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# **SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL**

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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.

#### UPDATED: CRAYCROFT ENTRANCE TO SARA HOUSE CLOSED

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci.org

The Craycroft entrance to the SARA House will be closed during several periods while the roadway construction project continues. It is possible that the only access will be the River Road entrance. Also, Craycroft is now only two lanes, and no turn lane.

We strongly recommend NO LEFT TURNS either into or out of the River Road or Craycroft entrances, 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.

If the Craycroft entrance is open, again we recommend NO LEFT TURNS either into or out of the entrance unless traffic permits you to turn without stopping. So you need to be traveling SOUTH on Craycroft. When exiting, it is a sharp right turn onto SOUTHBOUND Craycroft, otherwise you will wind up in the opposing traffic.

BE SAFE!

## PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, posse6 @ sarci2.org

## POSSE CALENDAR

Mar 31	<u>09:00 Sat</u>	OFC Field Training	Saguaro National Park East
Apr 12	19:00 Thurs	Posse Board Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
Apr 21	11:00 Sun	Gymkhana	Vail Feed Store
Apr 26	19:00 Thurs	Posse General Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Training continues as we add new members to the Posse. The Outdoor First Care course is listed with the nice calendar that SARCI keeps updated. Thank you for this service.

As we move on with the training, we're hoping to get joint training here shortly. We'll keep everyone notified. There seems to be a lot of training going on, therefore there must be a lot of work being done in the back ground. Thank you, instructors and board members, from all divisions.

No one in the posse has crashed on a horse lately - that they will admit to anyway! No "Star" of the month.

On a positive note from the Tucson Rodeo Parade, the Sheriff's Posse Won 1st Place in the Western Riding Group.

On a sad note from the Parade was the accident that took the life of the little 5 year old girl from Sonoita, Az. Any time you have animals involved, there's a chance of having problems. The crowd was huge, with lots of noise and lots of motion. Accident!

## **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 Maryanne Mott, mjmott12 @ msn.com

Super-Congratulations to Kelly girl and her handler, Pam Johnson, they passed their off lead obedience and endurance tests at the last training. We know Kelly will be super for her upcoming air-scent test.

Trainings occur on the 1st and 3rd Sunday and the 3rd Wednesday of the Month. Call Vi Brown or a blue shirt for changes before attending.

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

#### **DIVER'S CALENDAR**

Apr 08 09:00 Sun **TBA** Rdv: TBD

The dive site for April has not been finalized, so Diver's will be notified by email of the location for April's training. We are attempting to keep training local due to the holiday. Training will focus on use of the dive masks, entanglement procedures and streamlining gear. We'll keep you posted.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

## SARA CALENDAR

<u>Apr 06</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA Annual Meeting & Potluck	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
Apr 07	08:00 Sat	Training: Mine Rescue	Rdv: SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Apr 19</u>	19:00 Thur	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>09:00 Sat</u>	Swift Water Swim Qualification	Rdv: TBA
Apr 28	08:00 Sat	Field Skills Recertification	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>May 04</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd

#### SARA BY-LAWS CHANGE AND MEMBERSHIP POLICY

by Rob Offerle, rofferle @ cox.net

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, February, and March membership meetings. Field Qualified Members will vote on the By-Laws change at our Annual Meeting and Potluck on April 6.

#### 2006 SARA BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE

by Rob Offerle, rofferle @ juno.com

SARA board members' attendance from April 2006 through March 2007:

Name, Office	End of Term	<b>Meetings Attended</b>	
Richard Kunz, President	2008	13 of 13	
Brian Duffy, Vice President	2007	11 of 13	
Bill Florence, Treasurer	2007	12 of 13	
Rob Offerle, Secretary	2007	13 of 13	
Jim Holmes	2008	13 of 13	
Mike McAuley	2007	7 of 10	
Henry Schneiker	2007	13 of 13	
Frances Walker	2008	10 of 13	
Cathy Wasmann	2008	11 of 13	

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

#### **OEC CORNER**

by John Gorski, jgorski1 @ us.ibm.com

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

#### **SARA TRAINING**

by Brian Duffy, bduffy @ email.arizona.edu

**April Monthly Training: Mine Rescue** 

Date: 7 April 2007

Rendezvous: 0800, SARA House

Instructor: Richard Kunz

Target Audience: All SARA members and candidates

Swim Qualification for Swift Water Rescue Training

Date: 22 April 2007

Rendezvous: 0900, Location TBA

Instructor: Richard Kunz

May Monthly Training: Swift Water Rescue

Date: 5 May 2007

Rendezvous: 0800, Oracle and Magee Rd

Instructor: Richard Kunz

Required Equipment: Helmet, PFD, whistle, knife, and suitable footware. Recommend wearing a wetsuit. Some PFD's are available

thru SARA





Call Date #Hrs Problem Location Resources

#### 7.011 Sat, 17 Feb 7 31 55yf hiker overdue

Finger Rock Canyon, Catalinas

**TucsonRanger** 

18:36 – 21:45 A hiker reported her companion overdue on a hike up the Finger Rock Trail. Shortly afterwards, another hiker reported HER companion missing. One had continued to the peak while the other waited, then they missed each other on the return trip. The first was okay at the trailhead, the other was half-way up as it got dark. Tucson Ranger verified her location and escorted her for awhile with their spotlight. A team provided lights and company for the rest of the walk out.

### 7.012 Wed, 21 Feb 0 0 Motorcycle crash

MP 4, Catalina Hwy, Catalinas

RMFD, Lifeline

17:39 – 18:48 No data. A motorcyclist crashed and was thrown about 30' down a steep, loose slope. Medical people wrestled the patient back to the roadway as initial SAR people arrived.

7.013 Sat, 24 Feb 12 34 33ym hiker off trail

Pima Canyon, Catalinas

TucsonRanger

16:27 – 19:44 A hiker reported losing the trail below Kimball Peak. His reports resulted in teams starting up Pima and Finger Rock, while he tried to direct TucsonRanger to his location. He was located high in Montrose Canyon, and Ranger plucked him off a nearby rock.

7.014 Mon, 26 Feb 9 18 Hikers stranded by dark

7 Falls Trail, Catalinas

19:36 – 20:41 Several hikers got a late start, and were stranded by dark on their return. Teams met them between crossings six and seven, and provided lights and company for the walk back out.

#### 7.015 Thu, 01 Mar 7 27 58ym missing

AZ/NM border near Duncan

Customs, NM SAR

08:53 – 14:30 A New Mexico SAR Coordinator requested Mutual Aid assistance on the second day of a search for a male with a cardiac history and unprepared for being out overnight a couple of miles into New Mexico. Mike McAuley was authorized to fly a Customs Citation to the search area, and soon spotted the missing subjects campfire, then directed ground teams to the area. Our SAR people were approaching Safford as the find was reported.

7.016 Thu, 01 Mar 0 0 Cadaver Search

Los Reales Landfill, Tucson

**TucsonPolice** 

16:33 – 19:23 No data.

7.017 Sat, 03 Mar 6 50 Five hikers off trail

Box Camp Trail, Catalinas

Survey1

20:12 – 04:45 Five hikers reported losing the Box Camp Trail and were not able to continue after dark. They appeared to be low on the trail, so teams rerouted to Sabino. Survey1 spotted the hikers in the Sabino Basin area, and teams reached them just above the basin adjacent to the trail. One of the hikers was walking very slowly, so it took awhile for the group to return to the road.

7.018 Wed, 07 Mar 17 75 70ym hiker missing

Tucson Mtn Park, Tucson Mtns

BORSAR, Customs

14:37 – 22:00 A hiker was reported overdue on a hike in the Starr Pass area. Search teams covered much of the park south of Speedway and north of Ajo Hwy.

7.019 Thu, 08 Mar 11 68 70ym hiker missing

Tucson Mtn Park, Tucson Mtns

**BORSAR** 

(22:40) - 09:03 - 14:15 Continue search for overdue hiker. Another hiker located the subject on the north side of "Little Cat" Mtn, reporting him unresponsive with serious head injuries. The initial team on-scene reported the subject deceased. A technical lower system was required for about 30', then a steep scree evac for 300', then the team walked down to the trail and out of the field.

7.020 Sun, 11 Mar 10 44 64ym hiker ankle injury

Romero Canyon Trail, Catalinas

LifeNet1, CSP

10:53 – 15:08 A hiker injured his ankle a short distance before Romero Pools. LifeNet1 landed on a ridge that we have used before. Carrying the 260lb patient by stokes up to the helicopter was challenging.

7.021 Sun, 11 Mar 6 58 ??ym mtn biker off trail

Samaniego Ridge, Catalinas

Survey1, PhxRanger

20:44 – 08:15 A mtn biker reported himself unable to follow the trail, and was not prepared to be out at night. Initially we understood that he intended to come down the Sutherland Trail. While talking with him by cellphone, it sounded like he had been on Samaniego Ridge, and Survey1 helped verify that but was not able to provide useful coordinates. Access to the trailhead is over several miles of 4WD road. A couple of deputies on ATVs carried a team of two to Charouleau Gap, and continued to search the area while the hikers headed up trail. In the morning, Phoenix Ranger assisted, and soon afterwards the subject found his way out to a road. Ranger picked up our two hikers to complete the operation.

7.022 Tue, 13 Mar 10 66 74ym hiker diabetic ill

Mt Wrightson, Santa Ritas

TucsonRanger, DM305th

17:49 – 01:45 A group of hikers had covered much of the high trails near Mt. Wrightson and started down the Old Baldy Trail. Just below Baldy Saddle one of the hikers became ill. Santa Cruz SAR had been busy all day on a search for an off-trail hiker in Temporal Canyon, so they did not have any hikers available. Two Green Valley Fire medics hiked to the scene, arriving soon after TucsonRanger dropped a couple of paramedics at the saddle. We started several teams up trail with the litter. The patient condition was deteriorating as those on-scene tried to carry him up to Ranger. A SAR helicopter from DM hoisted the patient and flew him directly to UMC. Our teams were arriving as the hoist was being done. Ranger flew several people out, leaving one medic to walk out with our teams.

**2007 Totals:** People: 180 Hours: 736 Hours per person: 4.1

# **SARCI Calendar**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mar 26 : :	Mar 27	Mar 28 SARA Training Confined Space	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 01 SRDI Training
Apr 02	Apr 03	Apr 04 SRDI Board Mtg	Apr 05	Apr 06 SARA General Mtg	Apr 07 SARA Training Mine Rescue	Apr 08 Divers Training
Apr 09 :	Apr 10	Apr 11 SRDI General Mtg	Apr 12 Posse Board Mtg	Apr 13	Apr 14 SRDI Training	Apr 15 SRDI Training Posse Gymkanna
Apr 16 :	Apr 17	Apr 18 SRDI Training SARCI Board Mtg	Apr 19 SARA Fundraising Mtg SARA Board Mtg	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22 SARA Swiftwater Qual
Apr 23	Apr 24	Apr 25	Apr 26 Posse General Mtg	Apr 27	Apr 28 SARA Field Skills Recert	Apr 29
Apr 30 :	May 01	May 02 SRDI Board Mtg	May 03	May 04 SARA General Mtg	May 05 SARA Training Swiftwater Rescue	May 06 SRDI Training
May 07	May 08	May 09 SRDI General Mtg	May 10 Posse Board Mtg	May 11	May 12	May 13 . Divers Training
May 14 :	May 15	May 16	May 17 . SARA Fundraising Mtg SARA Board Mtg	May 18	May 19	May 20 SRDI Training Posse Gymkanna
May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24 Posse General Mtg	May 25	May 26	May 27
May 28 :	May 29	May 30	May 31	Jun 01 SARA General Mtg	Jun 02 SARA Training TBD	Jun 03 SRDI Training



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P.O.Box 44231, Tucson AZ 85733 Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 19:30 (Jan,Apr,Jul,Oct), details inside.

## 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**

P.O.Box 64120, Tucson AZ 85728-4120 Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 19:00 SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft **SARNEWS** Published monthly by Search and Rescue Council, Inc., a volunteer, non-profit organization. It is distributed free to members of SARCI affiliated groups and other qualified search and rescue organizations.

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