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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.

SABINO CALLOUT PARKING AT THE SARA HOUSE GATE

by SARNews, sarnews@sarci2.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.

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.

ROCKS AND ROPES DISCOUNT

by SARNews, sarnews@sarci2.org

Rocks and Ropes: **Downtown** and the **BLOC climbing+fitness** has agreed to offer SARCI members their "corporate rate" for the current calendar year. To receive this discount, members need to identify themselves as such when applying for a Rock and Ropes membership. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Holmes at prodeals@sarci2.org

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

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Alex Hodge, gummhodge1@msn.com

POSSE CALENDAR

Dec 08 11:00 Sun

Gymkhana

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

TBA TBA

Holiday Party

Canyon Crest on Tanque Verde

Jim, Pat, Dennis, Alex, Dorothy and Jody rode in the Tombstone Parade. It was bigger this year and lots of fun. No big surprises from two green novice horses, Ginger and MJ!!!

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, kpaquette1@comcast.net

SRDI CALENDAR

Dec 04 18:00 Wed

Training Committee Meeting

Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy

Dec 04 19:00 Wed

Board of Directors Meeting

Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy

Dec 11 19:00 Wed

General Meeting

Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

NASAR Conference, June 5-7, 2014 in Woodcliffe Lake, NJ

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

DIVERS CALENDAR

No input for December

SOUTHERN AZ. MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

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

SAMAR CALENDAR

Dec 17 19:00 Tue General Meeting

Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy

For information on joining go to <http://www.samsaraz.org>

Training: Looking for a good place for a line search. Soon as Caught gets back from hunting, he and Colleen will put a search together.

We are attempting to put together an Outdoor First Care class the second week in January 2014. Component S&R groups check in so I can get a head count. [Jerry @ simmonsautorepair.com](mailto:Jerry@simmonsautorepair.com) Need around 15 students. Also Colleen is setting up a helicopter training with our animals. Teach my mule how to fly!

Membership: Like to welcome Lacey Ambrosa. And new inquires checking us out Cheryl H. and Chris M. For information on joining go to <http://www.samsaraz.org>.

Public Relations: A big thanks to Colleen and Bill for their presentation at Emily Gray School First Responder Day on Nov. 13th.

Our Sgt of Arms person, Herget, went shopping at World Care. SAMSAR voted, the overage of supplies will be donated to SARCI for training. I guess you buy supplies at World Care by the pound?

Search and Rescue: When We Listen to Our Horses ... We Learn: Submitted by Colleen Leon:

I was lucky enough to be paired with SARA members on a search. Short version: SARA members got to take a short cut and ride out in cars. Being there was not a car big enough to carry me and my horse, I rode out on Chapo, my horse. Thinking I would go back a little different way, to cover a different side of the wash, I looked at my GPS, then started looking in bushes etc. When I glanced back at my GPS then looked at the actual trail, it was then I realized my horse had found his own foot prints and was on his EXACT trail back. I trust him now to find our way. We were recently on Marshall Gulch Trail to carry a patient out. We came to a spot and for the FIRST time ever, Chapo refused to go over the terrain. It was extremely rocky and the ground was covered in tree roots. He knew it was not a good idea to continue on. I listened. Our horses are our partners. Respect and listening goes both ways. Happy Trails.

By the time you get this newsletter, hope you had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Christmas is coming also. Have a safe Holiday Season from all of us at Southern Arizona Mounted Search and Rescue (SAMSAR).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

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

SARA CALENDAR

Dec 03 19:00 Tue
Dec 06 19:30 Fri
Dec 07 09:00 Sat
Dec 11 18:30 Wed
Dec 12 18:00 Thu
Dec 14 09:00 Sat
Dec 14 08:00 Sat
Dec 14 TBA Sat
Dec 15 08:00 Sat
Dec 19 19:00 Thu
Jan 03 19:30 Fri

Land Navigation Classroom
SARA Monthly Meeting
Training: Land Navigation
Tech Skills Classroom
Helicopter Static Training
Helicopter Ingress / Egress
OEC Refresher (make-up)
Blue Card Class
Tech Skills Field Session
SARA Board Meeting
SARA Monthly Meeting

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SARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

by SARA BoD, [saraboard @ sarci2.org](mailto:saraboard@sarci2.org)

The first thirty Desert Bighorn Sheep have been re-introduced into the Pusch Ridge Wilderness. Special management restrictions are needed to limit disturbance to the sheep population in the area known as the "Bighorn Sheep Management Area." Unfortunately, there is not an on-line graphic of this area, but it can be described as the western half of the Pusch Ridge Wilderness Area. The west edge is Catalina State Park, northern boundary is Sutherland Trail, east boundary is a line down to Romero Pass and down Ventana Canyon Trail, and southern boundary is Ina/Sunrise. The rules are:

- 1) No dogs year round
- 2) Between Jan 1 and April 30 is lambing time and it is prohibited to enter beyond 400 ft off designated Forest Service Trails
- 3) Maximum day-group size is 15 people and maximum overnight group size is six people, year round

These two web sites show the release and information: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBhYcNh-2og>
http://explorernews.com/news/article_91e5faba-5165-11e3-8507-001a4bcf887a.html

OEC CORNER

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

We will be holding a make-up OEC Cycle C refresher on December 14, 2013. It will be held at the SARA House and is currently scheduled to be held in the board room. The refresher will start at 8 am. If you need to take the refresher, please contact Rich Kunz, Rich Giachetti, Mona Johnson, or John Gorski. This will give us names of those to call in case of a time and date change. Reminder that all members of the OEC of 2013 need to take this year's refresher. As always a group snack is welcome.

Thank you to all the OEC instructors for their hard work this year and have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

MINI-TRAININGS

by Dale Mann, dale1947sailor@gmail.com

We are going to begin having mini-trainings during the hour before the general meeting on the first Friday of each month. Trainings will start at 18:30 and will end before the meeting begins at 19:30. All Members are encouraged to attend these to refresh your skills or to practice new ones.

The training on December 6 will be to introduce some of the new knots and anchors we will be using and to demonstrate how to tie a Radium release hitch. If you have two locking carabiners and 30 feet of 8mm accessory cord, bring those along.

DECEMBER MONTHLY TRAINING

by Jason Bowman, jrbowman@email.arizona.edu

The monthly training for December will be Land Navigation, and is an Orange Card sign-off.

There will be a classroom session on Tuesday 03 December, beginning at 19:00 at the SARA House. Material to be covered includes topographic map reading, using a map with a compass, and the basics of GPS usage. At the end of the classroom session there will be a couple of short field exercises so please come prepared with appropriate footwear/clothing and your rescue pack. The classroom session is not strictly mandatory, but will be beneficial particularly to newer people as the field session will not have much in the way of instruction.

The field session will be on Saturday 07 December, beginning at 09:00 and will also start at the SARA House. The training will consist of a land navigation course around the Sabino Canyon area, with each leg of the course designed to test a specific skill. Candidates and members alike are encouraged to attend; experienced rescuers will be very helpful assisting teams.

Those of you who own a GPS should bring it, and make sure you have read (or at least skimmed) the owner's manual.

An RSVP for the field session is requested no later than the night of the classroom so that we can pre-plan teams.

HELICOPTER TRAINING

by Jim Holmes, jholmes01@gmail.com

December 12, 18:00 Thursday - Static Helicopter Training

Location: Tucson International Airport, DPS Southern Air Rescue hanger

Directions: Meet at 18:00 in the parking lot south of Ratliff Aviation, 6720 S. Plumer Ave. just south of Valencia. Don't be late: the hanger is in a controlled access area. We will be escorted through the locked gate in one group. If you miss the movement through the gate, you will miss the training!

Note: this training is for active members and all candidates (Orange Card sign-off). Attendance at a Static Helo training is a prerequisite for Ingress/Egress training. All Helo training is dependent upon the DPS mission load. They may be called away at any time!

December 14, 09:00 Saturday - Ingress/Egress Helicopter Training

Location: Old Sonoita Hwy Missile Site

Helicopter Ingress / Egress training at a low hover will be conducted.

Directions: I-10 east exiting onto SB Highway 83. Once on SB Hwy 83, make an almost immediate left turn onto Old Sonoita Hwy. Follow Old Sonoita Hwy for ~3.8 miles, turn right on unsigned dirt road and follow it ~1/4 mile to the training location.

Required gear: rescue pack, helmet, eye & ear protection, boots, long sleeve shirt and long pants. Clothing should be fire resistant (cotton or wool), no synthetics.

Note: this training is for all field active members and candidates who are C4 and above, only. Attendance at a Static Helo training is a prerequisite. All Helo training is dependent upon the DPS mission load. They may be called away at any time!

TECHNICAL SKILLS QUALIFICATIONS

by Mykle, mykle@sarci2.org

The expiration date for all current Field Skills Certifications have been extended to the end of next year, and are being replaced by Technical Skills Qualifications as part of SARA Field Qualifications. A classroom session is required ONCE of all members. A field session is required ANNUALLY of all members. The time required for these classes depends upon the students, so candidates in the Basic Training class are taking more time than will be needed by members who are more familiar with technical systems. While there are new methods and equipment, they are performing functions that are very familiar to all of us: belays and lowers and hauls.

Instructors have been trained, the Basic Training class is being trained, and the first class for field qualified members is scheduled in December. These classes are limited to 20 students, so students must sign up in advance. The most active members have been recruited for the first class, so that those who respond to missions will be more likely to have had the class. Plan on the same dates for refresher sessions as were used for the old Field Skills: last Saturday of the first month of each quarter (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct). Again, you may be required to sign up in advance for a class. Additional classes will be scheduled when needed.

Each rescue vehicle has two sets of technical equipment. One set of old gear (haul and lower bag) is still in the trucks, and the second set (including the haul-in-a-bag) has been replaced with a new single tech bag that is slightly lighter than the old lower bag. The set of old gear will be replaced with a new tech bag around the middle of spring (after most people have been qualified).

BEAT CANCER BOOT CAMP

by Deb Heilig, dlheilig@cox.net

Beat Cancer Boot Camp, a local non-profit exercise and support group for cancer patients, cancer survivors and anyone whose life is affected by cancer. Each year the group's only fundraiser is a race called the Challenge, which is a 5K obstacle course and run. The 2014 Challenge is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 2014 and we are currently looking for volunteers to help man water stations, food booths and check points on the course. Those interested in volunteering can contact Deb Heilig at dlheilig@cox.net for more information. Those interested in running the race can find registration information on the group's website at <http://www.beatcancerbootcamp.com>.

SARCI Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28 THANKSGIVING	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 01
Dec 02	Dec 03 Land Navigation Classroom	Dec 04 SRDI Board	Dec 05	Dec 06 SARA Meeting	Dec 07 SARA Training "Land Navigation"	Dec 08 Divers Training Gymkhana
Dec 09	Dec 10	Dec 11 SARA Tech Skills Classroom SRDI Meeting	Dec 12 Helicopter Static Training 24 HOP Race Meeting	Dec 13	Dec 14 Helicopter Ingress/Egress Training OEC Refresher make-up SARA Blue Card Class	Dec 15 SARA Tech Skills Training
Dec 16	Dec 17 SAMSAR Meeting	Dec 18	Dec 19 SARA Board	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22
Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25 CHRISTMAS	Dec 26	Dec 27 SAMSAR School Presentation	Dec 28	Dec 29
Dec 30	Dec 31	Jan 01 NEW YEARS DAY	Jan 02	Jan 03 SARA Meeting	Jan 04 SARA Training "Winter Skills"	Jan 05 SARA Candidate Basic 3b
Jan 06	Jan 07	Jan 08 SRDI Meeting	Jan 09	Jan 10	Jan 11 AFRCC Inland SAR Training	Jan 12 AFRCC Inland SAR Training Divers Training
Jan 13	Jan 14	Jan 15 SARCI Board	Jan 16 SARA Board	Jan 17	Jan 18 SARA Candidate Basic 4	Jan 19
Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25 Tech Skills Training	Jan 26
Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	Feb 01	Feb 02
COLOR KEY <small>(on-line version is best)</small>	GENERAL MEETING	BOARD MEETING	TRAINING	ACTIVITY	HOLIDAY	



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CALLOUT REVIEWS

by Mykle Raymond, SARnews@sarci.org

Date	Vol/Hrs/ Problem	Location	Resources
Sun Oct 27 15:32 – 15:34	<u>0/ 0/</u> 14mm missing A missing infant was found just after volunteers were requested.	Tangerine & Shannon	
Sun Oct 27 20:55 – 23:45	<u>16/ 37/</u> 80yf walkaway A woman at a care home left after a disagreement. Teams searched the area, and found the woman in good but chilly condition behind a house across the street.	La Canada & Orange Grove	Survey2, SAV
Mon Oct 28 17:55 – 23:50	<u>9/ 54/</u> 73yf hiker knee injury, lost A group was hiking off trail when one injured her knee. A companion hiked out and reported her missing. Teams covered the Aspen Trail in both directions on a windy evening. She was found below the trail near Lunch Ledge in tired but good condition. She was helped to the trail, and slowly headed down until meeting teams with a litter who gave her a ride to the trailhead.	Aspen Loop, Catalinas	
Tue Oct 29 16:25 – 21:10	<u>6/ 28/</u> 34ym, 40ym hikers lost Two hikers attempted to return from Romero Pools by hiking downstream. They wound up high above the stream in the same location as a couple of previous groups. One team came upstream and up the steep, loose slope, and a second team traversed from the trail. When all were together, they returned to the trail.	Romero Canyon, Catalinas	
Sat Nov 02 18:00 – 20:00	<u>7/ 25/</u> 2, 30yf hikers stranded by dark Two hikers took longer than expected on their hike, and called for help as it got dark. Teams met them a short distance down trail below the lookout, and all were out shortly after.	Lemmon Rock Trail, Catalinas	
Mon Nov 04 15:05 – 17:30	<u>12/ 26/</u> 2 hikers lost Two hikers got off trail and continued wandering until they called for help. Teams found them at their cellphone coordinates, south of Pink Hill and between Loma Verde and Squeeze Pen. They were escorted back to the Loop Road.	Cactus Forest, Rincons	NPS
Sun Nov 10 11:25 – 16:00	<u>11/ 41/</u> 61ym hunter ankle injury A hunter injured his ankle on a rough hillside. Teams packaged him for short haul, and he was flown to the medical helicopter at Command.	Aros Ranch, Baboquivari Mtns	AFD LifeLine1 PhxRanger
Fri Nov 15 16:55 – 17:30	<u>5/ 5/</u> Hikers lost A family was disoriented along the Marshall Gulch Trail. A Mt.Lemmon deputy found them a short way from the parking lot.	Marshall Gulch, Catalinas	

2013 Totals:	People: 881	Hours: 3113	Hours per person: 3.5	Total calls: 89	Last12Mos: 96
Additional Rosters Received:	Training: 144	Meeting: 14	Public Relations: 7	Special Events: 17	

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Meet 2nd Sun 09:00, details inside.

PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

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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