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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.

SABINO CALLOUT PARKING

by SARNews, sarnews@sarci.org

Please park after the gate to the SARA House (on the WEST side of the road, or in one of the parking areas). If you are going to drive into the canyon, please be sensitive to people who may need rides from the parking area.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, jerry@simmonsautorepair.com

POSSE CALENDAR

<u>Mar 04</u>	<u>19:00 Thu</u>	Posse Board Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Mar 06</u>	<u>10:00 Sat</u>	Patrol and Equine Voices	Brandi Fenton Park
<u>Mar 13</u>	<u>TBA Sat</u>	Hero's Day	Houghton Rd and Old Spanish Trail
<u>Mar 14</u>	<u>11:00 Sun</u>	Posse Gymkhana	Tanque Verde Stables, 11000 E Glenn
<u>Mar 20</u>	<u>TBA Sat</u>	Posse Search & Rescue Field Training	Rdv: TBA
<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>19:00 Thu</u>	Posse General Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy
<u>Apr 05</u>	<u>18:00 Mon</u>	Outdoor First Care Training	SARA House, 5590 N Sabino Canyon Rd

As Posse we do what we can do. However these 4-wheel-drive animals have their limits on steep, slick trails.. We may be able to get there, but unable to transport due to bad footing for animals while attempting to bring someone out. This call will be made by the experienced animal owner, whether it is a go or no go haul. Example if the animal is having a bad hair day, the owner may spot this and decline a haul. SAFETY FIRST. We did have pretty good success with the line search on West Orange Grove Rd. This was a perfect line search area, including additional helicopter training for a couple of horses and my mule. There is really no better training than OJT. Enjoyed working with dog team members, SARA, Border Patrol, Ranger and of course, all of the Sheriff's personnel. We still will not let Sgt E. ride with us, SAFETY FIRST. He needs practice. Mykle did inform me (Simmons) to do a better job on my GPS clearing and reporting. Dan M. had an immediate on site seminar on same subject. Thanks to both. No time to sleep, darn it. Jeremy loved my Mule, though, and learned not to stand too close. This was a previous mule encounter.

Training: Full-blown effort being put forth by Colleen Leon, Training Committee Chairperson. Looks like a busy rest of the year. We will probably invite SARA personnel to join in on different scenarios. Colleen is working with everyone to put together this schedule. Sgt Economidis will be informed of all training data and programs put forth by the Posse for the Sheriff's Dept. review and approval prior to the actual training, as requested.

Medical Training: Outdoor First Care training will begin on April 05, 2010 at the SARA House (location subject to change based on availability). This class will be taught for NEW OFC folks and for personnel that need to refresh their OFC. Cost to SARCI members who are taking the class for the first time is \$25.00 (book only) and \$50.00 for non-SARCI members. There is no cost for refreshing SARCI members, since they should have the kit/books from their previous class. Please RSVP by e-mail to Jerry Simmons at jerry@simmonsautorepair.com, or call 400-1809. Deadline for registration is March 20, 2010.

Park Patrol: Dennis Cole is the Park Patrol Coordinator, and is pushing for badly needed patrols as requested by Sgt George Economidis

Membership: Anyone wanting information about joining the Posse may send request to Bill Cunningham at rodear55@hotmail.com

Posse Gymkhana: The crowd is growing! Gymkhana chairman Pat Gallagher and our public relation committee is doing an excellent job.

Coming soon: a new website designed by Charlotte Krebs Holtz, Posse member and graphic artist. www.pimacountysheriffsposse.org.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, [kpaquette1 @ comcast.net](mailto:kpaquette1@comcast.net)

SRDI CALENDAR

<u>Mar 07</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	All Dog/Water, Tracking, Air Scent	Rdv: Cienega Creek_
<u>Mar 10</u>	<u>19:00 Wed</u>	SRDI Board/General Meeting	Rdv: Cienega Creek
<u>Mar 17</u>	<u>18:00 Wed</u>	All Dog/Urban Problems	Rdv: Sabino Canyon Rd. and Cloud Rd.
<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	MR Dog/Tracking, Air Scent	Rdv: Empire Cienega
<u>Apr 03</u>	<u>17:00 Sat</u>	Annual Circle/Field Skills Recert	Rdv: SR 83 at Power Line Rd.

All SARCI members are welcome to attend any of our trainings. Please check the Event Calendar on our website (www.sarci.org/SRDI.htm) or call Vi Brown (762-0165) for training updates.

Check the SRDI online calendar for dates to attend the mandatory ICS-201 course with PCSO.

Please note that the spring opportunity for the annual hike and field skills recert has been scheduled. A fall opportunity will be scheduled.

An opportunity for NASAR SARTech II training and/or testing is available for those who are interested - contact Karen. This opportunity is available to all SARCI members. Dog/handler certification tests will be scheduled in the near future, check the SRDI calendar frequently, or call Vi.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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DIVERS CALENDAR

<u>Mar 14</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Grid Pattern Searches	Sunnyside Pool
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March's training will again be held at Sunnyside Pool and will cover basic grid pattern searches. This will consist of rigging patterns, ropes, knots and underwater rope and hand signals. This is a mandatory training session for diver and auxiliary surface support trainees. Time permitting we will repeat some of the skills we worked on last month and introduce the use of the Mark II mask.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

[SARA @ sarci2.org](mailto:SARA@sarci2.org)

SARA CALENDAR

<u>Mar 01</u>	<u>19:00 Mon</u>	"NIMS 138"	SARA House, 5590 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Mar 05</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 5590 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Mar 06</u>	<u>08:00 Sat</u>	Training: Tanque Verde Falls	Rdv: Circle-K, Tanque Verde & Tanque Verde Loop
<u>Mar 06</u>	<u>19:00 Sat</u>	"NIMS 138"	SARA House, 5590 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Mar 08</u>	<u>19:00 Mon</u>	"NIMS 138"	SARA House, 5590 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>19:00 Thur</u>	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 5590 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Apr 02</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	SARA Annual Meeting	SARA House, 5590 N Sabino Canyon Rd

PIMA COUNTY SAR ICS TRAINING

by SARNews, [sarnews @ sarci2.org](mailto:sarnews@sarci2.org)

A classroom session has been scheduled to present procedures for incorporating ICS into SAR missions. Most of our calls are short, one "operational period" in length, and will require a minimal amount of change in our ways of getting the job done. Sgt. George Economidis has been working on reducing the procedures to a level better suited for 90% of our missions.

Each field-qualified member (and those working on their qualifications) is asked to attend ONE of these sessions that is expected to last a couple of hours. Sgt. George has met with each component group (board of directors, at least) to make this request. Additional sessions will be scheduled as needed.

For now, the wags are calling this presentation "NIMS 138" (138 is George's radio number). No, you won't find any relevant material at the NIMS web site. Our crystal ball (you know how good they are) is suggesting that the SARCI Orientation Manual will include this content after we work with it for awhile. Until then, we will be working to ensure that everyone who responds to calls has attended one of these sessions.

The initial scheduled dates for each session are March 01, March 06, and March 08 at 19:00.

OEC CORNER

by John Gorski, [rescue161 @ att.net](mailto:rescue161@att.net)

OEC class of 2010 began on January 9th 2010. Check with Mike Jennings on the dates that he will need people to assist with playing victim. This will be your chance to complete the OEC sign-off on your orange card.

It is never too early to make your plans to attend our yearly refresher(s). The first one will be on Sunday August 22, 2010 and the second one will be on Saturday September 18, 2010. Look for updates in upcoming newsletters.

SARA FUNDRAISING

by SARNews, [sarnews @ sarci2.org](mailto:sarnews@sarci2.org)

Here are a couple of other ways you can help us.

Earning money for SARA can be as easy as choosing and using a search engine. Go to <http://www.goodsearch.com/> and select the Southern Arizona Rescue Association - SARA as the organization and every time you do a search SARA will get a penny. Doesn't sound like much, however if you do several searches per day it could be several dollars per month. Please give it some thought.

To help raise money for SARA when you shop at Bashas go to <http://www.bashasshopandgive.com/cardno.php> and enter your Thank You Card number. When asked for the organization code on the next screen, enter 29416 and your card will be linked to SARA which will receive 1% of what you spend through April 2010. You may also connect your card to SARA at the checkout lane. You should reconnect your card with the SARA number after the first of the year.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

by Dale Mann, [dale1947sailor @ gmail.com](mailto:dale1947sailor@gmail.com)

For the election at the annual meeting in April, there are four open seats on the Board. At present, four candidates have been nominated: Jason Bowman, Eric Davis, Brian Duffy, and Manny Montano. There will be an opportunity for nominations from the floor at the general meeting on March 5. The person to be nominated must have given his or her permission beforehand, or you may contact Dale Mann ([dale1947sailor @ gmail.com](mailto:dale1947sailor@gmail.com)) or Clyde Pretti ([clyde.pretti @ conformatech.com](mailto:clyde.pretti@conformatech.com)) with recommendations.

We are looking for recommendations for the annual Gag (in both meanings of the word) Awards for the April meeting. If something funny happened at a training or callout, contact Dale Mann ([dale1947sailor @ gmail.com](mailto:dale1947sailor@gmail.com)), John Gorski ([tucmj @ att.net](mailto:tucmj@att.net)), or Manny Montano ([manny @ sarci2.org](mailto:manny@sarci2.org)), with the details. Anonymity guaranteed.



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CALLOUT REVIEWS

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Call	Date	Vol/ Hrs/ Problem	Location	Resources
10.001	Sun 03 Jan	00/ 00/ ??ym hiker missing	Inspiration Rock, Catalinas	
14:08 – 14:19 A hiker was overdue from Inspiration Rock. He caught a ride with a passing motorist shortly after we were requested.				
10.002	Sun 17 Jan	20/ 91/ Recovery of human remains	Agua Caliente area, Catalinas	
18:25 – 23:45 Two hunters reported finding human remains. Teams hiked over the ridge before the hiker's description was sorted out, and the remains were investigated, recovered, and transported a short distance down the drainage to a residence.				
10.003	Mon 18 Jan	00/ 00/ Report of injured person	MP3, Catalina Hwy, Catalinas	RMFD
00:30 – 00:51 A female was reported to have fallen off the roadway. Her companion assisted her back up, and they were met by law enforcement and medical people at the base of the mountain.				
10.---	Mon 18 Jan	00/ 00/ Weather standby	Coconino County	
17:42 – xxxx Pima County SAR was requested to be on standby for assistance to Coconino County as a storm system moved in. No severe problems developed and no resources responded.				
10.004	Thu 21 Jan	13/ 30/ Hikers stranded by water	Sabino Canyon, Catalinas	Tucson Ranger, RMFD
12:29 – 14:33 Groups of hikers crossed Sabino Canyon while starting their hikes, and were stranded by high water as they returned. While preparations for crossing water were being made, other teams found Bear Canyon to be easily crossable, and all hikers were met and directed out to the road, and were transported back to the Visitors Center.				
10.005	Sun 24 Jan	10/ 94/ Stranded climbers	Coyote Domes, Coyote Mtns	Tucson Ranger
17:17 – 06:00 Two climbers became stranded while backing off from a climb when their rope became stuck and could not be retrieved to continue their descent. Ranger spotted them and lowered a bag of clothing, food and water at dusk. Teams arrived after dark near the base, and continued to the start of the climb to evaluate the problem. A meeting at IC concluded that the climbers were in a stable location, and that access at night was not recommended.				
10.006	Mon 25 Jan	15/ 123/ Stranded climbers	Coyote Domes, Coyote Mtns	Tucson Ranger
06:21 – 14:43 Continuation of assist for stranded climbers. At dawn, teams returned to the start of the climb to support one team climbing to the scene. The climbers were in good condition and returned with the team without problems.				
10.007	Sun 31 Jan	20/ 55/ 62ym hiker exhausted	La Milagrosa Ridge Trail, Catalinas	RMFD
13:23 – 16:15 A hiker became exhausted while with a group on the La Milagrosa Ridge Trail when the hike was less easy than expected. The group was met a half-mile up the trail and the patient assessed. He was able to continue down trail with assistance.\				
10.008	Sun 31 Jan	00/ 00/ Missing alzheimers patient	TanqueVerde & Sabino, Tucson	
15:12 – 15:31 A person was reported missing, but was located before teams were deployed.				
10.009	Sun 07 Feb	23/ 45/ ??ym injured in rollover	Chivo Falls, Rincons	C&BP RMFD
12:19 – 15:57 A passenger was injured in a rollover near Chivo Falls. Personnel staged on Redington Road while a C&BP helicopter responded with a deputy. The patient was flown to University Hospital.				
10.010	Mon 08 Feb	15/ 117/ Evidence search	Picture Rocks, Avra Valley	Tucson Ranger SAV C&BP
20:02 – 15:35 Human remains were found near a residence, carried home from elsewhere by dogs. Several search areas were defined and covered by multiple resources without locating anything relevant.				
10.011	Thu 11 Feb	15/ 62/ Injured hiker	Romero Trail, Catalinas	RMFD LLI
17:11 – 22:00 A hiker fell near the trail and was able to walk down trail before being met by rescue personnel. He was carried down trail by stokes, and flown from the parking lot to University Hospital.				
2010 Totals:		People: 131	Hours: 617	Hours per person: 4.7



SARCI Calendar

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<i>Mar 01</i> FQ NIMS-138 Class	<i>Mar 02</i>	<i>Mar 03</i> SRDI Board	<i>Mar 04</i> SARA Bldg Mtg	<i>Mar 05</i> SARA General Mtg	<i>Mar 06</i> FQ NIMS-138 Class SARA Training "TV Falls"	<i>Mar 07</i> SRDI Training
<i>Mar 08</i> FQ NIMS-138 Class	<i>Mar 09</i>	<i>Mar 10</i> SRDI General Mtg	<i>Mar 11</i> SARA Bldg Mtg Posse Board Mtg	<i>Mar 12</i>	<i>Mar 13</i>	<i>Mar 14</i> Divers Training
<i>Mar 15</i>	<i>Mar 16</i>	<i>Mar 17</i> SRDI Training	<i>Mar 18</i> SARA Board Mtg	<i>Mar 19</i>	<i>Mar 20</i>	<i>Mar 21</i> SRDI Training Posse Gymkana
<i>Mar 22</i>	<i>Mar 23</i>	<i>Mar 24</i>	<i>Mar 25</i> SARA Bldg Mtg Posse General Mtg	<i>Mar 26</i>	<i>Mar 27</i>	<i>Mar 28</i>
<i>Mar 29</i>	<i>Mar 30</i>	<i>Mar 31</i>	<i>Apr 01</i> SARA Bldg Mtg	<i>Apr 02</i> SARA General Mtg	<i>Apr 03</i> SRDI Training SARA Training "TBD"	<i>Apr 04</i>
<i>Apr 05</i> OFC Class	<i>Apr 06</i>	<i>Apr 07</i> OFC Class SRDI Board	<i>Apr 08</i> Posse Board SARA Bldg Mtg	<i>Apr 09</i> OFC Class	<i>Apr 10</i>	<i>Apr 11</i> Divers Training
<i>Apr 12</i> OFC Class	<i>Apr 13</i>	<i>Apr 14</i> OFC Class	<i>Apr 15</i>	<i>Apr 16</i> OFC Class	<i>Apr 17</i> OFC Class	<i>Apr 18</i>
<i>Apr 19</i>	<i>Apr 20</i>	<i>Apr 21</i> SARCI General Mtg	<i>Apr 22</i> SARA Bldg Mtg Posse General Mtg	<i>Apr 23</i>	<i>Apr 24</i> SARA Field Skills Recert	<i>Apr 25</i>
<i>Apr 26</i>	<i>Apr 27</i>	<i>Apr 28</i>	<i>Apr 29</i> SARA Bldg Mtg	<i>Apr 30</i>	<i>May 01</i>	<i>May 02</i> SRDI Training

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