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SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci2.org

The SARCI Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of January, April, July, and October.

CALLOUT DRESS CODE

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci2.org

From Sgt. Economidis, PCSD: Personnel responding to PCSD SAR Missions must wear a "uniform" shirt which has been approved by the member's respective SARCI Group for wear and which clearly identifies the member as a representative of the SAR community. The uniform shirt not only reflects professionalism, it clearly identifies the member to the public and to other responders. Personnel who do not wear appropriate attire will not be allowed to participate in the mission. Thank you.

ACTIVITY DOCUMENTATION

by Mykle, mykle @ sarci2.org

The SARCI activity database has been expanded to include all types of activities. All groups are encouraged to complete a Roster for all activities, including Missions, Training, Public Relations, Meetings, Special Events and other Activities. The Rosters can be scanned and sent to Records, or sent to the SARCI mailbox, or placed on the Records desk at the SARA House. Remember that times are important, but can be approximate. Access to the database is available to an authorized representative from each group.

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

TREE TRIMMING

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci2.org

Richard Kunz requests the following: Please do NOT trim the trees in the parking lot or around the SARA House.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

DIVERS CALENDAR

Apr 08 09:00 Sun

Specialty Course/Misc

SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

April's training will again be at the SARA House. We will discuss the specialty courses that will be offered and continue discussions regarding county and state mission requirements. I know this is Easter Sunday, so please let us know if you will NOT be attending.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Alex Hodge, gummhodge1 @ msn.com

POSSE CALENDAR

Apr 08 11:00 Sun Gymkhana

Vail Arena. Books at 11:00. Events at 12:00

The next 2 weeks we will be finishing up our work in Ironwood for BLM. The next General Meeting date, time, and location will be announced at a later date.

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.

SRDI CALENDAR

| Apr 01 | <u>08:00 Sun</u> | Air Scent / Tracking | Meet: SR 83 and Sahuarita Rd. |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|
| <u>Apr 11</u> | 19:00 Wed | SRDI Board / General Meeting | Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy |
| Apr 14 | 18:00 Sat | Annual Field Skills Circle | Test Area, Old Sonoita Hwy |
| Apr 18 | 18:00 Wed | Air Scent / Tracking | Agua Caliente Park |
| May 06 | <u>07:00 Sun</u> | Air Scent / Tracking | Oak Tree Canyon, SR 83 |
| May 09 | 19:00 Wed | SRDI Board / General Meeting | Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy |
| May 16 | 18:00 Wed | Classroom | Mark & Karen's House |
| May 19 | 07:00 Sat-Sun | Air Scent / Tracking (2 Day) | Empire Cienega |

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 or changes.

SRDI is excited to announce that two K9 teams will attempt certification in June: Kari/Peeps, and Zac/Angel. A third team, Craig/Layla, are preparing for their midpoint evaluation. SRDI has some significant training events coming up – the first annual field skills circle as well as the water circle. For the land circle, just a reminder that only dogs that have passed SRDI's obedience test and are currently in official training with the team should attend the land circle. Candidates, this will count as your "Candidate Hike"; it is not necessary that your entire pack be complete at this time. One additional land circle will be offered in fall for folks unable to make it this spring; and one additional water circle will be offered before the summer is over. This is the time of year that we plan camp-out trainings and night trainings. Make sure your headlamp is in good working order.

It's been fairly quiet for SRDI Mission Ready dogs. Dogs were requested in the Amado area in February to check on a possible buried body; another request in early March to check out a suspicious bag in a mine shaft; Cochise County requested a search of a mine shaft in connection with a 2006 case; and SRDI assisted with the search near Camino de Oeste.

Upcoming Events:

AZ K9CON 2012, April 26-29, 2012 in Flagstaff, AZ.

NASAR 2012 Conference, June 7-10, 2012 at Lake Tahoe.

SOUTHERN AZ. MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Jerry Simmons, jerry @ simmonsautorepair.com

SAMSAR CALENDAR

| <u>Apr 17</u> | 19:00 Tues | General Meeting | Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy |
|---------------|------------|----------------------|---|
| Apr 28 | 19:00 Sat | Field Night Training | Saguaro National Park, East |

<u>Training</u>: The OEC class is moving well. Dr. Lee Ryan, Mona, and Frances Walker are working hard. I am in the process of putting together another Outdoor First Care class. I will let you know when it's coming. I finally received my training manual for Equine Scent Tracking. Read the darn thing. Wow, most likely will be yelling for help from SRDI on this one. Lots of work and time.

<u>Search and Rescue</u>: Getting busy for the Mounted Unit. Members taking care of business. Thanks Colleen, Bill, George, Kay, Debi, Frank, Charlotte and Jerry. Not bad, eight teams with horses or mule. New teams pairing up for task. The way it should be.

Always looking for new qualified members. Currently working with a new prospect.

Http://www.SAMSARaz.org website is up, running and corrections made. Any inquiries can go to the web site for information.

<u>Public Relations:</u> Sabino High Cholla Hiking Club - Trail Safety Talk March 2nd. Colleen Leon handled that one solo. Miller Elementary School - Trail Safety Talk - March 13th. Colleen, Kay, and Bill attended. Many thanks from Colleen to Kay and Bill for the help.

Trails: We are in the process of creating a trail data bank to determine if Mounted resources will be available. See George Herget for information or e-mail <u>info@SAMSARaz.org</u> if you can help.

FYI from Colleen: You all know we had a producer out here filming our mounted Search and Rescue group. Filming went great ... but Hollywood is NOT calling George! Watch out for trees George!!! No more searches for George unless it is flat land with NO TREES!! He never knew when a tree was going to jump in his way! Janet Jackson may have had wardrobe failure, but George understands all too well about equipment/saddle failure. But we did discover he likes to ride "side saddle" ... just ask him ... Silly George!!! (Life is interesting and from the terrain they were in ... job well done). JBS

Sharing a ride ... meaning horses. Colleen took Othello (her extra horse) to a call out for George H. to ride. Cut down on response time for Herget. George, getting older, said he was sore for three days afterwards. Yet he appreciated the ride. When you are used to your horse and saddle any small change can have a lasting effect. Mostly, sore butt and legs. Ha. Thanks Colleen.

SARA CALENDAR

| Mar 30 | <u>19:00 Fri</u> | Training: Cave Rescue Classroom | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd |
|--------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Apr 06 | 18:30 Fri | SARA Potluck Dinner | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd |
| Apr 06 | 20:00 Fri | SARA Annual Meeting | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd |
| Apr 07 | 07:00 Sat | Training: Cave Rescue Training | Meet: Substation 108, Houghton and Irvington |
| Apr 14 | 07:00 Sat | Training: Cave Rescue Scenario | Meet: Substation 108, Houghton and Irvington |
| Apr 19 | 19:30 Thur | SARA Board Meeting | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd |
| Apr 28 | 08:00 Sat | Field Skills Recertification | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd |
| May 04 | 19:30 Fri | SARA Monthly Meeting | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd |

SARA ANNUAL MEETING

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci2.org

Here's a reminder that the SARA Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, April 06, 2012. The potluck dinner before the meeting will begin at 18:30. Please bring your favorite dish to share. The Annual Meeting and Board of Directors election will begin at 20:00.

SARA FUNDRAISING

by John Perchorowicz, jmail @ perchorowicz.com

Update regarding the raffle for the Nissan Leaf, All Electric Car, Charging Station and Installation: Over half of our 200 tickets have been sold! A big thank you to those who took tickets at the March meeting to tell two people about! IMPORTANT: Please bring any stubs from tickets sold and any unsold tickets to the April meeting so we can have them available when we have the car on display. 100% of each donation goes to SARA. Jim Click and Nissan have donated the car, station and installation. Find details at http://tinyurl.com/leaf-raffle or on the SARA web site. To purchase tickets (\$25 each or 5 for \$100) by mail, send a check to SARA marked "Nissan Leaf." Be sure to include your name, address and phone number. Your ticket stubs will be sent by return mail. Ticket stubs must be turned in by 20 April. The drawing is 27 April. This raffle is open to anyone including non-Arizona Residents. Good luck!

OEC CORNER by John Gorski, tucmj @ att.net

It is never too early to make your plans to attend our yearly refresher(s). The first one will be on Sunday August 19, 2012 and the second one will be on Saturday September 22, 2012. Look for updates in upcoming newsletters.

APRIL MONTHLY TRAINING

by Jason Bowman, jrbowman @ email.arizona.edu

The monthly training for April is Cave Rescue. This training will be held over multiple sessions. There will be a mandatory classroom session on Friday, 30 March at the SARA House from 19:00-22:00 covering basic gear/equipment requirements, basic cave rescue techniques, and the organization of cave rescue.

On Saturday, 07 April we will be visiting Hidden Cave as an introduction to working underground. This session will mostly be a fun caving trip to give everyone practice at efficient movement in the cave, and will include a short exercise of patient/sked movement. Personal gear/pack requirements will be covered in detail at the classroom session. Expect to get back to Tucson late in the afternoon, so bring plenty of food and water for the day.

Finally, on Saturday 14 April we have a technical cave rescue practice at Onyx Cave. There will be numerous different technical systems which will be required to be set up and operated during this training. Those who will be attending this training will be expected to have attended both the classroom and the Hidden Cave sessions. In addition to the basic personal equipment discussed at the classroom, those who have personal tech gear should bring it. This will be a long training day, expect to get back to Tucson very late in the afternoon or possibly into the early evening. Again be prepared for your food and hydration requirements.

The rendezvous for both cave sessions (the 7th and the 14th) will be at "108" at 07:00. The entrance to "108", the Pima County Maintenance Facility, is about a quarter-mile west of Houghton on Irvington. Drive down the hill, turn right, and continue to the first building. Questions about this training can be directed to Jason Bowman or Tom Faulkner.

Looking ahead, the May training will be Swift Water Rescue. Expect to have a classroom and pool session scheduled for sometime in late April. When the schedule is set for those events there will be a training page and Audix message.



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Date Vol/ Hrs/ Problem Location Resources

Wed 25 Jan 0/ 0/ Cadaver Search Green Valley

10:00 – 11:58 **NO ROSTER RECEIVED**

Thu 16 Feb 0/ 0/ Evidence Search Off the Sonoita Highway

14:00 – 15:10 NO ROSTER RECEIVED

Wed 22 Feb 13/ 16/ 75ym hiker hip pain Phoneline Trail, Sabino Canyon, Catalinas RMFD

17:00 - 18:16 Two hikers rode the tram, then came down the Phoneline Trail. One was from out-of-town and was moving slowly. They came down the Link Trail, and the hiker was unable to continue. Teams met them a short distance up trail, and he had rested enough to continue with help to the stream crossing, then was carried to the trailhead.

Sun 26 Feb <u>5</u>/ <u>19</u>/ ??ym hiker knee fatigue Bear Canyon Trail, Catalinas

13:30 – 18:00 A group of SAR hikers were coming off Thimble Peak when they encountered a group who was off trail. One of them had a painful knee, so the SAR group accompanied the hikers to the trailhead.

Sun 26 Feb 14/35/55yf hiker knee injury Pontatoc Trail, Catalinas RMFD

15:35-18:10 A hiker stumbled and landed on her knee, and was in a lot of pain. Teams met the group about a half-mile up the trail, at the base of the switchbacks below the trail junction. She was packaged and carried to the house pad near the trailhead.

Sun 26 Feb 12/34/ Hikers stranded by dark Bear Canyon, Catalinas

18:58 – 22:45 Five hikers became stranded by dark while hiking from Sabino to Bear Canyon. They were met at x7, and one of the kids was having knee problems. Part of the group was escorted out while SAMSAR gave her a ride out.

Sun 26 Feb 8/ 54/ Hikers stranded by dark Marshall Saddle, Catalinas Tucson Ranger, Survey2 20:00 – 02:25 Two hikers stranded by dark on the Mint Spring Trail near Marshall Saddle were escorted out without problems.

Sat 03 Mar 3/ 3/ ??yf ankle injury Bear Canyon, Catalinas

17:41 - 17:53 A hiker was reported having knee problems while hiking out from 7 Falls. They were reported near the old trailhead, and continuing to move. A hasty team found them on the road, and provided rides to the Visitors Center.

Sun 04 Mar $\underline{0}$ / Cadaver Search Willcox, Arizona

06:30 – 15:09 NO ROSTER RECEIVED

Mon 05 Mar 10/32/19ym hiker missing Marshall Gulch, Catalinas TucsonRanger

15:52 – 19:30 A male hiker became lost in Sabino Canyon below Marshall Gulch. When he was unable to find his way out before the second night, assistance was requested through friends. Deputy Dave spotted him from the end of Fern Ridge, and directed Ranger to him. A medic was inserted and accessed the subject. They were met on the Aspen Trail by additional teams.

Sat 10 Mar 16/157/ Hikers lost Mt.Kimball, Catalinas Tucson Ranger

16:17-05:35 Two hikers went up Pima to Kimball, then were unable to find the Finger Rock Trail. The encountered another pair of hikers, then all were walking in circles. Tucson Ranger dropped a bag of clothing, food, and lights. They were met by the hasty team, bagged the nearby summit, then made their way slowly down the trail on sore knees.

Mon 12 Mar 11/ 21/ 2 hikers missing Madera Canyon, Santa Ritas SCSAR, CCSAR

07:30-10:50 Two hikers were missing from a group in Madera Canyon. SCSAR looked for them during the evening, then returned in the morning. Family members had started in early, hiking up the Carrie Nation Trail to Agua Caliente Trail and finding the missing pair. They came down the Vault Mine Trail, meeting search teams on the way.

Wed 14 Mar 15/28/67ym missing, dementia & diabetes Ironwood Hills, CdeOeste, Tucson Omaha5AE, PhxRanger 14:22 – 16:53 A male was reported missing from his care home. His walker was found on the back porch, and he has difficulty walking, falling after a few steps. Teams searched the immediate vicinity as helicopters covered the neighborhood. A person returned from a walk and reported having seen someone matching the description. Ranger found the reporting party, then could see the patient, and landed in the wash over a mile down slope from the care home. He was flown to the hospital for a checkup and rehydration.

Thu 15 Mar 12/13/18yf hiker exhausted 7 Falls Trail, Catalinas RMFD

14:24 – 15:45 A hiker was reported to be having seizures on the 7 Falls Trail. Her difficulties were probably due to exhaustion and insufficient fluids. She was carried to the trailhead.

Thu 15 Mar 4/ 7/ 69yf hiker exhausted Historic Trail, Sabino Canyon, Catalinas RMFD

17:17-18:30 A person was reported to be exhausted near Stop7, and additional reports had her on the tram or waiting at the tram stop or up a trail, so a hasty team was asked to investigate. The patient was found a few minutes up the Historic Trail. She was treated and carried to the ambulance at the trailhead.

Thu 15 Mar 12/ 27/ 55vf hiker ankle injury Green Mtn Trail, Bear Canyon, Catalinas

17:17 – 19:45 A hiker on the Green Mountain Trail was reported to have an injured ankle. She was met a short distance up from General Hitchcock, treated and carried to the trailhead.

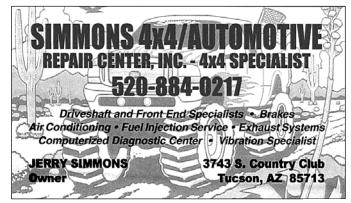
2012 Totals: People: 284 Hours: 993 Hours per person: 3.5 Total calls: 27

Additional Rosters Received: Training: 35 Meeting: 5 Public Relations: 3 Special Events: 18

SARCI Calendar

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | | |
| Mar 26 | Mar 27 OEC Class | Mar 28 | Mar 29 OEC Class | Mar 30 . SARA Training "Cave Classroom" | Mar 31 | Apr 01 SRDI Training | | |
| Apr 02 | Apr 03 OEC Class Apr 10 OEC Class | Apr 04 Apr 11 SRDI Meeting | Apr 05 NO OEC Apr 12 OEC Class | Apr 06 SARA Meeting Apr 13 | Apr 07 . SARA Training "Cave Training" Apr 14 SRDI Training SARA Training | Apr 08 Divers Training Posse Gymkhana Apr 15 | | |
| Apr 16 | Apr 17 SAMSAR Meet OEC Class | Apr 18 SRDI Training SARCI Meeting | Apr 19 SARA Board OEC Class | Apr 20 | "Cave Scenario" Apr 21 · | Apr 22 | | |
| Apr 23 | Apr 24 OEC Class | Apr 25 | Apr 26 OEC Class | Apr 27 SARA Race Support | Apr 28 SAMSAR Training SARA Race Support SARA Field Skills | Apr 29 SARA Race Support | | |
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| May 28 | May 29 OEC Class | May 30 | May 31 NO OEC | June 01 . SARA Meeting | June 02 SRDI Training SARA Training "Summer Survival | June 03 · | | |





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11665 N. Derringer Rd., Marana, AZ 85653 Meet each Sunday 15:30-18:00, details inside

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P.O.Box 13961, Tucson AZ 85732-3961 Meet 2nd Sun 09:00, details inside.

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8987-309 E.Tanque Verde, Box 232, Tucson AZ 85749 Meet 4th Thu 19:00, details inside.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE Details inside.

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P.O.Box 12892, Tucson AZ 85732-2892 Meet 1st Fri 19:30, SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd.

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