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SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

by SARNews, sarnews @ sarci2.org

SARCI Board meetings are held at the SARA House at 19:30 (7:30 pm) on the third Wednesday of January, April, July, and October.

TRAINING ACTIVITIES ARE RESTRICTED

Training activities are limited to members of that group, and others who have registered and/or been approved by the group.

ACTIVITY DOCUMENTATION

by Mykle, mykle @ sarci2.org

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.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by John Longhofer, 990-4442, divers8 @ sarci2.org

DIVERS CALENDAR

Jun 07 09:00 Sun Monthly Training

Black Mountain Reservoir

In April, we held training at Black Mountain Reservoir. Training consisted of shallow underwater searches using the Jackstay and Arc patterns in murky / low visibility water. We worked line tending, communications between surface support and divers and decontamination process.

In May, there will be no regular training.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Alex Hodge, gummhodge1 @ msn.com

POSSE CALENDAR

May 09	16:00 Sat	Gymkhana	Rocking K Arena. Books at 16:00. Events at 17:00
May 28	18:30 Thu	General Meeting	Tanque Verde Library, 8959 E Tanque Verde Rd

Great turnout for the Horseshoe Tournament in spite of March Madness!

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS. INC.

by Karen Paquette, kpaquette1 @ comcast.net

SRDI CALENDAR

May 06	18:00 Wed	Training / BoD / General Meetings	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
May 17	<u>07:00 Sun</u>	Live Find + HRD	Sollers Point
May 20	18:00 Wed	Search Strategies + SRDI 1/2/3	TBD
Jun 06	18:00 Sat	Mock Search	TBD

Beginning April 1, SRDI has combined the Training Committee, Board of Directors, and General Meetings. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, 18:00, at the SARA House.

Several SRDI members will be attending this year's AZ SAR Conference in Heber, AZ. We always look forward to seeing old friends, making new friends, and learning new training methods and ideas. SRDI has been invited to attend the first Arizona seminar conducted by Search Dog Organization of North America (SDONA) in November. We are very pleased and honored by this invitation. The PR season has begun! Pet Fiesta is 4/12, 10AM-3PM, contact Mike Wilke. Trail Dog Days at Trail Dust Town is 4/26, Noon-5PM, contact Karen Paquette.

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 us K9 @ sarci2.org or call Karen Paquette (275-2074) for training updates or changes.

CAP CALENDAR

Sundays 15:30-18:00 Northwest Fire Station #38 8475 N. Stargrass Drive, Marana, AZ 85742

May 1607:00 SunArizona Wing OPEXLocation TBAJun 4-5Thur & FriAngel Thunder International SAREXCochise County

The Civil Air Patrol's Neotoma Squadron actively participates in ongoing search and rescue missions and training exercises at the state, local and national levels. We welcome new members to join the more than 700 members of the nationally recognized emergency services Arizona Wing Ground Team.

SOUTHERN AZ. MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Jerry Simmons, jerry @ simmonsautorepair.com

SAMSAR CALENDAR

May 19 19:00 Tue General Meeting Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy

TRAINING

Line search training took place at Mule Power Farms, Tanque Verde Wash on 4-12. Colleen Leon, Larry Caugh, Kathryn Wade, Frank Leon, John Bogers, Rick Corral, George Herget, Kay Cagle and Jerry. Everything went smooth. The critters moved a tennis shoe and eye glasses. Just like a typical search can go, no horse or mule issues, the line moved well and coordinated. FYI: Size 12 shoe puts down a $13 \frac{1}{2}$ " track. Depending on the shoe style. Tennis shoes or boots. Size 8 boot measures $9 \frac{1}{4}$ " print. Hello measuring tape.

Herget looking to put on a medical scenario around mid May.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Colleen went to Madera Canyon, tag teamed with the SARA team to address a group of kids. Her portion was "How do we use animals for Search and Rescue". She said her presentation went fine and SARA did a super job. More P/R stuff coming for the summer. Schools are calling early to get on the time roster for Colleen.

SAMSAR will be doing the Equine presentations at the SAR conference in Heber the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of May. Instructors will be Colleen and Jerry. Frank, Kay and maybe Larry Caugh will be there to help, three days is a lot of class. We will be teaching Mounted Equip. haul techniques, Patient Carry Techniques, Field search and Working with Mounted Resources (intended for non-mounted members and coordinators to understand how to work with and around mounted searchers).

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Spent some time in the saddles on the foothills search for Anne. We had no results, covered a lot of land working with SARA and Dog team searchers. Not all line searches come with a find. Good job, Colleen, Debi, Kathryn Wade, Larry and Jerry. As usual Mykle was there at the far east search area giving SAMSAR good info. Thanks Mykle.

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

SARA CALENDAR

May 01	19:30 Fri	SARA Monthly Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
May 21	19:00 Thu	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Jun 05	19:30 Fri	SARA Monthly Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

SARA DUES

by SARA BoD, <u>SARABoard</u> @ 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 \$35. If dues are received by the Treasurer after May 1 and 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.

SARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

by SARA BoD, SARABoard @ sarci2.org

Thank you for voting for your new SARA board members. The following are the responsibilities for each board member:

Eric Davis ------President

Manny Montano ---- VP/ Communications

James Hoiby -----Maintenance

John Perchorowicz - Treasurer/ Finance

Sean Fawcett ---- Operations

The following are the responsibilities for each board member:

Dale Mann ------- Training

Linda Rhomberg - Medical

Brian Duffy ------ Member Services

MONTHLY TRAINING

by Jason Bowman, jrbowman @ email.arizona.edu

The monthly training for April was swiftwater rescue. SARA is infrequently requested to respond to these calls, but we do assist with flood-related calls on occasion, especially during Monsoon season. Swiftwater rescue is statistically one of the most dangerous, so keeping skills sharp is extremely important for anyone who might respond to such a call. A small workgroup has formed under the training committee to improve our standard of training in this arena.

This year we had two separate swiftwater trainings, both sharing classroom and pool sessions. The pool session has grown from being a basic "swim test" to a four-hour training including in-water patient management and various water rescue techniques. James Corbin volunteered to lead our traditional river training in Winkelman. Though the Gila wasn't exactly impressive, flow was still far better than in other years. Attendees of the April 11 training reported having an excellent time learning new skills.

New this year was an invitation from the Central Arizona Mountain Rescue Association (CAMRA, our sister team in Maricopa County) to send a small group to join their recruit swiftwater training. CAMRA regularly performs swiftwater rescues, so this was a great opportunity to learn from our colleagues. Seven SARA members crawled out of their tents at the Salt River Canyon early on Saturday, April 11th and met some new friends from CAMRA. The training started with a brief run and dryland practice rigging boats, learning a new (for SARA) stokes basket tie-in, building picket anchors, and throw bag rescues.

Boats and equipment were then carried upstream to Apache Falls, where water training commenced: water entries, swimming across current with a patient, handling the rescue boat and kayaks, shallow water crossings, foot entrapment and pinned-subject rescues, use of a Carlson River Board, and tethered strong-swimmer rescues in a somewhat intimidating stretch of whitewater. A surprise mock rescue scenario for an unconscious person on shore was thrown to students, while instructors stood back and held comments for debrief.

After sundown we gathered for a new scenario: an unconscious person somewhere under the bridge on the far side of the river. Students had to locate and return the patient to camp. A hasty team was dispatched over the bridge, while two separate rope systems—a steep-angle haul system up the river bank (SARA members), and a high-angle lower system off the bridge down to camp (CAMRA recruits). There were no MPD's available so systems were constructed with tandem prusik belays, and both teams were required to work together to operate the systems successfully. The night concluded with a free-hanging rappel into the darkness off the bridge.

Sunday morning teams were displeased to note that the sun decided to take the day off. A somewhat chilly group practiced paddling, recovering from a capsize, a strainer drill, rigging tensioned diagonals, and multiple mock rescues. Breaks were spent running up and down a hill for warmth.

Comedic highlights included a pair of SARA members demonstrating superb rapid-wrangling in an inflatable kayak – backwards – completely deliberately despite appearances; and a lesson in how quickly a rescue can go wrong when a kayak bearing two rescuers flipped *en route* to simulated car-top subjects. This resulted in one rescuer swimming back to the nearest shore, one subject being retrieved downstream by a tethered strong swimmer, and the remaining rescuer successfully pulling off an un-tethered strong swimmer rescue (a typically un-recommended maneuver) of the second subject.

Teamwork between SARA and CAMRA was excellent. All who made the trip had a great time and agreed that the collaboration between teams was extremely beneficial and enjoyable. A lot was learned, not just about swiftwater rescue, but also some ideas about how we can conduct trainings in general. The training committee will attempt to set up similar opportunities with all our fellow MRA Desert Mountain Region teams.

NEW SWIFTWATER EQUIPMENT

by Jason Bowman, <u>irbowman @ email.arizona.edu</u>

SARA recently purchased new swiftwater equipment to replace and supplement our old cache. Eight NRS throwbags, along with eight live-bait rescue PFDs (each equipped with a whistle and river knife) were purchased. SARA previously had very few commercial throw bags, and the old improvised throw bottles have no place in today's professional rescue climate. The PFDs were chosen for being extremely versatile -- not only for having the quick release belt used in some advanced rescue techniques, but also for having a very wide range of size adjustment. These PFDs can be adjusted to fit some children, and also up to a very large adult. The new equipment was given its first use at both of the swiftwater rescue river trainings, and worked very well.

Eventually this gear will be split between the two big rescue trucks and stored in a duffel bag on one of the inside shelves. Because this equipment requires specialized instruction to be used properly, it should only be used by, or under the direction of, those individuals who have been properly trained. This equipment is also not for recreational use, and should not be removed from the trucks except for SARA missions or trainings unless prior approval is obtained.

WATER RESCUE RENDEZVOUS

by Jason Bowman, <u>jrbowman @ email.arizona.edu</u>

Each year, Arizona Hiking Shack, DPS Air Rescue, and CAMRA host a Water Rescue Rendezvous where various teams from around the state (including volunteer SAR teams, and fire departments) compete in several swiftwater rescue themed events. For the first time, SARA has entered a team this year, mostly comprised of the folks who attended the joint swiftwater training with CAMRA in April. The event is on Saturday 30 May at the Saguaro Lake Ranch, just below the dam forming Saguaro Lake. The event hosts are looking for volunteers to help in several roles (including patients for us to rescue). If anybody is interested in volunteering (and cheering on your SARA teammates) please contact Jason Bowman.

OEC CORNER by John Gorski, <u>rescue161 @ att.net</u>

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.

If you have a problem with your NSP records please forward any questions to John Gorski.

2015 50TH ANNIVERSARY MUSTANG RAFFLE

by John Perchorowicz, jmail @ perchorowicz.com

Our Mustang ticket sales are strong, thanks in large part to Dave Brown. We're above \$1600! I encourage each member to buy one and take one to sell to a SARA supporter. I'll have tickets at monthly meetings and will deliver in Tucson to anyone buying 5 (\$100).

Date

Resources

12/ 39/ 24yf fall injury Sat Mar 28

7 Falls, Catalinas

Sheriff1 c511 RMFD

12:40 - 16:10A female hiker slipped on wet rock and landed on the back of her head, and was not well oriented. The hasty team prepared her for hoist, and Sheriff1 flew her to an ambulance at the Overlook LZ.

20/ 31/ 55yf hiker exhausted

Sabino Canyon Trail

16:50 - 19:00A group of people were tackling a segment of the Arizona Trail as part of a challenge one of their employers had accepted. They hiked from Prison Camp to the end of the road in Sabino, with time lost in Sycamore Basin while sorting trails, and were within a mile when two of the women were unable to continue with painful knees. The hasty team met them about half-way out from where they stopped, and were assisted to the road.

Wed Apr 01 20/ 77/ 62yf missing

Center Village Dr., Tucson

Sheriff1 Survey1 SAV

A woman was last seen Tues morning, and reported missing by her husband in the evening. Investigation continued 09:10 - 14:00through the night, and SAR resources covered open areas within a half-mile of the residence, while alerting the neighborhood to keep their eyes open. The investigation continues.

Sat Apr 04 9/ 13/ 53yf hiker ankle injury Douglas Spring Trail, Rincons

NPS

08:30 - 10:00A hiker twisted her ankle while on the first climb. She was splinted and rode a horse down to the road.

Thu Apr 09

Center Village Dr., Tucson

08:00 - 12:50

Continuation of search with one SRDI dog. Other resources have also been looking since the woman went missing.

6/ 61/ Two 62ym hikers lost Sat Apr 11

Sutherland Trail, Catalinas

Survey1 Sheriff1 GRFD

Two hikers were off trail in the area that people frequently become lost, between the TRICO powerline and the 19:45 - 10:00Sutherland Trail as it loops to the south, between 5500' and 6500'. One was last seen while leaving to look for water. The first called for help. One team hiked up from the trailhead and found the second hiker near the end of the access road/trail. One team hiked down from the top, past the point where trail and powerline separate, then down the slope towards the cellphone coordinates and finding the subject. A 4WD worked most of the way up the road and ferried the team down with the second hiker. Sheriff1 lowered a SAR Officer to the first hiker, then hoisted everyone out.

<u>7</u>/ <u>28</u>/ 31ym hiker lost Sun Apr 12

Guthrie Peak, Catalinas

Survev1

17:35 - 21:45A hiker started at San Pedro Vista Point and intended to come out at Hitchcock Campground. He got off his route at Bear Saddle, winding up near Guthrie Peak where he called for help. The team found him at his cell coords, and all hiked out.

Thu Apr 16 13/36/72ym hiker fall injury

Esperero Canyon, Catalinas

A hiker was injured above Bridalveil Falls. Sheriff1 lowered a SAR Officer and hoisted everyone for delivery to the 16:45 - 20:10SARA House. The Hasty Team was almost at the first crossing of the canyon.

11/ 37/ 18ym hiker fall injury

Main TV Falls, Rincons

Ranger54 RMFD

17:10 – 20:40 A group of people were coming down TV Canyon and downclimbing the main waterfall. One fell about 30', with head and distal leg injuries. He was treated and packaged, then Tucson Ranger short-hauled the patient to the LZ at sunset.

Sun Apr 19 16/ 38/ 25yf hiker exhausted

Phoneline Trail, Catalinas

13:35 – 16:00 A group was hiking up the Phoneline Trail when one was unable to continue. Companions cooled her and provided fluids, so she was doing much better upon arrival of the Hasty Team. She was able to continue, and all came out the Historic Trail.

Sun Apr 19 14/64/27yf hiker ankle injury

7 Falls, Catalinas

A hiker twisted her ankle at 7 Falls. She was carried by stokes to the horse turn-around just below X7, and she rode 16:55 - 21:30the rest of the way out without problems.

2015 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last12Mos
Missions	46	502	1627	3.2	119
Trainings	54	496	2340	4.7	192
Meetings	25	187	405	2.2	74
Public Relation	s 4	11	66	6.0	18
Special Events	10	70	644	9.2	22
Activities	30	75	275	3.7	61
TOTALS	169	1341	5357	4.0	486

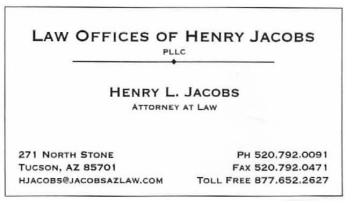
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SARCI Calendar – 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 01	May 02	May 03
				SARA Meeting (19:30)	SARA Training	
				AZ SAR Conf	AZ SAR Conference	AZ SAR Conference
May 04	May 05	May 06	May 07	May 08	May 09	May 10
		SRDI Meetings (18:00)			Posse Gymkhana	
May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17
May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24
	SAMSAR Meeting (19:00)	SRDI Training	SARA Board (19:00)			
May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31
			POSSE Meeting (18:30)		Water Rescue Rendezvous	
June 01	June 02	June 03	June 04	June 05	June 06	June 07
		SRDI Meetings		SARA Meeting	SARA Training	
		(18:00)		(19:30)	SRDI Training	



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PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT. Search and Rescue 1750 E. Benson Hwy Tucson, Arizona 85714-1758

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SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL, INC.

P.O.Box 44231, Tucson AZ 85733 Meet 3rd 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 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.

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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