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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.

FIELD OPERATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

by Sgt. George Economidis, george.economidis@sheriff.pima.gov

During a couple of recent search missions, SARCI Groups were requested and upon members' arrival, the members headed out into the field and began searching without being given a formal briefing or assignments by a SAR Deputy.

As a reminder, during search missions, the Sheriff's Department needs responding personnel to remain at Staging or other assigned location until a briefing is conducted and assignments are given. If immediate deployment is warranted, the SAR deputy running the mission will specify such and will provide pertinent briefing information by radio.

There are a number of reasons for holding personnel at Staging but primarily it provides for accountability of personnel, lessens the possibility of destruction of clues, and allows greater command and control over the operation. Remember, there may be vital facts that are not released for one reason or another and if SARCI personnel head into the field without authorization, the mission or perhaps a criminal investigation could be compromised.

We, the Sheriff and SAR deputies, understand that no one likes to sit around and wait and we all recognize and appreciate your motivation, your passion for SAR, your desire to do the right thing and your desire to get to work however the SAR deputies need your cooperation, understanding and patience on this matter.

Any questions can be directed to me. Thank you in advance for your cooperation AND for your service to the Sheriff and our clientele.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SARCI MEETING

by Joe Barr, joel1@barrtrust.com

SARCI is considering an application by Southern Arizona Mounted Search And Rescue, Inc. (SAMSAR) to become a member of SARCI (which would increase the number of component groups in SARCI from five to six).

The SARCI President has called a special meeting of the SARCI Board to vote on a proposed By Laws change to make SAMSAR a member of SARCI. This meeting will be held on Wednesday February 16, 2011, 19:30 at Sabino House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd. A couple of other corrections to the By-Laws may also be addressed at this special meeting.

SARCI MISSION RECORDS – HELP NEEDED!

by Mykle, mykle@sarci2.org

SARCI Mission Records have been moved to a new system that provides for including all activities, not just missions. We would like to start including new activities, as well as work our way back through previous activities. If you are willing to work on this project for a short while (a month or three, multiple "tours" welcome, whatever works), please contact Mykle. Most of the pieces are in place as we work through the process for including the data into the new system.

SABINO CALLOUT PARKING AT THE NORTH END OF SABINO CANYON ROAD by SARNews, sarnews@sarci2.org

People are continuing to park outside of the SARA gate. 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.

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by Robert McCord, cap@sarci2.org

CAP CALENDAR

Sundays 15:30-18:00

Northwest Fire District Training Facility 8165 N. Wade Rd, Marana, AZ

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

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

SRDI CALENDAR

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| <u>Feb 02</u> | <u>19:30 Wed</u> | Board of Directors Meeting | Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy |
| <u>Feb 06</u> | <u>10:00 Sun</u> | Property Search | Vi's House |
| <u>Feb 09</u> | <u>19:30 Wed</u> | General Meeting | Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy |
| <u>Feb 16</u> | <u>18:00 Wed</u> | Urban Tracking / Air Scent | Meet: TBA |
| <u>Feb 20</u> | <u>09:00 Sun</u> | Certifications / Recertifications | Meet: I-10 and SR 83 |
| <u>Feb 25</u> | <u>08:00 Fri</u> | Fundraising Yard Sale | Paquette's House |
| <u>Mar 02</u> | <u>19:30 Wed</u> | Board of Directors Meeting | Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy |
| <u>Mar 06</u> | <u>09:00 Sun</u> | Tracking / Air Scent | Meet: TBA |
| <u>Apr 15-17</u> | <u>TBA Thu-Sat</u> | Arizona SAR Conference 2011 | Heber, AZ |

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

2011 Membership dues (\$10.00 per member) must be paid prior to 02/28/11. Dues can be mailed in or paid in person. Per section 2.2.a of SRDI By-Laws, "Failure to pay annual membership dues will result in automatic membership termination". This includes Candidate and Support Members. The 2011 SRDI Board of Directors were voted in on 01/12/11: President – Dave Brown; Vice President – Kari Simpson; Secretary – Karen Paquette; Treasurer – Dave Perl; Member at Large – Mark Paquette; Training Chair – Vi Brown. We had a very tiny turnout for the Alzheimer's Association presentation at January's general meeting. Thank you to those SARA folks who joined us!! The program for our next general meeting will be the importance and legal considerations of keeping dog logs. A SRDI fundraising yard sale is scheduled for 02/24/11-02/25/11. If you have items you are ready to "recycle" and would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact a SRDI member and we'll be happy to come by and pick it up. SRDI's next membership drive is coming up in March.

January has been a fairly quiet month. Dogs were requested to assist Cochise County search for a possible drowning victim at Parker Canyon Lake. Some changes were necessary for this year's AZ SAR conference. The dates were changed due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, so please make note of the new dates listed above. Vi/Snoopy and Mark gave a PR to Concerned Citizens on Jan. 5th. Training this month has focused on urban and vehicle searches, and scent discrimination air scent.

Condolences are extended to some past and current members. Former member Janelle Wilt lost her father on January 18th, and our deepest sympathy is extended to Janelle and her family. Former member Jeff Merrell lost his K9, Dakota, previously certified in air scent and cadaver with SRDI. Kari Simpson lost her dog, Just'n this month.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Jerry Simmons, [jerry @ simmonsautorepair.com](mailto:jerry@simmonsautorepair.com)

POSSE CALENDAR

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| <u>Feb 13</u> | <u>11:00 Sun</u> | Posse Gymkhana | Vail Feed Store (Books at 11:00) |
| <u>Feb 10</u> | <u>19:00 Thu</u> | Posse Board Meeting | Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy |
| <u>Feb 24</u> | <u>19:00 Thu</u> | Posse General Meeting | Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy |

Come join us at our Gymkhana. It's fun to participate and fun to watch with the best \$2.50 hamburgers around.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by Fran Kunz, 886-2216, [divers8 @ sarci2.org](mailto:divers8@sarci2.org)

DIVERS CALENDAR

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| <u>Feb 13</u> | <u>09:00 Sun</u> | Oracle Heights Pool | 2045 West Omar Drive |
| <u>Mar 13</u> | <u>09:00 Sun</u> | Oracle Heights Pool | 2045 West Omar Drive |

Training for February and March will be at Oracle Heights Recreation Pool, 2045 West Omar Drive where we will cover ropes, knots, swim test and intro to patterns. (Driving directions: From Foothills Mall, the intersection of West Ina Road and La Cholla Blvd, go south on La Cholla two blocks. Turn left (eastward) onto Omar Drive. Proceed 400 feet then turn right (south) onto Amahl Drive. The Oracle Heights pool is on your right just south of the tennis courts. Pull into the gravel parking area. This is an UNHEATED pool. Bring your appropriate wetsuit, gloves and hood.

Also, congratulations to new diver, Joe Molnar

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

[SARA @ sarci2.org](http://SARA@sarci2.org)

SARA CALENDAR

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| <u>Feb 02</u> | <u>19:00 Wed</u> | Training: Winter Operations Classroom | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd |
| <u>Feb 04</u> | <u>19:30 Fri</u> | SARA General Meeting | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd |
| <u>Feb 05</u> | <u>08:00 Sat</u> | Training: Winter Operations | Meet: Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy |
| <u>Feb 19-20</u> | <u>12:00 Sat-Sun</u> | 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo | Willow Springs Ranch |
| <u>Feb 17</u> | <u>19:00 Thur</u> | SARA Board Meeting | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd |
| <u>Mar 04</u> | <u>19:30 Fri</u> | SARA General Meeting | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd |

24 HOURS IN THE OLD PUEBLO

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

You're invited to join the fun under the sun February 19-20, 2011. For the fourth year, SARA volunteers will provide medical assistance at the 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo mountain bike event, north of Oracle. If you are interested in practicing your medical skills, please contact event coordinators Brian Duffy ([bduffy @ as.arizona.edu](mailto:bduffy@as.arizona.edu)) or Cathy Wasmann ([cwasmann @ ag.arizona.edu](mailto:cwasmann@ag.arizona.edu)).

AWARDS COMMITTEE

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

The awards committee is now accepting nominations for SAR Person of the Year (for excellence in the field) and Support Person of the Year (for outstanding help behind the scenes). Also in need of any gag awards for that memorable outing during a rescue or training that put a smile on your face. You can contact Manny Montano, Dale Mann, Rich Kunz, or John Gorski with your nominations. Nominations will be closed after the March monthly meeting.

OEC CORNER

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

We have a small class this year, so fewer patients will be needed on our skills nights. Remember this is an orange card sign-off so check the SARCI website under the OEC link for a skills night you are able to attend. Contact John Gorski or Rich Kunz regarding your availability and date.

SUPPORT SARA

by John Percorowicz, [jtp @ perchorowicz.com](mailto:jtp@perchorowicz.com)

Supporting SARA can be easy if you shop at Bashas and have one of their Thank You cards. Enter the card number at <http://www.bashashopandgive.com/cardno.php>. For those of you that have done so in the past, you'll need to do so again as the "season" has begun again and runs through April of 2011. Thank you for your participation.

Attention **Summit Hut** shoppers. SARA is now one of the preferred charities for their bagless program. Each time you shop and chose NOT to take a bag for your purchase you'll be given a token to place in one of two boxes. We hope you and your friends will choose to go bagless and contribute to SARA. This program runs through March of 2011. Thank you for your participation.

FEBRUARY TRAINING

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

Lead Instructor: Brian Duffy

Description: Winter Operations

Target Audience: All Members who would respond to a winter operation (even if you participated in past years' trainings). All Candidates (This is an Orange Card sign-off if you attend both sessions).

This training will be presented in two parts. First we will have a classroom session on Wednesday, 02 February 2011, 19:00 at the SARA House. This classroom session is a mandatory component of the training. We expect the classroom session will last around two hours and will be an introduction to equipment and other considerations that facilitate safe operations in winter conditions.

The field portion of the training will be on Saturday, 05 February 2011. Rendezvous will be 08:00 at PCSO Substation 106, Catalina Hwy and Tanque Verde. The field session will consist of hands-on practice moving over snow and ice with snowshoes/crampons, making shelter/fire on snow, snow anchors, and methods to evacuate a patient over snow and ice. The training should be a lot of fun. Remember, attendance at the classroom session is mandatory to participate in the field session.

CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Mykle Raymond, [SARnews @ sarci.org](mailto:SARnews@sarci.org)

| Call | Date | Vol/ Hrs/ Problem | Location | Resources |
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| 10.134 | Sun 26 Dec | <u>7/ 72/ Evidence Search</u> | Parker Canyon Lake | CochiseSAR, CCSO |
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09:52 – 18:09 Divers performed a sonar search of Parker Canyon Lake, looking for a second person that may have been aboard an overturned boat.

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| 10.135 | Wed 29 Dec | <u>8/ 32/ Evidence Search</u> | Lakes @ Castle Rock, Tucson | TPD |
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01:00 – 04:30 Divers searched a vehicle in a lake for additional victims.

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| 10.136 | Wed 29 Dec | <u>9/ 29/ Welfare Check</u> | Esperero Canyon, Catalinas | |
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14:58 – 18:00 A boy scout group intended to hike from Prison Camp to camp at Hutchs Pool, then camp at BridalVeil Falls, and hike out Esperero. Concerned parents requested a welfare check at BridalVeil. While a team was starting up trail, contact with the group was made. They were returning from Hutchs and about an hour from Prison Camp. They arrived cold and wet.

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| 10.137 | Wed 29 Dec | <u>6/ 41/ Welfare Check</u> | Carter Canyon, Catalinas | |
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14:58 – 00:30 A group of hikers with minimal equipment was seen starting on the Mint Springs Trail, and their vehicle was still at the trailhead after the storm started. A team hiked to Marshall Saddle and down to Marshall Gulch. Evidence in the vehicle led to contact with the hikers who had hiked all the way down to lower Sabino and were safely out. The Catalina Hiway was closed, so they were unable to retrieve their car.

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| 11.001 | Sat 15 Jan | <u>00/ 00/ Water Search</u> | Parker Canyon Lake | CCSAR |
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17:42 – xx:xx On the water for about two hours, both dogs had lite alerts. Divers followed up with nothing located.

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| 11.002 | Sat 15 Jan | <u>23/ 117/ 56yf hiker arm injury</u> | Breakfast Canyon, Catalinas | RMFD |
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11:10 - 19:02 A hiker slipped and injured her elbow, pulling loose all ligaments and tendons. She was packaged and carried down canyon until the terrain eased enough to use the wheel, then further down canyon to a good route on a bench along the stream, then out to the road at Stop 1.

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| 11.003 | Sat 15 Jan | <u>3/ 3/ ??ym hiker exhausted</u> | Esperanza and Norris Tr, Tucson Mtns | NPS LLI SAMSAR |
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14:55 - 15:45 A hiker became exhausted at the saddle junction of Sendero Esperanza and Hugh Norris Trails in Saguaro West. A medical helicopter landed nearby and extricated the patient before ground resources started up trail.

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| 11.004 | Sat 22 Jan | <u>00/ 00/ Water Search</u> | Parker Canyon Lake | CCSAR |
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18:04 – xx:xx On the water about 4.5 hours; both dogs had strong alerts. Divers followed up, nothing located, to be continued.

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| 2011 Totals: | People: 26 | Hours: 120 | Hours per person: 4.6 | Total calls: 4 |
| 2010 Totals: | People: 1528 | Hours: 6162 | Hours per person: 4.0 | Total calls: 137 final totals |
| 2009 Totals: | People: 1340 | Hours: 4491 | Hours per person: 3.4 | Total calls: 133 final totals |

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Note: This certificate can be used by anyone, not just members of SARCI component groups.

SARCI Calendar

| <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> | <i>Sunday</i> |
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| <i>Jan 31</i> . | <i>Feb 01</i> . | <i>Feb 02</i> SRDI Board Mtg SARA Training Class | <i>Feb 03</i> . | <i>Feb 04</i> SARA General Mtg | <i>Feb 05</i> SARA Training "Winter Skills" | <i>Feb 06</i> SRDI Training |
| <i>Feb 07</i> . | <i>Feb 08</i> . | <i>Feb 09</i> SRDI General Mtg | <i>Feb 10</i> Posse General Meeting | <i>Feb 11</i> . | <i>Feb 12</i> . | <i>Feb 13</i> Divers Training Posse Gymkhana |
| <i>Feb 14</i> . | <i>Feb 15</i> . | <i>Feb 16</i> SARCI Special Board Meeting | <i>Feb 17</i> SARA Board Mtg | <i>Feb 18</i> . | <i>Feb 19</i> 24HOP Race Support | <i>Feb 20</i> 24HOP Race Support SRDI Training |
| <i>Feb 21</i> . | <i>Feb 22</i> . | <i>Feb 23</i> . | <i>Feb 24</i> Posse Board Meeting | <i>Feb 25</i> SRDI Fundraising. | <i>Feb 26</i> . | <i>Feb 27</i> . |
| <i>Feb 28</i> . | <i>Mar 01</i> . | <i>Mar 02</i> SRDI Board Mtg | <i>Mar 03</i> . | <i>Mar 04</i> SARA General Mtg | <i>Mar 05</i> SARA Training "TV Falls" | <i>Mar 06</i> SRDI Training |
| <i>Mar 07</i> . | <i>Mar 08</i> . | <i>Mar 09</i> . | <i>Mar 10</i> . | <i>Mar 11</i> . | <i>Mar 12</i> . | <i>Mar 13</i> Divers Training |

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