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SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

by SARNews, [sarcinewsletter @ sarci.org](mailto:sarcinewsletter@sarci.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.

SABINO CANYON PARKING

The Overflow Parking Lot near the SARA House is now frequently open for public use. Expect two-way traffic, and pedestrians. **PARKING ALONG THE ROAD IS NOT APPROPRIATE, DURING CALLS OR OTHERWISE.** Park at the SARA House. If you cannot open the gate to the SARA House, or the gate into Sabino during calls, call a Records or Truck person for assistance.

AZbasicSAR TRAINING REQUIREMENT

The "Introduction to Arizona SAR" (AZbasic) class has been required by the Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM). This 16-hour requirement is not new, and was added to the SARCI minimum field qualifications in 2014. Since 2013 SARA has been including AZbasic as part of Basic Training and the SALT program and Candidates have been credited with completing AZbasic, as have volunteers who completed separate AZbasic classes and provided certificates to SARCI Records.

In 2014, SARCI grandfathered volunteers who were field-qualified. ADEM has stated that every volunteer must complete the AZbasic class: the grandfathering is not acceptable. SARCI field-qualifications will not change for the immediate future. Classes will be scheduled as needed to provide opportunities for volunteers to attend AZbasic.

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

DIVERS CALENDAR

<u>Nov 12</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Annual Meeting and Pot Luck	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Dec 10</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	Altitude Tables / Equipment Check	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

For our October training we practiced two-diver search using a jackstay pattern tethered from the shore.

We will meet in November at the SARA House for our Annual Meeting and our DAN O₂ certifications. All members should complete the online DAN O₂ course which has been emailed to you. If you have not received an email or if you have questions please let us know by sending an email to: [diversboard @ sarci2.org](mailto:diversboard@sarci2.org). Remember to complete the online portion before this training day.

We will again meet at the SARA House in December for our annual altitude dive tables review. After that training, we will inspect and perform needed maintenance on all our dive equipment. Doodle reminders will be sent out two weeks before each training date. We ask ALL members to respond to Doodle invites each month. This helps us to plan our training sessions. ALL divers need to have a working Response App on their phones.

PIMA CO. SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

by Alex Hodge, [gummhodge1 @ msn.com](mailto:gummhodge1@msn.com)

POSSE CALENDAR

<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>18:30 Fri</u>	General Meeting	Tanque Verde Library, 8959 E Tanque Verde Rd
<u>Nov 26</u>	<u>11:00 Sun</u>	Gymkhana (Books 11:00, Events 12:00)	Pima County Fairgrounds

Finally had a rain free day with our 4H-ers. Great turnout!.

SOUTHERN AZ. MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Colleen Leon, colleen.leon@sarci.org

SAMSAR CALENDAR

Nov 21 18:00 Tue **Board and General Meeting** 49'ers Country Club, 12000 E. Tanque Verde

Weather is cooling, training in full swing. Thanks to Debi Mitchell and Kathryn Wade for setting up a fun and challenging training last Saturday. Two GPS scenarios and two line searches. Putting in play what we learned at AZ BASIC SAR. Line search is so different when on a horse, you get a different perspective from up high. Very successful, teams missed finding only one object (I swear the rats took it!)

SAMSAR is contacting and setting up joint training with the Park Service and Rural-Metro Fire Department. Topics: Patient Carry, Equipment Carry and Basic Behavior around SAR Equine! Looking forward to it! Should be fun!

Public Relations getting busy with requests for Trail Safety talks to County Line Riders, Pima Trails and Collier Hero Days! End of year busy!

Membership: <http://www.SAMSARaz.org> for any and all information for membership.

SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, karen.paquette@sarci.org

SRDI CALENDAR

<u>Nov 01</u>	<u>18:00 Wed</u>	Monthly Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
<u>Nov 04</u>	<u>07:00 Sat</u>	SRDI Basic / Hike	Empire Ranch
<u>Nov 15</u>	<u>18:00 Wed</u>	Urban Training	Jamie's House
<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>07:00 Sun</u>	Air Scent Recertification	Test Area
<u>Nov 29</u>	<u>18:00 Wed</u>	Building / Urban Training	Kari's Work

Welcome to our newest member – Steve Cox. Glad to have you join us!

October was an exceptionally busy month. It began with the SDONA water workshop in Flagstaff, and ended with the FACTS Seminar in Texas. We had one team HR recertification -- good work Mike/Dexter – and conducted one NASAR HRD certification for a fellow Arizona K9SAR handler. October was a good month that allowed opportunity to work with other AZ K9SAR members and allowed us to make plans to meet up in the near future and get more training done.

Next on SRDI's agenda is preparing for Ann Christensen's workshop during two weekends in February. Last year's workshop was very well received and we hope to make this an annual event bringing even more K9SAR handlers together.

If you are interested in attending one of our trainings, please email us at K9@sarci2.org, or Karen.Paquette@sarci.org, or call Karen Paquette (275-2074). SRDI's monthly meeting is the first Wednesday of each month.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ann Christensen Workshop February 2018 Tucson, AZ

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by LtCol Robert McCord, cap@sarci.org

CAP SQUADRON CALENDAR

Sundays 15:30-18:00 **Mountain View Fire Station #160** 1175 W. Magee Road, Tucson, AZ 85704

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 70 members of the nationally recognized emergency services Arizona Wing Ground Team.

Membership: Edward Pound, ejjpound@gmail.com

Web site: <http://www.neotomasquadron.org>

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

[SARA @ sarci.org](http://SARA@sarci.org)

SARA CALENDAR

Nov 03	19:30 Fri	SARA General Meeting
Nov 04	08:00 Sat	Training: Land Navigation
Nov 16	19:00 Thu	SARA Board Meeting
Dec 01	19:30 Fri	SARA General Meeting
Dec 02	TBA Sat	Training: TBA

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SARA MEMBER ADVOCATES

by SARA Board of Directors, sarabod@sarci.org

The SARA Member Advocates would like to remind all Members of the need to work with each other, discuss issues directly, and to work face to face whenever possible. If there are issues that you cannot resolve, please contact the Member Advocates at private-saraadvocates@sarci.org as your next stop.

The Board of Directors have many responsibilities and by working with the Member Advocates, we can take issues to the Board when necessary, but with enough information for the Board to be able to discuss it. The Board's role is intended for organizational oversight and direction and not for every operational process. Each Board member has a portfolio of responsibilities with committees to work out issues and make recommendations to the Board for discussion.

Also, remember that emails can be interpreted not as intended, but as written. Consider not "replying all" and not necessarily including the prior email chain on every email. Finally, the Board's President is the sole liaison between the PCSD and SARA. Any interaction with the PCSD must go through the President to ensure a consistent message in both directions. Please feel free to contact the SARA Advocates with any questions or concerns.

SARA TRAINING: November

by Dale Mann, dale.mann@sarci.org

This exercise will involve map reading, use of a GPS, and lots of off-trail hiking. A GPS unit or a smartphone with a GPS app will be needed, but if you don't have one of those, you can still attend and participate. Each team will have at least one GPS device. This is an orange card sign-off for Candidates.

Bring your rescue pack with snacks and plenty of water. Sunscreen and long pants are highly recommended.

Meet at 106 by 08:00, Saturday, November 4. We will carpooling to the Gordon Hirabayashi Recreation Area (or Prison Camp for the old-timers), just past milepost 7 on the Mount Lemmon Highway (or the General Hitchcock Highway, whichever you prefer).

Please respond to the Whoozin link <http://whoozin.com/AR4-TEC-XWFO> so we can plan the exercise, and in comments, indicate whether or not you have a GPS unit or GPS app.

SARA TRAINING: Upcoming Wide Area Search Class

by John Gorski, john.gorski@sarci.org

SARA will be hosting a three day wide-area search class in January, 2018. The class dates are Friday January 26 from 18:00 to 22:00, Saturday January 27 and Sunday January 28 09:00 to 17:00. The course is being offered for free by TEEK education. There are a limited number of seats available for search and rescue members. Anyone who is interested in the class, please contact john.gorski@sarci.org and I will forward the class information to you.

SARA TRAINING: Tech Skills

by Jen Dempsey, jen.dempsey@sarci.org

Evaluations for the Technical Skills Task Book may be done at the monthly general meeting or at any meeting, training, activity, or event to which the entire membership has been invited. This includes missions, although opportunities for sign-offs may be limited. A roster must be provided to Records with the names of all evaluators and of the Members being evaluated.

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Mission Hrs will now show total portal-to-portal times (not Rdvs). Mission times will now show Field IN/OUT times (not Rdvs).

Sun Oct 08 10/ 28/ 26ym bike crash *Ridgeline Trail, Tortolitas* **Sheriff1 NWFd**
 13:15 – 14:00 Two mtn bikes were riding across the Tortolitas when one crashed at a set of switchbacks and injured his shoulder. Sheriff1 retrieved the patient, and a SAR Officer hiked up a maintenance access trail to escort the companion and help with the patient’s bike. A SAR team assisted.

Mon Oct 09 6/ 32/ 2 hikers off trail *Palisades Trail, Catalinas* **Sheriff1**
 13:40 – 16:30 Two hikers missed the trail popping out of a drainage below Mud Spring. Sheriff1 located them further down the drainage and got them back up to the trail. They waited for a SAR team to arrive, then all hiked back up without problems.

Tue Oct 10 0/ 0/ 20ym hiker missing *Rogers Trough, Superstitions*
 No field times A hiker was missing from a group about two miles from the trailhead. The initial search by Pinal SAR was not successful, so other resources were requested. A group of SAR Officers with ATV’s were available, then the subject was reported found, in good condition but way off trail.

Thu Oct 12 14/ 56/ 16ym fall injury *Main Falls, TV Canyon, Rincons* **Customs FlagRanger RMFD**
 15:30 – 18:20 A male fell while downclimbing the main falls. Information about the location and injuries was minimal. The Hasty Team went upstream from the base of the SARA Trail, locating the patient with serious injuries at the base of the falls. The usual air support was not available. Flagstaff Ranger was enroute while Customs was requested, so technical systems were being prepared at the Main Chute. The Customs helicopter hoisted a Rural Fire medic, then the Rescue crewman with the patient, and flew to the hospital.

Sat Oct 14 10/ 75/ 55ym hiker disoriented *Ventana Canyon Trail, Catalinas* **Survey1**
 19:00 – 03:00 A hiker intended to hike up trail for about 1.5 hours, then return. He became confused when turning around and wound up hiking further up trail until he reached the trail sign at the junction below The Window. (note that from Maiden Pools the trail goes uphill in both directions, and climbs more going downstream, as a guess as to his confusion) By then it was getting dark. The Hasty Team reached him, and all hiked down to meet the backup team at Maiden Pools, then all continued out before dawn.

Sat Oct 14 5/ 10/ Hikers exhausted *Shreve Saddle, Catalinas* **Survey1**
 No field times Two hikers came down the bottom of Pine Creek and became exhausted while hiking out to the Prison Camp. One came out to fetch water for the other, and they were helped by campers. All were arriving as SAR teams arrived.

Sun Oct 15 6/ 36/ 4 Mtn Bikers exhausted *Golder Ranch Trails, Catalinas* **Ranger58 GRFD**
 No field times The report from 911 indicated that two groups of an unknown number of people were exhausted near the end of Golder Ranch Road. The reporting cellphone had very low battery, so no additional info or coordinates. Golder Ranch ATV’s and Tucson Ranger were searching more to the south. Rescue 783 drove towards the Cottonwoods to turn on flashing lights, then directed Ranger to a flashing light to the northeast. They found two males exhausted on mountain bikes, reporting two companions well behind. They had left a vehicle at Golder Ranch Road and started at the top of Lemmon, riding down the CDO Trail, then over Charouleau Gap. One bike had mechanical problems (was just a flat tire). Two SAR vehicles started up the Charouleau Gap Road, reaching the bottom of CDO Wash before stopping due to serious road erosion and waited for an ATV, then one of the remaining two riders appeared. Ranger refueled, then headed up the road to find the fourth rider and directed the ATV to pick him up. Ranger retrieved the first pair and their medic.

Sat Oct 21 6/ 6/ 81ym hiker fall injury *Pima Canyon Trail, Catalinas* **RMFD**
 No field times A hiker was treated and assisted to the trailhead by Rural Fire. He wasn’t very far up trail.

Sat Oct 21 5/ 30/ 46ym hiker and K9 disoriented *Brush Corral Trail, Catalinas*
 19:20 – 23:00 A hiker was unable to follow trail below the Green Mtn Shortcut junction due to damage from the Burro Fire. He was retrieved by a team and returned to San Pedro Vista.

Wed Oct 25 12/ 36/ 17ym hiker fall injury *Main Falls, TV Canyon, Rincons* **Sheriff1 RMFD**
 12:30 – 13:30 A male jumped into the pool, landing awkwardly. He had a midshaft tib/fib fracture. Sheriff1 landed in the sand and delivered him to the road.

2017 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last 12 Mos
Missions	108	1090	3778	3.5	125
Trainings	145	1925	9090	4.7	171
Meetings	47	408	888	2.2	56
Public Relations	14	37	128	3.5	14
Special Events	22	149	1364	9.2	23
Activities	92	317	1628	5.1	110
TOTALS	428	3926	16876	4.3	499

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SARCI Calendar – 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 01 SRDI Meetings (18:00)	Nov 02	Nov 03 SARA Meeting (19:30)	Nov 04 SARA Training Land Navigation SRDI Training	Nov 05
Nov 06	Nov 07 SALT: Practice	Nov 08	Nov 09 SALT: Practice CME Training	Nov 10	Nov 11 SALT: Evaluation	Nov 12 SALT: Graduation Divers Pot Luck (09:00)
Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15 SRDI Training	Nov 16 SARA Board (19:00)	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19 SRDI Training
Nov 20	Nov 21 SAMSAR Meetings (18:00)	Nov 22	Nov 23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	Nov 24 Posse Meeting (18:30)	Nov 25	Nov 26 <i>Posse Gymkhana</i>
Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29 SRDI Training	Nov 30	Dec 01 SARA Meeting (19:30)	Dec 02 SARA Training TBA	Dec 03
Dec 04	Dec 05	Dec 06 SRDI Meetings (18:00)	Dec 07	Dec 08	Dec 09	Dec 10 Divers Training (09:00)
Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14 CME Training	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17
Dec 18	Dec 19 SAMSAR Meetings (18:00)	Dec 20	Dec 21 SARA Board (19:00)	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
Dec 25 CHRISTMAS	Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28 Posse Meeting (18:30)	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31 NEW YEARS EVE
Jan 01 2018 NEW YEARS DAY	Jan 02	Jan 03 SRDI Meetings (18:00)	Jan 04	Jan 05 SARA Meeting (19:30)	Jan 06	Jan 07



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