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SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

by SARNews, sarnews@sarci.org

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

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

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Maryann Mott, mjmott12@msn.com

SRDI CALENDAR

Dec 2-3 09:00 Sat-Sun

Overnight Training

Empire Cienega. Leader: Maryann Mott

Dec 16 TBA Sat

Holiday Party

SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd

All are welcome to trainings but call first as training locations and times are subject to changes. Call SRDI Training Chairperson, Vi Brown, at 762-0165, or the activity leader.

Weeha! Star Mott, a Border collie mix, passed her air scent endurance test recently. With quite a zealous finish too, I might add. She has 90 days to test for air scent. Good luck Star!

On that note in case you missed it, we are very proud of our dogs' accomplishments and want to remind everyone of who they are. Here's a current list of our certified dogs and their handlers:

<u>Dog</u>	<u>Certified Discipline</u>	<u>Handler</u>
Trouble	Tracking/Cadaver	Jennifer Arnold
Mattie	Air Scent	Keran Paquette
Pyro	Air/Cadaver	Jason Merrill

It is with heartfelt sympathies that we want to express our condolences to Paul Cartter on the recent loss of his uncle. Paul, remember, your SRDI family is here for you.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

DIVER'S CALENDAR

Dec 10 09:00 Sun

Altitude Tables

SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd

Jan 14 09:00 Sun

Ft. Lowell Pool

Ft. Lowell Pool

Feb 11 09:00 Sun

Ft. Lowell Pool

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November's annual meeting & potluck was held at the SARA House. The new board (which is the same as last year's Board) is President: Richard Kunz, Vice President: Rob Offerle, Secretary: Fran Kunz, Treasurer: Joe Barr, Members-at-Large: Ray Gundy and John Millard. December's training will be Altitude Tables and oxygen administration and will be held at the SARA House, where we will have an opportunity to meet the new divers. We are trying to set up a pool session for new divers and those wishing to swim laps, prior to the January training. Training for January and February will be held at the Ft. Lowell Pool.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

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

POSSE CALENDAR

<u>Dec 09</u>	<u>10:00 Sat</u>	Field Training	Saguaro National Park East: Speedway entrance
<u>Dec 14</u>	<u>19:00 Thur</u>	Posse Board Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Hoping everyone had a nice Thanksgiving holiday! There will be no Posse General Meeting or Gymkhana in December. See ya in January.

OEC training went well at the SARA house for our new members coming in. I will try to have a follow-up OEC for the additional new members coming on board January, time TBA. Any SARA people needing this OEC training are welcome. CPR training was held on the Nov 16. This had Posse and SARA people in it. We will schedule another in January. Thanks to George Herget and Pam Phillips for the help with the OEC class. A completion report has been sent to Joe Barr, for recording, and to NSP.

The training in the field on Dec 09 is being used for the Posse trainees, and SARA trainees are welcome. There will be additional regular training coming as 2007 rolls thru. We will let All SARCI members know the dates in case you would like to double up.

In case you missed it: The Posse had a Channel 4 special done on Park Patrol on Nov 15. Thanks to Sgt. Decormis for setting it up, and Bill Cunningham, Karen Brown, Dan McPhedran, and Larry Cunningham for the show and tell. They looked really professional, as they should!

We are still looking for Posse members. We have a lot of area to patrol, with more coming.

Thanks to Kelly and the posse crew for the Show and Tell at Collar School.

Last but not least: if you are riding a horse and the horse stumbles, DO NOT FALL IN THE CACTUS! Happened to me and all came out well; ONE a week so far! Thanks to Dan M. for pulling most of the cactus out of my back area which helped unstaple my uniform from my body. It pays to have a buddy handy! When Dan asked if he had all of the cactus pulled out, I moved and said, "Not all!" He laughed and replied, "Let your wife get the rest!!!" Know who your true friends are. Ha!

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA CALENDAR

<u>Dec 01</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Dec 02</u>	<u>08:00 Sat</u>	Training: Medical Equipment	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Dec 09</u>	<u>TBA Sat</u>	Helicopter Ingress/Egress	TBA
<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>TBA Sat</u>	SARA Candidate Hike	TBA
<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>19:00 Thur</u>	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Jan 05</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd

SARA BUILDING FUND UPDATE

by Lee Ryan, [ryant @ u.arizona.edu](mailto:ryant@u.arizona.edu)

Dear SARA members:

We'd like to update SARA members on where we currently stand with progress towards building a new SARA training and headquarters. Much has happened over the past six months. In the spring, we entered into negotiations with Pima County for a lease that would be acceptable to the SARA Board for the new property at Alvernon south of the Rillito River. Those negotiations have been very productive, and have resulted in a lease that we are confident would protect SARA's interests should we decide to build on the property. At the same time, however, several things have occurred that we would like the membership to know about and consider as we decide how to proceed in the near future.

First, the August flooding along the Rillito River raised a major concern with the proposed new property, as it was 80% under water during the height of the flood. The Building Committee was aware that the property would need fill to bring the ground level above the flood plain, and this event helped to clarify just how large a project (and how important) raising the ground level would be.

Second, in the course of the lease negotiations with the County, we have learned that the County's plans have changed. They are no longer planning to demolish the current SARA house at Craycroft to make way for an expansion of the Rillito Park. In fact, it now appears that they are willing to negotiate a new lease for SARA at our current property that would extend beyond 2008. The County has indicated that they would be willing to consider providing the current property to us on a long-term lease (something we did not have before), and allowing us to make major renovations to the existing building, as long as the current footprint of the building does not change.

Before any further negotiations with the County, however, it is very important that we get input from our membership on what they would like to see happen in the future, given that we now have several options. The County has assured us that they will leave both options open (leasing the new property at Alvernon, and continuing at our current location) until we have had time to talk to our members and have a full discussion of how we want to proceed.

We will be discussing this matter at the next SARA monthly meeting on December 1. The first half of that meeting will be open to all members and visitors. After the break, we will be closing the meeting to members only, in order to have a full and frank discussion of our options. This is a very important discussion, and we hope that everyone will attend.

SARA TRAINING

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

Review of the Vertical Mile

A “well done!” to all who participated in the Vertical Mile, both as willing participants and as support crew providing warm food and good wishes at the end of the event. This year’s Vertical Mile participants toughed out a new route from Catalina State Park to the Marshall Gulch picnic area. Trail conditions were extremely poor and steep, but spirits were high!

Upon completion of the hike, the crew still had enough gas left to successfully search, locate and escort out a lost mountain biker on the Butterfly Trail. Well done, gang!

Review of November Training

The SARA Monthly Training for November, a High Angle Technical Rescue Scenario, was canceled due to lack of interest. Seven instructors and one candidate turned out for the training.

December Monthly training

Subject: Medical Equipment/Technical Equipment Practice

Purpose: The purpose of this month’s training is to afford members and candidates an opportunity to become more familiar with the medical and technical equipment found in the rescue vehicles.

Date: Saturday, 2 Dec

Rendezvous: 08:00, SARA house

Target Audience: All members and candidates who want to become more familiar with the medical and technical equipment found in the rescue vehicles. Have you assembled the titanium stokes? Know where the pulse oximeter is and how to use it? Know where the Yates rescue harness is stowed, how it’s put on a subject? If you didn’t answer ‘yes’ to all three, this training is for you. ...and much more!

SARA Training Schedule 2007

Jan 6	Map & Compass Dirk Harris 09:00, SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd	May 5	Swift Water: Richard Kunz 08:00, Oracle and McGee Note: Orange Card Sign Off
Feb 3	Winter Skills Training Brian Duffy 09:00, Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy Note: Orange Card Sign Off. This training is a practice session for the upcoming MRA Snow and Ice Reaccreditation	Jun 2	Intro to Sonoran Desert / Desert survival training Rich Giachetti 10:00, Circle K, Tanque Verde and TV Loop
Mar 3	TV Falls Orientation and High Directional Anchors Mykle Raymond 08:00, Tanque Verde Falls and Tanque Verde loop Note: Orange Card Sign Off High Directional Anchors, pre-training for April Mine Rescue Brian Duffy / Lee Ryan 09:00, Tanque Verde Falls and Tanque Verde loop	Jul 7	Truck and Equipment, Base Camp Operations Richard Kunz / Gary Copus 08:00, Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Mar 28	Confined Space Training, pre-training for April Mine Rescue Richard Kunz 18:30, SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd	Aug 4	Basic Rock Jim Holmes / Jane Larkindale 08:00, Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy Note: Orange Card Sign Off
Apr 7	Mine Rescue, Richard Kunz / Dave Brown? 08:00, N. End Sabino Canyon Rd Note: Orange Card Sign Off	Sep 8	Personal Rope Skills Lee Ryan / Cathy Wasmann 08:00, N. End of Alvernon
Apr 29	Pool Session, Swift water Rescue Training in May 09:00, Ft Lowell Pool	Oct 6	Technical Skills, Beyond Basic 4 Brian Duffy / Bill Florence / Richard Kunz / Mykle Raymond 09:00, SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
		Nov 3	Technical Rescue Scenario/High Angle TBA 08:00, SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
		Dec 8	Medical Equipment/Technical Equipment: Up close & personal Rob Offerle 09:00, SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd

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>
6.077	060924 Sun	6 6	Hiker overdue	Prison Camp to Marshall Gulch	
20:01 – 20:24 A hiker was overdue on a day hike from the Prison Camp via Romero Pass to Marshall Gulch. Tom Kittle, a former SARA Member and Vertical Mile Champion (yes, it's THIS month!) was training for a Grand Canyon hike and was slowed while keeping track of the grassy trails. He arrived soon after the call.					
6.078	060925 Mon	13 33	Backpackers overdue	Marshall Gulch to Prison Camp	TucsonRanger
09:16 – 13:21 Two backpackers were overdue on a trip from Marshall Gulch via Romero Pass to the Prison Camp. Tom Kittle had heard some shouting as he was close to the top of the climb out of Romero Pass the previous afternoon. The two had lost the trail below Romero Pass on Saturday, spent most of Sunday waiting for someone to pass by, but never saw Tom. Sunday evening they headed down the bottom of West Fork, and were near Hutch's Pool on Monday morning. They had plenty of food and water, and good maps. Tucson Ranger spotted them and dropped two rescuers a short distance away. The backpackers were retrieved in good condition and all were flown out to Sabino.					
6.079	060930 Sat	9 16	62ym hiker exhausted	Blackett's Ridge, Catalinas	
14:58 – 16:14 A hiker was exhausted, out of water, and unable to continue on Blackett's Ridge. Hikers passing by provided some water, and he was able to continue down, meeting rescue teams along the Phoneline Trail.					
6.080	061001 Sun	0 0	Two hikers out of water	Esperero Trail, Catalinas	
14:04 – 14:22 Two female hikers were reported to be out of water, one hour up Esperero Canyon Trail. They made it out shortly after we were called.					
6.081	061011 Wed	11 81	Two hikers overdue	Palisades and Bear Canyon	
19:57 - 04:00 16y and 54y hikers were overdue on a hike down Palisades and Bear Canyon. They were last heard from about 15:00, reporting a short distance above the bottom of East Fork, and sounding tired. Teams headed in from Bear, Prison Camp, and Sabino. As all teams converged on both ends of East Fork Trail, the Sabino team found the pair at Pine Creek Crossing. They didn't know that water was available along their route in Sycamore, so headed down East Fork until they found water near Sabino.					
6.082	061013 Fri	0 0	??y? Fall victim	Lower Sabino Canyon	RMFD
10:56 – 10:59 A person was reported to have fallen several minutes from Tram Stop 2. It sounded like we would be needed, but the Tram Stop is in Lower Sabino with most of the access to the scene by road, so the patient was easily retrieved and she refused treatment.					
6.083	061014 Sat	9 18	19ym hiker off trail	Ventana Canyon, Catalinas	
15:52 – 18:00 A 19ym intended to hike up Ventana and down Esperero. He called his father, reporting not being able to find the trail and getting low on supplies, and being on the east side of Ventana Canyon. As teams started up Ventana, he and his father managed to get him back on trail. He met the teams on the switchbacks below Maiden Pools.					
6.084	061021 Sat	10 25	82ym hiker fall victim	Green Mountain Trail, Catalinas	MLFD RMFD
10:04 – 12:05 A Southern Arizona Hiking Club group started down the Green Mtn Trail. One of the hikers was slow and unsteady, and he slipped, struck his head, and was even more unsteady so help was requested. MLFD medics checked his condition, didn't find any problems. The patient didn't want a stokes ride, and was able to walk slowly with help back to the road.					
6.085	061022 Sun	9 23	UDA recovery	West of I-19, South of Canoa exit	USBP
13:55 – 16:32 A male border crosser became ill and unable to continue. His cousin attracted the attention of a USBP helicopter, who alerted ground personnel. The subject had passed away by the time people arrived. We provided the stokes and people to carry the remains about a half-mile back to the rough road, about six miles from I-19 by road, but not that far directly.					
2006 Totals:	People: 778	Hours: 2943	Hours per person: 3.8		



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SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Nov 27 .	Nov 28 .	Nov 29 .	Nov 30 .	Dec 1 SARA General Mtg	Dec 2 SARA Training Medical Equipment	Dec 3 SRDI Training
Dec 4 .	Dec 5 .	Dec 6 SRDI Board Mtg	Dec 7 .	Dec 8 .	Dec 9 Posse Field Training SARA Training Hover In/Egress	Dec 10 Divers Training
Dec 11 .	Dec 12 .	Dec 13 SRDI General Mtg	Dec 14 Posse Board Mtg	Dec 15 .	Dec 16 SARA Candidate Hike SRDI Holiday Party	Dec 17 SRDI Training Posse Gymkhana
Dec 18 .	Dec 19 .	Dec 20 .	Dec 21 SARA Board Mtg	Dec 22 .	Dec 23 .	Dec 24 .
Dec 25 Merry Christmas	Dec 26 .	Dec 27 .	Dec 28 Posse General Mtg	Dec 29 .	Dec 30 .	Dec 31 .
Jan 1 Happy New Year	Jan 2 .	Jan 3 SRDI Board Mtg	Jan 4 .	Jan 5 SARA General Mtg	Jan 6 SARA Training Map & Compass	Jan 7 SRDI Training
Jan 8 .	Jan 9 .	Jan 10 SRDI General Mtg	Jan 11 Posse Board Mtg	Jan 12 .	Jan 13 SARA Candidate Hike	Jan 14 Divers Training
Jan 15 .	Jan 16 .	Jan 17 SARCI Meeting	Jan 18 SARA Board Mtg	Jan 19 .	Jan 20 SARA Basic 1	Jan 21 SRDI Training SARA Basic 2 Posse Gymkhana
Jan 22 .	Jan 23 .	Jan 24 .	Jan 25 Posse General Mtg	Jan 26 .	Jan 27 SARA Field Skills	Jan 28 .
Jan 29 .	Jan 30 .	Jan 31 .	Feb 01 .	Feb 02 SARA Instructor Mtg SARA General Mtg	Feb 03 SARA Training Winter Skills	Feb 04 SRDI Training

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