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SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

by Mykle Raymond, sarnews @ sarci.org

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

CRAYCROFT ROAD UPDATE

by Mykle Raymond, sarnews @ sarci.org

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.

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by Robert McCord, 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 Jerry Simmons, posse6 @ sarci2.org

POSSE CALENDAR

<u>Sept 07</u>	18:30 Thru	Sheriff's Dept. Radio Training	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Sept 14	19:00 Thur	Posse Board Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Sept 16</u>	12:00 Sat	Gymkhana	Vail Feed Store, Vail, AZ
Sept 28	19:00 Thur	Posse General Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Our membership drive is in full swing. Ten new applications are in process. This will help with the manpower for Pima County Park Patrol. Thanks for the help.

On a sad Note: On June 27, 2006, Sheriffs Posse member Bob Siegel was laid to rest at All Faiths Memorial Park. In attendance were Bob's wife Elizabeth (Liz), their children, their grand-kids, Pima County Sheriff's Posse and former Posse members, Pima County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Deputies and Officers, Pima County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard, Ft. Huachuca Honor Guard, Members of Southern Arizona Rescue Association, National Park Service Officers and Associates, plus many personal friends.

The service lasted approximately forty minutes. It was one of the most professional ceremonies that I have ever attended. Special respects were given by a family member. Dual Honor Guards. After full military rights preformed by Ft. Huachuca's Honor Guard Unit, Pima County Sheriff's Honor Guard escorted the casket carried by the Senior Posse members to its final resting place, with all attendees allowed to show their respects by passing prior to closure.

After the ceremony most attendees went over to the Siegel's for food, drink, and fellowship.

On behalf of the Posse: Bob Siegel was not just a posse member to us. He was a good friend with a big heart. He had a hard head sometimes, but not in a mean spirit! He was always looking to better the Posse in anyway he could. Active in search and rescue up to the time his health prevented it. He was a long time Park Patroller with the National Park service. He was our membership person right up to the end of his service. He was a life time member. He earned that right. He was our Buddy. We miss him, but he will never be forgotten. We have lost an excellent Posse Cowboy.

And to Liz; you and your family are in our hearts and our prayers. You also are a special person and friend of our Posse. And will continue to be.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Kim Leeder, leederk @ yahoo.com

SRDI CALENDAR

Sept 2-3 09:30 Sat-Sun Water Training Parker Canyon Lake

Sept 14-17 SAR Conference Heber, AZ

Sept 20 18:00 Wed Classroom Training Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Happy September from the dog team! All are welcome at SRDI trainings, but call ahead as times and locations are subject to change. Call SRDI Training Chairman, Vi Brown, at 762-0165 for more details.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Fran Kunz, 886-2216, divers @ sarci2.org

DIVER'S CALENDAR

Sept 10 0900 Sunday Weed Searching – Parker Lake Kunz's @ 0730

Oct 08 TBA Evidence Training

September's training is scheduled for Parker Lake where we will do some evidence searching and plan on having a picnic lunch afterwards. Also we are planning to continue our evidence training for October which will be most interesting.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA CALENDAR

<u>Sept 01</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Sept 02</u>	TBD Sat	SARA Training – Rope Skills	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Sept 17</u>	08:00 Sat	OEC Recert	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Sept 21</u>	19:00 Thur	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
Oct 06	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd

SARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci2.org

Mike Jennings has resigned his position on the SARA Board of Directors as of May 2006. Mike McAuley will serve in his place.

SUMMERHAVEN 4TH OF JULY PARADE

by John Perchorowicz, rct2jtp @ aol.com

Thanks to all who came up and participated in the parade in July. The SARA entry took second place in the Patriotic Category.

SARA BASIC TRAINING

by Henry Jacobs, hjacobs @ bblabs.net

We have a new procedure for people who are interested in joining SARA. Anyone interested in joining should now attend a monthly candidate information session, to be held on the first Friday of each month at 6:30 pm prior to each General Meeting. Sessions will have prospects fill out a "pre-application" and will give them some basic orientation information and training. This procedure will give people interested in joining SARA something to do about it immediately, and give our organization more time to get to know prospective members. This process will not change the existing SARA Basic Training process: meeting, hike, application, SARA Basic. If you would like to help conduct the candidate information sessions, please contact Henry Jacobs (hjacobs @ bblabs.net) or Rich Giachetti (regia @ aol.com). This is a great opportunity to sharpen up your basic SARA skills and to gain some teaching experience - SARA Candidate members are especially encouraged to help!

Also, SARA Members and Candidate Members who's medical and/or field skills certifications have lapsed are encouraged to contact the Member Advocates if you are interested in re-instatement. We have over 100 SARA members of all different levels who are not currently field qualified, and SARA needs you back if you are able to continue to volunteer. Lapsed Field Skills can be fixed with a retest, and the Basic Training Committee will provide assistance and training to those in need. Contact Dirk Harris (hunting @ shakabruddah.com) to determine your status and what needs to be done to return you to Field Qualified status.

WORLDCARE WEEKEND

by John Gorski, tucmj @ worldnet.att.net

WorldCare will hold a Home Care Drop-off weekend from 07:00-15:00 Saturday, September 23 and from 10:00 – 14:00 Sunday, September 24 2006. SARA will help out with on-site assistance handling and muscle. SARA will also pick up items from a large location that does not have a way to drop the items off at World Care's location. It's a opportunity to donate wheel chairs, walkers, etc and other items that maybe taking up space in your garage. Come help to pay WorldCare back for all the equipment SARA received over the years. Mark your calendars, and contact John Gorski.

OEC CORNER

by John Gorski, tucmj @ worldnet.att.net

The next OEC refresher will be Sunday, 17 September 2006. Starting time will be 08:00 for students and 07:00 for the instructors and patient/helpers.

All current OEC card holders are required to take a refresher every year. This year's current class, which completed its training on June 15, 2006, will be invited to attend as patients.

Here is a current list of chapters that will be on Refresher "B" if you would like to start reading: 2, 6, 7, 9, 14, 15, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30. This year's Cycle "B" is now posted on the NSP website www.nsp.org. If you are not able to print a copy of the refresher, a MASTER COPY is available at the SARA house in the copy room.

If you are unable to attend either refresher at the SARA house this year, you may contact John Gorski or Rich Kunz to make other arrangements.

SARA TRAINING

by Brian Duffy, bduffy @ email.arizona.edu

Review of August Training

The SARA Monthly Training for August was Basic Rock AKA: Introduction to off trail movement. 20 Sara Volunteers learned new skills and practiced old during a fun day of boulder hopping up Soldiers Canyon. The recent rains have sufficiently changed this beautiful canyon to give everyone a new perspective.

September Monthly Training

Subject: Personal Rope Skills

Date: Saturday, September 2nd

Rendezvous: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd

Target Audience: All members and candidates who think they might want to learn more about personal Purcell system, edge protection, and ascending/descending skills

Description: The purpose of this month's training is to afford members and candidates interested in learning more about technical skills.

This training takes up where there basic rock training leaves off. This training builds upon the August training on basic rock and the candidate Basic training program I-IV. **This training will be conducted in two parts.** The first part will be conducted at the Monthly meeting on September 1st. Members interested in the Personal Purcell Ascending system should bring 33ft of 6mm accessory cord to this meeting.

October Monthly Training

Subject: Technical Rescue Practice

Date: Saturday, October 7th

Rendezvous: TBA

Target Audience: All members and candidates who would like to practice their technical rescue skills.

The Vertical Mile

Date: Saturday, October 28th

Rendezvous: TBA

NEW MESSAGE BOARD

by Bill Florence, signshop @ fm.arizona.edu

There has been discussion about setting up some kind of message board for SARA related but non-SARA activities.... well here it is thanks to Jane L. To sign up just follow this link:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SARAfun/?yguid=104555866

Enter or create your free my yahoo account and you're into the group described below.

This is a place where SARA people (and friends, and people thinking of joining, and pretty much anyone else) can post interesting activities that they are planning which they don't mind other people joining in. Hopefully we will get some regular night hikes going, and whatever other activities people dream up. The idea is to promote fun outdoor activities, along with giving people opportunities to get out and explore the trails, get fitter and learn and practice other rescue-related skills. This is deliberately NOT directly associated with SARA, so that friends and family can participate. Just post an activity with some kind of description, when and where, and hopefully some other people may be able to join you!

Note: All group activities are at your own risk with no mission number or association with PCSO or SARA.

Call Date #Hrs Problem Location Resources

6.054 060722 Sat 10 10 Exhausted hiker

SARA Trail, TV Canyon, Rincons

RMFD

15:59 – 17:02 A male hiker from out-of-town started down the SARA Trail at Tanque Verde Falls, soon becoming exhausted. He was assisted back to the road by Rural Metro Fire and Sheriff's people.

6.055 060725 Tue 0 0 River rescue

Sasabe Hwy, MP29

USBP

19:18 – 19:21 A vehicle was reported to have washed off the Sasabe Hwy at about MP 29. Customs/BorderPatrol people were able to assist the female driver out of the water, so we were soon cancelled.

6.056 060801 Tue 17 39 Four hikers overdue

Cat St Pk to Finger Rock, Catalinas

18:19 – 21:30 Four hikers attempted to hike from Catalina State Park to Romero Pass, then over to and down the Finger Rock Trail. At the trail junction in West Fork Sabino, they decided to continue down Sabino (familiar from an earlier hike). But Sabino Canyon was destroyed and they were stopped by high water at the crossing below Hutchs' Pool. They tried to hike downstream, were soon forced up over a ridge, where they stopped for the night. Tucson Ranger located, and flew the four to their original destination.

6.057 060808 Tue 0 0 Ill hiker

Starr Pass. Tucson Mtns

TFD, TPD Air1

TucsonRanger

15:11 – 15:42 A hiker was reported to have become ill in the Starr Pass area. While we were enroute, Tucson Fire and TPD Air1 located and flew the hikers back to the hotel.

6.058 060809 Wed 2 12 Flood victim search

Cascabel, San Pedro River, Cochise Co. CochiseSO

(17:55) - 17:30 Two men towing a trailer of hay were caught in runoff from a San Pedro side drainage at Cascabel. The body of one was found a short distance downstream, and Pima Co. was asked for assistance. Two SAR officers and two Posse helped the second day. The second body was found on the third day, about a mile downstream in the San Pedro.

6.059 060810 Thu 24 107 Helicopter crash

Near Apache Spring, Catalinas

R54, USFS

09:50 – 15:30 A small helicopter from the northwest was on a photo mission when it crashed southeast of Brinkley Point. The pilot had minor injuries, called for help by cellphone and directed Tucson Ranger to his location. A few people were ferried in, verified that the passenger was deceased, extracted the pilot by "Screamer Suit" to a MEDS helicopter at an improvised LZ on a nearby ridge, and secured the wreckage (fuel and electrical systems). Plans were made for the investigation and recovery the next day.

6.060 060810 Thu 18 194 Helicopter crash

Near Apache Spring, Catalinas

R54 R56 R41, USFS, FAA

18:49 – 17:59 A large team hiked down the Box Camp Trail, then over to the crash site. Tucson Ranger flew FAA investigators and additional people to the scene. The helicopter then had a technical problem, so Phoenix Ranger flew down with a technician who requested that Tucson Ranger fly to the shop in Phoenix. Phoenix Ranger short-hauled the remains, then delivered all field people to the Sabino LZ. As they finished, the Tucson Ranger pilot returned with a spare helicopter, and picked up all of its gear.

6.061 060812 Sat 17 18 Six hikers overdue

Aspen Trail, Marshall Gulch, Catalinas

19:44 - 20:09 A group of hikers was slow and not equipped for night travel. They continued carefully, and were met by the first SAR people a short distance from the trailhead.

6.062 060814 Mon 11 19 ??ym parasail crash

Hangglider area, Santa Ritas

TucsonRanger, LL1

14:30 – 16:51 A hang-glider crashed in the Santa Ritas, north of Box Canyon, fracturing both of the pilot's ankles. Tucson Ranger landed a short distance away. A couple of Rural Fire people were ferried to the scene to help carry the flyer to the helicopter.

6.063 060814 Mon 13 30 Two mtn bikers lost

Box Camp Trail, Catalinas

TucsonRanger

16:51-19:05 Two mountain-bikers lost the Box Camp Trail near Apache Spring. Tucson Ranger ferried them (no bikes) out just before a heavy thunderstorm hit the area.

6.064 060815 Tue 11 12 Five hikers overdue

Finger Rock to Ventana, Catalinas

18:22 – 19:26 A father, his two kids and two nephews hiked up Finger Rock and down Ventana. They were later than expected, but right on time from our point of view. They had stopped for an hour to play in pools along the trail, then lost some time trying to follow the overgrown trail heading down canyon. They were met by search teams before the forest boundary.

6.065 060817 Thu 8 27 ??ym hiker exhausted

Romero Canyon Trail, Catalinas

12:11 – 16:17 A hiker became exhausted on the Romero Canyon Trail. He and his companion had almost made it to the pools when they chose to turn around, and were about a half-mile above the old trailhead when he was unable to continue (they were facing having to hike another mile to the parking lot, then along the road to the entrance station due to Canada del Oro covering the road. He put away liters of water, Gatorade, and energy bars before feeling well enough to continue down trail with the stokes staying nearby.

6.066 060818 Fri 8 111 Three cavers overdue

Peppersauce Cave, Catalinas

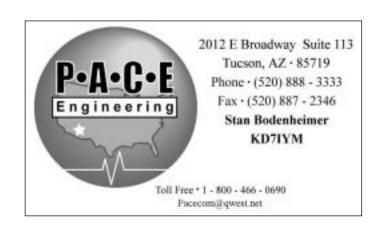
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00:45 – 02:37 – 07:49 Three teens from Phoenix planned to spend a few hours in Peppersauce before returning home for birthday and going-away-to-school gatherings. They were returning from the back of the cave, then realized they had been traveling in a loop. A log book provided paper to document each passage, labeling each "no exit" including the way out (it LOOKS like it ends). They had lights and some supplies as they waited. An inexperienced team was instructed not to exceed their comfort level. About at their limit (location of practice patient on a recent exercise), they found a backpack (with I.D.) and a digital camera, both from the teens. Shortly afterwards, they found the first of the markers along the loop, then found the teens in good condition.

2006 Totals: People: 620

Hours: 2313

Hours per person: 3.7





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SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	<u>Saturday</u>	Sunday
Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31	Sep 1 SARA General Mtg	Sep 2 SRDI Training SARA Training Intro to Vertical	Sep 3 SRDI Training
Sept 4	Sept 5	Sept 6 SRDI Board Mtg	Sept 7 ·	Sept 8	Sept 9	Sept 10 Divers Training
Sept 11 : :	Sept 12 ·	Sept 13 ·	Sept 14 SRDI SAR Conf Posse Board Mtg	Sept 15 SRDI SAR Conf	Sept 16 SRDI SAR Conf	Sept 17 SRDI SAR Conf OEC Refresher Posse Gymkanna
Sept 18	Sept 19	Sept 20 SRDI Training 106	Sept 21 SARA Board Mtg	Sept 22	Sept 23 SARA World Care Help	Sept 24 SARA World Care Help
Sept 25	Sept 26	Sept 27	Sept 28. .Posse General Mtg	Sept 29	Sept 30	Oct 1 SRDI Training
Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4 SRDI Board Mtg	Oct 5	Oct 6 SARA General Mtg	Oct 7 SARA Training Technical Rescue	Oct 8 Divers Training
Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11 . SRDI General Mtg	Oct 12 Posse Board Mtg	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15 SRDI Training Posse Gymkanna
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PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

8987-309 E.Tanque Verde, Box 232, Tucson AZ 85749 Meet 4th Thu 19:00

Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

P.O.Box 12892, Tucson AZ 85732-2892 Meet 1st Fri 19:30, SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

PIMA COUNTY SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

P.O.Box 13961, Tucson AZ 85732 Meet 2nd 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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