





# MARCH 2007

# TUCSON, ARIZONA

# SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

### SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

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

### CRAYCROFT ENTRANCE TO SARA HOUSE CLOSED

The Craycroft entrance to the SARA House will be closed during several periods while the roadway construction project continues. The first period is expected to start on 20 February, and to last for one week, so it is possible that this entrance will not be available for the SARA General Meeting on 02 March. The only access will be the River Road entrance.

We strongly recommend NO LEFT TURNS either into or out of the River Road entrance, due to limited visibility, congestion at the traffic light, and the usual traffic. If traffic is light, fine, but more caution than usual will be needed.

Plan your route so that you approach the entrance from EASTBOUND River Road (Swan Rd). There are no safe places to stop on westbound River while waiting for a break in traffic. Traffic behind you could be blocked back into the intersection. Continue to the top of the hill where you can turn around safely going eastbound.

When leaving, you can easily turn east on River, then north or south on Craycroft. Again, turning west on River is not recommended unless traffic is light.

BE SAFE!

# SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

### SRDI CALENDAR

<u>Mar 04 09:00 Sun</u>	Training – Empire Ranch
<u>Mar 17-18 09:00 Sat-Sun</u>	<b>Training – Empire Ranch</b>
Mar 21 18:00 Wed	Training

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 person running training at least the day before.

# PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

### **DIVER'S CALENDAR**

Mar 11 09:00 Sun Black Mountain Reservoir

March's training may move search patterns and entanglements from the pool to Black Mountain reservoir. We'll keep you posted.

# NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

CAP CALENDAR Sundays 15:30-18:00

Location: Oro Valley Library

by Fran Kunz, 886-2216, <u>divers @ sarci2.org</u>

Leaders: Jennifer A/Jason

Leaders: TBD

Leaders: Vi/Kari

by Maryanne Mott, mimott12 @ msn.com

Rdv: I-19 and Valencia (Midvale Park)

Rdv: 08:00 I-10 and SR 83

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Rdv: 18:00 I-10 and SR 83

by Robert McCord, cap @ sarci2.org

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# PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

### POSSE CALENDAR

<u>Mar 08</u>	19:00 Thurs	Posse Board Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Mar 18	<u>11:00 Sun</u>	Gymkhana	Vail Feed Store
Mar 19	TBD Mon	<b>Outdoor First Care Training</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
Mar 21	TBD Wed	<b>Outdoor First Care Training</b>	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
Mar 22	19:00 Thurs	<b>Posse General Meeting</b>	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

FYI: If a horse goes down in a park and assistance is needed, unless a person is injured or it creates a safety issue, Search & Rescue will not be dispatched. So, if you are faced with this issue, please follow this recommendation:

- a) Call the Sheriff's Dept. if it's in the county park system. They will have the information in case there is an additional reportee of a down horse on trail. Be sure to give the location.
- b) Call the Feds, if in a Federal Park. I would also contact the Sheriff's Dept., with information only.
- c) Call Don Carter with the county parks environmental. Report and ask for further instruction on removal and access procedure. Don's cell number (approved to release to S&R) is 240-9493.
- d) Call Arizona Department of Agriculture. 1-800-294-0305 State. Business Card Cell number is 237-0512 for an emergency that we may have. Brad Cowan is the officer.
- e) Call a vet for the additional welfare of the animal.

This should help handle the situation in a professional manner.

Bill Cunningham and I had this situation on Feb 02, 2007 in the Tucson Mountain Park. Short re-cap:

Horse went down with rider approx. 10:00 am, unable to help the horse up. A vet was called for the horse's welfare. Arizona Livestock was called for procedure followed. Sheriff's Dept. called, no help because the rider was not injured and the animal posed no threat to traffic or people. The animal was put down at approx. 9:30 pm on approval of both owners. The notification procedures as listed above were followed. On Saturday, Feb 03, 2007: approval was granted to cut the fence, enter the park and take the animal out.

Sad, but it has happened before and it probable will happen again. Heads-up.

Training for Search and Rescue is in full swing as well is Park Patrol training. I will keep the posting of times as I receive them.

Dan McPhedran's Search and Rescue field leg of orientation training took place 2-10-07 at Prison Camp. Six potential S&R people attended. Larry Cunningham and Kelly Goudielock helped Dan. All went well.

# SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

### SARA CALENDAR

<u>Mar 02</u>	<u> 19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting
<u>Mar 03</u>	08:00 Sat	Training: TV Falls Orientation
<u>Mar 03</u>	09:00 Sat	Training: Technical Practice
<u>Mar 15</u>	19:00 Thur	SARA Board Meeting
<u>Apr 06</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting

SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd Rdv: Circle K, Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop Rdv: Circle K, Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd

### SARA BY-LAWS CHANGE AND MEMBERSHIP POLICY

The SARA Board of Directors endorsed a modification to the SARA By-Laws, with an accompanying membership policy. The change to the SARA By-Laws and the policies (there are two of them) are posted on the members-only section of the SARCI web page. Click on the "Proposed Amendments to the SARA By-Laws" link at the top of the page. We discussed these issues at the January membership meeting, and will again discuss them at our SARA meetings on February 2 and March 2. Field Qualified Members will vote on the By-Laws change at our Annual Meeting and Pot Luck on April 6.

### **OEC CORNER**

### by John Gorski, jgorskil @ us.ibm.com

by Rob Offerle, rofferle @ cox.net

Mark your calendar for this year's OEC refresher dates for 2007: Sunday September 16, 2007 and Saturday October 20, 2007.

### AWARDS

The award committee is requesting nominations for member(s) of the year award. We also request any funny stories to share with the group. Contact John Gorski, Rich Kunz, and/or Manny Montano with your information.

### MRA SUMMER CONFERENCE

by John Gorski, jgorskil @ us.ibm.com

Pre-Conference - June 20-21,2007

Doug Hansen(High Angle Technologies) and Michael Goulet (Petzl America). Hands on training in technical roped rescue, partner rescue, pick offs, good ascending techniques, tour of Petzl manufacturing facility, field session on one of America's only Via Ferratas. Enrollment limited to 30 participants.

Check the website for more information on the MRA summer conference. http://www.mra.org/training/events.php

### SARA TRAINING

by Brian Duffy, bduffy @ email.arizona.edu

The Monthly Training for March will be conducted on March 3rd. There will be two events occurring at different times:

### Subject: Tanque Verde Falls Orientation Hike

Description: Mykle Raymond will lead a hike in the vicinity of Tanque Verde Falls. The purpose of this hike is to orient members to the terrain features, names, trails systems and anchor points in this area. This training is an Orange Card sign off for candidates. The hike will end with at the technical rescue site to afford you an opportunity to participate in both trainings.

Rendezvous: 0800, Circle K at Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop

Instructor: Mykle Raymond

### **Subject: Technical Training Practice**

Description: This training will be a practice session for the April Mine Rescue Training. Since the Mine Rescue training scenario will be conducted at a pit or shaft we will learn and practice techniques to help us overcome the particular hazards we face during a shaft rescue.

Rendezvous: 0900, Circle K at Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop



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### **CALLOUT REVIEWS** Call Date **#Hrs** Problem

7.003 Thu, 11 Jan 17 27 ??ym alzheimers missing McDonald Park, Tucson 19:51 – 21:00 An elderly male wandered from his family at McDonald Park on Harrison. Patrol cars covered the neighborhood, and several teams began to cover fencelines and washes. A SAR volunteer arriving at the park reported seeing a person along the road

## 7.004 Sun, 14 Jan 17 40 ??ym hiker leg injury

that matched the description, and he was retrieved in good condition.

A hiker pulled a muscle about five miles up trail and called for help. While many people with equipment were 14:02 - 16:36 heading up trail, TucsonRanger responded to see if they could at least spot the subject. They did, and found a place to land. The patient was splinted while Ranger moved to a closer spot, then flew two people to the trailhead.

**Douglas Spring Trail, Rincons** 

Finger Rock Canyon, Catalinas

Bear Canvon. Catalinas

Madera Canyon, Santa Ritas

Location

#### 7.005 Fri. 19 Jan 0 0 Hikers cliffed out

Hikers reported themselves cliffed out in Finger Rock Canyon. A short time later they said that other hikers had 15:26 - 15:36 provided guidance and further assistance was no longer needed.

#### 8 18 Hikers lost off trail 7.006 Sat. 03 Feb

18.52 - 21.11Three hikers reported themselves lost and stranded by dark. They were hiking from the Prison Camp and down Bear Canyon to their vehicle at the Visitor's Center. Poor trail conditions in Sycamore Basin delayed them, and were below Seven Falls before it got dark. Their cellphone coordinates were repeating nicely, showing them around crossing 6, so search teams that were ready to head up the hill were redirected to Sabino Canyon. They were in good condition as teams arrived soon afterwards, finding them downstream a short distance from the trail crossing. All walked out without problems.

### 7.007 Sun, 11 Feb 7 14 Recovery

17:32 - PCSO investigated a body several hundred vards east of the road, north of the entrance station and east of the old missile site helispot. Officers were able to ride ATV's in and out, but the terrain was very rough so more assistance was requested. In addition, the evidence was suspicious, so investigators were also requested. The route to the scene appeared to be more lengthy than needed, so a more direct route was used with the guidance from late arrivals.

### 7.008 Sun. 11 Feb 9 59 Hiker lost

Aspen Trail, Catalinas **TucsonRanger** 19:10 - While the recovery in Madera was in progress, a hiker reported himself lost south of the Aspen Trail. Tucson Ranger found a hole in the clouds and located his fire near the bottom of Sabino, a short distance upstream from the Box Camp Spring Trail. A team reached the hiker who was in good condition, and escorted him back up the trail to the saddle above the spring, where Hot Chocolate was served.

#### 7.009 Mon, 12 Feb 4 21 Evidence Search Aguirre Valley, West of Silverbell

Posse was requested to assist with a search for evidence concerning an apparent ambush of migrants traveling back 11:12 - 17:27 roads in a vehicle several days before, during which several people were killed or injured. The search area was several miles west of Silverbell Road, almost to the major powerline running up the valley. The search concentrated along several miles of roads. Survey1 provided eves-in-the-sky, Eric and Shawn were an ATV team, TJ on ATV accompanied the horses who covered 15 miles in 4 hours.

### 7.010 Mon, 12 Feb 0 0 Hiker exhausted

A hiker was reported to be exhausted, a half-mile up the trail. RMFD determined that he was up trail from the old 15:37 - 16:13 trailhead, but only a quarter mile. SAR was accumulating at the back gate as medics reported the hiker was able to continue to the trailhead with minimal assistance.

**2007 Totals:** People: 85 Hours: 265 Hours per person: 3.1



### by Mykle Raymond, sarnews @ sarci2.org Resources

## TucsonRanger, PCSO

TucsonRanger, NPS, RMF

# RMFD

Survey1

# Seven Falls Trail, Catalinas

Survev1

#### Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Mar 01 Mar 04 Feb 27 Feb 28 Mar 02 Mar 03 Feb 26 . SARA General Mtg SARA Training SRDI Training TV/Tech Mar 05 Mar 06 Mar 07 Mar 08 Mar 09 Mar 10 Mar 11 SRDI Board Posse Board Divers Training Mar 18 Mar 12 Mar 13 Mar 14 Mar 15 Mar 16 Mar 17 SRDI Training SRDI General Mtg Fundraising Comm SRDI Training Posse Gymkanna Mtg SARA Board Mar 19 Mar 20 Mar 21 Mar 22 Mar 23 Mar 24 Mar 25 . Posse First Care Posse First Care Posse General Mtg Posse First Care Class Class Class SRDI Training Mar 26 Mar 27 Mar 28 Mar 29 Mar 30 Mar 31 Apr 01 SRDI Training SARA Training Apr 02 Apr 03 Apr 04 Apr 05 Apr 06 Apr 07 Apr 08 . SRDI Board Mtg SARA Training Divers Training SARA General Mtg Mine Rescue Apr 09 Apr 14 Apr 15 Apr 10 Apr 11 Apr 12 Apr 13 SRDI Training SRDI General Mtg Posse Board Mtg SRDI Training Posse Gymkanna Apr 16 Apr 20 Apr 17 Apr 18 Apr 19 Apr 21 Apr 22 SRDI Training SARA Board Mtg SARCI General Mtg Apr 23 Apr 24 Apr 25 Apr 26 Apr 27 Apr 28 Apr 29 . SARA Field Skills Posse General Mtg May 01 May 02 May 03 May 04 May 05 May 06 Apr 30 . SARA General Mtg SARA Training SRDI Board Mtg TBD

# **SARCI** Calendar

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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

### SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS

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