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SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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SARCI BOARD MEETINGS

by SARNews, 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.

NEW TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

by SARCI Records, records @ sarci.org

This is a reminder of some training requirements:

Bloodborne Pathogens Awareness training - needs to be done annually. Check your status on the SARCI Field Qual Report (available on the SARCI Data page) in the "BBP" column. It shows the year and month (YYMM) that your training expires.

If you need this training, contact your team leadership.

AZBasicSAR – must have been done after 2012. Check your status on the SARCI Field Qual Report in the "AZ Basic" Column. If this field is shaded yellow you must take a current version of this training.

If you need this 16 hour training, advise Records of your availability so we can schedule at appropriate times.

Sometime over the next few months these will formally become SARCI Field Qualification requirements. Don't delay!

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by John Longhofer, divers @ sarci.org

DIVERS CALENDAR

Oct 14 09:00 Sun Monthly Training Kennedy Lake

Nov 11 09:00 Sun Annual Meeting SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

On August 27th, Divers were requested to search for evidence at a local lake. This was a shallow water search. We would like to thank all SARA members that came out to help set and manage search lines. This valuable support provided a substantial increase in the efficiency and coverage for PCSRD and BORSTAR.

Our September training we returned to continue searching the area of interest in the lake.

For October, divers will be at Kennedy Lake to work on the unique challenges of shallow water searches using our Vohland magnet to detect for small objects.

November will be our annual meeting and dry training at SARA House.

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by LtCol Robert McCord, cap @ sarci.org

CAP SQUADRON CALENDAR

Sundays 15:30-18:00 Golder Ranch Fire Station #380 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: Robert McCord, <u>cap @ sarci.org</u> Web site: <u>http://www.neotomasquadron.org</u>

SOUTHERN AZ. MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Colleen Leon, colleen.leon @ sarci.org

SAMSAR CALENDAR

Oct 16 18:00 Tue Forty Niner Country Club, 12000 E. Tanque Verde **Board and General Meeting**

Summer has been pretty quiet as far as rescues. Could it be less hikers? Could it be smarter hikers? My guess it's all that AND the hard work of SARA members stationing themselves at trail heads to educate the public on hiking safe in the canyon. Riding in Sabino Canyon we saw "Safe Hiking in Heat brochures". Well done, SARA and Coronado Forest Service!

Over the summer SAMSAR members have done numerous presentations to Rotary Clubs and Optimist Clubs. Worked with church youth groups on what volunteerism is and how and what SAMSAR does. Thank you Deputy Chuk for helping us with educating Corpus Christi youth group in CPR. Our deputies are always there for us!

SAMSAR works on a less than skeleton crew during the summer. Members have summer homes and working cattle ranches. And let's face it, horsefolk don't stop riding in the summer, we just go to cooler climates! As soon as we are all back, we are working on some training to help get members qualified for field leadership. Coordinating with RMFD as requested by them to train them on behavior around SAR equine, safe equipment handoff and safe patient loading. Coming up with mutually convenient dates is like herding cats!

Our medical team is working on standardizing our medical saddle bags. Each saddle bag will be equipped the same so any SAMSAR can grab a pack and know where equipment is quickly! Thanks!

SAMSAR meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7pm Rincon Grill, 49er Country Club.

See ya on the trail!

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

Oct 03	18:00 Wed	Monthly Meetings	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Oct 06	06:00 Wed	Air Scent Recertification	Test Area SR83
Oct 14	06:00 Wed	HRD / Air Scent – Prison Camp	Meet Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy
Nov 07	18:00 Wed	Monthly Meetings	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

SRDI would like to welcome our newest members - Joclyn Manly, and her puppy Stryker and adult dog Ati; and Dr. Robert McBratney. Both Joclyn and Bob have been participating in the AZ SAR training through SALT (Thank you, SARA). SRDI has been fairly quiet over the last couple of months. We did work with a Pinal County SAR dog to support PCSD on a recent search.

SRDI's team goal of 100% compliance with Scientific Working Group on Dog and Orthogonal Detector Guidelines (SWGDOG) continues as we develop Handler Training curriculum in compliance with SWGDOG requirements. SRDI pre-certification evaluations are in compliance with SWGDOG requirements. Our discipline proficiency assessments are aligned to meet both ASARCA and SWGDOG specifications.

SARCI members are invited to join us for training at any time. 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 at the SARA House.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FACTS Fall Workshop	October 2018	TX
Ann Christensen Workshops	Feb 2019	Tucson
AZ State SAR Conference	May 2019	Heber

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

by Alex Hodge, gummhodge1 @ msn.com

POSSE CALENDAR

Oct 25	18:30 Thu	General Meeting	Tanque Verde Library, 8959 E Tanque Verde Rd
Oct 28	16:00 Sat	Gymkhana (Books 16:00, Events 17:00)	Pima County Fairgrounds

We switch to the daytime schedule in October thru April. Jim is busy teaching classes and Judging the Trail Event for the SAAHA.

SARA CALENDAR

Oct 05	19:30 Fri	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Oct 06	10:00 Sat	Training: Trucks and Equipment	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Oct 13	08:00 Sat	Tour of the White Mountains	Pinetop-Lakeside
Oct 18	19:00 Thu	SARA Board Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd
Oct 20-2	1 Sat-Sun	SALT Overnight Search Training	TBA
Nov 02	19:30 Fri	SARA General Meeting	SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd

SARA TRAINING:

by Jen Dempsey, jen.dempsey @ sarci.org

The monthly training for October will be Truck and Equipment. It will start at 10:00 at the SARA House on Saturday October 6. As part of this training we will be working with the new stokes basket, so this will be an important training for all members. If you do arrive early we ask that you are mindful that there is a SALT class starting beforehand and please don't interrupt.

The training for November will be held on November 3 starting at 08:00 at the SARA House. The focus will be Search Planning Tactics, Clue Awareness and Area Search. There will be a whoozin link sent out closer to the training date and we will require an RSVP so we know what needs to be printed.

SALT

The SALT class is well underway and all SARA members are invited to SALT class graduation and pot luck on Sunday, November 11 starting at 12:00. Please come celebrate the accomplishments of our new members. More information and an RSVP will be sent out closer to the date.

This year's SALT Overnight Search training is approaching and we're looking for more yellow and orange shirts to fill the ranks - especially orange shirts for in-field oversight and truck/operations. The training will take place October 20-21(Saturday/Sunday) with a broad timeframe of 20:00 – 08:00. Anyone who is available and willing to help – and especially those who have already volunteered - please RSVP here: http://whoozin.com/TD7-HQU-TQQD.

For those who are or will be available, I will be sending a direct email next week with the details on the scenario. And to keep things as streamlined as possible, please RSVP by 15 October.

MRA RECERTIFICATION

by John Bechman, john.bechman @ sarci.org

We all should know that SARA is a Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) member. As such, we are required to maintain our certifications. To do so, we have to periodically demonstrate our competence in rescue techniques, processes and methods.

Last winter, SARA was scheduled to perform our winter recertification. Because of the lack of snow, MRA granted us a delay to the upcoming winter. The recertification consists, as a minimum, of a snow beacon search, rescue of the victim, medical treatment and sled transport of the person. Recertification may also include an avalanche probe line and snow anchor construction.

This year is complicated by the fact that CAMRA (Phoenix SAR) was also given a bye by MRA. As a result, we are coordinating our re-certification with CAMRA.

Coconino County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue is coordinating the evaluators.

SARA plans to do this recertification January 19 and 20 with travel on January 18. Saturday will have one team re-cert and the other on Sunday. Teams will return on Sunday. SARA's December 8 training class will consist of winter skills training to prepare us for the re-cert.

The location is tentatively set for Flagstaff's Snow Bowl Ski Resort. We are in the process of finding accommodations. We are evaluating Fort Tuthill's facilities. That site has a hotel, cabins and YURTS.

To successfully pass this critical exercise, SARA is need of 25 members to commit to the upcoming training and re-cert exercise. The commitment will result in fun days playing in the snow using snowshoes, crampons and snow beacons.

Each member must have adequate personal clothing and the standard rescue pack. SARA does have the bulk of needed winter gear snowshoes etc. Personal equipment capabilities are welcome. Any issues will be sorted out prior.

Contact John Bechman if you are interested. We are sending out this invite now because the holidays always are a scheduling issue for most of us.

JIM CLICK RAFFLE

by John Perchorowicz, john.perchorowicz @ sarci.org

Jim Click (one of our building sponsors) has once again initiated the Millions for Tucson raffle. Prizes include a 1st prize platinum edition Jeep Cherokee, 2nd prize of \$5,000 and 3rd prize two round trip air tickets anywhere (restrictions apply) in the world. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Best of all, SARA retains 100% of the ticket price. Tickets can be obtained from the SARA Store. John Perchorowicz will hand deliver tickets in Tucson to anyone purchasing five or more in a single transaction. The raffle runs until early December. Please think about at least one ticket for yourself and one for a friend.

OEC CORNER

by John Gorski, john.gorski @ sarci.org

Your next opportunity for an OEC refresher will be November 4, 2018 at Sunrise, White Mountains. Sunrise will be using the hybrid format for their refresher, which includes 1) OEC workbook; 2) on-line portion; 3) hands-on portion on November 4th

Thanks to all the OEC instructors for your continuing support of the OEC program.

Watch the newsletter for updates on the OEC Cycle "C" refresher for 2019.

Date

Vol/Hrs/ Problem

Location

Resources

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

Ion Sep 03 <u>8/</u> <u>8/</u> 05y? hiker exhausted Canyon Loop, Catalinas

GRFD

No field times A five-year-old was reported exhausted on the Romero Trail. The child was found by Golder Ranch on the Canyon Loop before the Romero Trail and did not need any assistance.

Mon Sep 03 13/ 13/ ??yf hiker exhausted

Bear Canyon Trail, Catalinas

RMFL

No field times A hiker was reported exhausted three miles up the Bear Canyon Trail. The reporting party was on Sabino Canyon Road, reporting the subject 0.3 miles from that location. Rural Fire found the scene on the old dirt road close to the Lower Sabino Road and quickly carried the subject to the road.

Sun Sep 16 5/ 9/ ??ym hiker exhausted

Romero Trail, Catalinas GRFD

No field times A hiker was reported exhausted on the Romero Trail. The location was a short distance up trail, near the forest boundary. Golder Ranch did not need any assistance to escort the subject to the old trailhead.

Sat Sep 22 <u>9/</u> <u>36/</u> 57yf hiker exhausted

Butterfly Trail, Catalinas

MLFD

14:00 – 15:45 One of a group of hikers became exhausted prior to reaching Novio Spring. They turned around and slowly worked their way back to Soldier's Camp, with support from rescue teams.

Sun Sep 23 11/27/??ym hiker bee stings

Pusch Peak Trail, Catalinas

Sheriff1 GRFD

17:00 – 18:10 A hiker was stung by bees while in the waterfall area. As he was attempting to escape, he injured a lower leg. Teams wrapped his leg and provided hiking poles, and he worked his way down to the trailhead.

2018 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last 12 Mos
Missions	74	902	3160	3.5	100
Trainings	126	1340	6308	4.7	171
Meetings	52	420	913	2.2	60
Public Relations	31	100	353	3.5	31
Special Events	11	107	993	9.3	19
Activities	80	286	1463	5.1	103
TOTALS	374	3155	13190	4.2	484

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SARCI Calendar – 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Oct 01	Oct 02	Oct 03 SRDI Meetings (18:00)	Oct 04	Oct 05 SARA Meeting (19:30)	Oct 06 SARA SALT PCSD NIMS SARA Training Trucks and Equipment	Oct 07
Oct 08	Oct 09	Oct 10	Oct 11 Medical CME	Oct 12 Tour of the White Mountains	Oct 13 Tour of the White Mountains	Oct 14 Divers Training Kennedy Lake
Oct 15	Oct 16 SAMSAR Meetings (18:00)	Oct 17 SARA SALT Helicopter SARCI Board (19:30)	Oct 18 SARA SALT CPR Pro SARA Board (19:00)	Oct 19	Oct 20 SARA SALT Night Operations	Oct 21 SARA SALT Night Operations
Oct 22	Oct 23 SARA SALT WFA	Oct 24	Oct 25 SARA SALT WFA Posse Meeting (18:30)	Oct 26	Oct 27 SARA SALT WFA Field	Oct 28 Posse Gymkhana
Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31 Halloween	Nov 01	Nov 02 SARA Meeting (19:30)	Nov 03 SARA Training Search Operations	Nov 04 OEC Refresher Sunrise
Nov 05	Nov 06 Election Day SARA SALT Exercises	Nov 07 SRDI Meetings (18:00)	Nov 08 Medical CME SARA SALT Exercises	Nov 09	Nov 10 SARA SALT Evaluations	Nov 11 Divers Training Annual Meeting SARA SALT Graduation!!
Nov 12 Veteran's Day (observed)	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15 SARA Board (19:00)	Nov 16	Nov 17 El Tour de Tucson Mt.Baldy 60 th Anniversary Memorial Hike	Nov 18 SAR Open House
Nov 19	Nov 20 SAMSAR Meetings (18:00)	Nov 21	Nov 22 THANKSGIVING	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25
Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 01	Dec 02
Dec 03	Dec 04	Dec 05 SRDI Meetings (18:00)	Dec 06	Dec 07 SARA Meeting (19:30)	Dec 08 SARA Training Winter Skills	Dec 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 $4^{\rm th}$ Thu 19:00, details inside.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

Details inside.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

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SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS

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Mt. Baldy 60th Anniversary Memorial Hike

On November 15th 1958 a tragedy unfolded in the Santa Rita Mountains South of Tucson when six Boy Scouts embarked on a hike with the goal of reaching the summit of Mt. Wrightson known at the time as "Old Baldy". Only three of the boys survived the night when an unexpected and unprecedented snow storm overtook the area dropping seven feet of snow in the mountains and a blanket of snow in Tucson.









A hike will be held on November 17th 2018 to mark the 60th anniversary of these events.

Ralph Coltrin, one of the boys who survived that night and now a man in his 70's, will be present. Representatives of the Southern Arizona Rescue Association, founded as a result of the tragedy, will participate. Organizations that participated in the rescue efforts that will also be invited to participate in the hike are the Pima County Sheriff Department, Santa Cruz County Sheriff Department, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, and US Army Fort Huachuca.

The goal is to have as many Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs participate in the hike as possible. Each Troop and Pack that would like to participate will be required to have at least two properly trained and registered adult leaders present for each segment of the hike their Scouts will be completing and be in compliance with all Youth Protection policies. The Troop and Pack leadership will be responsible for their own Scouts during the hike, must be aware and confident of the abilities of the participating Scouts, and bring their Scout's BSA Health Forms.







The Special Addition Council Patch shown above is available for purchase for \$10 while supplies last.

There will be four levels of participation for Scouts to choose from.

- 1. The Send Off and group photo. Meet with the group at the Old Baldy Trail Head in Madera Canyon to wish the group safe travels and see them off. The trail head is located at the extreme end of the road into Madera Canyon and is approximately a 1 hour 15 minute drive from Tucson. The group photo will be taken at 7:45 sharp. Please plan your drive time appropriately to arrive no later than 7:30 at the trail head. Class A uniform shirts are required of Scouts and Leaders for the photo. The hike will commence promptly ay 8:00 am.
- 2. Josephine Saddle. Hike to the Josephine Saddle to view the Memorial that has been erected there. This is a five mile round trip hike with a 1640' elevation gain and is rated on All Trails as "Moderate". The trail head is at an elevation of 5440' and the trail is well shaded. A good strong pace will have the group arriving at the Josephine Saddle at 9:30. This group should remain in the area so they may hear the playing of taps from the Wreath Laying Ceremony at 10:00 before taking their return hike to the parking lot.

- 3. Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony. Nearly One mile beyond the Josephine Saddle and down a steep slope there are three crosses that mark the location where each of the departed boys came to a rest and were discovered over two weeks after the storm and following the largest man hunt in Arizona history. Due to the terrain in this area, the risk of injury on the steep slope, the sensitive environment, and out of respect for the location: only four scouts will be allowed to complete this segment. Please contact me to discuss a Scout you wish to nominate to lay a wreath. Three scouts will be pre-selected from nominations made by their Scout Masters to lay a wreath at one of the crosses while taps is played on the bugle from the slope above. If a Troop has a Scout interested and qualified to play Taps on the Bugle, please make me aware. The sound of the bugle should be audible from the Josephine Saddle. Class A uniform shirts will be required on the Scouts participating in the Ceremony, which should take place at 10:00. This group may then make the return hike to the Josephine Saddle where they may elect to continue on to the Summit or return to the parking lot.
- 4. Hike to the Summit of Mount Wrightson. This segment should only be attempted by those who have trained and are prepared for an all day excursion of nearly a 4000 foot elevation gain and a 10 mile round trip that is rated on All Trails as "Difficult". The summit is 9456 feet above sea level, the air is thin and the trail is steep. Troops that participate in the full hike should have a representative Scout bring their troop flag to be unfurled at the summit where taps will be played again in honor of the Scouts who lost their lives. The views from the peak are spectacular as you look from a summit 300 feet higher than Mount Lemmon, Tucson sits 7000 feet below, and all the high peaks of Southern Arizona are visible on a clear day. Class A uniforms are required for the summit photo with all participating Troop flags. In the interest of time, groups may elect to press on from the Jospehine Saddle and not wait for the playing of taps at that location. All groups participating in this segment should attempt to make the summit by 12:00 noon. The group photo with the Troop and Pack flags will be taken at 1:00. The groups may elect to stay on the summit as long or briefly as they choose before making the decent to the parking lot.

Class A uniform shirts may be worn over hiking clothes for the photos and ceremonies and may be removed and carried in packs during hiking portions for comfort.

Everyone participating must each have the ten essenentials.

Non-Scout Family members are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Getting There: The Old Baldy Trail Head is located in Madera Canyon, which is approximately a 1 hour and 15 minute drive south of Tucson. Head south on I-19 from I-10 to Exit 63 at Continental Road, then drive east 1.2 miles to Whitehouse Canyon Road and follow for 7.3 miles, then turn south on Madera Canyon Road and follow 4.8 miles to the parking area at the very end. Carpooling is strongly encouraged as Parking is limited and drivers must bring \$5 in cash for the self-pay parking permit.

Please contact me for more details and with all your questions, and especially if you plan to attend and participate.

Tim Harris

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