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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 CONSTRUCTION

by SARNews, sarnews@sarci.org

It looks like Craycroft construction will be nearly complete by the end of the year. The north half of the project has four lanes of traffic moving at 35mph, and this will probably extend throughout the project soon. The final (second) layer of pavement has been laid over the north half, but will not be extended south until warmer weather, so there is a bump at the transition. WATCH OUT!

There is no longer an entrance off of River Road. The Craycroft entrance is wide and level, but not marked or lighted. When the road is striped with a turn lane, then left turns will be less hazardous. Until then, use extra caution when making left turns into and out of the entrance.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Maryanne Mott, mjmott12@msn.com

SRDI CALENDAR

<u>Jan 06</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Qtly HRD (MR)/all dogs	Sahuarita Rd/Old Nogales Hwy
<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>18:00 Wed</u>	All Dog Training	Lakeside Park
<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>09:00 Sat</u>	Camp out: all dogs Sat./MR Sun	Hwy 82/Empire Cienega
<u>Feb 03</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Qtly Evidence (MR)/all dogs	Gilbert Ray Campground

Check website for training updates: www.sarci.org/SRDI

HRD DOGS responded 12/06/07 to PCSO request to search small area near Ajo/Dodge for possible buried human remains. Dogs gave very strong indication in one general area that HRD was present. Subsequent excavation in the area of interest resulted in discovery of human remains buried approximately 3 to 4 feet deep and encased in concrete.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Fran Kunz, 886-2216, divers8@sarci2.org

DIVERS CALENDAR

<u>Jan 06</u>	<u>08:30 Sun</u>	Ft. Lowell Pool	Ft. Lowell Pool
<u>Feb 03</u>	<u>08:30 Sun</u>	Ft. Lowell Pool	Ft. Lowell Pool

NOTE Change in DATES and TIMES

The DIVERS almost always train on the second Sunday every month. Correct? Yes, except when it's simultaneously an election year, a leap year, and an Olympiad year. This year, 2008, is again all three. The U.S. Olympic Decathlon Team will train at Fort Lowell pool daily starting about 8 or 9 January. The Canadian Olympic Decathlon Team uses the pool in February. The scheduling for Fort Lowell pool is completely up in the air. The U.S. Team may show up later in January, but that will not be firmed up until early January. The Canadians could have weather-delayed flights to Tucson and may begin their training later than currently scheduled.

Soooooo - The availability of Fort Lowell pool, or any Tucson pool, on the second Sundays of January and February is uncertain...questionable...problematic. So, the DIVERS will train on the FIRST Sunday of January and the FIRST Sunday in February at Fort Lowell Park pool. Mark your calendars for January 6 and February 3 at 0830 to 1130. Tucson Parks & Recreation guaranteed January 6 and February 3 for the DIVERS...and only for the DIVERS. Even the synchronized swimmers won't be there.

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>Jan 05</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Horse Parade Training	Dr. Gibeault's – 13881 E Speedway
<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>19:00 Thurs</u>	Posse Board Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>11:00 Sun</u>	Posse Gymkhana	Vail Feed Store
<u>Jan 27</u>	<u>19:00 Sun</u>	Posse General Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>May 04</u>	<u>07:30 Sun</u>	Posse Golf Tournament	The Pines, Marana, AZ

A huge thank you goes out to the Sheriff's Department for an excellent banquet. Approximately four hundred fifty people were in attendance. Time management was excellent, the food was good and Fitzsimmons as funny as could be. The Posse had nine members there, and most of them were with spouses.

The Posse had its holiday party at El Corral restaurant. Excellent food and good attendance. A big thank you goes out to Tanya Trubee for setting it up.

There is one thing that stood out at both the Sheriff's banquet and Posse holiday party. All of the women affiliated with the Posse and SARA were beautiful. Not just my humble opinion, it's a matter of FACT!

Congratulations to our new members. Dennis Cole, Jody Blaylock and Patrick Fritton were sworn in at our last general meeting. Stephanie Oseran was out of state. She also has been approved for membership. Don't panic, Joe Barr. I'll make sure we get you current information. And thank you, Joe, for working with us on the expansion program.

By the time this newsletter gets to you, we hope all of you had a safe holiday season. We wish you a happy and healthy 2008. It will be a busy one.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA@sarci2.org

SARA CALENDAR

<u>Jan 04</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Jan 05</u>	<u>08:00 Sat</u>	Training: Winter Skills Orientation	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>19:00 Wed</u>	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Jan 26</u>	<u>19:00 Wed</u>	Basic IV and Field Skills Recert	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Feb 01</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft Rd
<u>Feb 09</u>	<u>TBA Sat</u>	MRA Winter Skills Re-accreditation	Rdv: TBA on Audix

SARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

by SARA BoD, SARABOARD@sarci2.org

2007 was another busy year for SARA with many challenging callouts and rescues. In December, SARA was recognized by the Pima County Sheriff's Department with a Special Recognition Award presented at the Sheriffs annual awards dinner. We received a group award as well as individual commendations. Come to the January meeting and receive yours.

2008 will be a busy year for SARA. Besides the callouts, monthly trainings, basic trainings and OEC, several significant events will occur in 2008.

In February, we will once again be tested by our peers on our skills as mountain rescuers. February 9th is the date for the Mountain Rescue Association Re-accreditation in winter skills, snow and ice. Come test your skills in conditions we don't usually operate in.

The following week, SARA will provide medical and communication support to a mountain biking endurance event near Oracle. The Kona 24 Hours of the Old Pueblo Mountain Bike Endurance event will take place on the weekend of February 16th-17th. SARA members interested in volunteering should come to the January monthly meeting for further details. With more than 3000 people attending this epic mountain biking event there will be plenty of opportunity to practice our medical skills. Amateur radio operators are also invited to participate.

April 2008 earmarks our 50th Anniversary as Southern Arizona's premier search and rescue team. A celebration is in order. Details TBA.

OEC CORNER

by John Gorski, [jgorski @ us.ibm.com](mailto:jgorski@us.ibm.com)

OEC class will start January 29, 2008 and run through June 26, 2008. "Patients" are needed to assist in each class. This is a chance to have your orange card signed off. Dress for fun. The classes begin at 6:30 pm.

OEC Refresher dates for 2008 are Saturday September 13th, and Sunday November 2nd. The study guide will be posted on the NSP web site in August.

SARA TRAINING

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

The Training Committee meets each Tuesday the week after the monthly training at the SARA House at 6:30 pm

January Monthly Training

Subject: Winter Skills Orientation

Date: Saturday January 5th.

Rendezvous: TBD

Target Audience: All members and candidates who think they might want to improve their winter rescue skills.

Details TBA on Audix.

2008 SARA TRAINING SCHEDULE

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

This plan includes dates for SARA monthly training, recruitment of new candidates, candidate basic training as well as other significant events.

January 5: Monthly Training - Winter Skills Orientation

January 26: Candidate Basic Training Basic IV test, also Field Skills Recertification (FSR)

February 2: Monthly Training - Winter Rescue Practice

February 9-10: MRA Winter Rescue, Reaccreditation

February 15-17: Kona 24 Hours of the Old Pueblo, Mountain Bike Endurance event

March 8: Monthly Training - TV Falls Orientation, Possible HAD

March 26: Cave Rescue Classroom

April 5: Monthly Training - Cave Rescue

TBD: Swift Water Rescue Classroom session - TBD

April 27: Swift Water Rescue Pool test

May 3: Monthly Training - Swift Water Rescue

TBD: Sonoran Desert Classroom Session

June 7: Monthly Training - Sonoran Desert Intro/Survival Skills Field

TBD: Helicopter Training Orientation, Static Display

June 24 or 26: Recruitment - 1st Candidate Orientation

July 5: Monthly Training - Truck and Equipment, Base Camp Operations

July 15 or 17: Recruitment - 2nd Candidate Orientation

August 2: Monthly Training - Basic Rock, AKA - Introduction to Off Trail Movement

August 16: Recruitment - Candidate Orientation Hike

September 6: Monthly Training - Personal Rope Skills

September 18: Recruitment - Present Candidate Slate to BoD

October 4: Monthly Training - Technical Skills, Beyond Basic 4

October 11 Candidate Basic Training, Basic I

TBD: Vertical Mile

October 25 Candidate Basic Training, Basic II

November 4 Candidate Basic Training-Introduction to Technical Rescue Systems

November 8 Monthly Training - Technical Rescue

November 11 Candidate Basic Training- Introduction to Technical Rescue Systems

November 15/16 Candidate Basic Training, Basic III

December 6 Monthly Training - Medical/Technical Equipment

CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Mykle Raymond, *SARnews @ sarci.org*

<i>Call</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Vol/ Hrs</i>	<i>Problem</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Resources</i>
7.110	Fri, 30 Nov 10 25	Evidence search		E of Mt.Fagan, Santa Ritas	
12:11 – 16:22 Search of van in stock pond, nothing found.					
7.111	Thu, 06 Dec 8 45	Evidence search		Dodge Blvd & 46 th St, Tucson	TPD
09:55 – 18:25 Cadaver search of property, verified location of remains.					
7.112	Sat, 08 Dec 12 40	Hikers stranded by high water		Sabino Canyon, Catalinas	TucsonRanger
10:41 – 15:07 23 soggy and cold people in three groups retrieved by SAR teams and helicopter.					
7.113	Sun, 09 Dec 5 5	Missing hiker		Ventana Canyon, Catalinas	
14:27 – 14:52 A hiker with a twisted ankle was assisted out by a SARA member, who reported a missing companion. Meanwhile, she returned from a visit to the ladies room.					
7.114	Thu, 13 Dec 6 6	Lost hiker		Esperero Canyon, Catalinas	TucsonRanger
12:11 – 13:45 A hiker reported being unable to find the trail high in Esperero Canyon, and had wet and cold feet during a backpack trip. Ranger located him in Esperero Saddle, dropped off a SARA member on a nearby rock, retrieved the hiker, and flew everyone out. The hiker had been standing on the trail in several inches of snow. He also had a couple of frostbit toes.					
2007 Totals: People: 1199 Hours: 4324 Hours per person: 3.6					

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SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Dec 31 .	Jan 01 Happy New Year	Jan 02 SRDI Board Mtg	Jan 03 .	Jan 04 SARA General Mtg	Jan 05 Posse Horse Parade Trng T SARA Training "Winter Skills Orientation"	Jan 06 SRDI Training
Jan 07 .	Jan 08 .	Jan 09 SRDI General Mtg	Jan 10 .	Jan 11 .	Jan 12 .	Jan 13 Divers Training Posse Board Mtg
Jan 14 .	Jan 15 .	Jan 16 SARCI Meeting	Jan 17 SARA Board Mtg	Jan 18 .	Jan 19 .	Jan 20 SRDI Training Posse Gymkhana
Jan 21 .	Jan 22 .	Jan 23 .	Jan 24 .	Jan 25 .	Jan 26 SARA Basic IV Field Skills Recert	Jan 27 Posse General Mtg
Jan 28 .	Jan 29 .	Jan 30 .	Jan 31 .	Feb 01 SARA General Mtg	Feb 02 SARA Training "Winter Rescue Practice"	Feb 03 SRDI Training
Feb 04 .	Feb 05 .	Feb 06 .	Feb 07 .	Feb 08 .	Feb 09 SARA Training "MRA Winter Recert"	Feb 10 Divers Training SARA Training "MRA Winter Recert"
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Feb 25 .	Feb 26 .	Feb 27 .	Feb 28 Posse General Mtg	Feb 29 .	Mar 01 .	Mar 02 .



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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

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Meet 1st Fri 19:30, SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

PIMA COUNTY SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

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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

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS

P.O.Box 64120, Tucson AZ 85728-4120
Meet 2nd Wed 19:00 SARA House, 3455 N. Craycroft

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