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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.

#### **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.

#### SARA HOUSE SCHEDULING

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci2.org

To prevent scheduling conflicts, the SARA Board of Directors has established the position of Master Scheduler. For the time being this position is being filled by Jason Bowman. Anyone planning an official SARA event (trainings, committee meetings, work parties, PR events, bike race support, etc.) or any event to be held at the SARA House (such as trainings or meetings of other SARCI groups) must go through the Master Scheduler. The Master Scheduler will confirm if that date is available and put the event on the calendar. Eventually the Master Calendar will be published on the SARCI website, but for now it is only viewable to committee heads who request the link until all the bugs are worked out.

#### NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON. C.A.P.

by LtCol Robert McCord, cap @ sarci2.org

**CAP CALENDAR** 

Sundays 15:30-18:00

Northwest Fire Station #38

8475 N. Stargrass Drive, Marana, AZ 85742

#### SOUTHERN AZ. MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Jerry Simmons, jerry @ simmonsautorepair.com

SAMSAR CALENDAR

Aug 20 19:00 Tue

General Meeting

Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy

Membership: Anyone looking for information on SAMSAR contact *info @ SAMSARaz.org*.

Training: Night training being scheduled for the fall. Don't need to night track and have a snake looking you in the face.

Medical Training: Cathy Wasmann is getting me some information on a wilderness training program. I will research this and get back to you all.

Search and Rescue: Hot to Trot Rescue at Saguaro Park East on 29 June 2013. Two of the best looking animals in the world to the S.O. and other rescuers must have been Colleen Leon's horse and Larry Caugh's mule when they responded to Saguaro East for a two-person rescue on the hottest day of this year. Welcome to S&R.

While being sidelined for field Search and Rescue calls, I have a little extra time to reflect back thru the years on callouts during hot days. One question keeps coming to my mind: Why in the world would I leave an air conditioned home, get my horse or mule out of the shade, put them in a hot trailer and go look for, find, treat and transport a patient in 111 degree weather? "Just because" is one answer. "It's just what search and rescue people do" is another answer. However, another answer I've been told is: "You search and rescue people have had too many days out in this Arizona sun and it has adversely affected your thought process." <smile> My response, I love Search and Rescue people who think of others health as priorities over themselves, don't you?

To Colleen and Larry: Yes, it must have been like the rescue from Hell, in the minds of the two people you hauled out. Thank you both for responding with your horse and mule and for putting others' safety a high priority while backing up each other during the hot rescue. You cannot give any more than that. Thanks to all who responded. It takes a team.

To all Search and Rescue personnel: Please do not try to justify why you do search and rescue, it's just who you are! Thank you for you service to our community.

#### SRDI CALENDAR

| Aug 04 | 08:00 Sun        | Air Scent and Tracking            | Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy |
|--------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Aug 07 | 18:00 Wed        | Training Committee Meeting        | Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy |
| Aug 07 | 19:00 Sun        | <b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> | Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy |
| Aug 14 | 19:00 Wed        | General Meeting                   | Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy |
| Aug 18 | <u>06:00 Sun</u> | Water, Tracks, Air Scent          | Cienega Creek                               |
| Aug 21 | 18:00 Wed        | <b>Urban Search Tactics</b>       | Lower Lincoln Park                          |

SRDI will soon bid farewell to another teammate, possibly two. Jen Haskin is relocating to Virginia, and Chris Cox may be relocating in New Mexico. We are grateful that we've had the opportunity to work with Gina, Chris, and Jen, and send them all best wishes.

It's been a fairly quiet summer. We've enjoyed Parker Canyon Lake twice already working with our dogs on water recovery. Parker also allows us to lay track and run air scent problems, plus it's just a fun place to go. A few SRDI members went to Flagstaff in early July to attend a Human Remains Detection workshop. Several SRDI members assisted with the recent search on top of Mt. Graham. A couple of our new handlers are working hard with their tracking dogs and learning more and more about scent theory and dog behavior. Despite the loss of some newer members, our team comradery grows stronger as we train together, share techniques, and share observations.

When training informally, please ensure you work on established public lands/parks, follow all leash laws, clean up after your dog, and ensure that "IN TRAINING" insignia are visibly attached to your in-training dog. Stay mindful that you are representing SRDI and PCSD even when training on your own time.

All SARCI members are welcome to attend any of our trainings. Please check the Event Calendar on our website (<u>www.sarci.org/SRDI.htm</u>), email <u>K9 @ sarci2.org</u> or call Vi Brown (762-0165) for training updates or changes.

UPCOMING EVENTS: AZSAR K9 Conference, May 1-4, 2014 in Flagstaff, AZ.

#### PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Alex Hodge, gummhodge1 @ msn.com

POSSE CALENDAR

Aug 1016:00 SatGymkhanaVail Arena. Books at 16:00. Events at 17:00Aug 2218:00 ThurGeneral MeetingSubstation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy

DJ Murphy has passed her 6 month probation and will be sworn in at the next meeting!!

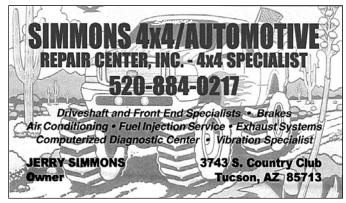
#### PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

**DIVERS CALENDAR** 

Aug 11 07:20 Sun Patagonia Lake Meet: Kunzes at 07:20 or Marina at 09:00

We will be diving at the swim beach, setting up patterns and executing grid searches. This is a low visibility dive. Last month showed how wicked the weeds were and how ineffective a tethered diver could manipulate. We will need to keep an eye on the weather. Please advise if you will be attending or if you will be responding directly to the lake because of where you live.



#### SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

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| Aug 02 | 19:30 Fri | SARA Monthly Meeting                | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd         |
|--------|-----------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Aug 03 | 08:00 Sat | <b>Training: Off-Trail Movement</b> | Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy |
| Aug 08 | 19:30 Thu | SARA Candidate Orientation          | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd         |
| Aug 15 | 19:00 Thu | SARA Board Meeting                  | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd         |
| Aug 17 | 08:00 Sat | OEC Refresher                       | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd         |
| Aug 24 | 07:30 Sat | SARA Candidate Hike                 | Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy |
| Sep 06 | 19:30 Fri | SARA Monthly Meeting                | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd         |

#### SARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

by SARA BoD, saraboard @ sarci2.org

Congratulations to Amy Hennessy. The SARA Board accepted her to Full Membership and she is awarded the Orange Shirt.

Annual dues are past due. People with unpaid dues will be dropped at the next Board Meeting. Don't risk termination of your membership. We need you! Please bring in \$35.00 or mail it to:

Southern Arizona Rescue Association PO Box 12892 Tucson, AZ 85732-2892

Here is the list of people who are shown as having not yet paid dues:

| Gregory Stoklos    | Matthew Reyes    | Thomas Carpenter   | Vincent Forster | Aaron Cromer      |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Christopher Snyder | Robert Cole      | Christopher Preble | David Salzer    | Deirdre Brosnihan |
| Jesse Nodora       | Jose Duenas      | Joseph Deodato     | Noreen Dormer   | Sarah David       |
| Scott Williamson   | Andrew Prochniak | Bob Birkett        | Brian McGuinn   | Ed Coleman        |
| Judy Fraser        | Phillip Pier     | Michael Thiffault  |                 |                   |

#### MONTHLY TRAINING: OFF-TRAIL MOVEMENT

by Brian Duffy, bduffy @ email.arizona.edu

Meet at 08:00, Saturday August 03 at Catalina and Tanque Verde. Bring your rescue pack: Training will be conducted in the off-trail environment, with stokes litter. Expect to be done by 14:00. This training is for all candidates and those who would like to improve their off-trail techniques.

OEC CORNER by John Gorski, tucmj @ att.net

The first refresher will be on Saturday August 17, and the second one will be on Sunday September 15. All refreshers start at 08:00, with instructors to arrive at 07:00 to set up their stations.

A payment of \$10.00 will be due at the time of your refresher. Make your check out to SARA.

Everyone who holds a current OEC card is required to attend a yearly refresher, and all OEC card holders will need to have a current CPR card, preferably on file with SARCI Records. The class of 2013 is reminded that they will need to attend a Cycle C refresher.

Remember to have the study guide filled out before attending your refresher.

A group snack to share is always welcome.

Download this year's OEC Cycle "C" refresher study guide from:

http://www.nsp.org or

http://www.nsp.org/about/nsp\_programs/oecrefresher.aspx

#### **CANDIDATE HIKE**

by Jane Larkindale, janelarkindale @ gmail.com

Prospective Candidates for the class of 2013 will participate in their Candidate Hike on Saturday August 24. SARA members are encouraged to assist with evaluating the applicants. Meet at 07:30 at Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy. The event should be completed soon after noon, and evaluators will meet over lunch (Risky's).



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### **SARCI Calendar**

| Monday             | Tuesday                | Wednesday              | Thursday                                | Friday                  | Saturday   | Sunday                    |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| July 29<br>        | July 30<br>·           | July 31                | Aug 01<br>·                             | Aug 02 . SARA Meeting   | Aug 03 . SARA Training "Off Trail Movement"      | Aug 04<br>SRDI Training   |
| Aug 05             | Aug 06                 | Aug 07<br>SRDI Board   | Aug 08<br>SARA Candidate<br>Orientation | Aug 09                  | Aug 10<br>Posse Gymkhana                         | Aug 11 . Divers Training  |
| Aug 12             | Aug 13                 | Aug 14 . SRDI Meeting  | Aug 15<br>SARA Board                    | Aug 16                  | Aug 17<br>OEC Refresher                          | Aug 18 . SRDI Training    |
| Aug 19             | Aug 20 SAMSAR Meeting  | Aug 21 . SRDI Training | Aug 22 . Posse Meeting                  | Aug 23                  | Aug 24<br>SARA Candidate Hike                    | Aug 25                    |
| Aug 26             | Aug 27                 | Aug 28                 | Aug 29                                  | Aug 30                  | Aug 31   | Sept 01                   |
| Sept 02  Labor Day | Sept 03                | Sept 04<br>SRDI Board  | Sept 05                                 | Sept 06<br>SARA Meeting | Sept 07<br>SARA Training<br>"TBD"                | Sept 08 . Divers Training |
| Sept 09            | Sept 10                | Sept 11 . SRDI Meeting | Sept 12<br>·                            | Sept 13                 | Sept 14<br>·                                     | Sept 15<br>OEC Refresher  |
| Sept 16            | Sept 17 SAMSAR Meeting | Sept 18                | Sept 19<br>SARA Board                   | Sept 20                 | Sept 21 . SARA Candidate Training "Basic 1a"     | Sept 22<br>·              |
| Sept 23            | Sept 24                | Sept 25                | Sept 26 . Posse Meeting                 | Sept 27                 | Sept 28<br>SARA Candidate Training<br>"Basic 1b" | Sept 29                   |
| Sept 30<br>:<br>:  | Oct 01                 | Oct 02<br>SRDI Board   | Oct 03                                  | Oct 04 . SARA Meeting   | Oct 05<br>SARA Race Support                      | Oct 06                    |



| <b>CALLOU</b> | <u>T REVIEWS</u>       |          | by Mykle Raymond, <u>SARnews @ sarci.org</u> |
|---------------|------------------------|----------|--|
| Date          | <u>Vol/Hrs/Problem</u> | Location | Resources                                    |

Sat Mar 16 0/ Cadaver search San Simon, Cochise Co.

09:00 – xx:xx NO REPORT

Sat June 29 11/ 24/ Two hikers exhausted

Romero Pass, Catalinas

Tucson Ranger

17:15 - 19:35Two hikers came down the Mt.Lemmon Trail for a short hike, and wound up at Romero Pass. They were almost out of water and energy and weren't sure which way to go. Teams drove to the top while Tucson Ranger worked around weather issues and picked up the two.

Sun June 30 13/ 13/ Two hikers lost

Tanque Verde Canyon, Rincons

Two hikers went down the SARA Trail and upstream. They were unable to find the trail on their return, and wound up climbing the slope until calling for help. They were reached by teams from the SARA Trail and the road at the cattleguard, and escorted to the road.

Sun June 30 15/ 40/ Two hikers lost

Cactus Forest, Rincons

NPS, RMFD

Two hikers were on a short hike in the Cactus Forest and were not able to figure out how to return to their vehicle. It 13:40 - 16:35was a very hot day and they were out of water. They insisted that they were on the Douglas Spring Trail, but their cellphone coordinates were at the base of the Three Tanks Trail. That's where they were found. After rehabilitation, each rode out on a horse.

Thu July 04 10/ 41/ 9ym, 24ym missing

Riggs Flat Lake, Grahams

July 3 a father and son were looking for a place where fireworks might be visible the next evening, and did not return. They were reported missing early on July 4. Graham Co. teams searched without success. Additional resources were requested and responded during the evening.

14/ 173/ 9ym, 24ym missing Fri July 05

Riggs Flat Lake, Grahams

USFS MC,GC,CCSO 305

00:00 - 16:45A SARA foot team made contact with the father, after his son could not continue up and out of the deep canyon they had gone down. The son was found down the slope. A helicopter from Davis-Monthan was requested and hoisted both subjects.

People: 494 2013 Totals: Hours: 1658 Hours per person: 3.4 Total calls: 50 Last12Mos: 89 Special Events: 14 Additional Rosters Received: Training: 104 Meeting: 5 Public Relations: 7

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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.

#### NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

8540 N. Wanda Road, Tucson AZ 85704 Meet each Sunday 15:30-18:00, details inside

#### PIMA COUNTY SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

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

#### PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

8987-309 E.Tanque Verde, Box 232, Tucson AZ 85749 Meet  $4^{\rm th}$  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 1<sup>st</sup> Fri 19:30, SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd.

#### **SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS**

P.O.Box 64120, Tucson AZ 85728-4120 Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 19:00 Sheriff Substation 106, Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy **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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