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SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

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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

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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.

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 Neotoma Composite Squadron's ground team has been active in locating and deactivating non-distress ELT beacons from small aircraft in the Tucson area. Lt. Col. Robert McCord and Lt. Col. Laura Markewicz were dispatched in the Coolidge area Oct. 7; 2Lt. Nancy Smith was dispatched in the Tucson area on Oct. 8. Additionally, Cols. McCord and Markewicz joined Lt. Col. Andrea Mullen, 1Lt. Ed Pound and Lt. Smith locating a non-distress beacon at Marana Regional Airport Oct. 19.

Squadron members have advanced the Arizona Ground Team's goal of meeting ASTM search and rescue standards by receiving certifications from the National Association of Search and Rescue (NASAR). Lt. Col. Andrea Mullen/canine Delta, 2d Lt. Nancy Smith/canine Mocha and Senior Member Deborah Henschen/canine Rosie earned Type IV certification for Human Remains Detection in November. SM Henschen/Rosie received NASAR certification for Type I wilderness airscents in August. All handlers are required to be NASAR SARTECH II qualified.

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.

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PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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DIVERS CALENDAR

<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Annual Meeting
<u>Jan 10</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Training Meeting

SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
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Nov. 8, the team did their monthly training at Parker Canyon Lake where they attached a new steel cable from the boat dock to the concrete deadman anchor.

In December, we will be holding our pot luck and annual meeting at the SARA House. During the meeting we will hold elections for 2016 officers and board members and go over gear setup, storage procedures, Altitude Diving Tables and O₂ Provider refresher training.

In January, we will continue with dry training topics at SARA House.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Alex Hodge, gummhodge1@msn.com

POSSE CALENDAR

Dec 13 11:00 Sun Gymkhana - Rocking K Ranch Arena Books at 11:00, Events at 12:00

Holiday Party? Not finalized.

No December Meeting.

The Posse bought straw bails for Bonilla School's Halloween Party and manned some of the booths.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, kpaquette1@comcast.net

SRDI CALENDAR

Dec 02	18:00 Wed	Training / BoD / General Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Dec 06	09:00 Sun	Wilderness HR, Area, Tracks	Prison Camp
Dec 16	18:00 Wed	Holiday Party	TBD
Dec 19	17:00 Sat	Area / HRD / Tracking	SR-83 / Powerline
Jan 03	09:00 Sun	Area / HRD / Tracking	SR-83 Test Area

This year's FACTS Workshop was almost washed away. The San Marcos area received over 12ö of rain within 24 hours. Three FACTS participants were stranded by floodwaters at the facility for over nine hours. Some were stranded in the nearby town of Wimberly. Most of us made it to a FACTS building in San Marcos. The instructors pulled together some excellent training set ups in the building despite the hard rain, a search operation, the stranded participants, and concern for a team member very near to the flooding river. The professionalism demonstrated by the instructors and the participants was outstanding.

Arizona's first SDONA workshop went very well. Workshops were offered for area search, HRD search, and disaster search. Participants were reminded of the importance in building a solid foundation in training and were presented with some new training methods. Participants were allowed to attend other disciplines on the last day, which was a lot of fun.

Karen is organizing two days of multi-county K9 trainings on Dec. 26th and Dec. 27th. Locations are still being secured but will be shared when established.

Congrats to Team Archie/Karen for achieving SRDI certification in HRD Basic. SRDI Members, please make note of the spring K9CON2016 listed below.

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:

K9CON2016 Pre-Conference, Apr 27-28, 2016, Flagstaff, AZ

K9CON2016, Apr 29-May01, 2016, Flagstaff, AZ

SOUTHERN AZ. MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Jerry Simmons, sraleon@aol.com

SAMSAR CALENDAR

Dec 15	18:00 Tue	Board and General Meeting	Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
Jan 17	08:00 Sun	Field Training	Meet: Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
May 15	TBA Sun	SAMSAR Gold Tournament	49 ^{ERS} Country Club

Training: GPS training had to be cancelled due to rain, and has been rescheduled for Jan 17th.

A big thanks to Sean and Mykle for attending SAMSARS meeting to educate us on radios (clear the confusion) and cell phone update for the new SARCI Response App. Always a plus to have help from another division of SARCI.

Search and Rescue: SAMSAR doing what we do when requested. Thanks to Larry, Colleen, Frank, Debi, Kathryn, George and finally Jerry. We even rescued our buddy's mule who lost a couple of shoes. Stuff happens in rough terrain. Thunder storms require more patience when riding a horse or mule. The S&R call outs are listed in the Callout Summary.

Public Relations: Public relations busy, usually it is rodeo time that is busy. Not so much anymore. Thanks to Kay Cagle for being there and assisting Colleen Leon at Corpus Christi Church and Emily Gray School. Next PR event is on the 18th, Collier School. Dpty. Boll is always there to assist in our training, meetings and public relations. Oh ... did I mention we're making a REAL cowboy outa him? (Santa, please bring him some jeans, boots and western shirts and maybe even a cowboy hat?) So far he has logged about 15hrs actual ride time and about 30hrs ground training with horses ... Thank you PCSD for supporting our Deputies in our efforts to provide a well-trained mounted unit to serve the Tucson and surrounding communities!

Membership: End of the year just keeps getting busier! We would like to welcome Kendra Smith to SAMSAR! Kendra was voted unanimously into membership in October. Kendra comes to us as an RN who will be graduating soon to become a Nurse Practitioner! She has been in the saddle since 4 mo ... (in the womb yep, just ask her!). Her horse's name is "Pony", not so much as he is big and stout! We have four more candidates we are working on! Advertisements on our trailers were well worth the \$\$!

Always looking for good, committed people with a 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

Dec 02 18:00 Wed
Dec 04 19:30 Fri
Dec 05 09:00 Sat
Dec 17 19:00 Thu
Jan 01 19:30 Fri

Land Navigation Training: Classroom
SARA Monthly Meeting
Land Navigation Training: Field
SARA Board Meeting
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SARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Each year the Pima County Sheriff's Department awards volunteers and citizens who have gone above and beyond to assist others in our community. This year, SARA was chosen to receive a Special Recognition Award in recognition and appreciation for the continued support based upon outstanding commitment to the Department and exceptional service to our community. On December 4th a small group of SARA members will attend the awards ceremony.

The basis for this award is for the commitment to training, to include technical and medical, that SARA has developed and committed to teaching its volunteers. This award nomination came from our peers at the PCSD.

Congratulations to all of SARA! Continue to keep up the outstanding level of professionalism and dedication to mountain search and rescue!

MONTHLY TRAINING

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

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

There will be a classroom session on Wednesday 02 December, beginning at 18:00 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 05 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 who attended previous years are also encouraged to participate and can help guide the newer candidates. The course is designed to utilize various navigation skills, including using various functions of your GPS unit that could be helpful on a SAR mission.

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. If you have a GPS unit that you can bring, please indicate such in your RSVP. Please RSVP at the following link:

<http://whoozin.com/JWX-3HX-VTCE>

IN THE NEWS

by Henry Jacobs, [henry @jacobsbklaw.com](mailto:henry@jacobsbklaw.com)

Life Is Rescues

Looking for trouble with a national team of emergency-response volunteers.

<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/11/09/life-is-rescues>



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CALLOUT REVIEWSby Mykle Raymond, SARnews@sarci.org

Date	Vol/ Hrs/	Problem	Location	Resources
Thu Oct 29 20:15 ó 01:15	20/ 92/	58yf hiker missing A sister walked ahead of her slow-moving brother, and was last seen at a trail junction near Speedway. Lots of teams covered all of the trails north of the Broadway alignment, plus a few more. Teams were hearing a voice response off to the west of the main search area, but extensive coverage by most of the teams found nothing. She had become separated on a previous hike and had walked home. She appears to have done that again, all the way to Grant and Alvernon.	Cactus Forest, Rincons	Sheriff1
Sun Nov 01 17:55 ó 18:35	4/ 4/	62ym hiker missing A hiker left his group to hike up trail a bit further, then missed the first stream crossing and headed down canyon. The stream was running nicely, so he was very wet and cold by the time he attracted the attention of walkers on the Canyon Loop. He was met and accompanied out, slowly.	Romero Pools, Catalinas	
Thu Nov 05 10:20 ó 11:30	4/ 4/	65ym hiker chest pains A hiker reported severe chest pains while almost to the top of Blackett's Ridge, and he had a history of MI. Sheriff1 responded quickly and a SAR Officer down-hoisted. The subject also had PTSD and was initially unwilling to be hoisted, but didn't really want to wait for a stokes ride on that trail.	Blackett's Ridge, Catalinas	Sheriff1 RMFD
Wed Nov 11 14:30 ó 15:05	6/ 6/	??y? fall injury A male fell at Windy Point and was treated and carried a short distance to the road and transported by helicopter. SAR resources were requested, then cancelled before arriving in the area.	Windy Point, Catalinas	LL4 MLFD RMFD
Sun Nov 22 13:50 ó 19:30	16/ 88/	23yf hiker ankle injury A hiker twisted her ankle while coming down Agua Caliente Canyon. Access was rough upstream to an old road, access was rougher downstream a mile to the mouth of the canyon, and access was rough up the sides of the canyon. As usual, La Milagrosa and Agua Caliente Canyons are easily confused by name and on the ground, and this call was not an exception. Tucson Ranger short-hauled her down to the trailhead.	Agua Caliente Canyon, Catalinas	Tucson Ranger
Thur Nov 26 10:55 ó 13:00	13/ 21/	19yf hiker difficulty breathing A hiker was having difficulty breathing on the trail as it climbs steeply about a mile from the road. She was carried by stokes down to the trailhead.	Douglas Spring Trail, Rincons	NPS RMFD
Fri Nov 27 15:30 ó 16:05	10/ 10/	38ym leg injuries A male was reported to have fallen 30ø with injuries to both legs. By the time volunteers started up the mountain, fire personnel and bystanders were sufficient to get him to a location where he could be carried more easily, and we were cancelled.	Marshall Gulch, Catalinas	MLFD PCSD

2015 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last12Mos
Missions	114	1154	4046	3.5	120
Trainings	130	1424	7102	5.0	143
Meetings	54	426	1043	2.4	60
Public Relations	11	34	159	4.7	11
Special Events	24	156	1493	9.6	24
Activities	105	376	1955	5.2	110
TOTALS	438	3570	15798	4.4	468

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PINE PIG RESCUE

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SARCI Calendar – 2015 - 2016

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<i>Nov 23</i>	<i>Nov 24</i>	<i>Nov 25</i>	NOV 26 THANKSGIVING	<i>Nov 27</i>	<i>Nov 28</i>	<i>Nov 29</i>
<i>Nov 30</i>	<i>Dec 01</i>	<i>Dec 02</i> SARA Classroom SRDI Meetings (18:00)	<i>Dec 03</i>	<i>Dec 04</i> SARA Meeting (19:30)	<i>Dec 05</i> SARA Training <i>Land Navigation</i>	<i>Dec 06</i> SRDI Training
<i>Dec 07</i>	<i>Dec 08</i>	<i>Dec 09</i>	<i>Dec 10</i>	<i>Dec 11</i>	<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>Dec 13</i> Posse Gymkhana DIVERS Annual Meeting (09:00)
<i>Dec 14</i>	<i>Dec 15</i> SAMSAR Meeting (18:00)	<i>Dec 16</i> SRDI HOLIDAY PARTY	<i>Dec 17</i> SARA Board (19:00)	<i>Dec 18</i>	<i>Dec 19</i> SRDI Training	<i>Dec 20</i>
<i>Dec 21</i>	<i>Dec 22</i>	<i>Dec 23</i>	<i>Dec 24</i> CHRISTMAS EVE	DEC 25 CHRISTMAS	<i>Dec 26</i>	<i>Dec 27</i>
<i>Dec 28</i>	<i>Dec 29</i>	<i>Dec 30</i>	<i>Dec 31</i> NEW YEARS EVE	JAN 01 NEW YEARS DAY SARA Meeting (19:30)	<i>Jan 02</i>	<i>Jan 03</i> SRDI Training
<i>Jan 04</i>	<i>Jan 05</i>	<i>Jan 06</i>	<i>Jan 07</i>	<i>Jan 08</i>	<i>Jan 09</i>	<i>Jan 10</i> DIVERS Meeting (09:00)

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Meet 4th Thu 19:00, details inside.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

Details inside.

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