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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

Jul 1209:00 SunMonthly TrainingLakeside LakeAug 0909:00 SunMonthly TrainingParker Canyon Lake

In July, we planning to search Lakeside for the tow chain lost during Decembergs recovery.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, kpaquettel @ comcast.net

SRDI CALENDAR

Jul 01 18:00 Wed Training / BoD / General Meetings SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

 Jul 08
 18:00 Wed
 Paperwork Night/Training
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SRDI combined the Training Committee / Board of Directors / General Meetings. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, 18:00, at the SARA House. SARCI meeting is July 15; SRDI training is scheduled for July 22.

All SARCI members are welcome to attend any of our trainings. Please check the Event Calendar on our website http://sarci.org/srdi page/, email us K9@sarci2.org or call Karen Paquette (275-2074) for training updates or changes.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OEC Refresher, Aug 15, 2015

OEC Refresher, Sep 13, 2015

FACTS Seminar, Oct 30-Nov 01 near Wimberly, TX

SDONA Seminar, Nov 06-08, Glendale, AZ

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by LtCol Robert McCord, cap @ sarci2.org

CAP SQUADRON CALENDAR

Sundays 15:30-18:00 Northwest Fire Station #38

8475 N. Stargrass Drive, Marana, AZ 85742

The Civil Air Patrol's Neotoma Squadron actively participates in ongoing search and rescue missions and training exercises at the state and local levels. We welcome new members to join 32,000 trained emergency services members nationwide.

<u>PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE</u>

by Alex Hodge, gummhodge 1 @ msn.com

POSSE CALENDAR

July 1116:00 SatGymkhanaRocking K Arena. Books at 16:00. Events at 17:00July 2318:30 ThuGeneral MeetingTanque Verde Library, 8959 E Tanque Verde Rd

SOUTHERN AZ. MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Jerry Simmons, jerry @ simmonsautorepair.com

SAMSAR CALENDAR

July 21 18:00 Tue Board and General Meeting Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy

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

<u>Jul 04</u>	19:30 Sat	SARA Monthly Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Jul 16</u>	19:00 Thu	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Aug 07	19:30 Fri	SARA Monthly Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Aug 15	08:00 Sat	OEC Refresher #1	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

SARA MONTHLY MEETING

by SARA BoD, SARABoard @ sarci2.org

Due to the July 4th holiday, the July General Meeting has been moved from Friday, July 3 to Saturday, July 4th in order to accommodate both the meeting and the SARA Annual July 4 BBQ Potluck and Fireworks viewing. The potluck will begin at 18:30, followed by the monthly meeting and fireworks viewing. SARA will provide hamburgers, veggie burgers, and hotdogs. This is a family-friendly, fun way to spend 4th of July with your SARA friends. We hope to see you there!

MT. LEMMON 4TH OF JULY PARADE

by Joanne Alegria, <u>jmalegria2</u> (a) cs.com

Escape the heat and join your fellow SARA members at the annual 4th of July Parade on Mt. Lemmon. Walk alongside the SARA trucks, interact with people, feel the cool breeze, and just have fun. Come support SARA at this fun event! We'll meet at Catalina & Tanque Verde at 09:00 on July 4, then drive up the mountain for the parade lineup at 11:00.

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 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

The SARA Store has a new standard operating procedure to track inventory more effectively, posted on the store door and on the website. We have a new procedure for requesting reimbursement checks from the treasurer. The forms are available on the website.

SARA TECHNICAL ROPE RESCUE GROUP (TRG)

by Matt Knatz, mcknatz@gmail.com

The TRG is looking for new members. Please find and fill out the application hosted on the SARA Docs website or email Matt Knatz for a copy. Applications should be returned to Matt Knatz no later than July 15th. All applications will be reviewed by the TRG team and you will be notified of our decision by the end of July. We strongly encourage anyone interested in technical rope rescue to apply.

RETIRED AND INACTIVE ORANGE SHIRTS

by Joanne Alegria, <u>jmalegria2 @.cs.com</u>

Search and Rescue has been your passion over the years to help others and save lives. SARA needs volunteers, especially during weekday events to help out at SARA presentations such as information booths, talking to classrooms, etc. By giving information you will be helping to educate the public about outdoor safety and prevent accidents. If you have a few spare hours to donate your time, expertise, and experiences please email *imalegria @.cs.com*. Thank you for your time and years of experience!

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 are above \$1600! I encourage each member to buy one and take one to sell to a SARA supporter. Idl have tickets at monthly meetings and will deliver in Tucson to anyone buying 5 (\$100).

TRAINING SUMMARY – SWIFTWATER RODEO

by Jason Bowman, jrbowman @ email.arizona.edu

A SARA team competed for the first time in the Arizona Water Rescue Rendezvous, taking third place in the annual competition among state swiftwater rescue teams.

The Water Rescue Rendezvous, colloquially the Swiftwater Rodeo, brings rescue teams from across Arizona, including fire personnel, SAR volunteers, federal agencies and boating clubs together to participate in friendly competition and prepare for monsoon season rescues.

Competing teams rotated through five test stations including swimming and knot tying, kayak-based rescue, boat-based rescue, throw bag use, and a scenario simulating rescue of a group of victims from a submerged vehicle, an overturned boat, and the far shore.

The SARA team won two of the five stations: throw bags and boat-based rescue, placed second at the rescue scenario station, and placed third in the competition overall. A team from the Central Arizona Mountain Rescue Association placed first. Also represented were search and rescue teams from Yavapai, Cochise, and Gila counties.

One of the big lessons learned was that just because you know how to tie a knot (or do any other rescue skill for that matter) in practice, does not mean that you will be able to tie it quickly and correctly when tired and under pressure. This emphasizes the need for continuing, and frequent trainings.

We also learned that as a group we are pretty good at paddling a 16' inflatable raft--who would have thought!

TRAINING SUMMARY – CAVE RESCUE

by Jason Bowman, jrbowman @ email.arizona.edu

The June monthly training was Cave Rescue. It has been nine years since SARA has been involved in a full-scale cave rescue, but as one of the few teams in the state that regularly trains for this low-frequency/high-risk discipline, we need to be ready. True to form for SAR operations, the classroom session was interrupted by a callout, but after the call quickly cancelled, most folks returned to the SARA House to continue training. The time used to practice skills after the intermission was invaluable to an efficient training underground.

Fourteen SARA members came to the field training at Peppersauce and spent a long day underground. The day started with giving participants about an hour to explore the cave in small groups, providing an opportunity to develop a feel for efficiently moving through the cave environment (and discovering personal limits). After regrouping in the big room, a search exercise was staged. A pair of instructors led a volunteer from the group to a small room at the very back of the cave.

Once the instructors returned, an "underground sector chief" was chosen and tasked with giving assignments to three search teams. Because wired communications were not yet available, and radios don't work, teams were told to search their areas to the extent possible within a 45 minute timeframe and report back. All three search teams returned, right on time, with nothing to report (the subject reported that at one point he could hear a search team chatting, but following his instructions to act asleep he was not to respond unless teams were clearly shouting for him in the room that he was in). Areas actually searched were highlighted on a map, and new assignments given. This time all teams were able to use the fastest passage to reach the back section of the cave, and given one hour to search. Right before time expired on the second search period, the subject was found, with some help from a young bystander. It was a great lesson in how resource-intensive (time & rescuers) cave search can be, and we were fortunate to be in a cave with an excellent map available. Many other caves in our area are not as well-documented - further compounding the problem.

The final part of the training was a mock extrication of a patient complaining of back and leg pain after a fall. The patient was packaged for hypothermia, into the Oregon Spine Splint, and then the SKED in good time and then the carryout began. The team worked together very well, and all of the instructors agreed that it was one of the smoothest cave evacuations they had ever seen. Great job, team!

For those interested in additional cave rescue training, the National Cave Rescue Commission (http://ncrc.info) is an excellent resource. Many of the participants in this training also expressed interest in a two-day cave rescue training next year. The training committee will consider that possibility if interest remains high.

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

This is not a refresher for SARA members with WFR certifications. Information regarding WFA/WFR recertification will be available in the next month.

Our first OEC Cycle "B" refresher date is Saturday August 15, 2015. The refresher will start at 08:00 am, with instructors arriving at 07:00 am to setup the stations.

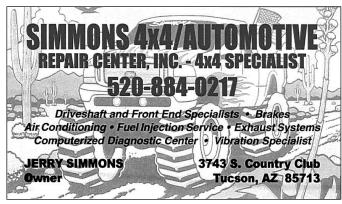
Everyone who holds a current OEC card is required to attend a yearly refresher, and all OEC card holders will need to have a current CPR card to attend a refresher.

Check the SARCI Members Only Data Page / look for the orange arrow under the Medical Training Information 2015 section to download the OEC Cycle "B" refresher study guide. Study guides will be checked at the door for completion, failure to have the study guide completed will result in loss of the opportunity to take the fresher that day.

A payment of \$65.00 will be due at the time of your refresher. Make your check out to SARA. (\$55.00 for NSP associate membership and \$10.00 for administrative paper work).

A group snack to share is always welcome.

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



Date

Vol/Hrs/ Problem

Location

Resources

Thu Jun 11 $\underline{0}$ $\underline{0}$ 10ym missing

Madera Canyon, Santa Ritas

19:10 ó 19:40 A boy became separated. A SAR Officer located him in the area.

Fri Jun 12 <u>11/</u> <u>32/</u> 37ym walkaway

C.LomaAlta & Rex Molly

18:20 ó 22:05 A male with reduced mental capacity walked away from his care home. Teams searched the area during the evening. A passer-by reported a person walking along the main road nearby, and it was the subject.

Wed Jun 17 9/ 18/ 26ym hiker stranded by dark

Phoneline & Historic Trails, Catalinas

23:40 ó 02:30 A male photographer became stranded by dark, and waited for teams to assist him down to the roadway.

Sat Jun 20 <u>3/</u> <u>22/</u> 41yf missing

Rustler's Park, Chiricahuas

14:30 ó 22:00 A female with history of head injury was missing and additional resources were requested for the search.

Sun Jun 21 3/ 30/ 41yf missing

Rustler's Park, Chiricahuas

06:30 ó 16:35 Continuation of search. Suspended.

Sat Jun 20 12/ 69/ 55ym 15ym hikers exhausted

Green Mtn Trail, Catalinas

13:35 ó 19:15 A group of scouts were hiking the Green Mtn Trail. One group dropped down the Brush Corral Trail, and were coming up the link trail when two became exhausted. While we were assisting them, one of the group near Hitchcock became ill, but had been assisted out by the time officers and medics arrived. Our group walked out slowly, with the stokes team moving nearby.

Sun Jun 21 <u>0/</u> Cardiac problem

Palisades Trail, Catalinas

MLFD

14:30 ó 14:45 The subject was at the Girl Scout Camp. No SAR resource needed.

Mon Jun 22 20/ 30/ 55ym fatal fall

Gates Pass, Tucson Mtns

NWFD

12:55 ó 14:30 A male was walking near Gates Pass when he lost his footing for unknown reasons, then fell and tumbled several hundred feet down the slope, stopping next to a trail. NW Fire pronounced him to be deceased, PCSD investigators processed the scene, and we carried the subject down the trail to the road.

Tue Jun 23 16/31/72ym hiker exhausted

Finger Rock Trail, Catalinas

Sheriff1 RMFD

15:20 ó 17:15 A hiker started at 06:00, turned around at Linda Vista Saddle, and became too tired to continue after passing the spring. Teams provided fluids, and were shortly able to continue to the trailhead.

Thu Jun 25 11/ 14/ 67yf hiker ankle injury

Butterfly Trail, Catalinas

MLFD

10:10 ó 12:00 A hiker injured her ankle on the Butterfly Trail. Mt Lemmon Fire found her about a half-mile from the trailhead, and had enough people and equipment to start moving her out, meeting a few SAR people on the way.

2015 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last12Mos
Missions	65	680	2229	3.3	115
Trainings	80	724	3602	5.0	178
Meetings	35	269	671	2.5	73
Public Relation	s 10	29	128	4.4	20
Special Events	16	109	1045	9.6	24
Activities	55	170	802	4.7	77
TOTALS	260	1970	8463	4.3	487

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SARCI Calendar – 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 29	June 30	July 01 SRDI Meetings (18:00)	July 02	July 03 HOLIDAY	July 04 INDEPENDENCE DAY SARA Meeting and BBQ	July 05
July 06	July 07	July 08 SRDI Training	July 09	July 10	July 11 Posse Gymkhana	July 12 Divers Training
July 13	July 14	July 15 SARCI Board (19:30)	July 16 SARA Board (19:00)	July 17	July 18	July 19
July 20	July 21 SAMSAR Meeting (18:00)	July 22	July 23 POSSE Meeting (18:30)	July 24	July 25	July 26
July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	Aug 01	Aug 02
Aug 03	Aug 04	Aug 05 SRDI Meetings (18:00)	Aug 06	Aug 07 SARA Meeting (19:30)	Aug 08	Aug 09 Divers Training

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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 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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