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## SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

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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. These meetings are being held in-person and on-line. Ask if you are interested in attending.

### SABINO CANYON PARKING

With the new electric trams in Sabino, we will NOT be able to leave unattended vehicles at Tram Stop 9. During hours of Canyon Crawler operation, everyone will need to park at TS-8 and be shuttled to TS-9. The ONLY vehicles at TS-9 will be IC and Ops vehicles attended with drivers so they can move as the tram passes through. SPEED LIMIT 15 MPH

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE MANAGER HELP

by Brooke Fawcett, [Brooke.Fawcett@sarci.org](mailto:Brooke.Fawcett@sarci.org)

Questions about how to use all these capabilities - and more - in ERM? Please don't hesitate to contact us!

(Just open your ERM app, click Contacts, and type in "Support.")

Do you know about Mission Data? It can be found by clicking "Responses" and then you'll see the "Mission Data" button near the top of the screen. To add your own information - coords, photos, team updates, etc - click "GPS" from the home screen, and then use the "+" button to the right of "Current Position."

Please enter certifications in ERM, and send them (as usual) to [Records@sarci.org](mailto:Records@sarci.org).

### MICROSOFT OFFICE

by SARCI Records, [records@sarci.org](mailto:records@sarci.org)

Please check the IT STATUS report in the SARA section.

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## SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Karen Paquette, [karen.paquette@sarci.org](mailto:karen.paquette@sarci.org)

### **SRDI CALENDAR**

<u>June 04</u>	<u>06:00 Sun</u>	<b>Urban Training</b>	Pima College, W Shannon Rd
<u>June 07</u>	<u>18:30 Wed</u>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	On-line Teams
<u>June 21</u>	<u>18:30 Wed</u>	<b>Urban Training</b>	Rillito Farmers' Market
<u>June 24</u>	<u>06:00 Sat</u>	<b>Mt Lemmon Follow-up</b>	(Note: Date may change)
<u>July 05</u>	<u>18:30 Wed</u>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	On-line Teams
<u>July 09</u>	<u>06:00 Sun</u>	<b>Urban Training</b>	Butterfield Business Park

CONGRATULATIONS to SRDI's newest certified Mission Qualified K9 Team – K9 Jack/Martha Miller!!! They certified in HRD (human remains) on May 13th.

SRDI currently has six certified HRD dog teams and two air scent dog teams. We are making progress with our tracking/trailing dogs. This is a very difficult discipline that takes tremendous time, effort, and dedication to produce a consistent K9/human team. It's not just the dogs trying to learn this discipline. If you are willing to volunteer some time, we would truly appreciate anyone willing to play "subject".

What SRDI started in January 2023 will be carried on by Yavapai County K9 in September. State K9 handlers will meet up once again to share training and friendships.

SARCI members are welcome to join us for training at any time. If you are interested in attending, please email us at [K9@sarci.org](mailto:K9@sarci.org), or [Karen.Paquette@sarci.org](mailto:Karen.Paquette@sarci.org), or call Karen Paquette (275-2074). SRDI's monthly meeting is the first Wednesday of each month via Teams online meeting format.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Surf & Turf	June 2023	Lake Bryan, TX
Just Surf	June 2023	Lake Bryan, TX
FACTS Level 3	Oct 2023	San Marcos, TX
FACTS Level 1	Nov 2023	San Marcos, TX
SoCalK9 Seminar	Nov 2023	Idyllwild, CA
IPWDA Certifications	Nov 2023	TBD
AZK9SARCON	May 2024	Heber, AZ

## PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

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

### **DIVERS CALENDAR**

<u>June 11</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	<b>Water Skills – Open Water</b>	Black Mountain Reservoir
<u>July 09</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	<b>Water Skills – Open Water</b>	TBD
<u>Aug 13</u>	<u>09:00 Sun</u>	<b>Water Skills – Open Water</b>	TBD

In May, we did not hold training since several team members had other commitments.

In June, we are scheduled to return to Black Mountain Reservoir. We will be working on reviewing our communications and underwater dive skills and search patterns. We will meet at 8am at the Burger King parking lot at 1681 W. Valencia Rd.

Please keep posted on training plans for July and August.

## SOUTHERN AZ MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Colleen Leon, [colleen.leon@sarci.org](mailto:colleen.leon@sarci.org)

### **SAMSAR CALENDAR**

<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>18:00 Tue</u>	<b>Board and General Meeting</b>	Forty Niner Country Club, 12000 E. Tanque Verde
Completed training with local RMFD #72 newest EMTs. Great training! Worked the usual: General safe behavior working around SAR equine, safe equipment hand-off and Loading Subject on the Equine. This training has been very valuable with our newest SAMSAR candidates and their horses. Really lookin good! Even through in a mock rescue that surprised and really tested the FD EMTs!			

Starting trail familiarization rides in 7 Falls / Bear Canyon with our newest members. 7 Falls is a very technical trail not only for hikers but for equine as well. Not all equine can easily traverse the hard steep drops and jumps, it takes practice. And not all teams are comfortable with heights, we love it and they are winners in our books to tell us before. We appreciate those who know their limits and don't try to "cowboy" through it!

Summer is here, and SAMSAR members run to the hills to play! Gonna be slim pickings to get a "team" together.

See ya on the trails!

## NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by LtCol Robert McCord, [cap@sarci.org](mailto: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, [cap@sarci.org](mailto:cap@sarci.org)

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



[SARA@sarci.org](mailto:SARA@sarci.org)

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION

### **SARA CALENDAR**

<u>June 02</u>	<u>19:00 Fri</u>	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>
<u>June 03</u>	<u>08:00 Sat</u>	<b>Cave Rescue - Field</b>
<u>June 06-11</u>		<b>MRA Conference</b>
<u>June 10</u>	<u>09:00 Sat</u>	<b>Swift Water Pool Session</b>
<u>June 11</u>	<u>08:00 Sun</u>	<b>Swift Water Field Session</b>
<u>June 13</u>	<u>19:00 Tue</u>	<b>2023 SALT Orientation #1</b>
<u>June 14</u>	<u>18:00 Wed</u>	<b>Technical Training – Tower Session</b>
<u>June 15</u>	<u>19:00 Thu</u>	<b>SARA Board Meeting</b>
<u>June 17</u>	<u>08:00 Sat</u>	<b>AHA BLS (CPR)</b>
<u>July 06</u>	<u>19:00 Thu</u>	<b>2023 SALT Orientation #2</b>
<u>July 07</u>	<u>19:30 Fri</u>	<b>SARA General Meeting</b>

SARA House, Hybrid  
TBD  
Ft. Tuthill, Flagstaff  
Tucson Estates Pool  
Phon D Sutton Recreation Site  
SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd  
PCSD Training Tower, 10001 S Rita Rd  
SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd  
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SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd  
SARA House, Hybrid

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

by Jason Schlueter, [SARApresident@sarci.org](mailto:SARApresident@sarci.org)

### **MEMBER SURVEY**

May's board meeting brought focus on the mentorship program, and not a moment too soon. The first orientation is just around the corner (June 13 @ 19:00) and that means we'll have a new SALT class in just a couple of months. The mentorship program will be getting a retooling, focusing on field activity and feedback. Amy, our membership director, will be heading this effort with a task force.

We also talked about importance of board transparency. Part of that transparency will include this progress report in our newsletter and updates at each monthly meeting. All members are encouraged to attend the board meetings which are every third Thursday at 19:00. If you'd like to join via Teams, the link is in the Master Calendar (*link in ERM*).

These are the bullet points we will continue to focus on which will act as a standing item on our board agenda.

- *Rework Mentor Program (Increased Retention)*
- *Increased Member Survey Frequency (Increased Retention/Mission Participation)*
- *Board Effectiveness (Mission Participation/Increased Retention/Quality Training)*
- *Include new members in activities and taking a leadership role (Increased Retention/Quality Training)*

### **JUNE MEETING SPECIAL GUEST**

Butch Farabee will attending the June Monthly Meeting to give a talk about the book he has been working on with David Lovelock. The name of the book is "**Southern Arizona Search and Rescue History: 1901-2000**" and the presentation should be about 20 minutes. Many retired deputies have been invited so some of the long-time SARA members might get to chat with some old colleagues. Please consider attending our monthly meeting early at 19:00 on June 2. Butch will also be presenting at the MRA conference so this is his trial run.

### **IT STATUS**

by Jason Schlueter, [jason.schlueter@sarci.org](mailto:jason.schlueter@sarci.org)

Thanks everyone for continuing to use your MS365 accounts. We are again seeing the usage dwindling. I encourage everyone to continue to log into their accounts for email and Teams. We also want to remind everyone that the email list to reach ALL members is [ALLSARAMEMBERS@sarci.org](mailto:ALLSARAMEMBERS@sarci.org).

### **RECRUITING – SALT 2023 ORIENTATIONS**

by Amy McPherson, [amy.mcpherson@sarci.org](mailto:amy.mcpherson@sarci.org)

The first Orientation will be **Tuesday June 13, 19:00 to 21:00** and the second **Thursday July 06, 19:00 to 21:00**. Please consider attending (orange shirts), and especially candidates (yellow shirts). Candidates (and new orange shirts) are the most popular people at these meetings because the new class wants to talk to the folks who most recently went through it. We also like to get a few candidates to speak about their experiences in front of the crowds of prospects.

## **MEMBERSHIP TOPICS**

by Amy McPherson, [amy.mcpherson@sarci.org](mailto:amy.mcpherson@sarci.org)

Congratulations to Meghann Vance on her promotion to rescuer and receiving her orange shirt! We look forward to having her lead teams in the field! Congrats Meghann!

SARA is currently seeking individuals interested in participating in a mentorship task force. Both yellow and orange shirts are welcome to participate. This task force will be charged with determining the following:

- The expectations, roles, and responsibilities of a mentor
- Those eligible to be a mentor
- When the mentor will be introduced to the mentee
- Other revisions that may be needed to the mentor program

Please submit your interest by signing up and voting on a meeting date here: <https://forms.office.com/r/T8VmHRxKV8>

## **EMT INITIAL CERTIFICATION CLASSES**

by Henry Jacobs, [henry.jacobs@sarci.org](mailto:henry.jacobs@sarci.org)

Available 18-week EMT initial certification classes, taught Saturdays and Sundays at Pascua Yaqui Fire Department:

August – December 2023

Contact Jeff Isely 520-850-1331

## **OEC CORNER**

by Mona Johnson, [mona.johnson@sarci.org](mailto:mona.johnson@sarci.org)

The dates for the 2023 OEC Refresher Cycle A will be:

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Sunday, October 22, 2023

More information will be provided closer to the refreshers.

## **TRAINING CALENDAR**

by John DiMiceli, [john.dimiceli@sarci.org](mailto:john.dimiceli@sarci.org)

Mark your calendars! Below you will find the upcoming training and events happening over the next three months. Additional updates will be sent out as more details are known. Contact the lead instructor listed below with any questions.

### **June Monthly Training: Cave Rescue**

- Wednesday, May 31, 18:00 to 22:00 @ SARA House
- Saturday, June 3, 08:00 to 14:00 @ TBD
- Contact: [sarah.truebe@sarci.org](mailto:sarah.truebe@sarci.org)
- Sign-up: see upcoming e-mail

### **Swift Water Training**

- Saturday, June 10, 07:00 to 17:00 @ Tucson Estates (5900 W Western Way Cir, Tucson, AZ 85713)
- Sunday, June 11, 07:00 to 17:00 @ location TBD
- Contact: [justin.peterson@sarci.org](mailto:justin.peterson@sarci.org)
- Sign-up: see upcoming e-mail

### **Technical Training: Tower Session**

- Wednesday, June 14, 18:00 to 22:00 @ PCSD Training Tower
- Contact: [richard.hounshell@sarci.org](mailto:richard.hounshell@sarci.org)
- Sign-up: <https://forms.office.com/r/CKFtruTchE>

### **Medical Training: AHA Basic Life Support (CPR)**

- Saturday, June 17, 08:00 to 12:00 @ SARA House
- Contact: [John.DiMiceli@sarci.org](mailto:John.DiMiceli@sarci.org)
- Sign-up: <https://forms.office.com/r/G0JSSwcfKC>

### **July Monthly Training: Truck & Equipment Orientation**

- Saturday, July 08, 08:00 to 12:00 @ SARA House
- Contact:
- Sign-up:

### **August Monthly Training: Leadership & Risk Management**

- Saturday, August 05, 08:00 to 12:00 @ SARA House
- Contact:
- Sign-up:

## **2023 WHISKEY OFF-ROAD RECAP**

by Cathy Wasmann, [cathy.wasmann@sarci.org](mailto:cathy.wasmann@sarci.org)

SARA treated 30 riders at this year's Whiskey Off-Road mountain bike race in Prescott. The number of riders treated was down a bit, but still seemed hectic at times. Despite the unusually warm weather, only a few riders sought treatment for heat-related problems. As usual abrasions were prominent among the injuries. No riders were transported by ambulance. One rider was transferred to Lifeline Ambulance but refused transport. Several riders with deep lacerations were referred to Yavapai Regional Medical Center (YRMC) for cleaning and suturing. Nine members were involved in SARA's support of the 2023 Whiskey Off-Road.

## **SWIFTWATER TRAINING**

by Justin Peterson, [justin.peterson@sarci.org](mailto:justin.peterson@sarci.org)

Swift Water training is scheduled for early June, again hosted by Chief Brian Frost of the Rural-Metro Fire Department and in coordination with the Pima County Sheriff's Department. Please register using the RSVP form link provided at the bottom of this email. If you have never completed this training before, you are required to attend both days to obtain a state certification. If you have completed this training before, attending one of the days will satisfy recertification. Space is limited in this training with only 18 slots open for those seeking certification and an additional 10 slots each day for those only requiring recertification.

Preference will be given in the following order:

1. Those who were unable to complete the course in 2021 and/or 2022.
2. Field active Orange shirts who have never had this training before.
3. Field active Yellow shirts who have never had this training before.

The training will take place at the following times, dates, and locations (click location links for Google Maps):

### **DAY 1**

**Saturday 10 June 2023**

**09:00 – 17:00 (exact time TBD)**

**[Tucson Estates Community Center and Pool](#)**

This day will be comprised of a classroom and swimming pool session. The classroom session will go over various aspects of swift water awareness and rescue. The pool session will have skills such as water entry techniques, subject retrieval, throw bag practice, and a physical fitness swim test. The test will require you to tread water for approximately 10 minutes and swim approximately 300 yards without a PFD and 300 yards with a PFD using combinations of sidestroke, breaststroke, and freestyle. Swim techniques will be taught prior to the test but some practice and conditioning are recommended before the course date. Please wear your SARA uniform for the classroom portion and bring a swimsuit for the pool. PFDs and throw bags will be provided but you are able to bring your own approved gear.

### **DAY 2**

**Sunday 11 June 2023**

**08:00 – 17:00 (exact time TBD)**

**[Phon D Sutton Recreation Site](#)**

This day will be at a natural running water source, where we will practice the techniques learned on Day 1. The majority of the day will be spent in the water. Even though the air temperature is hot the water can be very cold so a wetsuit is recommended but not required. Water shoes, boots, or old tennis shoes and a helmet are required. You will also want to bring water, food, and appropriate clothing/sunscreen so that you are prepared to be outside all day. Carpooling to the site is highly encouraged.

**IMPORTANT:** due to winter precipitation, the Salt River Project released high water volume earlier this year that resulted in some site closures; there is the possibility this may occur again during the summer, which would similarly result in site closures and require a possible reschedule; we will keep everyone updated should that occur.

More details will be provided by Chief Frost and SARA Training as the training date approaches.

**[Swift Water Training 2023 RSVP Form](#)** - please submit a response no later than 01 June.



## TECHNICAL SKILLS CALENDAR

by Sarah Truebe, [sarah.truebe@sarci.org](mailto:sarah.truebe@sarci.org)

We've developed the rope/technical training calendar for the year. We're working on getting all of these onto the Master Calendar, so please check that frequently. If you'd like to RSVP, please go to the Master Calendar link on ERM and click on the event you want to attend to find the RSVP link. More details on rendezvous locations and RSVP links will be sent closer to the dates for each event.

Still to be announced are trainings on the Clutches (replacing the MPD). For the moment, we are doing overviews and opportunities for hands-on at the monthly meetings. The tentative date by which everyone will need to be able to pass the taskbook items on the Clutch instead of the MPD is July 1, 2024.

### General reminders:

Awareness signoffs are available before every monthly meeting, but no field signoffs for Operations-level are available

Operations field signoffs are available at every "personal rope skills" session at the Craycroft/River Bridge.

Anyone is allowed to come to any Technician training, even if the sign-off focus is mostly on keeping technicians current. We also will have opportunities for anyone to try some more advanced skills, even if you haven't submitted an application to the technicians yet.

Please check your FQ status and plan ahead for your recert cycle!

### June

- Fri 6/2 – SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs)
- Sat 6/3 – Monthly Training – Cave (with ropes!)
- Wed 6/14 – Tower session
- Thur 6/22 – Personal Rope Skills

### July

- Fri 7/7 - SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs)
- (Wed 7/12) – Quarterly Technician Meeting (no signoffs)
- (Mon 7/17) – New Technician Onboarding (no signoffs)
- Wed 7/19 – Pick-offs pre-training
- Sat 7/22 – Technical Training – Pick-offs
- Tue 7/25 – Personal Rope Skills

### August

- Fri 8/4 – SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs)
- (Sat 8/19) – Minimal Gear / no tech bag training
- Tue 8/22 – Personal Rope Skills

### September

- Fri 9/1 - SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs)

### Due to the extensive training needs of SALT, there are no other opportunities for sign-offs during September

- Tue 9/12 – please help with SALT technical training!
- Thur 9/14 – please help with SALT technical training!
- Tue 9/19 – please help with SALT technical training!
- Thur 9/21 – please help with SALT technical training!
- Sat 9/23 – please help with SALT technical training!

### October

- Fri 10/6 – SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs)
- (Wed 10/11) – Quarterly Technician Meeting
- Wed 10/18 – Litter Scoops pre-training
- Sat 10/21 – Technical Training – Litter Scoops

### November

- Fri 11/3 – SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs)
- Tue 11/7 – SALT technical signoffs
- Thur 11/9 – SALT technical signoffs
- Sat 11/11 – SALT technical signoffs
- (Wed 11/15) – Tower session

### December

- Fri 12/1 – SARA Monthly Meeting (no field signoffs)
- Thur 12/14 – Operations Skills training for anyone who wants to advance from Awareness
- Mon 12/18 – Personal Rope Skills

Any questions, please let Sarah or Justin know ([sarah.truebe@sarci.org](mailto:sarah.truebe@sarci.org), [justin.peterson@sarci.org](mailto:justin.peterson@sarci.org)).

**Protecting caves and yourselves at the upcoming SARA cave training - June 2023**

Peppersauce Cave is a highly impacted cave with relatively high annual visitation. However, we want to make sure our training does not hurt the cave or anything living in it. Caves have very delicate ecosystems that can be upset by litter/trash/crumbs/human waste/lint/skin/hair/etc. There is no reason to damage a cave on a training at any time.

**Cave Conservation Plan:**

If any activity during the training is deemed to be negatively impacting cave resources (e.g., bats are present and agitated), the training will be stopped or temporarily halted and we will debrief outside or complete the drill outside the cave. Participants will be asked to snack outside the cave, or over their packs to prevent crumbs from being left behind in the cave. Only water will be allowed in the cave. All waste materials (trash, human waste), will be carried out. Anchors for belays will be adequately padded to prevent any damage to rocks or trees. If we encounter snakes in the cave entrance, if it is possible to relocate them safely nearby we will do so. If it is not possible, we will complete the training elsewhere, avoiding the snakes.

Because of the threat of White-Nose Syndrome to Arizona bats, no equipment that has been in any other cave or mine since 2005 will be allowed in the cave UNLESS it has been completely decontaminated according to the US Fish and Wildlife Service protocols updated 09/2018. See <https://whitenosesyndrome.org/> for more information.

**What to bring:**

1. Helmet (with chinstrap, UIAA/CE approved)
2. Three sources of light, at least two helmet-mountable
3. Spare batteries for your lights
4. Gloves (gardening/nitrile palms (\$2 at Walmart or Ace) good for cave)
5. Water (enough for the day)
6. Snacks/lunch (nothing that is too crumbly – bring snacks in a Ziploc to collect crumbs while you eat)
7. Garbage bag/space blanket
8. Jacket if we stop and rest during the training (it can be chilly)
9. Personal first aid kit/bandana/meds/whatever you need throughout the day
10. Kneepads (highly recommended), elbow pads (optional) – get at sporting goods store
11. 20ft of 1" tubular webbing
12. Small pack (<20L), streamlined with no extra straps or anything that can catch
13. Pee bottle, though we'll probably be able to exit the cave in this particular case
14. Camera (optional)
15. Change of clothes and shoes for the car

**What not to bring:**

1. Large packs with lots of straps
2. Carbide lamps
3. Anything that leaves behind crumbs or trash

**What to wear:**

1. Jeans/Carharrts/work pants or hiking pants (cave may be wet)
2. T-shirts probably fine for underground
3. Hiking boots or approach shoes (whatever you're comfortable in)

Questions? Talk to Sarah Truebe: 650-804-5413 (texts/calls OK), [sarah.truebe@sarci.org](mailto:sarah.truebe@sarci.org)

## M.R.A. CONFERENCE

by JohnnyB, [john.bechman@sarci.org](mailto:john.bechman@sarci.org)

This year's MRA Spring Conference held by Coconino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue promises to be one of the best in recent history.

Here is the list of classes and presentations being presented:

- LandSAR Software
- Heat Related Illness – Grand Canyon Case Studies
- Mountain Bike Team Development
- Wilderness Hemorrhage Management
- Responder Resilience
- Human Performance in SAR
- How to use a Mountain Guide in SAR operations
- Bites and Stings in the Desert Southwest
- Situational Awareness/Austere Communications
- Arborist Techniques in Mountain Rescue
- Incident Within an Incident
- Starting a Drone Program
- Intermediate Options: Expanding and Managing Your SAR Drone Program
- Advanced Topics: Drones in SAR
- Mental PPE: What it is, why you need it, and how you get it
- Risk Management in Avalanche SAR
- Hoist Emergency Action Plan
- Monopods, Bipods, and Tripods-Advantages of Artificial High Directionals
- Breaking the Halo
- Accidents in Helicopter Rescues
- Fundraising for Search and Rescue Teams
- Physical Fitness and Training for SAR
- eBike Team for SAR
- Heart of Gould Cave Rescue Review
- Building a "Heavy" Rescue Vehicle for Over the Edge Rescues
- Briefing and Debriefing K9 Teams
- How Are You Shaping Team Culture?
- ICAR Committee Presentations

In addition, the Conference has some outstanding pre-conference classes:

- Grand Canyon National Park SAR Cache/Operations Tour
- Mountain Small Party Assisted Rescue (MSPAR)
- Technical Self Rescue
- Loc8/RDT Software for Image Analysis
- Initial Response Incident Commander for Wilderness Search
- Backcountry Artificial High Directionals
- Helicopter Rescue Operations

You can review the conference at:

[MRA 2023 Spring Conference – Fort Tuthill County Park, Flagstaff, AZ | June 6-11, 2023 \(mraconference.org\)](https://mraconference.org)

The dates are:

**PRE-CONFERENCE: JUNE 6-8, 2023**

**CONFERENCE: JUNE 9-11, 2023**

I, Johnny B, will be attending. The SARA Board will be helping out with funding for the MRA Spring Conference in Flagstaff. Conference fees will be covered.

I have already secured a house with capacity for 11 people. (Perhaps more can stay although couches may be the best we can do.) Nine SARA rescuers have signed up. Seven have expressed interest in staying at the house. If accomodation costs were a limiting factor for anyone interested, that has been removed.

The Board wants to ensure that finances should not prevent people from attending. They know that what is learned and the contacts made are invaluable to SARA.

Sign up and let me know if you wish to attend.

Johnny B





**ACCORDING TO HISTORY-SARA'S FIRST EQUIPMENT VEHICLE** by Marvin Stafford, [marvin.stafford@sarci.org](mailto:marvin.stafford@sarci.org)

(The following is a reprint of the sixth in a series of twelve short articles that first appeared in SARNews from November 1994 (Vol 19, No. 11) through October 1995 (Vol 20, No. 10).

By my figuring, the Southern Arizona Rescue Association (SARA) is 36 years old, this month. (Others say older.) In the early 60's, the cadre was made up of individuals from the construction industry. Their solution to securing and transporting organization-owned equipment was a small, enclosed trailer -- the type you would expect at a construction site for the contractor's tools.

The trailer was parked at one driver's house. He and two other drivers had pick-up trucks with compatible hitches and electrical connections. When a call would come down, the three would try to contact each other by phone and decide who was going to take the trailer to base camp. Without direct communication, a driver would have to drive by the house just to make sure he was not the first one. *[Arizona just did **WHAT** in the first round?!]\**

The trailer, painted yellow, was outfitted with a roof rack for the Stokes basket, a removable shelf alongside for clip boards, maps and a coffee pot, sockets at the corners for flood light poles and a small engine-generator mounted on the hitch. The standard routine was to start the engine as soon as the trailer arrived at base camp -- then the flood lights and coffee pot. After that, people could be signed in and given assignments. Sometimes searchers would wait for a cup of coffee before going into the field.

It is hard to turn down a piece of equipment when you are getting it for, 'our favorite price', but this engine had a lousy muffler and a bad rod knock. The Board of Directors finally got rid of it by voting down a request for money to rebuild it. *[Who do we cheer for, now?]\**

Watch this space for an account of 'growing pains'.

\* -- Bracketed remarks refer to the University of Arizona Men's Basketball Team and the beginning of the NCAA Tournament in 1995, which was getting started during this writing.

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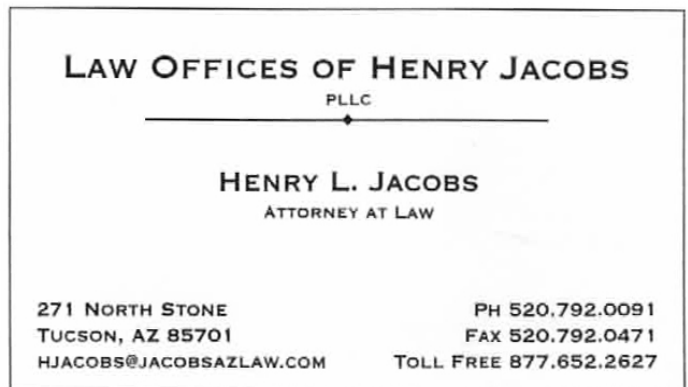
While attending high school in Tucson, in Pima County, Arizona, **Marvin Stafford** got his start in Search and Rescue as a member of a Boy Scout Explorer Post which called itself a 'Search and Rescue Post'. They practiced first aid, mountaineering, and some simple technical evacuation procedures. They did not get much business as there was not a mechanism in place for volunteers to assist the Sheriff's Department with their responsibility. When a major search incident occurred, involving three fellow Boy Scouts, in November, 1958, the post played a significant role. Marvin joined the Southern Arizona Rescue Association, as soon as he was old enough, in 1960. While an undergraduate engineering student at the University of Arizona, Marvin's summer job was with the Forest Service doing fire control work in the mountains near Tucson. There, he did SAR work in a Forest Service uniform; a qualified volunteer team was not yet a reality. Marvin has served on the SARA Board of Directors and has been the Chairman for the Arizona Region of MRA.



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Date	Vol/Hrs/ Problem	Location	Resources
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**Mission Hrs now show total portal-to-portal times (not Rdvs). Mission times now show Field IN/OUT times (not Rdvs).**

**Sun Apr 23** 14/ 14/ 50yf fall injury **Sabino Dam, Catalinas** **RMFD**  
 14:30 – 14:45 A woman struck her head hard just below the dam and was carried to the road.

**Sun Apr 23** 17/ 20/ 17ym hiker missing **Bear Canyon Trail, Catalinas**  
 14:55 – 15:05 A hiker left his group to retrieve his cellphone. He and his group missed each other on the trail, but all got out safely.

**Fri Apr 28** 16/ 52/ 20yf hiker seizures **Pontatoc Trail, Catalinas** **Ranger2 RMFD**  
 14:15 – 16:00 A hiker with a history of seizures had extended issues about one mile up trail. She was hoisted to Banner Main.

**Sun May 07** 14/ 40/ ??y? climber head injury **Barnum Rock, Catalinas** **Ranger1 MLFD RMFD**  
 12:55 – 14:00 A climber with a head injury was hoisted to the hospital.

**Wed May 10** 12/ 44/ 23yf hiker exhausted **Marshall Saddle, Catalinas**  
 16:00 – 17:00 A group on Mint Spring Trail arrived at Marshall Saddle with an exhausted companion. Teams escorted her slowly to Marshall Gulch.

**Mon May 15** 3/ 3/ ??y? walkaway **Oro Valley**  
 No field times SRDI was responding to Oro Valley when they were advised that the walkaway had been located.

**Sat May 20** 16/ 48/ 38ym hiker fall injury **MP4 Molino Basin, Catalinas** **Ranger2 RMFD**  
 19:00 – 20:10 A 330 lb hiker fell and tumbled down rock and slope, a 15 min loose scramble from the road. A leg was fractured, and he had lots of abrasions. He was hoisted to St.Joes.

**Mon May 22** 11/ 23/ 60ym hiker exhausted **Starr Pass, Tucson Mtns**  
 14:50 – 15:20 An exhausted hiker was rehydrated, rested, then walked to the Clearwater access point.

**Tue May 23** 0/ 0/ 82yf alzheimer's missing **Coronado and Columbus** **Border Patrol K9**  
 No field times She was located deceased behind the residence by a BP K9.

**Sat May 27** 0/ 0/ 44yf hiker ankle injury **x7 Bear Canyon Trail, Catalinas** **Ranger2 RMFD**  
 12:10 – 13:45 She was treated by initial teams, then hoisted to the Overlook LZ and transferred to an ambulance.

2023 Totals	Activities	People	Hours	Hrs/Per	Last 12 Mos
Missions	46	559	2528	4.5	91
Trainings	85	974	3484	3.5	182
Meetings	53	468	953	2.0	120
Public Relations	5	9	29	3.2	13
Special Events	6	64	814	12.7	8
Activities	31	126	570	4.5	99
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>2200</b>	<b>8378</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>513</b>

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## SARCI Calendar – 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 29 <b>Memorial Day</b>	May 30	May 31 <b>SARA Training</b> 18:00 Cave Rescue Classroom	June 01	June 02 <b>SARA Meeting</b> (Hybrid: 19:30)	June 03 <b>SARA Training</b> 08:00 Cave Rescue	June 04
June 05	June 06 <b>MRA Conference</b>	June 07 <b>MRA Conference</b>  <b>SRDI Meetings</b> (On-line: 18:30)	June 08 <b>MRA Conference</b>	June 09 <b>MRA Conference</b>	June 10 <b>MRA Conference</b>  <b>SARA Training</b> 09:00 Swift Water	June 11 <b>MRA Conference</b>  <b>SARA Training</b> 08:00 Swift Water <b>Divers Training</b> (09:00 BMR)
June 12	June 13 <b>SALT Orientation</b> (19:00)	June 14 <b>Tech Training</b> 18:00 PCSD Tower	June 15 <b>SARA Board</b> (19:00)	June 16	June 17 <b>CPR Class</b> (08:00)	June 18
June 19	June 20 <b>SAMSAR Meeting</b> (18:00)	June 21	June 22 <b>Tech Training</b> 18:00 Personal Rope Skills	June 23	June 24	June 25
June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 01	July 02
July 03	July 04 <b>Independence Day</b>	July 05 <b>SRDI Meetings</b> (On-line: 18:30)	July 06 <b>SALT Orientation</b> (19:00)	July 07 <b>SARA Meeting</b> (Hybrid: 19:30)	July 08 <b>SARA Training</b> (08:00) Truck & Equipment	July 09 <b>Divers Training</b> (09:00)
July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16
July 17	July 18 <b>SAMSAR Meeting</b> (18:00)	July 19 <b>SARCI Board</b> (19:30)	July 20 <b>SARA Board</b> (19:00)	July 21	July 22 <b>Tech Training</b> Pickoffs	July 23
July 24	July 25 <b>Tech Training</b> 18:00 Personal Rope Skills	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30
July 31	Aug 01	Aug 02 <b>SRDI Meetings</b> (On-line: 18:30)	Aug 03	Aug 04/07 <b>SARA Meeting</b> (Hybrid: 19:30)	Aug 05 <b>SARA Training</b> (08:00) Leadership and Risk Management	Aug 06

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