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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.

SOUTHERN AZ. MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Jerry Simmons, jerry @ simmonsautorepair.com

SAMSAR CALENDAR

Apr 01	18:30 Tue	CPR Training and Recerts	Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
Apr 15	19:00 Tue	General Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
Apr 19	TBD Sat	Covote Creek Ride and Fiesta	Coyote Creek

PUBLIC RELATIONS

SAMSAR ran the main gate for Music In The Canyon at the SARA House location. Thanks to George, Tarah, Colleen and me (Jerry). You know someone had fun when Colleen's name keeps coming up for the show at the front gate. I could not believe she had the crowd singing and dancing OUT the gate. I'm sure there was booze involved. Not Colleen, that's just natural for her. She sure kept it live. Tarah like to have frozen to death (anything under 100 degrees). Herget was good enough to give an elderly lady a ride on the last leg of her journey to the show. Then George and I got drafted to run the First Aid tent for a couple hours. Did not mind the tent or the job. WAY too much music even for a deaf senior citizen (me). Lot of fun. Next time, ear plugs. I didn't mind running a shuttle to help the stranded people after the shuttle stopped at 6pm. I was not alone with the shuttle. Cory was doing the shuttle help with the big SARA truck. EASY RESCUE!

On Mar 19, 2014, Colleen was used as a patient at the large multi-agency drill at the airport. I hear she was a "yellow", also entertained the first aid tent. Heard they were moving her to "red" to get rid of her. Still no booze. However she is concerned the people may try to have her committed. Serious note: She was impressed with the fact, that many agencies could work together when only putting on the big show once per three years. I am sure it did not go perfect, that's why we call it training. Huh?

The Coyote Creek Ride and Fiesta will take place on April 19. For horseback riding, there will be rental horses, or take your own. The event benefits Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Contact Debbie Backus at <u>Debbie @ backusrealty.com</u> or 520-647-0030 for more information.

TRAINING

By the time you get this we will have completed our line search refresher for most, and first time for our new trainees. As mentioned earlier in agenda: CPR training new and recerts, April 1st at Substation 106. About 1 day prior to this newsletter.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Quiet for SAMSAR. A Good thing. It will pick up. We'll keep training.

MEMBERSHIP

Moving right along. For information on joining go to http://www.samsaraz.org.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, kpaquette1 @ comcast.net

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Apr 02	18:00 Wed	Training Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
Apr 02	19:00 Wed	Board Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
Apr 07	18:00 Mon	Land Circle #1	Catalina State Park
Apr 09	19:00 Wed	General Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
Apr 13	08:00 Sun	Air Scent/Tracking	Dead Horse Hill
Apr 16	18:00 Wed	Urban Air Scent/Tracking	TBD
Apr 30 -	<u>May 04</u>	AZSAR K9CON	Flagstaff, AZ
<u>May 18</u>	<u>08:00 Sun</u>	Boat/Equipment Work Party	Brown's Home

Congratulations to SRDI's newest mission ready certified team: Debee Henschen and K9 Rosie certified in tracking in February.

Congratulations to SRDI's newest mission ready Blue Shirt: Mike Wilke. Mike is also training K9 Dexter in area/air scent and will likely be our next mission certified team. SRDI currently has 5 mission ready certified dogs: 3 in area/air scent, 1 in tracking, 3 in cadaver/HRD. We also have 3 dogs in training.

It's the time of year when SRDI schedules the annual proficiency events. The land circle is required for all mission ready personnel and K9s and is offered in the spring and in the fall (see schedule above); the water circle is optional, but is required for participation in any water calls. It is offered at the beginning of summer and mid- to late summer.

NEW MEETING LOCATION: Beginning May 14, 2014, the monthly SRDI General Meeting will be held at the SARA House.

Registration for the annual ACVO National Service Animal Eye Exam for service dogs is open April 1st - 30th, exams to be scheduled during May. This is a free service generously provided to the public by the Board Certified Diplomats of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists who donate their time, staff and services to provide free screening ocular exams to qualified Service Animals. Visit http://www.avcoeyeexam.org/2014/animals/main.shtml.

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. NASAR Conference, June 5-7, 2014 in Woodcliffe Lake, NJ Coconino County HRD Water Workshop, July 25-27, 2014 in Flagstaff, AZ; CSAR Conference Sept 28-Oct 3, 2014 in Potosi, MO; NSDA Fall Seminar, October 9-12, 2014 in Edinburgh, IN

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

Apr 1311:00 SunGymkhanaVail Arena. Books at 11:00. Events at 12:00Apr 2418:30 ThuGeneral MeetingTanque Verde LibraryApr 2610:00 SatHorseshoe TournamentRincon del Coyote (Alex's Place)

Everybody's welcome to play or not at the tournament.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

DIVERS CALENDAR

No April input

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

SARA	CALENDAR

Apr 04	20:00 Fri	SARA Annual Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Apr 05	08:00 Sat	Swiftwater Training	TBA
Apr 17	19:00 Thu	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Apr 23	18:30 Wed	Technical Skills Classroom	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Apr 26	08:00 Sat	Technical Skills Field	Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
Apr 25-2	27 Fri-Sun	Race Support: Whiskey Off-Road	Prescott, AZ
May 02	19:30 Fri	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

TECHNICAL SKILLS QUALIFICATION

by Dale Mann, dale1947sailor @ gmail.com

There has been some confusion about the new technical training requirement for field qualification. SARA has changed our technical rope rescue systems to use the Multi-Purpose Device (MPD), modified our selection of knots, and updated our operational procedures. To allow for a transition period, last November the SARA Board extended the expiration date of existing field skills qualifications to December 31, 2014. As of January 1, 2015, this requirement will change to the new Technical Skills Qualification.

The technical skills training consists of two parts: a one-time four-hour class given on a Wednesday night, and an annual six-hour field exercise on the following Saturday. The class must be taken before the field exercise. After December 31, 2014, this training will be required by the Pima County Sheriff's Department before a SARA Member may respond to a callout.

The field exercise portion of the training must be repeated at least every twelve months in order to maintain a Technical Skills Qualification; the classroom session is required only once. This applies to both Full Members and Candidates.

In SARA, voting privileges are determined by field qualifications. Only field-qualified Full Members are allowed to vote on matters that come before the membership, such as election to the Board of Directors or changes to the By-Laws. As of January 1, 2015, the requirements for field qualification will be: a Technical Skills Qualification, a current medical qualification including CPR, and completion of the required national and local NIMS courses.

In other words, a Full Member will not be eligible to vote after January 1, 2015, unless he or she is current on the required Technical Skills Qualification.

For the remainder of 2014, Technical Skills Training is scheduled for the following Wednesday/Saturday dates: April 23 and 26, July 23 and 26, and October 22 and 25. Please mark these dates on your calendars, plan to attend one of the sessions, and be thinking about your next recertification. For further information or questions, contact Dale Mann at <u>date1947sailor @ gmail.com</u> or at 444-4651.

There are only four people who have signed up for the April session; up to twenty (but no more) can be accommodated. If you procrastinate until later in the year, you may find that all the spaces have been filled. We may not be able to schedule extra sessions at the end of the year because they have to be coordinated with PCSD. Please plan accordingly.

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 17, 2014 and the second one will be on Saturday September 13, 2014.

Changes to the NSP program affect every OEC member as of the first of this year. SARA is an affiliate member in the NSP program. As part of the program if you hold a current OEC card you will now have to become an Associate member with a cost of \$55.00 a year. Associate members receive (Taken from NSP website): Ski Patrol Magazine, ability to purchase all catalog items except those that would identify the individual as an active member of the NSP, participate and be credentialed in an NSP training or education program, comprehensive support services, online resources and annual updates. Look for updates in upcoming newsletters on the OEC program.

SARA MEMBER SURVEY

by Survey Team, survey @ sarci.org

SARA is conducting a member survey to gain a better understanding of our critical needs, and how to better engage and retain members. This survey is being distributed to all past and present SARA members including select non-member groups regardless of current involvement or activity level.

Survey invites are being sent out by email. If you or somebody you know should be included in the survey but didn't receive a survey invite, please send a request to <u>survey @ sarci.org</u>.

2014 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

by John Perchorowicz, jmail @ perchorowicz.com

Jim Click has provided a 2014 Jeep Cherokee as a raffle prize. THE JEEP WILL BE AT THE APRIL SARA MEETING!

Charities across Tucson are selling tickets (up to 50,000 total). SARA keeps 100% of its ticket sales. Tickets are \$25 or 5 for \$100 and are for sale until 30 October 2014.

If each SARA member would buy one (or more) and sell one (or more) we could easily raise several thousand dollars. Please see John Perchorowicz or Bill Florence for tickets. Thanks for all you do for SARA!

For anyone wishing to buy 5 tickets and are unable to attend a SARA event, John Perchorowicz will pick up you donation (within Tucson) and deliver your tickets. So far we have raised \$625.

SARCI Calendar April - May, 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:30pm TRG Rope Practice	April Fool's Day 6:30pm 2014 OEC Class SAMSAR CPR Class	SRDI Board Mtg	6:00pm Whiskey Race Support Committee 6:30pm 2014 OEC Class (Patients Needed)	8:00pm SARA Annual Meeting @ SARA House	8:00am Swiftwater Training	6
7 SRDI Training	6:30pm 2014 OEC Class	6:30pm TRG Rope Practice 6:30pm SARA Training Committee Mtg SRDI General Mtg	10 6:30pm 2014 OEC Class (Patients needed)	7:00pm EGI Meeting @ SARA House	8:00am TRG Personal Rope Skills Team Based Pickoff	8:00am TRG Team Based Litter Scoop Posse Gymkhana SRDI Training Divers Training
14	Tax Returns Due 6:30pm 2014 OEC Class SAMSAR General Mtg	7:30pm SARCI BoD Meeting @ SARA House SRDI Training	6:30pm 2014 OEC Class (Patients Needed) 7:00pm SARA BoD Meeting @ SARA House	18	9:00am Helicopter Team Re-certification SAMSAR Ride Event	20 Easter Sunday
21	Earth Day 6:30pm 2014 OEC Class	23 6:30pm Technical Skills Classroom @ SARA House	6:30pm 2014 OEC Class (Patients Needed) Posse General Mtg	25 Race Support, Whiskey Off Road	8:00am Technical Skills @TV & CatHwy Race Support, Whiskey Off Road Posse Horseshoe Event	Race Support, Whiskey Off Road
28	6:30pm 2014 OEC Class	30 SRDI K9 Conference	6:30pm 2014 OEC Class (Patients Needed) SRDI K9 Conference	7:30pm SARA General Meeting @ SARA House SRDI K9 Conference	8:00am Summer Exposure Training SRDI K9 Conference	SRDI K9 Conference
Cinco de Mayo	6:30pm 2014 OEC Class	SRDI Board Mtg	6:30pm 2014 OEC Class (Patients Needed)	7:00pm EGI Meeting @ SARA House	8:00am OEC Outdoor Scenario Day	Mother's Day
12	13 6:30pm 2014 OEC Class	SRDI General Mtg	6:30pm 2014 OEC Class (Patients Needed) 7:00pm SARA BoD Meeting @ SARA House	16	17	SRDI Training
19	20 6:30pm 2014 OEC Class	21	6:30pm 2014 OEC Class (Patients Needed)	23	24	25
Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	SRDI Board Mtg	5	7:30pm SARA General Meeting @ SARA House	7	8

Sat Nov 30 0/ 72yf missing Pinal/Pima County

11:00 -No roster received

Mon Dec 02 0/ 72yf missing Pinal/Pima County

13:00 -No roster received

Fri Feb 28 11/ 128/ 56ym hiker lost Esperero Trail, Catalinas Survey2 Ranger54

18:40 - 08:10 A hiker spent several hours trying to find his way down trail and called for help as it got dark. He was found by Ranger54 at the top of Window Peak. Teams retrieved him several hours later and all returned by dawn.

Tue Mar 18 11/ 30/ 49yf trail runner pelvis injury Super Trail, Santa Ritas Ranger54 LifeLine1 GVFD 17:10 – 20:10 A runner fell and injured her pelvis almost two miles up trail. Green Valley Fire handled medical, SARA handled packaging, and Ranger54 short-hauled to the old missile base for transfer to LifeLine1. GV Fire was very appreciative of our help.

Wed Mar 19 7/ 12/ 37ym hiker ankle injury Historic Trail, Sabino Canyon, Catalinas RMFD

11:50 - 13:50A hiker injured his ankle near the bottom of the Historic Trail while hiking with his family from Chicago. Rural Fire handled medical, SARA handled packaging and transport down the usual drainage to the road, and Rural transported.

Sat Mar 22 <u>26/</u> <u>85/</u> Evidence Search Rillito River and La Canada, Tucson

A woman reported being assaulted the previous evening while running along the Rillito. We were looking for related 08:00 - 11:50evidence between the river and River Road. As we were completing our search, the woman admitted that the incident did not occur and her injuries happened as part of an unrelated incident. Officers not used to working with SAR were impressed with our coverage and attention to detail. Meanwhile a male was reported to be unconscious nearby. He was found to be intoxicated and homeless by officers on ATV, and was transported for treatment of sunburn and disorientation.

Hours: 702 Last12Mos: 90 **2014 Totals:** People: 197 Hours per person: 3.6 Total calls: 16 Additional Rosters Received: Training: 36 Meeting: 8 Public Relations: 0 Special Events: 6



Bob Brantley

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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 2nd 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.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

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

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS

P.O.Box 64120, Tucson AZ 85728-4120 Meet 2nd 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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