(21:01) – 08:00 – 12:59 A male was reported missing in November. Hikers reported finding a jeep abandoned in the forest, and it was registered to the missing person. A brief search was made Wednesday evening, and volunteers searched the area on Thursday.					
<b>6.026</b>	<b>060401</b>	<b>Sat 16 103</b>	<b>Evidence Search</b>	<b>Green Mtn, Catalinas</b>	
(20:03) – 08:00 – 14:00 Continuation of search. Volunteers covered more of the area around the vehicle. Additional evidence suggests that the subject may have left the area after purposefully leaving his vehicle well off road. No further search planned here.					
<b>6.027</b>	<b>060401</b>	<b>Sat 14 22</b>	<b>??ym hiker ankle injury</b>	<b>Pusch Peak, Catalinas</b>	<b>TucsonRanger RMFD</b>
13:50 – 16:35 A hiker misstepped while on the Pusch Pk Trail. TucsonRanger dropped two medics and two SAR near the scene well up trail. The patient was carried a short distance then flown by Ranger to NW_OroValley, then ferried the teams down.					
<b>6.028</b>	<b>060401</b>	<b>Sat 17 36</b>	<b>??yf hiker leg injury</b>	<b>Bear Canyon, Catalinas</b>	
16:03 – 18:30 A female hiker injured her leg at 7 Falls. Teams met an unrelated hiker on trail, provided care and an escort to the trailhead. The first patient was met below the last crossing. She was dressed and bandaged, then carried by mule to the trailhead.					
<b>6.029</b>	<b>060402</b>	<b>Sun 16 42</b>	<b>??ym fall victim</b>	<b>Windy Point, Catalinas</b>	<b>TucsonRanger MLFD RMFD AirEvac</b>
07:26 – 10:24 A male was said to have jumped from the overlook at Windy Point. Numerous injuries were treated, but “only” a hip fracture was found at the hospital. TucsonRanger short-hauled the patient to Geology Vista, then by AirEvac20 to the hospital.					
<b>6.030</b>	<b>060402</b>	<b>Sun 3 3</b>	<b>??ym hiker head injury</b>	<b>Ventana Canyon, Catalinas</b>	<b>RMFD</b>
16:43 – 16:55 A child was reported to have a head injury well up trail. He was out shortly thereafter and did not require treatment.					
<b>6.031</b>	<b>060407</b>	<b>Fri 1 5</b>	<b>UDA recovery</b>	<b>East of Sasabe</b>	<b>USBP</b>
23:17 – 04:20 USBP found a deceased UDA and requested PCSD to document the scene and remove the remains. About 9 mi. of road (pavement then graded dirt) thru the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge, then two-track to roadend a 5 min walk to scene.					
<b>6.032</b>	<b>060408</b>	<b>Sat 12 21</b>	<b>??ym climber ankle injury</b>	<b>Soldier's Trail, Catalinas</b>	<b>TucsonRanger RMFD</b>
16:02 – 17:53 A climber injured an ankle, ½ mile up Soldier's Trail. The patient was assisted a short distance to TucsonRanger.					
<b>6.033</b>	<b>060411</b>	<b>Tue 9 9</b>	<b>??yf homeless assist</b>	<b>Pima Canyon, Catalinas</b>	<b>TucsonRanger RMFD</b>
15:09 – 16:10 Hikers reported a homeless woman needing help about 15 min up Pima Canyon Trail. She had spent a couple days near the 1st stream crossing. She was in good condition and walked out fine. She finally let PCSD ride her down to Oracle Hwy.					
<b>6.034</b>	<b>060417</b>	<b>Mon 11 38</b>	<b>Signal lights flashing</b>	<b>N Alvernon, Catalinas</b>	
20:15 – 00:10 Signal lights were reported in the Catalinas. Teams low on Pontatoc Ridge were guided to the area. Nothing found.					
<b>6.035</b>	<b>060418</b>	<b>Tue 3 21</b>	<b>Backpackers overdue</b>	<b>Sabino Canyon</b>	<b>Customs</b>
08:56 – 16:00 Two backpackers intended to hike down Sabino Canyon over two days. They got out on the third day, leaving Pine Creek Crossing just before the Posse arrived to block the trail.					
<b>6.036</b>	<b>060418</b>	<b>Tue 0 0</b>	<b>Cadaver Search</b>	<b>Apache County</b>	
(17:44) 08:00 - No report					
<b>6.037</b>	<b>060422</b>	<b>Sat 0 0</b>	<b>7ym missing</b>	<b>Rose Canyon, Catalinas</b>	
20:03 – 20:30 A boy missing from a Rose Canyon campsite had returned by the time a deputy arrived 1.5 hrs after time-last-seen.					
<b>2006 Totals:</b>			People: 346	Hours: 1268	Hours per person: 3.7

## SARCI Calendar

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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 PR SARA Training Swiftwater	May 7 SRDI Training
May 8 SARA Fundraising Mtg	May 9 OEC Class	May 10 SRDI General Mtg	May 11 OEC Class Posse Board Mtg	May 12 .	May 13 SRDI Training	May 14 SRDI Training
May 15 .	May 16 OEC Class	May 17 SRDI Training	May 18 SARA Board Mtg	May 19 .	May 20 OEC Field Day	May 21 SRDI Training Posse Gymkana Divers Training
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
June 5 .	June 6 OEC Class	June 7 SRDI Board Mtg	June 8 OEC Class Posse Board Mtg	June 9 .	June 10 Divers Demo	June 11 Divers Training
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June 26 .	June 27 OEC Class	June 28 SRDI Training	June 29 .	June 30 .	Jul 1 .	Jul 2 SRDI Training



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