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

SABINO CANYON PARKING

With the 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

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 your certifications in ERM. ERM will automatically send a notice to Records@sarci.org.

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SOUTHWEST RESCUE DOGS, INC.

by Jamie Carpenter, jamie.carpenter@sarci.org

SRDI CALENDAR

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|----------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <u>July 03</u> | <u>18:30 Wed</u> | Monthly Meeting | On-Line Teams |
| <u>Aug 07</u> | <u>18:30 Wed</u> | Monthly Meeting | On-Line Teams |

Congratulations to our new blue shirt, Karyn! Your dedication and hard work have paid off, and we're excited to see the contributions you'll make to the team.

SARCI members are welcome to join us for training at any time. If you are interested in attending, please email K9@sarci.org, or Karen.Paquette@sarci.org, or call Karen Paquette (520-275-2074). SRDI's monthly meeting is the first Wednesday of each month via Teams online meeting format.

UPCOMING SEMINARS:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| FACTS Level 3 | Oct 5-6, 2024 | San Marcos, TX |
| FACTS Level 1 | Nov 1-3, 2024 | San Marcos, TX |
| So Cal K9 | Nov 8-10, 2024 | Idyllwild, CA |
| NSDA Certification and Workshop | Mar 21-24, 2025 | Tucson, AZ |

PIMA CO. SEARCH & RECOVERY DIVERS

by John Longhofer, divers@sarci.org

DIVERS CALENDAR

| | | | |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| <u>July 14</u> | <u>09:00 Sun</u> | Underwater Search Patterns | Lakeside |
| <u>Aug 11</u> | <u>09:00 Sun</u> | TBD | TBD - Lakeside |
| <u>Sep 08</u> | <u>09:00 Sun</u> | TBD | TBD - Lakeside |

In June, a large group of divers participated in the training with better (cooler) than expected weather. A potential new member participated on shore with surface support and line tending. We had three divers in the water performing underwater water search patterns in low visibility. With adjustments we maintained tether tension, and our patterns ran smoothly.

Expect returning to Chuck Ford-Lakeside Park in July, August and September training locations depend on weather conditions.

SOUTHERN AZ MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

by Colleen Leon, colleen.leon@sarci.org

SAMSAR CALENDAR

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|----------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| <u>July 16</u> | <u>18:00 Tue</u> | Board and General Meeting | Forty Niner Country Club, 12000 E. Tanque Verde |
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Summer is here....and members have gone to cooler grounds. Skeleton crew left behind. Looking forward to cooler weather and members to come home. Happy Summer y'all!

See ya on the trail!

NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

by LtCol Robert McCord, cap@sarci.org

CAP SQUADRON CALENDAR

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|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Sundays</u> | <u>15:30-18:00</u> | Golder Ranch Fire Station #380 | 1175 W. Magee Road, Tucson, AZ 85704 |
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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

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



SOUTHERN ARIZONA RESCUE ASSOCIATION



SARA@sarci.org

SARA CALENDAR

| | | | |
|----------------|------------------|---|---|
| <u>July 05</u> | <u>19:30 Fri</u> | SARA General Meeting | SARA House, Hybrid |
| <u>July 11</u> | <u>18:30 Thu</u> | New Member Orientation II | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon |
| <u>July 13</u> | <u>08:00 Sat</u> | SARA Training: Summer Skills | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon |
| <u>July 17</u> | <u>18:00 Wed</u> | Litter Scoops/Pickoffs Pre-Session | Substation 106, Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy |
| <u>July 18</u> | <u>19:00 Thu</u> | SARA Board Meeting | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd |
| <u>July 21</u> | <u>TBA Sat</u> | Technical: Litter Scoops/Pickoffs | TBA |
| <u>July 24</u> | <u>18:00 Wed</u> | Personal Rope Skills | Craycroft Pedestrian Bridge |
| <u>July 31</u> | <u>18:00 Wed</u> | Cave Training Pre-Session | SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon Rd |
| <u>Aug 02</u> | <u>19:30 Fri</u> | SARA General Meeting | SARA House, Hybrid |
| <u>Aug 03</u> | <u>08:00 Sat</u> | SARA Training: Cave Training | TBA |

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board meets monthly on the third Thursday at 19:00, and meetings are open to all. A Teams link for remote participation is included in each month's published agenda.

by Jason Schlueter, SARApresident@sarci.org

New Sustaining Member

Gordon Chapell has been unanimously been voted in as a sustaining member of SARA. Gordon has already moved to Washington and we wish him well. His record will stand at 613 total missions and 1,247 field hours. Gordon remained field active through his time with SARA (except while recovering from injuries!) and was always a respectful teacher to new members. He was a mentor to many in different areas of the organization. Thanks for everything, Gordon. You're always welcome here.

Board Inner-Workings and Transparency

With each new class comes new questions and new insight into SARA. We are considering bringing a new segment to our monthly meetings where questions could be submitted to the board and board members would be available to answer them. This may be an opportunity for new members to not only meet some board members, but to have questions answered that they may be too shy to ask in a larger forum. We haven't ironed out exactly how this will work yet, but in the meantime, if you have a question that you'd like us to address, please send it to private-sarabod@sarci.org and we will take it from there. At the very least, we will respond via email or schedule further discussion at a board meeting.

SARA DUES for 2024

SARA annual dues are "considered to have been paid" for those members that have been "active" during the previous year. Dues notices will list the status of each member; they will be emailed during the first half of May. During the July meeting of the Board of Directors, the list of those that have not paid will be reviewed, and their memberships are usually dropped.

by Mykle Raymond, mykle.raymond@sarci.org

IT STATUS

Multi-Factor Authentication

Microsoft has been saying for years that they will enforce multi-factor authentication for all users of its Microsoft 365 platform. This is a basic part of modern security and is probably part of your life already in some form. If you would like to set this up for your account now in order to not be surprised when they force it upon the organization, contact the saratechnology@sarci.org and we can get it enabled for you. This will likely be turned on by default with the next class and with new accounts moving forward.

by Jason Schlueter, jason.schlueter@sarci.org

Distribution Lists

We would like to remind and encourage people to send communications to distribution lists instead of directly to an individual. As we are a volunteer organization, there is no guarantee that an individual will respond to your email, even if they are a reliable contact. Our policies are very clear that family and work life come before SARA activities. If you are frustrated by the lack of response from an individual, understand that the committee email distribution list will usually get your email in front of someone who can respond in a timely manner.

Remember, the email list to reach ALL SARA members is ALLSARAMEMBERS@sarci.org.

MEMBERSHIP

New member orientation is coming up!

Orientation 2: Thurs, July 11, 6:30pm

All are welcome to attend!

by Amy DiMiceli, amy.dimiceli@sarci.org

OEC CORNER

The dates for the SARCI 2024 OEC Refresher Cycle B will be:

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Sunday, October 20, 2024

More information to come as we get closer to the refresher dates.

by Mona Johnson, mona.johnson@sarci.org

MONTHLY TRAINING

July's monthly training is Summer Skills. This training will focus on knowledge and skills related to heat issues and summer weather rescue. Bring your full rescue pack, your SARA shirt, and dress for the outdoors. This training qualifies as an "Other" sign-off for candidates.

July 13 08:00 Sat **SARA Training: Summer Skills**

SARA House, 5990 N Sabino Canyon

by Trevor Dickerson, trevor.dickerson@sarci.org

TECHICAL UPDATE: CLUTCH

by Joe Barr, Records@sarci.org

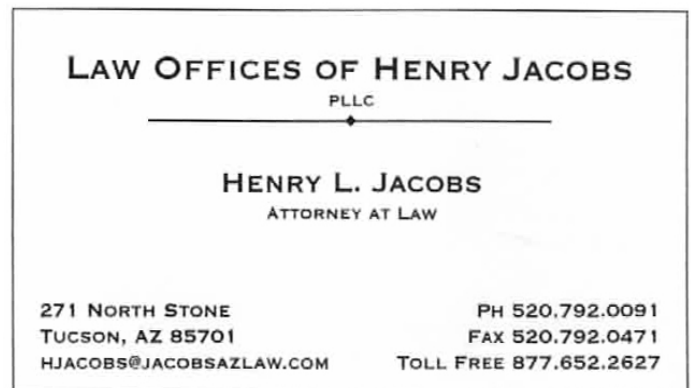
On or before July 1 (Monday) our technical kits will have the MPDs removed and replaced with Clutch devices. At that point, those without a Clutch Supplement will not be field qualified. Wednesday night was the last of many opportunities over the past year to complete a Clutch Supplement.

There are 15 members, who are otherwise field qualified that will be impacted by this. You will be shown as BASIC Qual (Green) at the end of this month. Please check your ERM "My Certifications" entries for "Rope Skills" are correct.

If you have a Clutch Supplement document (or Rope Skills taskbook) that is not reflected in ERM, please:

1. Upload an image of the document to your "My Certifications" in ERM
 - a. The image will be forwarded to Records
2. Send a note to Records@sarci.org.

I understand there will be an opportunity to complete a Clutch Supplement one hour before the SARA General Meeting on July 5. After that I believe a new (Clutch based) technical task book will be required.



TECHNICAL SKILLS CALENDAR

by Sarah Truebe, sarah.truebe@sarci.org

All trainings are tentative until they appear on the Master Calendar and are announced via email.

All Level signoffs are available at all trainings; field signoffs are available at Personal Rope Skills, Field Trainings, Tower Trainings, and quarterly major Technician Trainings. No signoffs are available at Technician Team Meetings.

This year we are due for our MRA Technical recertification, so stay tuned for prep dates for that recertification.

Clutch Supplements and Taskbooks can now be found under “My Stuff” in ERM. If you prefer paper to be able to view it all in one place, those materials can still be found on the SARA Documents page, but all taskbooks will now be managed through ERM.

The Clutch Supplement was due on 7/1/2024 or you will lose FQ status. Your overall rope skills taskbook reverted to whatever level Clutch supplement you’ve completed on 7/1/2024.

Any questions on the schedule or taskbooks, please contact Sarah Truebe (sarah.truebe@sarci.org) or Richard Hounshell (richard.hounshell@sarci.org).

JULY

- 7/05/24 @ 1830 - Pre-meeting signoffs - SARA House
- 7/10/24 @ 1800 - Technician Team Meeting - SARA House
- 7/13/24 @ TBD - SET FOR REAL for new technicians (tentative)
- 7/17/24 @ 1800 - Pre-session for Litter Scoops or Pickoffs - SARA House
- 7/21/24 @ time TBD - Field Tech Training - location TBD
- 7/24/24 @ 1800 - Personal Rope Skills OR Operations Field Training
- 7/31/24 @ 1800 - Cave pre-session - SARA House (NO SIGNOFFS)

AUGUST

- 8/02/24 @ 1830 - Pre-meeting signoffs - SARA House
- 8/03/24 @ Time TBD - Cave Training - Location TBD
- 8/21/24 @ 1800 - Personal Rope Skills OR Operations Field Training

SEPTEMBER

- 9/04/24 @ 1800 - Technician Meeting (SALT prep) - SARA House
- 9/06/24 @ 1830 - Pre-meeting signoffs - SARA House

Due to the extensive demands of SALT, there are no other signoff opportunities in September

OCTOBER

- 10/04/24 @ 1830 - Pre-meeting signoffs - SARA House
- 10/23/24 @ 1800 - Pre-session for Litter Scoops or Pickoffs - SARA House
- 10/26/24 @ time TBD - Field Tech Training - location TBD
- 10/29/24 @ 1800 - Personal Rope Skills OR Operations Field Training

NOVEMBER

- 11/01/24 @ 1830 - Pre-meeting signoffs - SARA House
- 11/6/24 @ 1800 - Technician Meeting (if needed) - SARA House
- 11/20/24 @ 1800 - Tower Training - 10001 S. Rita Road

DECEMBER

- 12/02/24 @ 1800 Operations Level Skills Classroom session (tentative) - SARA House
- 12/06/24 @ 1830 - Pre-meeting signoffs - SARA House
- 12/11/24 @ 1800 - Pre-session for steep angle training (tentative)
- 12/14/24 @ time TBD - TV Falls Steep Angle Training (tentative)
- 12/18/24 @ 1800 - Personal Rope Skills OR Operations Field Training

| 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).

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| Wed Apr 24 | <u>12/</u> <u>41/</u> 66yf ankle injury | Historic Trail, Catalinas | RMFD |
| 14:35 – 16:20 | A hiker was treated and carried down trail to an ambulance on the road. | | |
| Thu Apr 25 | <u>8/</u> <u>16/</u> 33yf missing | Orange Grove / Mona Lisa | Survey M3T M30T |
| No field times | IMT, drones, and SRDI responded to search for a mentally impaired woman. She was quickly found in a nearby car. | | |
| Fri May 10 | <u>17/</u> <u>131/</u> 2 hikers lost | Wilderness of Rocks, Catalinas | |
| 22:10 – 04:00 | Hikers started at Visitors Center intending to meet their hotel reservation in Summerhaven. They lost the Wilderness of Rocks Trail, east of Lemmon Pools. Teams retrieved them and hiked out to Marshall Gulch without problems. | | |
| Tue May 14 | <u>11/</u> <u>24/</u> 48ym hiker knee injury | TV Canyon, Rincons | Ranger2 RMFD |
| 09:35 – 10:50 | A hiker injured his knee in the first technical area upstream of the SARA Trail. He was hoisted to the Overlook LZ. | | |
| Sun May 19 | <u>20/</u> <u>59/</u> 32ym hiker ankle injury | Pontatoc Canyon Trail, Catalinas | Ranger2 RMFD |
| 12:20 – 14:10 | A hiker injured his knee on the Pontatoc Canyon Trail, near to the top of the second set of switchbacks. He was hoisted to the Overlook LZ. | | |
| Fri May 24 | <u>12/</u> <u>48/</u> 2 hikers low on supplies | Aspen Trail, Catalinas | MLFD |
| 17:30 – 19:20 | Hikers on the high Aspen Trail were served refreshments and accompanied teams to Marshall Gulch. | | |
| Tue June 04 | <u>21/</u> <u>70/</u> 19ym motorcyclist off road | MP4 Catalina Hwy, Catalinas | RMFD |
| 19:30 – 21:40 | A patient about 100' down slope was packaged and hauled up to the road. | | |
| Wed June 05 | <u>11/</u> <u>44/</u> 5 hikers exhausted | x7 Bear Canyon Trail, Catalinas | RMFD |
| 14:20 – 17:00 | Hikers got a late start on a hot and dry day. They hiked out with teams. | | |
| Sat June 15 | <u>18/</u> <u>83/</u> 3 hikers exhausted | Romero Pass, Catalinas | Ranger2 RMFD |
| 16:05 – 18:15 | Hikers heading uphill became exhausted and were flown to the Sabino Overlook LZ. | | |
| Wed June 19 | <u>14/</u> <u>82/</u> 73ym hiker cardiac illness | Aspen Trail, Catalinas | Ranger2 RMFD |
| 14:20 – 16:50 | A hiker was picked up by Ranger2 and flown to Banner Main. All others hiked out. | | |
| Sat June 22 | <u>18/</u> <u>73/</u> ??ym hiker ankle injury | Finger Rock Canyon, Catalinas | M30T |
| 14:05 – 17:05 | An ankle injury was splinted. He was able to walk up to the trail, and walked out with teams. | | |
| Tue June 25 | <u>8/</u> <u>18/</u> 20yf hiker exhausted | Wilderness of Rocks, Catalinas | Ranger2 |
| No field times | A hiker discovered that she did not have supplies to continue. Ranger ferried her to Mt.Lemmon Fire LZ. | | |

| 2024 Totals | Activities | People | Hours | Hrs/Per | Last 12 Mos |
|------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| Missions | 45 | 658 | 2698 | 4.1 | 84 |
| Trainings | 94 | 1669 | 6700 | 4.0 | 180 |
| Meetings | 46 | 531 | 1098 | 2.1 | 91 |
| Public Relations | 11 | 30 | 105 | 3.5 | 20 |
| Special Events | 6 | 71 | 928 | 13.1 | 8 |
| Activities | 50 | 169 | 810 | 4.8 | 101 |
| TOTALS | 252 | 3128 | 12339 | 3.9 | 484 |

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SARCI Calendar – 2024

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| Jul 01 DEADLINE for Clutch Taskbook | Jul 02 | Jul 03 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:30) | Jul 04 INDEPENDENCE DAY | Jul 05 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30) | Jul 06 | Jul 07 |
| Jul 08 | Jul 09 | Jul 10 | Jul 11 SARA New Member Orientation II | Jul 12 | Jul 13 SARA Training Summer Skills | Jul 14 Divers Training (09:00) |
| Jul 15 Teams: CME (19:00) | Jul 16 SAMSAR Meeting (18:00) | Jul 17 <i>Litter Scoops Pre-Session (18:00)</i> SARCI Board (19:30) | Jul 18 SARA Board (19:00) | Jul 19 | Jul 20 | Jul 21 Tech Training Litter Scoops Pickoffs |
| Jul 22 | Jul 23 | Jul 24 Tech Skills (18:00) | Jul 25 | Jul 26 | Jul 27 | Jul 28 |
| Jul 29 | Jul 30 | Jul 31 <i>Cave Training Pre-Session (18:00)</i> | Aug 01 | Aug 02 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30) | Aug 03 SARA Training Cave Training | Aug 04 |
| Aug 05 | Aug 06 | Aug 07 SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:30) | Aug 08 | Aug 09 | Aug 10 <i>Applicant Hike (07:00)</i> | Aug 11 Divers Training (09:00) |
| Aug 12 | Aug 13 | Aug 14 | Aug 15 SARA Board (19:00) | Aug 16 | Aug 17 | Aug 18 <i>MRA Tech Recert</i> |
| Aug 19 Teams: CME (19:00) | Aug 20 SAMSAR Meeting (18:00) | Aug 21 Tech Skills (18:00) | Aug 22 | Aug 23 | Aug 24 | Aug 25 |
| Aug 26 | Aug 27 | Aug 28 | Aug 29 | Aug 30 | Aug 31 | Sep 01 |
| Sep 02 LABOR DAY | Sep 03 SALT: Intro (18:00) | Sep 04 Land Nav Class (18:00) SRDI Meetings (On-line: 18:30) | Sep 05 SALT: CPR (18:00) | Sep 06 SARA Meeting (Hybrid: 19:30) | Sep 07 SARA Training Land Nav (07:00) | Sep 08 SALT: AZBasic 1 (07:00) Divers Training (09:00) |

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NEOTOMA COMPOSITE SQUADRON, C.A.P.

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PIMA COUNTY SEARCH AND RECOVERY DIVERS

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Meet 2nd Sun 09:00, details inside.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE

Details inside.

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