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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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### SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

by SARNews, [sarnews@sarci2.org](mailto:sarnews@sarci2.org)

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

### ACTIVITY DOCUMENTATION

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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 (forms are available on-line). 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 pairs of times for each person are important, but can be approximate. Access to the database is available to an authorized representative from each group.

### AZ SAR Conference: May 1-3, 2015 Heber, AZ

Day Use / Tent / Dry Camp: \$7.00 per day  
Dorms: \$16.00 per day  
Registration Fee: \$60.00  
K9 Registration Fee: \$30.00 (\$90.00 total)  
Registration Open: TBD Will be via telephone call to ADEM

Meal Costs:  
Breakfast: \$5.50  
Lunch: \$6.50  
Dinner: \$8.00  
Saturday Steak Fry Dinner: \$17.50

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by John Longhofer, 990-4442, [divers8@sarci2.org](mailto:divers8@sarci2.org)

### DIVERS CALENDAR

Mar 8 09:00 Sun Monthly Training  
Apr 12 08:30 Sun Monthly Training

Saguaro Aquatics Pool  
Black Mountain Reservoir

In February, we practiced and refined the Jackstay, Pier Walk & Arc search patterns with seeded objects, line tender operations and signals.

In March, we are planning to return to Black Mountain Reservoir to practice underwater knot tying then Jackstay & Arc search patterns, seeded with objects, line tender operations, signals and distressed diver scenario.

## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

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

### SRDI CALENDAR

Mar 01 09:00 Sun All Disciplines Training  
Mar 15 09:00 Sun All Disciplines Training  
Mar 18 18:00 Wed Building Search  
Apr 05 08:00 Sun Area Recertification, etc.  
Apr 19 08:00 Sun All Disciplines Training  
Apr 22 18:00 Wed Urban Search Training  
May 1-4 All Day AZ SAR Conference

I-10 / SR 83  
TBD  
County Park Bldg  
I-10 / SR 83  
Oak Tree Canyon  
Kino Area  
Heber, AZ

Several of our members plan to attend the NASAR course, "URBAN SEARCH MANAGEMENT" - Managing Missing Persons Searches In The Urban Environment on February 27, 2015 (Friday) at the Maricopa County Sheriff's Training Auditorium. Our recent joint trainings with Pinal and Coconino K9SAR teams were tremendous fun. It's always nice to have fresh eyes and ideas for training, plus just getting to know each other is very enjoyable.

Several SARA members joined our last training at Agua Caliente. We appreciate your time and your willingness to help with our dog training. It's fantastic to have new people for the dogs to train with. All SARCI members are welcome to attend any of our trainings. Please check the Event Calendar on our website ([www.sarci.org/SRDI.htm](http://www.sarci.org/SRDI.htm)), email us [K9@sarci2.org](mailto:K9@sarci2.org) or call Karen Paquette (275-2074) for training updates or changes.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

AZ SAR Conference, May 1-3, 2014 in Heber, AZ

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

by LtCol Robert McCord, [cap@sarci2.org](mailto: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](mailto:gummhodge1@msn.com)

### **POSSE CALENDAR**

Mar 08 11:00 Sun Gymkhana  
Mar 26 18:30 Thu General Meeting

Rocking K Ranch. Books at 11:00. Events at 12:00  
Tanque Verde Library, 8959 E Tanque Verde Rd

## SOUTHERN AZ. MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

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

### **SAMSAR CALENDAR**

Mar 17 18:00 Tue Board Meeting  
Mar 17 19:00 Tue General Meeting

Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy  
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### **TRAINING**

Training: Everything in process , coming with dates.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Public relations: Nothing planned.

### **SEARCH AND RESCUE**

Congratulations to Cliff Woods and John Bogers for completion of NIMS 100 and 700. Records will be sent to Joe Barr.

It could happen at anytime: Report From Debi Mitchell SAMSAR member

Planning a nice ride at Saguaro East, a gentleman was following Debi and Grady in through the Wildhorse entrance this past weekend (2-16-15). There was a commotion behind Debi and Grady followed by a thud, someone hit the ground. Debi turned and found the gentleman on the ground with the wind knocked out of him. She called 911 to report a loose horse running down Speedway and a possible injured person on the ground. 911 did ask for the street address of the GATE. Not available, no numbers at East End Speedway. A little frustrated Debi stopped the conversation in order to chase the horse , still running down Speedway. The Gentleman got up off the ground still stumbling, catching the breath that was removed from his lungs upon impact with the ground. Both parties blocked Speedway east and west with their horse towing rigs, the horse in the middle. Keeps the horse from colliding with automobiles. One driver actually drove out of the road around the road block to go on his way. Grady did stop the car, Debi catches up to the car and attempts to educate the driver on why the road was blocked. I can not repeat the conversation. We'll leave it at that ☺. All ended well even though it could have ended very ,very bad. Horse owner loaded his horse and left. The driver did call Debi a nasty name. Debi did call 911 and cancel the call. Be prepared at all times. And good intentions sometimes backfire, depending entirely on the person. Good job Debi.

### **CALLOUT DOUGLAS SPRINGS TRAIL**

Great night for a ride Sunday! Call out was for Douglas Springs Campground. Excited to get the call and knew it was going to be a long night. We were up to the task. Things we learned, never let your horse put his head down to eat ... our snakes pretty much never hibernate and you never know when one will be there ... hiding. Frank and I got off our horses to give them a breather after some tough climbing. The sun was gone and darkness pretty much taking over. Just enough light to get in our packs to pull out head lamps. As I put my head lamp on and turned on the light I started to take three steps forward and there he was, not 1 1/2 feet away from my boot, a buzzworm! He was stretched out across the trail, very slow, never rattled! His head was turned my way with that lil nasty tongue of his flickering my way. Glad our horses were well trained to trust and back up fast on a small trail with a 30 ft drop off! After waiting for the rattler to finally get off the trail (with rock encouragement) we continued on. Pretty soon Frank hollered that I had walked right by yet another! For every snake we DO see, there are 10 more we miss! Keep your horses head up, no eating on the trail! Colleen

Always looking for good committed people with good horse or mule for mounted search and rescue. Please refer to web site <http://www.SAMSARaz.org> or contact anyone with a SAMSAR I.D.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

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

### **SARA CALENDAR**

Mar 06 19:30 Fri SARA Monthly Meeting  
Mar 07 07:30 & 09:45 Sat Training: Tanque Verde Falls  
Mar 19 19:00 Thu SARA Board Meeting  
Apr 03 20:00 Fri SARA Annual Meeting

SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd  
CircleK, Tanque Verde east of T.V. Loop  
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### **SARA BOARD**

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

Bill Florence has resigned as SARA's treasurer. John Perchorowicz has agreed to serve as our interim treasurer.

As many of you know, over the last 6 months or so, AZ public media has been filming a short piece on SARA (you may have seen them at the candidate hike, trainings or monthly meetings). Thank you to all of you who made yourselves available for interviews, or to be filmed during our activities: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNcNaN6tkJQ>

## **SARA DUES**

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

SARA dues for fiscal year 2015-2016 will be \$75 and are due and payable on May 1, 2015. If your dues are received by the Treasurer on or before May 1, there will be a \$40 discount - you pay only \$35. If dues are received by the Treasurer after May 1, but before June 1, there will be a \$20 discount - you pay \$55. After May 30, the full amount of \$75 will be due. If dues are not received by the Treasurer by the date of the July Board meeting, you will be dropped from membership in SARA as of that date for non-payment. A letter to the Board will be required for reinstatement - plus \$75. If mailed, the postmark will determine the discount, if any.

## **AWARDS COMMITTEE**

by John Gorski, [rescue161 @ att.net](mailto:rescue161@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 Dale Mann, Rich Kunz, or John Gorski with your nominations. Nominations will be closed after the March Monthly Meeting.

## **SARA TRAINING**

by Jason Bowman, [jrbowman @ email.arizona.edu](mailto:jrbowman@email.arizona.edu)

### **Changes to SARA Monthly Trainings**

The topics of many monthly trainings will be gradually changing over the next year. Many basic level trainings that had been targeted mainly at new candidates are going to be phased out (in favor of covering that material in the SALT Program) and replaced by new trainings, or taught with a focus on more advanced topics. A survey was recently sent to all current SARA Candidates to help us make sure those still seeking their Orange Shirt will not be left out.

As part of this shift, many trainings will now require those wishing to participate to sign-up, usually at least a week or two ahead of time. This allows the instructor group to plan to have adequate instructors and equipment, and in some cases to pre-plan assignments -- all with the goal of putting forward a more efficient and valuable training. When a training requires a sign-up, a link to an online survey will be sent out on SARA-Announce at least a week before the deadline. Those who do not sign-up will NOT be allowed to participate in the training. If you sign-up and later become unavailable, please advise the lead instructor as soon as possible.

### **March Monthly Training: Tanque Verde Falls**

March 07, Saturday. First, an orientation hike of the TV Falls area will be offered, introducing (or refreshing) everybody on the various features (and their names), trails/routes, and permanent rescue anchors. Please bring your full rescue pack, sturdy boots, and plenty of water. This training is a sign-off for candidates, but is also a good refresher for existing members. The hike itself will conclude around 11:00 and will be followed by a technical exercise.

Second, we will be holding a technical exercise. The exact nature of this exercise will be determined based on how many people sign up to participate. The TV Falls area has several permanent artificial anchors (of various types) that have been installed to aid in the construction of our rope systems, so this training should be a good opportunity to practice using different anchors than our typical sharp boulders or pointy mesquite trees.

Rendezvous will be at the Circle K just east of Tanque Verde and Tanque Verde Loop, and will be at two different times based on which portions of the training you wish to participate in.

Those who wish to participate in the Orientation should rendezvous at 07:30. Everyone participating in this hike will also be able to participate in the technical exercise. Those who only wish to participate in the technical exercise should rendezvous at 09:45.

## **24 HOURS IN THE OLD PUEBLO RECAP**

by Cathy Wasmann, [cwasmann @ email.arizona.edu](mailto:cwasmann@email.arizona.edu)

As it has since 2008, SARA provided medical support for the 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo mountain bike race. This year, 73 patients were treated including one helicopter and three ambulance transports. The theme this year was road rash, lacerations, and trauma. At least one person owes their life to SARA as first medical responders and to personnel from Golder Ranch Fire Department, who provided more advanced care. Nineteen SARA members assisted with the medical mission at the event; several current and former members were involved in race communications, and the official Timekeeper and Results person is a SARA member. Once again SARA enjoyed a close working relationship with the paramedic and EMT from Golder Ranch Fire Department, who were stationed next to the Medical Tent. The interaction with GRFD was excellent with everyone working as a team.

## **2015 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MUSTANG RAFFLE**

by John Perchorowicz, [jmail @ perchorowicz.com](mailto:jmail@perchorowicz.com)

Jim Click has again donated a vehicle for raffle. SARA, along with 300+ other Tucson non-profits will be selling tickets through 6 November 2015. The car is special in that only 1964 of these will be produced. Many are already spoken for. The list price is \$38,000 and bids in excess of \$75,000 have been seen so this represents a unique opportunity.

Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. My offer to hand deliver tickets to anyone in Tucson purchasing 5 is renewed. Additional advertising of the raffle is on the website <http://millionsfortucson.org/> where prospective ticket buyers will find a list of charities' web sites. Mr. Click is also publicizing the raffle to Mustang Clubs and national media throughout the US that will enable buyers to look over the web sites to choose from whom to buy. Send your out of state friends to have a look!

We raised over \$3500 from the previous raffle to support our annual budget. Let's see if we can exceed that this time. Tickets can be obtained from the SARA Store or from me.

**OEC CORNER**

by John Gorski, [rescue161@att.net](mailto:rescue161@att.net)

Please mark your calendar for this year's OEC Cycle "B" refresher dates which are: Saturday August 15 and Sunday September 13.

Now that each OEC card-holder is paying for an associate membership fee to NSP, this would be a good time to verify your home address with NSP to make sure you receive your ski patrol magazine and your associate card and a new OEC card if your three-year cycle ended December 31, 2014. The contact information for NSP is 1-303-988-1111. Ask for the education department.

NSP did upgrade their system this year and they are working out the bugs. If you have a problem with your NSP records please forward any questions to John Gorski.

**CALLOUT REVIEWS**

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

Date	Vol/Hrs/ Problem	Location	Resources
Sat Feb 07	16/ 36/ 56yf hiker wrist injury	7 Falls, Catalinas	
11:45 – 15:00	A hiker injured her wrist while at 7 Falls. The group hiked to x7 and met the hasty team. She was able to continue hiking out, with the stokes in the field in case it was needed.		
Sun Feb 08	0/ 0/ 6yf hiker leg injury	Finger Rock Trail, Catalinas	RMFD
15:15 – 15:20	A hiker injured her leg a short distance up trail. Fire medics stated they could handle, so we cancelled.		
Mon Feb 09	17/ 47/ 64yf hiker ankle injury	Phoneline Trail, Catalinas	Sheriff1 RMFD
14:00 – 17:40	A hiker injured her ankle about halfway between the top of the Historic Trail and the top of the Link Trail. While the hasty team was headed into the canyon, a report was received of a female having injured her head, possibly on the switchbacks. The hasty team found her at the trailhead and arranged a ride with one of the deputies, then returned to the Phoneline Trail. The patient was packaged, and Sheriff1 was requested. The helicopter arrived about the same time as the stokes. The patient was hoisted and delivered to the Overlook Helipad.		
Sun Feb 15	12/ 36/ 53ym hiker leg injury	Douglas Spring, Rincons	Ranger58 NPS
17:45 – 21:00	A hiker requested help after feeling a muscle in his calf pop and mobility became limited. Hasty, stokes and horse teams headed up on the 6.7mi trail to the campground. Phoenix Ranger finished a previous call and was halfway to Tucson, so responded to the airport for fuel then found a place to land and retrieve the 200#+ hiker.		
Wed Feb 18	11/ 47/ 45yf hiker knee injury	Ventana Trail, Catalinas	
12:45 – 17:40	A hiker injured her knee near the bottom of the switchbacks below Maiden Pools. She was carried out by stokes, and was able to walk with assistance through rough sections.		
Fri Feb 20	10/ 17/ 2 horse riders injured	Golder Ranch, Catalinas	Sheriff1 GRFD NWFD
14:45 – 16:45	Two riders were thrown from horses. One was able to ride out with minimal injuries, the other struck her head and was unable to recall what had happened. Golder Ranch Fire with Northwest Fire people hiked to the scene and assisted a SAR Officer package her for hoist by Sheriff1. No SAR volunteers were in the field.		
Sat Feb 21	16/ 59/ 61yf knee injury	Phoneline Trail, Catalinas	
12:10 – 16:00	A hiker injured her knee almost halfway from the Link to the Historic Trail. She was unable to bear any weight with a taped knee, so rode all the way out in the stokes.		
Mon Feb 23	4/ 4/ 45yf hiker arm injury	Romero Trail, Catalinas	GRFD
15:10 – 16:10	A hiker injured her arm and was not able to walk. A Golder Ranch found her below the switchbacks and splinted her arm. She was then able to walk down to the vehicles at old trailhead, as the first SARA team arrived.		

2015 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last12Mos
Missions	21	258	871	3.4	108
Trainings	16	147	704	4.8	186
Meetings	13	94	218	2.3	74
Public Relations	0	0	0	0	13
Special Events	7	64	617	9.6	20
Activities	11	27	120	4.4	44
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>2530</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>445</b>

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## SARCI Calendar – 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26 Posse Meeting	Feb 27	Feb 28	Mar 01 SRDI Training
Mar 02	Mar 03	Mar 04	Mar 05	Mar 06 SARA Meeting	Mar 07 SARA Training "Tanque Verde Falls"	Mar 08 Divers Training Posse Gymkhana
Mar 09	Mar 10	Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15 SRDI Training
Mar 16	Mar 17 SAMSAR Meeting	Mar 18 SRDI Training	Mar 19 SARA Board	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22
Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25 SARA Training "Swiftwater Class"	Mar 26 Posse Meeting	Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29 SARA Training "Swiftwater Pool"
Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 01	Apr 02	Apr 03 SARA ANNUAL MEETING	Apr 04 SARA Training	Apr 05 SRDI Training
Apr 06	Apr 07	Apr 08	Apr 09	Apr 10	Apr 11	Apr 12 Divers Training Posse Gymkhana
Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15 SARCI Board	Apr 16 SARA Board	Apr 17	Apr 18	Apr 19 SRDI Training
Apr 20	Apr 21 SAMSAR Meeting	Apr 22 SRDI Training	Apr 23	Apr 24	Apr 25 SARA Tech Recert	Apr 26
Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 01 SARA Meeting AZ SAR Conf	May 02 AZ SAR Conference	May 03 AZ SAR Conference

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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<sup>th</sup> 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 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

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