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SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

SARCI BOARD MEETINGS
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
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.

MICROSOFT OFFICE
Please check the IT STATUS report in the SARA section.

by SARCI Records, records@sarci.org

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Welcome to SRDI’s newest member – Gene Kenney! We are delighted that you came to join us.

Congratulations to Hagar, Gus, and JJ on successful completion of SRDI’s Obedience Test for Tracking/Trailing! This summer heat has slowed our progress considerably, but we’ll be back at it as soon as this heat breaks. We’ve had several visitors and prospective members join our trainings in the last couple of months – exciting! We are looking forward to the state gathering of K9 handlers up in Prescott for another multi-county training.

SRDI is participating in the 2023 Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle. This year’s Grand Prize is a new 2023 Ford Bronco Raptor; 2nd prize, two round-trip first-class airline tickets to anywhere in the world; 3rd prize, $5,000.00 cash. Tickets are $25.00 each, or 4 for $100.00. Please contact a SRDI member if you’d like to support our cause.

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, or 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:

- **AZ K9 Multi-County Training** Sep 2023 Prescott, AZ
- **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

In July, we switched our training to the SARA House due to extreme heat warning. We checked pressure gauges on pony bottles, our medical bags, AED and O2 replaced items as needed. Some of our members were diverted and responded to the rock slide mission at Sabino.

Please watch our plans for August, and September as training locations remain in flux.

SAMSAR trying to beat the heat by riding EARLY in the morning! Butts in the saddle by 6:30 or it’s too hot! Will be there in August to support SARA Applicant hike!

See ya on the trail!

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 CALENDAR

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM THE BOARD

As a reminder, these are the standing items that the board is discussing based on the feedback we got from our survey.

- 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)

The mentor program re-structure has been the primary focus because the new SALT class is upon us. Topics on this list will serve as an ongoing agenda item in board meetings.

CLUTCH TASKBOOK

The board voted to approve the Clutch Taskbook Supplement (attached on Page 7) as part of the migration strategy away from the MPD to the Clutch. This is a new, simpler piece of hardware that the technician team has been working with. The goal is to have completely migrated from MPD to Clutch in July 2024. Please contact JustinP, RichardH, or SarahT with questions.

ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS – INCORRECT GEAR ON SCENE

Richard Hounshell has put together an in-depth analysis on how incorrect gear was taken into the field and has proposed a corrective action plan. The three-part action plan (below) was presented to the board on July 20th. These are all simple steps that we should be able to exercise and teach to the incoming class.

- Implement new gear bag labeling that is clearer and accurate to current equipment. A few possible options entail: 1) adding military style luggage tags with gear labels on them, 2) fabric painting new labeling to the bags, or 3) replacing the existing stitched labels with new ones.
- Implement a maker/checker process whenever gear is obtained from a truck. This would entail having one rescuer gather the gear and another rescuer validate that the correct gear was obtained.
- Trainings and associated policy should be updated to include an element of where gear associated with the training is located. This would effectively create mini-truck-trainings as part of each gear-oriented training.

BOARD TERM LIMITS VOTE

We will soon be voting on whether to remove the two-term limit for board members. This would allow an individual to re-run for the board more than two back-to-back, two-year terms. This person would be able to add their name to the ballot list to be voted upon by the membership during each term and so on. Neither the individual's seat nor their role is guaranteed, they are only being allowed to add their name to the ballot.

I have heard arguments for both sides. This could create a stagnant board if the same members are consistently voted in. On the other hand, it could also allow those who are active on the board to continue to provide their services to the membership.

SAR HISTORY

Don't forget to download a copy of Butch and David's book on the history of Southern Arizona Search and Rescue. With Butch's blessing, we have a link to the free book on our main SARA web page. https://butchfarabee.com/download.html

SANTA CATALINA TRAIL PLAN

The final release of the USFS Santa Catalina Trail Plan is available through the Coronado National Forest website, or at https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1116016.pdf
IT STATUS
by Jason Schlueter, jason.schlueter@sarci.org
New members will no longer be offered the option of email forwarding. If you are forwarding your email now, this doesn't affect you at all. Starting with the 2023 SALT class, students will be required to access their email directly. I will be available to make sure people get their login information. This is an effort to "fix forward" our email, spam, and licensing issues exacerbated by email forwarding. For those that have MS365 accounts; thanks for continuing to use them and please, keep them active.
Remember, the email list to reach ALL members is ALLSARAMEBERS@sarci.org.

AUGUST MONTHLY TRAINING
by Trevor Dickerson, trevor.dickerson@sarci.org
August's monthly training topic will be Leadership & Risk Management. It will be held at SARA House on Saturday, August 5, from 08:00-12:00. This training is an orange card sign-off.
This will be an interactive and discussion-based session. We’ll consider the traits of effective leaders, various leadership styles and strategies, decision-making under pressure, managing risk for yourself and others, and the often overlooked (but vital) skills of followership and mentorship.
Come prepared to reflect, challenge assumptions, and talk through real-world scenarios with your teammates. Some activities may be outside, so dress comfortably and come prepared with sun protection and water.

What: Leadership and Risk Management Training  
When: Sat., 5 August 2022 | 08:00 to 12:00  
Where: SARA House (indoors and outdoors)  
Questions: Contact Amy Di Miceli at amy.dimiceli@sarci.org

Please RSVP by completing the form below. If you are a candidate, this training is a required sign-off on your Orange Card. It is typically offered once per year. https://forms.office.com/r/YgHDzUQp6f

EMT INITIAL CERTIFICATION CLASSES
by Henry Jacobs, 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
The dates for the 2023 OEC Refresher Cycle A will be:
Saturday, October 21, 2023  
Sunday, October 22, 2023
NSP has just opened the 2023 OEC Refresher Cycle A online modules. To access the modules, follow the steps below to register and complete:

• Log into nsp.org and use your username and password
• Click on Center for Learning at the top of your screen
• Click on the Yellow Browse Catalog Button
• Click on Featured Learning
• Enroll in the Online Modules
• Navigate to the Blue Learning Center button to launch the course

As last year, you will need to complete the online refresher before signing up for the Skills Refresher. Registration for the Skills Refresher will be open shortly.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.
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.

**August Monthly Training: Leadership and Risk Management**
- Saturday, August 05, 08:00 to 12:00 @ SARA House
- Contact: amy.dimiceli@sarci.org
- Sign-up: [https://forms.office.com/r/8AytALkX4U](https://forms.office.com/r/8AytALkX4U)

**Technical Training: Minimal Gear Rescue**
- Saturday, August 19, 08:00 to 15:00 @ TBD
- Contact: sarah.truebe@sarci.org
- Sign-up: see upcoming e-mails

**Technical Training: Personal Rope Skills**
- Tuesday, August 22, 18:00 to 21:00 @ Craycroft Pedestrian Bridge
- Contact: sarah.truebe@sarci.org
- Sign-up: see upcoming e-mails

**September Monthly Training: Land Navigation**
- Wednesday, September 06, 18:00 to 21:00 @ SARA House
- Saturday, September 09, 08:00 to 15:00 @ 106
- Contact: chris.yamanaka@sarci.org
- Sign-up: see upcoming e-mails

**TECHNICAL SKILLS CALENDAR**

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 / Rillito 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!

**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 Richard know (sarah.truebe@sarci.org, richard.hounshell@sarci.org).
We have slightly simplified the Awareness-level Taskbook in advance of SALT. What we have changed as of now:

• Removal of all “redundant” anchors. The only three anchors on the Awareness sheet now are the W3P2, Double Loop (Wrap-2-Pull-2), and the Tensionless Anchor (in rope).
• Rewording of some items to make signoffs clearer and more efficient.
• Adding rope tailing skills.
• Changing wording to include “Descent Control Device” so that as people do the Clutch Supplement, they can also fill out their Awareness taskbook (if you’re working on a new one).

Many folks don’t like the “memorization” (Static System Safety Factor) but I would like to remind everyone that knowing especially the strengths of our soft goods is really important so we don’t overload our systems. Long-term that signoff will look different than having to name a million numbers, but due to the tight timeline before SALT and our desire to be thoughtful in what we ask every FQ person to know, we haven’t changed that yet.

This new taskbook is on the SARA Documents page online. If you are currently working on a taskbook you are welcome to transfer those signoffs to the new Awareness taskbook, but please keep your original one and submit both until we have everyone on the new taskbook.

The Board has approved a Clutch Task Book Supplement that will be used to bridge the gap between the retirement of the MPD and implementation of the Clutch. The supplement can be completed without needing to complete a new task book. As with our existent task book, you can complete the supplement as either Awareness, Operations, or Technician as appropriate for your current level (or lower if desired). It is important to note that to remain field qualified, all members must complete this Clutch task book supplement by July 1, 2024. If you complete a Clutch supplement at a lower level than your current task book, on 7/1/2024 you will revert to that lower level of task book. Signoffs for the supplement will be available at all applicable technical trainings just as they are with MPD signoffs. We hope that you will work towards completing this expeditiously, so that we can begin the transition away from the MPD as soon as possible.

ACCORDING TO HISTORY

Bruce LaNoue was father to one of the subjects of ‘The First Search’.1 He spent countless hours and miles on the trails and ridges of the Santa Ritas, as an individual volunteer, doing what could be done until the three bodies were brought out.

He was there, the following spring, when then Sheriff-Elect Burr called a public meeting for all interested in Search and Rescue and said, 'We've got to get organized'. The meeting was in the first floor classroom of the University's Liberal Arts Building (now called the Social Sciences Building).

That same classroom was soon the location for SARA's first training class, and Bruce was there. Other notables in that class were Tom, Don and Eber.2 As for myself, I was too young for that first class but was in the next. The following years saw Bruce as an active member and in several leadership rolls holding together a young organization that could have easily fallen apart in its infancy.

When SARA offered Lifetime Memberships as a fund raising effort, Bruce came through with his required $100.00. He was in effect paying his dues in advance and helping SARA put together enough money to buy the first set of radios.

Bruce LaNoue died May 6, 1995. He was 75.

Clutch Taskbook Supplement

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Awareness

☐ rig Clutch
☐ safety test
☐ demonstrate proper operator hand position
☐ demonstrate hand position and action when “stop” is called
☐ demonstrate rope tailer positioning and action when “stop” is called
☐ tie off the Clutch

Operations

☐ rig Clutch
☐ safety test
☐ demonstrate proper operator hand position
☐ demonstrate hand position and action when “stop” is called
☐ demonstrate rope tailer positioning and action when “stop” is called
☐ tie off the Clutch
☐ operate Clutch on lower with a one-person load (or more)
☐ rig Clutch in a haul system and demonstrate Clutch handle position during a haul

Technician

☐ rig Clutch
☐ safety test
☐ demonstrate proper operator hand position
☐ demonstrate hand position and action when “stop” is called
☐ describe to another person what proper “rope tailing” hand position and action is when “stop” is called
☐ tie off the Clutch
☐ operate Clutch on lower with a one-person load (or more)
☐ rig Clutch in a haul system and demonstrate Clutch handle position during a haul
☐ rig Clutch in shark-fin position (remember redundant load paths – must use TWO webbing anchors but can use a single rigging plate because it passes the critical point test)
☐ operate Clutches in shark-fin position (requires a tailer to avoid critical point failure)

Technician Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Approved 7/20/2023
**CALLOUT REVIEWS**

*by Mykle Raymond, SARClnewsletter @ sarci.org*

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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).

- **Sat July 01**: An exhausted hiker on the Marshall Gulch Trail was retrieved by MLFD.
- **Thu July 06**: Teams hiked from Three Feathers and others drove in Italian Trap to locate and retrieve an injured person in the Chiva Basin area. He was transported out by vehicle while other teams hiked out.
- **Sun July 09**: A large section of rock fell from near the crest of Saddleback, and was photographed and reported by hikers. Teams checked the Phoneline Trail for hikers that may have been in the rockfall area. A helicopter checked the area as well. A drone documented the rockfall area without finding evidence that the debris had fallen as far as the trail.
- **Sun July 09**: A hiker became exhausted on the Oracle Ridge Trail. Teams headed to Dan Saddle in case she needed to be carried. A UTV picked her up at Dan Saddle.
- **Sat July 22**: A father and son were hiking the Aspen Loop and became separated. The father came out at the trailhead, but the son turned down the Wilderness of Rocks and continued past the Lemmon Creek Crossing, eventually getting off trail and falling in a drainage. He was not equipped for what he wound up hiking. A team reached him from the top of Lemmon as Ranger2 arrived. The hiker was assisted to the trail, then was hoisted to the Mt Lemmon Helipad. Backup teams returned through Marshall Saddle, and the Hasty Team returned to their vehicle at the Lookout.

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