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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.

#### SARCI WEBSITE NEWS

by Deb Heilig, debh @ sarci2.org

The SARCI web site has a fresh new look and you can check it out at <a href="http://www.sarci.org">http://www.sarci.org</a>. The new design is intended to make it easier for interested folks to find out more about each of our component groups, when and where meetings are held, how to make a donation, and how to join a group.

There are two new additions to the Member Pro Purchasing page: Mammut USA and Outdoor Prolink, which offers Kelty, Sierra Designs, Cloudveil, MSR, Katadyn, Jetboil, Darn Tough, Steri Pen, Primus, La Sportiva, CAMP, Gregory, Princeton Tec and many more brands. To access the Pro Purchasing page, go to the Members Only page and click on the Pro Deals link on the left side.

The Members Only page is also where you'll find links to the SARCI Calendar of Events, Field Qualification Status Report, Phone Lists, Email Lists, OEC Schedules, SARCI Information, commonly used forms, and links to the FEMA online NIMS classes.

As always, if you have comments, updates or corrections for the web site, or if you don't remember how to get to the Members Only page, please email debh @ sarci2.org.

#### UPDATED: SARA HOUSE ENTRANCES DURING CONSTRUCTION

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci.org

Craycroft traffic has been shifted to the east side of the roadway. The roadway is not level between the east and west side, with up to a six inch difference. It looks like you may be able to move from the southbound lane onto the old pavement, then turn into the entrance safely. Keep your eyes open for changes as the old roadway is worked on.

We strongly recommend NO LEFT TURNS either into or out of either 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 River Road 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.

For the Craycroft entrance, 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.

BE SAFE!

# PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

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

Jul 8 09:00 Sun

Search Patterns – Peña Blanca Lake

Rdv: Valencia and I-19 at 08:00

June's training focused on search patterns near the boat launch area at Parker Lake. This also was an introduction into limited visibility for the newer people. July's training will take us south to Peña Blanca Lake. Aerial recon of the lake suggests it may be weed free (like Parker). We will have an orientation and brief history of the lake activity and again set up and perform search patterns in deeper black water. Meet at Valencia and I-19 at 08:00 to travel to Peña Blanca.

Please note - It's been very hot lately and divers need to be well hydrated prior to entering the water. A wetsuit is not the ideal clothing of choice to wear in 108 degree weather. Please remember to bring and drink lots of water and snacks.

#### SRDI CALENDAR

Jul 1-2	20:00 Sat-Sun	Mock Search	Rdv: I-10 & 83; Leaders: Vi & Dave
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<u>Jul 14-15</u> 16:00 Sat-Sun **Night Work – Mt. Lemmon** Rdv: Substation 106; Leaders: Tonya & Jennifer A.

<u>Jul 18</u> <u>18:00 Wed</u> **Building/CAD** Rdv: SARA House

Congratulations go to all the candidates after completing the grueling OEC medical training. Also kudos to Jennifer Arnold, Tonya Moore, and Karen Paquette and their dogs Trouble, Hero and Mattie for their recent find; Trouble recertified Cadaver III and Hero and Mattie became Cadaver III certified. Great work!

The dog team enjoys having others come and be a part of our trainings. Please contact the training chair Vi Brown or the instructor of the training to confirm location as we often have changes or callouts.

Tid-Bits: Ask permission from the handler to approach their dog and pet them. Food, play and petting are often rewards used in training the dogs. If the handler says "no" it's in the best interest of the dog's training.

# **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>Jul 12</u>	19:00 Thurs	Posse Board Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Jul 21</u>	16:00 Sat	Gymkhana	Vail Feed Store, Vail, AZ
<u>Jul 26</u>	19:00 Thurs	Posse General Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy

Summer is here-Hot-Hot-Hot! Dan McPhedran has found a New S&R shirt with a 40 UV protection. Posse has OK'd this shirt in a red for S&R. Dan has been testing it and it's a lot cooler than our present red shirts. Cool mornings, not a problem. Four o'clock Search and Rescues, possible big problems with excessive heat. Dan said its the best shirt he's found for the heat. Capt. Gibeault has appointed a committee of three to research different shirt options. A big thank you to Dan M. and Capt Gibeault.

Membership in the Posse has reached the double size stage. (Good). Lots of additional training being required. Thanks to the SARA instructors for the help. Thanks to Pam Phillips and George Herget.

By now, O.E.C. class has graduated. As one of the instructors, I'd like to thank the students who stuck it out and the I.O.R.s (Instructors of Records) and all the instructors and patients. Both SARA and Posse members. I'm amazed at Mary Ann's ability as a make up artist. Super job to all involved. Now, the new grads can go to work with their new learned skill in the field.

Summer Tech Tip from Simmons: Your tires do not like excessive heat. The roads will get up to 147 degrees. Tire life is around four years, being exposed to Az. heat. The tread may look good at a glance. Look closer, look for small weather cracks. The tire is rubber, it will dry out and it will get hard, lose flexibility and come apart at the wrong time. Long, driving road trips on a dried out tire invite tire blow-outs. Have a safe summer.

# **SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION**

# SARA CALENDAR

<u>Jul 6</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Jul 7</u>	08:00 Sat	Training: Truck & Equipment	Rdv: Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Jul 19</u>	19:00 Thur	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Jul 28</u>	TBA Sat	Field Skills Recertification	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd_
Aug 3	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd

#### **OEC CORNER**

by John Gorski, jgorskil @ us.ibm.com

Mark your calendar for this year's OEC refresher dates for 2007: Sunday September 16, 2007 and Saturday October 20, 2007. NSP states this year's refresher course outline will be posted toward the end of the summer. So watch for information in the upcoming newsletters, or check the NSP web site at <a href="https://www.nsp.org">www.nsp.org</a>.

#### SARA TRAINING

#### July Monthly Training

Truck and Equipment/ Introduction to Base camp Operations

Date: Saturday, July 7

Rendezvous: Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway, 08:00

Target Audience: All members and candidates who think they might need to find something in a SARA Rescue vehicle this summer!

Orange Card sign off for candidates.

#### CANDIDATE BASIC TRAINING

by Brian Duffy, bduffy @ email.arizona.edu

For the past several years the candidate Basic Training Committee has done a tremendous job of both training our new candidate class and going out into the community and recruiting them!

In order to allow the Candidate Basic Training Committee more time to focus on their specific responsibility of providing Basic Training to candidates, we have split off the responsibility of candidate recruitment and selection to a new Candidate Selection Committee and have created a new email address for those who are interested in joining SARA, called *joinsara @ sarci2.org* 

To provide more time between Basic Training and the start of OEC; new candidate recruitment and selection will begin in June. Basic Training will be conducted in the fall, with OEC likely to begin at its usual time in February.

#### Important 2007 Dates:

June 26 First Candidate Orientation Talk/night

July 7 Applications due

July 17th Second Candidate Orientation

August 3rd Applications due

August 18th Candidate Selection Hike Possibly North end of Alvernon

September 20th BOD Meeting, Present Recommendations

As always, SARA members are the best recruiters for our future teammates. Please tell your friends and family who you think would be good SARA Members to contact us at *joinsara* @ sarci2.org

#### **SARA STORE**

by John Gorski, jgorski1 @ us.ibm.com

Stop by the SARA store at the next monthly meeting to pick up this year's SARA parking permit. Also, a friendly reminder to place the parking permit on your rear view mirror during the operation to avoid any problems.





#### Call Date #Hrs Problem Location Resources

7.040 Sat, 19 May 8 65 4 hikers off trail

#### Butterfly Trail, Catalinas

#### **TucsonRanger**

22:03 – 06:15 Two adult males and two children were hiking from Palisades on the Butterfly Trail. They lost the trail near the Crystal Springs Trail junction and headed uphill until steep terrain and sunset stopped them. They requested help, Tucson Ranger spotted them four hundred feet below Soldier's Camp and six hundred feet above Butterfly Trail. One team headed down the steep and rocky slope while another went down trail, then up a ridge. One of the adults was moving slowly. Everyone went down to the trail and started towards Soldier's Camp, arriving just after dawn.

7.041 Sun, 20 May 11 16 40yf horse rider fall

Bellota Ranch, Redington Pass

TucsonRanger

17:08 – 19:10 A female horse rider fell and briefly lost consciousness, a short distance north of Bellota Ranch in Redington Pass.. TucsonRanger landed and loaded the patient with the help of companions while additional resources were bouncing up the road.

7.042 Sat, 26 May 12 77 5 hikers off trail

Cathedral Rock, Catalinas

**TucsonRanger** 

10:06-17:54 Five guys hiked up Ventana in the evening, intending to reach Summerhaven for breakfast. The trails are in poor condition, and they were lost near Cathedral Rock. TucsonRanger dropped two rescuers nearby, replenished their supplies, then headed down West Fork Sabino, meeting additional teams along the trail to the end of the road in Sabino.

7.043 Mon, 28 May 11 49 2 hikers lost

Sabino Canyon, Catalinas

TucsonRanger

18:12-23:30 Two teens were separated from their parents in Marshall Gulch. TucsonRanger spotted them downstream near the Wilderness Fork junction, and dropped two rescuers in the area. The two were rounded up and escorted back to the helicopter.

7.044 Tue, 29 May 10 20 64ym horse rider fall

Cactus Forest, Rincons

NPS, RMFD

07:54 – 09:39 A horse rider fell, injured his shoulder, and called for help. He rode by litter for a half mile on the Shantz Trail to the trailhead.

7.045 Fri, 01 Jun 12 76 Evidence Search

Mine Shaft near Arivaca

PCSL

(Wed 19:04) - 11:27 Technical assistance and cadaver dogs were requested to assist investigators at a shaft near Arivaca. The depth was reported to be several hundred feet. It was also reported to be 15' deep, so we took a ladder and that's all we needed. We did belay a deputy, in case the trash was not on firm footing.

7.000 Sun, 03 Jun 0 0 Hikers overdue

Aspen Trail, Catalinas

MLFD

17:34 – 17:46 Two hikers were reported overdue. Before teams could start up the hill, the hikers appeared.

7.046 Tue, 05 Jun 12 33 60yf hiker off trail

Tucson Mtn Park, Tucson Mtns.

19:26 – 23:00 A woman on a long day hike reported having lost the trail near the Stone Cabin. Her cellphone provided reasonable coordinates, but teams headed in from several directions, just in case. She was found near the coordinates in good condition.

7.000 Wed, 06 Jun 0 0 ??yf horse rider fall

Cactus Forest, Rincons

**RMFD** 

11:04 – 11:13 A horse rider fell about 1/3 mile south of the east end of Speedway. She refused assistance.

7.047 Fri, 15 Jun 8 33 ??ym hiker off trail

Davis Spring Trail, Catalinas

TucsonRanger

12:31 – 14:06 – 17:57 A hiker was not able to follow the Davis Spring Trail, and called for help. We thought he was at least a mile below the Butterfly Trail, but TucsonRanger spotted him near the junction, where the first team met him. All hiked back to Palisades, rounding up additional teams along the trail.

7.048 Sat, 16 Jun 8 29 Two hikers disoriented

Wilderness of Rocks, Catalinas

Tucson

20:19-00:30 Two hikers were low on supplies and close to sunset when they asked for help. TucsonRanger located the flash from their camera, and the coordinates showed them to be on the Wilderness of Rocks Trail, almost a mile from Marshall Saddle. Teams met them closer to the saddle and escorted them out without problems.

**2007 Totals:** 

People: 380

Hours: 1436

Hours per person: 3.8





# **SARCI** Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jun 25	Jun 26 SARA Candidate Mtg	Jun 27	Jun 28 Posse General Mtg	Jun 29	Jun 30	Jul 01 SRDI Training
Jul 02 : :	Jul 03	Jul 04 SRDI Board Mtg	Jul 05	Jul 06 SARA General Mtg	Jul 07 SARA Training Truck & Equip	Jul 08 Divers Training
Jul 09 : :	Jul 10	Jul 11 SRDI General Mtg	Jul 12 Posse Board Mtg	Jul 13	Jul 14	Jul 15 SRDI Training Posse Gymkanna
Jul 16 :	Jul 17 SARA Candidate Mtg	Jul 18 SARCI General Mtg	Jul 19 Fundraising Mtg SARA Board Mtg	Jul 20	Jul 21	Jul 22
Jul 23	Jul 24	Jul 25	Jul 26 Posse General Mtg	Jul 27	Jul 28 SARA Field Skills	Jul 29
Jul 30 :	Jul 31	Aug 01 SRDI Board Mtg	Aug 02	Aug 03 SARA General Mtg	Aug 04 SARA Training Basic Rock	Aug 05 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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