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For Boats, For Travel, Autumn Is Awesome

'HOT' TIMES IN HAVASU

Two Exciting, Big Boating Events Are Just Ahead



IJSBA/VAST Photography

33rd Annual IJSBA World Jet Ski Finals

This is the most venerable and prestigious single personal watercraft event in the world. The invitation-only policy attracts over 750 personal watercraft racers from all over the world, converging in Lake Havasu for the World Finals.

Dates: Oct. 4 - 12

Times: All-day event; competitions start approximately 10 am each day

Location: Crazy Horse Campgrounds: 1534 Beachcomber Blvd.

Admission: Free to spectators
Contact: Jim Russell; 928-764-2210 x615; jvr@dsmevents.com;

www.ijsba.com/world-finals/

Direct URL: <http://www.golakehasvu.com/events/details/472/33rd-annual-ijsba-world-finals/>

'Thunder On The River' — Lucas Oil Drag Boat Races

Lucas Oil's famous professional drag boat



Joy Robinson, Parker, Ariz.

race series returns to Lake Havasu. Racers anticipate some of the fastest runs ever, especially in the Top Fuel Hydro category where speeds have already surpassed the 260 MPH mark in 3.3 seconds.

Dates: Oct. 10 - 12

Times: 9 am

Location: Rotary Community Park: 1400 S. Smoketree Ave.

Admission: Friday \$10; Saturday \$20; Sunday \$20; Weekend Pass \$40; Teens \$5 off; Pre-Teen Free with Paid Adult

Contact: Todd Taylor 928-230-1769; ttaylor@lucasoildragboats.com; www.lucasoildragboats.com

Direct URL: <http://www.golakehasvu.com/events/details/870/thunder-on-the-river-lucas-oil-drag-boat-races/>

LAKERACER LLC MONSTER BASH 2014

Poker Run Supports Lake Havasu Food Bank

FROM JIM NICHOLS

Welcome to the 2014 Monster Bash Poker Run on Oct. 17 through 18. Once again, we're supporting the Lake Havasu Food Bank, as our designated charity, so a percentage of the poker run jackpot will be donated and participants are encouraged to make any other donations of non perishable food at the event.

The Monster Bash Poker Run is little smaller and easier going event than our Desert Storm event in April, with a fun theme and costumes encouraged. Each year we've held the event the first weekend in November but due to Halloween's falling on Friday of our normal weekend, we've pushed it up a couple of weeks.



LakeRacer LLC

A Favorite

This is our seventh year for Monster Bash and it has become a favorite of our long-time participants and is growing bigger than ever. This event is limited in number and size of boats — it is for boats 35 feet and under, with special invitation to larger boats that

have provided special support to our events. We want to encourage those who feel the Desert Storm event no longer accommodates their boat.

Thanks To The Sponsors

Our Title Sponsor Teague Custom Marine plus the Nautical Resort, Nordic Boats, ILMOR, IMCO, Pirate Cove, Prestige Marine, Oregon Custom Marine and Domn8ter Powerboats have encouraged us to organize this event with their major sponsorships.

Fun For Whole Family

This Poker Run is themed for Halloween

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A 'Paradise' Awaits In San Carlos

BY FRANK JACKSON
PARADISE SANDS, SAN CARLOS,
SONORA, MEXICO

Yes, it says Mexico and despite what you hear, Mexico is as popular as ever with tourists, second-home buyers and the ever-increasing number of retirees slipping across the border in search of a better, more affordable "lifestyle."

Cabo San Lucas, Cancun, and Aca-pulco need no introduction as Mexican



RELAXED LIFESTYLE — The slice of paradise south of the border called San Carlos in the State of Sonora is slightly off the beaten tourism path, but in addition to its beauty and relaxed lifestyle, it has a beautiful relationship with the sea. Here are over 6,000 watercraft — from small sailboats to mini-megayachts — pleasure boating, whale/dolphin watching and, of course, awesome fishing that rules the day.



Frank Jackson

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ON THE COVER

Jet Skis Begin A Sensational Season At Havasu

One of three exciting boating events coming in October to Lake Havasu is the 33rd annual International Jet Sports Boating Association's (IJSBA) World Jet Ski Finals, Oct. 4-12. This largest single PWC event in the world attracts over 750 personal watercraft racers from many countries.

Another "hot" event at Havasu is the Lucas Oil Drag Boat Races, also at Lake Havasu on Oct. 10-12.

And, LakeRacer LLC's ever-popular "Monster Bash" follows closely at Havasu on Oct. 17 through 18.

This is definitely a month that sears a favorite Arizona waterway; any one of these events is worth a visit to Lake Havasu, whether you are a participant or a thrilled spectator.

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Western Wildlife

Here's A Chance To Visit And Learn

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Land Cruising

Bartlett: One Of The Southwest's Best Destinations

Bartlett Lake is a premier destination for all outdoors enthusiasts/Pages 10, 11



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DOWNSTREAM Events Calendar Beginning Mid Sept.

BOATING

LUCAS OIL DRAG BOAT RACES: Oct. 10-12 — Thunder on the River — Lake Havasu City, Rotary Park & Thompson Bay, professional drag boat racing, some of the fastest runs ever in the Top Fuel Hydro category where speeds have already surpassed the 260 mile per hour mark in as little as 3.3-seconds on a 1,000-foot race course, the best of the top race teams in the country battle it out, supercharged big-block engines, <http://www.golakehavasu.com> or <http://www.lucasoildragboats.com>

33RD ANNUAL JET SKI WORLD FINALS: Oct. 4-12 — Lake Havasu City, Crazy Horse Resort Aqua Stadium, competitors from more than 40 U.S. states and countries churn the waters to win a share of more than \$25,000 in prizes at the world's largest and most prestigious personal watercraft race attracting more than 750 personal watercraft racers, finals and free-style 10/12-13, 8 am — 5 pm, 928-764-2210 ext 615 or <http://www.ijsba.com/world-finals/> or <http://www.golakehavasu.com>

26TH ANNUAL VERDE RIVER DAY: Sept. 28 — Cottonwood - Dead Horse Ranch State Park; Develop awareness of the importance of

the Verde River, 40+ environmental exhibits, hands-on activities, live entertainment, sand castle building, animals, canoe rides, nature hikes, fish the lagoon, nature walks, \$6 per vehicle/4 adults, 9 am - 3 pm, 928-634-7593 or <http://www.cottonwoodchamberaz.org/>

LAKE HAVASU CITY: Sept. 19-21 — 42nd Annual Campbell Boats Regatta — North end of Channel, theme is "Campbell Zombies", dress like the undead and spare no gore, parade through the channel on the way to Park Moabi, 714-779-9115 or <http://www.campbellboatowners.org>

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

PETROGLYPH TOUR - HOMOLOVI STATE PARK: Sept. 20 — Join a Park Ranger, participants need to use their own vehicle, be prepared for weather and bring plenty of water as the tour will last approximately 3 hours and approximately 1.5 miles of walking on uneven terrain, 10 am, call for reservations 928-289-4106 or <http://www.azstateparks.com>

COTTONWOOD: Sept. 28 — 26th Annual

Verde River Day - Dead Horse Ranch State Park, develop awareness of the importance of the Verde River, 40+ environmental exhibits, hands-on activities, live entertainment, sand castle building, animals, canoe rides, nature hikes, fish the lagoon, nature walks, \$6 per vehicle/4 adults, 9 am - 3 pm, 928-634-7593 or <http://www.cottonwoodchamberaz.org/>

WINSLOW: Sept. 20 — Petroglyph Tour — Homolovi State Park, join a Park Ranger, participants need to use their own vehicle, be prepared for weather and bring plenty of water as the tour will last approximately 3 hours and approximately 1.5 miles of walking on uneven terrain, 10 am, call for reservations 928-289-4106 or <http://www.azstateparks.com>

PRESCOTT'S GREAT OUTDOORS: Oct. 11 and 12 — Watson Lake Park, Prescott; highlights many outdoor recreational opportunities, organizations, resources, equipment, and businesses in the Quad-Cities and beyond; e-mail eric.smith@prescott-az.gov or kelly.tolbert@prescott-az.gov

CLASSES/SEMINARS

AZGFD, CG AUXILIARY, PHOENIX POWER SQUADRON BOATING CLASSES: Ongoing (See page 3 of this issue.)

COMMUNITY

OKTOBERFEST ON MOUNT LEMMON: Sept. 20-21 — Enjoy a festival of German food and music in the forest at Mount Lemmon Ski Valley, free admission, \$5 parking and highway fees, noon — 4 pm, 520-576-1400 or 520-576-1321 or <http://www.skithelimon.com/index.html>

FISHING

FISH OUT OF WATER: Sept. 26-30 — A Unique Exhibit featuring Gyoatoku — Desert Botanical Garden, includes impressions of fish from local canals, rivers, lakes and ponds by using an ancient Japanese technique called gyoatoku, the exhibit celebrates the water that sustains present-day societies in Arizona, 480-941-1225 or <http://www.dbg.org>

HUNTING/SHOOTING/ARCHERY

CALENDAR OF OUTDOOR EVENTS: Ongoing — www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills Google calendar.

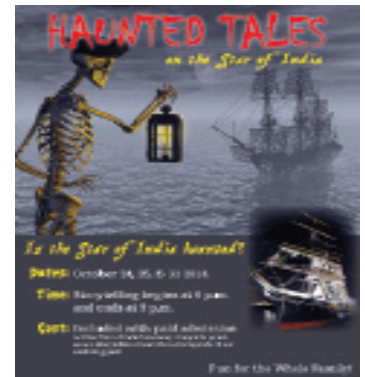
NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY: Sept. 27

WATERSPORTS

Swimming:
SAGUARO DIVING & SPORTS: Ongoing — Learn to Scuba Dive, Open Water Certification Dives, Private Class & Pool, Private Lake Open Water Certification Dives, San Carlos, Mexico; Lake Pleasant, and more; Saguario can plan your diving vacation for small groups or just one person. How about Grand Cayman, Curacao, Cozumel, Belize, Roatan, Bonaire, Turks & Caicos Contact Saguario Diving & Sports, 908 E. Impala Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204; (480) 507-3988 or sales@saguarosports.com

Swimming:
HUALUALOA TINFOILMAN TRIATHLON: Oct. 19 — Tucson; final race of the series, 825 yd pool swim, 12 mi bike, 3 mi run through UA campus, a USA Triathlon sanctioned event, \$60, 6:30 am, 520-670-0223 or <http://www.tritucson.com>

8TH ANNUAL POWELL TRIATHLON: Oct. 11 — Lake Powell Wahweap Marina, swim 1500 meters, bike 24 miles, run 6.2 miles or swim 750 meters, bike 12 miles, run 3.1 miles, USAT sanctioned, course covers a beautiful sand stone course with a great view of Lake



Powell, \$90 early registration, 8 am, 801-355-4940 or <http://www.powell3.com>

IRONCARE SPLASH & DASH + SWIM ONLY: Oct. 2 — Race 2 — Tempe Town Lake, presented by Triple Sports, splash 750m or 1500m/dash 5km; swim only 750m or 1500m, enjoy an evening of fun and racing with your friends, a unique event with a relaxed atmosphere that is suitable for all levels of athlete, whether fine tuning for that big race or getting your feet wet at your first multisport event, 6 pm, <http://www.4peakersracing.com>

SCOTTSDALE: Sept. 28 — 8th Annual JCC Scottsdale Fall Festival Adult & Youth & Relay Spring Triathlon & Duathlon — Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center Pool, adults: 250 yd swim, 9.5 mi bike, 2 mi run; MAXI TRI: 500 yd swim, 12.6 mi bike, 2 mi run; youth: 100 yd swim, 3.1 mi bike; 1/2 mi run MINI DU: adults: 1/2 mi run, 9.5 mi bike, 2 mi run, awards are five deep in all age & team categories, 6:30 am, <http://www.trifamilyracing.com>

TEMPE: Sept. 21 — 9th Annual Life Time Tri Tempe — Tempe Bach Park, compete in either the sprint, international, paratriathlete or relay waves (both sprint and international relay options available), Olympic (swim 1500m / bike 25 Mi / run 10K) Triathlon; sprint (swim 750m / bike 12.4 Mi / run 5K) Triathlon, 6:30 am, 480-299-1203 or <http://www.tempetri.com/>

WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

9TH ANNUAL WILDLIFE FESTIVAL: Oct. 4 — Pinetop-Lakeside, The White Mountain Wildlife & Nature Center, fly fishing, star gazing, live wildlife, birding, hiking, nature tours, wildlife art & photography, free, 9 am — 4 pm, 928-358-3069 or <http://www.pinetop-lakesidechamber.com> or <http://www.wmna-nature.org>

PHOENIX: Sept. 27-Nov. 23 — Mariposa Monarch-Monarch Butterfly Exhibit — Desert Botanical Garden, features hundreds of live monarch butterflies in a beautiful and lush habitat, guests can view these delicate creatures in the Marshall Butterfly Pavilion, a 2,400-square-foot walk-through butterfly pavilion where visitors learn about the magical metamorphosis of the monarch life cycle, 480-941-1225 or <http://www.dbg.org>

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Join us for the third Prescott's Great Outdoors! Watson Lake Park • 2014 Outdoor Recreation Festival & Expo

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October 11th & 12th at Watson Lake Park

Saturday & Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Admission Fee Required
Business and organization booth space available, as well as sponsorship opportunities. Volunteers are needed too.

For more information, contact:
Eric Smith, Parks and Recreation, (928) 777-1590 or eric.smith@prescott-az.gov
Kelly Tolbert, Parks and Recreation, (928) 777-1558 or kelly.tolbert@prescott-az.gov





KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Update your boating safety knowledge

Five Reasons why Fall is a great time for boating in Arizona:

- 5 It's cool enough that you can sit on your vinyl boat seat without getting burned.
- 4 With fewer boaters on the water, there's more room for you!
- 3 Monsoon rains have raised water levels (OK, maybe just a little).
- 2 Sunshine and warm days keep the water temperatures great for swimming and skiing.
- 1 Your boat's been FUN all summer...why stop now?

Enjoy Your Boat This Fall, Arizona!

Be a Better Boater: Take a Boating Safety Education Class. Class sizes are limited, so sign up today!

September 2014				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	September 20 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Department 5000 W. Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary	September 20 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Cabela's 9380 W. Glendale Ave. Glendale	\$25	(623) 293-1637
Arizona Game and Fish Department	September 27 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Apex Arms facility 2176 McCullough Blvd., Suite #8 Lake Havasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219

October 2014				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Coast Guard Auxiliary	October 11 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E. Broadway Rd. Tempe	\$20	(602) 550-8655
Coast Guard Auxiliary	October 18 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Cabela's 9380 W. Glendale Ave. Glendale	\$25	(623) 293-1637
Coast Guard Auxiliary	October 18 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Rd. Mesa	\$30	(623) 293-1637

Remember to "Clean, Drain and Dry." It's the Law. Together, we're working to stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species because boaters like you are the first line of defense!

CLEAN YOUR BOAT by wiping down all surfaces to remove water and microscopic hitchhikers.

PULL THE PLUG AND DRAIN all water from your boat. Make sure to drain the bilge and live well, and pump out the ballast tank. Leave the plug OUT when you drive home.

DRY YOUR BOAT and keep it out of other lakes for at least five days. Drying your boat thoroughly is the best way to prevent the spread of quagga mussels and other invasive species.



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Swim Platform Exhaust ports

Teak surfing, dragging and water skiing within 20 feet of a moving watercraft can be fatal!

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Treatment: Evacuate, Ventilate, Investigate and seek medical help immediately.

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Boating



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliaries Know Many Rewards

Captain Dave and his wife June urge you to consider joining this valuable organization.



BY CAPT. DAVE ESPARZA

This month's article is about the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and what it can do for you.

My wife June and I have been members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary for over 20 years. What the heck is that and why would we do such a thing for over 20 years?

The "why" is several things — the satisfaction of saving a life, educating Arizona boaters, giving back to our community, helping others have a better day on the water. What do we get out of this?

Number one is a free boating education about concepts such as navigation, weather, communications, search and rescue, to name a few. And, there certainly are more of these free classes

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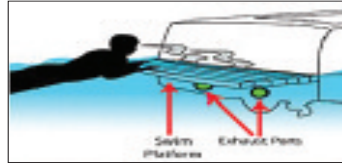
CARBON MONOXIDE

What You Can't See Can Kill You

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that is essentially undetectable by human senses. It is produced when an engine that uses a carbon-based fuel like gasoline is running. Carbon monoxide is a component of exhaust gases — if you can smell exhaust, then CO is present.



Carbon monoxide is also produced when propane, charcoal, or oil burns to power onboard appliances such as a stove, grill, hot water heater or generator. The most common source is the gasoline-powered engine that is found on



the majority of recreational motor boats.

For this reason, it is important to know the sources of CO, the symptoms of CO exposure, and what to do if you suspect someone has been exposed to this deadly gas for any period of time.

The Basics You Need To Know

You cannot see, smell or taste CO.

The most common source of CO is a

running engine.

Install and maintain a marine grade CO detector.

CO can make you sick in seconds and high concentrations of CO can kill.

CO symptoms are similar to and often confused with seasickness or alcohol intoxication.

Avoid closed-off, poorly ventilated areas of a boat when its engine is running.

Never ride or hang on a swim platform where gases accumulate when the engine is running.

If CO is suspected, open all windows, hatches, and ports to ventilate.

Move a person to fresh air if CO poisoning is suspected and seek medical attention.

See **CARBON MONOXIDE**, Page 6

A GEM TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

Arizona Boaters Invited To Port Townsend In 2015

BY RAY VOSPER

The 38th annual Wooden Boat Festival in Port Townsend, Wash., kicked off with sunny weather in the mid 70s and more than 300 wooden boats on hand.

This is not your typical boat show! There were no dealers or marinas or Alaskan fish lodges hawking their wares, not even the latest super kitchen gadget.

There were a few boats for sale and these were clearly marked with a simple plastic for-sale sign. As always, there were how- to classes, discussions with



naval architects, and a few vendors of all things nautical. There was a boatbuilding class for kids that sent them home with a pond sailer.

Well-Known Designers

Among the boat designers, Sam Devlin is perhaps best known as a pioneer in stitch-and-glue construction. There is usually a contingent of owners showing their Devlin boats and this year was no exception. My favorite might be the Millie Hill shanty boat.

each year.

Oddly enough, the first few people with whom I struck up conversations were from Arizona. (I guess San Diego was all booked up!) Did I mention the weather was perfect?

There were a few trailer boats on display at the waterfront-facing courtyard. This was an opportunity to get a feel for the different hull shapes and how they are



used. Long and narrow generally means faster and easily driven; wider for more stability. The compromises are what keep things interesting.

Some of the boats in the courtyard were built and finished to an incredible level — way beyond all but the finest furniture, museum quality really. As the winner of a classic car show, I admire the workmanship but the practicality is questionable.

At the other end of the spectrum were the century-old tug boats and other working craft floating dockside and slapping against the pier — tough old boats, indeed.

More Than A Boat Show

Being a festival and not a boat show, there was music and a food court that offered up some real surprises. Wonderfully fresh seafood, handmade ice cream, an espresso bar to rival any were just a few of the treats on hand.

Bar Harbor was a large tented affair with a stage for the music, a dance floor, and tables set up to enjoy your meal. Oh, and it's divided by a plastic fence into a family area and an adult area serving craft beers and local wines.

For music, think *Prairie Home Companion*, blues, and beach bar, playing well into the evening — a great way to unwind after a long day on foot.

Tickets ranged in price from \$10 to \$30. A membership in the Northwest Maritime Center has more levels than a cruise ship but seniors pay \$25 with a one-day festival ticket and other benefits included.

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Boating

REMEMBERING RAY DEFIR

His Adventures On The Water Are Still Amazing

DeFir had a shop in Phoenix on Cave Creek Road back in the '80s.

BY JIM ALLEN

Our thanks to Bill Wier, of Marine Wholesale, for reminding us of the passing of Ray DeFir several years ago. Wier also reminds us that DeFir had a shop in Phoenix on Cave Creek Road back in the '80s and that he was well known for his New Years Day skiing exploits.



Ray DeFir

"How many people do you know who can ski 100 mph on the Columbia River in the winter time? Or want to for that matter," said Wier.

Many of you may know Ray from his Rayson craft days. Before that, he was a pioneer in building his own mahogany in-board boats for speed and endurance skiing. We have included a picture of his 1962 16' boats with a 394 Olds that reportedly can still run away from the best of the new tournament ski boats.

In 1958 Ray set a record in the Guinness Book for water skiing 1000 miles non-stop on a 12 1/2-mile course on the Columbia River in 33 hours and 27 minutes.

This record has not been broken.

Ray's water activities began in Oregon when he was 13. One of Ray's first projects began with plans for a diving bell found in *Popular Mechanics* magazine. He and his brother built the diving bell out of a water tank and took turns walking on the bottom of the lake and pumping air to each other with a tire pump.

His next boat experience took place when he discovered a 38-man life boat partially buried in the mud in Smith Lake. He and his brother patched up the life



boat and used it on the river.

In 1946, in a war-surplus yard, he found a P-38 airplane auxiliary belly fuel tank that was flattened on the bottom side. He bought the belly tank, cut out the flat section, put a 10" keel on the bottom of it, and paddled his new aluminum boat around the slough.

It was in 1952 that he began building his first inboard boat. It was a 16' crackerbox design inboard, powered by a flat-head Ford V-8 engine (296 c.i.).

A few years later DeFir met Bill Lauderback who manufactured Lauderback Sea Skis and added water skiing to his list of accomplishments.

In 1956, he built his first mid-engine ski boat. It was a 16' and powered by a Ford Flathead (296 c.i.) that he also built. This was the boat that pulled him to Astoria and back, non-stop and that pulled him in his 1,000 mile nonstop ski run in 1958.

At 80 years of age Ray was still building boats. Ray DeFir passed away at 81 Oct. 21, 2011.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

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available to the members. As an example, I am a licensed Coast Guard Captain and that came from being a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Number two, includes helping other agencies such as the Arizona Game and Fish department, the sheriff's department and, of course, the US Coast Guard.

Here in Arizona we do not have any Coast Guard station, but we do have approximately 280 Coast Guard Auxiliaries patrolling the waters from Lake Mead to Lake Patagonia.

We save lives and help people every day that we are on the water. We stand ready and educated for emergency call outs such as 9/11, Katrina and the Gulf oil spill.

There is a very deep sense of pride and accomplishments when you are involved in these types of activities.

Number three is that we enjoy travel to other places within the state, country and sometimes other countries such as Canada or the Bahamas.

If any of these things sound like something that you would be interested in, it is very simple — we are looking for members as always from 17 on up of any background. In fact, one of our slogans is this: "We will except anybody — a butcher, a baker, a candlestick maker." For more information, you can contact me at anytime at bravohotel@juno.com.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary was sanctioned by Congress in 1939; we are one of the largest volunteer organizations in the world with over 35,000 members nation wide. Maybe you could be 35,001. Hope to hear from you soon.

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Boating

CARBON MONOXIDE

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Dangerous Gases

Carbon monoxide enters the bloodstream through the lungs by breathing in this dangerous gas. Exposure in a well-ventilated environment is generally not a problem. Brief exposure in a more confined environment can cause sickness and prolonged exposure to higher concentrations can kill you.

Since symptoms of carbon monoxide mimic seasickness or alcohol intoxication, it is sometimes overlooked as nothing serious and those affected never receive the

medical attention they need.

Tip: Maintain fresh air circulation throughout the boat at all times and maintain your vessel to assure peak engine performance. An improperly tuned engine is more likely to produce elevated levels of CO.

Areas Where It Lurks

To avoid CO, you should know the areas of where CO can accumulate such as inadequately ventilated canvas enclosures and engine compartments. If you are tied to a dock, be certain exhaust ports aren't blocked, which can force exhaust back into the boat and if you are rafted to another

boat, be certain exhaust from one boat doesn't enter the other.

Another way for exhaust to enter a boat is when a moving boat creates the station-wagon effect where exhaust finds its way back aboard because of circular airflow known as back drafting.

Trip Checklist For Carbon Monoxide

Make sure you know where all exhaust outlets are and they are not blocked.

Confirm that water flows from the exhaust outlet when motors or generators are running.

Educate all passengers about the symp-

oms of CO poisoning and where CO may accumulate.

Test the operation of each CO detector for proper functioning by pressing the test button.

Open hatches or canvas enclosures if CO accumulation is suspected.

When rafted to another boat be certain that exhaust flows freely into open air.

Avoid swim platforms or swimming around or near a boat when the engine is running.

Periodically examine the exhaust fixtures on your boat to be certain of proper performance.

Always maintain your boat to peak performance to reduce the risk of CO production.

Editor's Note: As you know, a day on the water can turn suddenly bad with little warning. So when you head out, ask yourself: "Am I prepared to handle an incident like this?" If you'd like some help getting answers, BoatUS Foundation has a range of boating-safety topics at BoatUS.org/boating-safety.asp — from marine communications to distress signals and cold water boating — that may help you look at your onboard safety with a critical eye.

PORT TOWNSEND

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The price is well worth it, and it helps keep the tradition of wooden boats alive. Many of the boats are older than I am.

Join Us In 2015

Lodging in Port Townsend is already booked for next year and is premium priced for this event. There is lodging usually available in Sequim to the west or Poulsbo to the south, both about 25 miles away. Both are worth spending an additional day or two exploring.

Hope to see more Arizona boat enthusiasts here next year.

Cheers, The Ship's Carpenter



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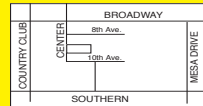


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LAKE POWELL FISHING REPORT

Striper Boils Are Just Getting Started

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON

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Striper fishing has settled into a predictable pattern over the length of Lake Powell. Each morning strider schools come to the surface chasing shad schools. The trigger is first light which makes shad form into tight schools following a night of happy wandering as individuals.

Shad feed on plankton after dark but do not maintain the school mentality in low light. When visibility improves in the morning, each shad wants to be in the middle of the school while those shad on the outer edge of the school bear the brunt of attacking game fish.

This daily ritual helps explain why shad like to swim in big schools. It also explains why strippers feed at such high speed. Strippers don't have to be real fast — just fast enough to get to food before their school mates.

Strippers often race each other during the feeding process. That is why a striper school can be within casting distance one minute and over 100 yards away the next.

We were surprised to see impressive striper boils on Sept. 10 morning despite the full moon. The need to feed on shad is more important to strippers than the unexplainable weirdness that generally goes with bright nights when the moon is at its peak.

The lakewide pattern is very specific. Strippers attack the first shad school found in morning light. That could be as early as 5:30 a.m. (MST) but more typically at 6 a.m. The skirmishes tend to be in the same locations each morning. Each boil is very quick and may last for only 1-2 minutes with a strong boil staying up for 5-10 minutes.

The key is to run at full throttle until multiple splashes are seen. When in casting range, drop off plane and cast as quickly as possible over and as close as possible to the swirling fish. Each time the lure enters the feeding school, it will be whacked by attacking strippers.

When the school sounds, the fun is over and it is time to hit the throttle while looking for the next boil. There are usually many quick boils in a favored area so the

run is not that far.

The feeding intensity is strongest from 6-7:30 a.m. and then it goes silent. The next daily feeding activity is at supper time as strippers come back to the top during the last hour of daylight.

It gets dicey when the sun sets and strippers are still feeding. Hopefully you can camp near the action. If not, make sure to have a GPS bread crumb trail on the graph to increase the odds of the boat's returning to the right spot after dark.

Those favored feeding areas include the main channel from the mouth of Warm Creek to Antelope Point Marina, Cha Canyon to Neskahi Canyon in the San Juan, Escalante main channel, Rincon to Slick Rock Canyon, and Castle Butte to Fourmile Canyon. I am sure there are many other boiling strippers that we do not know about, but these are the areas where recent morning and evening boils have been reported.

The best lures this week were shallow-running crankbaits with a white background and a chartreuse stripe on the side. We did well with a Lucky Craft Pointer in



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IN THEIR PRIME — Lake Powell strippers are in prime condition. These fat strippers were caught in surface boils this week that are occurring daily from dawn until 7:30 a.m. and then again during the last hour of daylight.

chartreuse shad and a Shad Rap in Helsinki shad color.

Top-water lures are so much fun and they get stroked and petted while in the boil. But, only occasionally do the strippers actually get hooked up on a surface lure. The opposite result occurs when a white Rattlin' Rap or a ghost Lucky Craft LV 100 swims into the school. Shallow runners are working much better than surface lures.

Striper boils are really just getting started. They are expected to improve each week from now until mid October.

At press time, lake elevation was 3,605 and water temperature was 75-79F.

World's Best Bass Anglers Heading To Arizona

The Bassmaster Elite Series Fishing Tournament will be at Lake Havasu in May 2015.

The Lake Havasu City Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) has announced that a nationally televised Bassmaster Elite Series fishing tournament is coming to Lake Havasu State Park on May 7-10, 2015. It will be the largest, most prestigious fishing tournament ever held in the State of Arizona with crowds of 5,000 spectators anticipated each day and a projected local economic impact exceeding \$1.5 million.

"We can all be proud that our prime fishery will be put in front of fishing fanatics all over the world," said Doug Traub, president/CEO of the CVB. "We expect that the entire town will be packed with fans who are here to see the top 100 elite anglers in the world compete for a series-wide top prize of \$100,000.

"We also thank all of our partners who came together to bring this world-class event to Lake Havasu for the first time. It's taken nearly two years of effort to bring the Bassmaster Elite Series back to the western U.S."

Thousands Expected To Attend

The tournament will be covered in a one-hour program televised on the ESPN2 and Outdoor Channel networks. Thousands of Bassmaster fans from surrounding states are expected to attend, as California has the third highest number of B.A.S.S. (Bass Anglers Sportsman Society) members in the country.

Weigh-ins will take place at Lake Havasu State Park each day. Entrance to the event will be free. The Elite Series has been absent from the western United States since 2010 (competitors fished California's Clear Lake and the California Delta).

"It's been more than a decade since a



Photo courtesy of Lake Havasu City CVB

BASSMASTERS — (l-r) John Galbraith, Bass Tackle Master; Mark Nexsen, mayor of Lake Havasu City; and Dean Rojas, Bassmaster professional angler, join forces at Lake Havasu State Park which will host the Bassmaster Elite Series fishing tournament on May 7-10, 2015.

Bassmaster tournament was held on Lake Havasu, and according to reports we've received, the fishing there is better now than the previous times we've fished the lake," said Bruce Akin, B.A.S.S. CEO. "In fact, Bassmaster Magazine ranks Havasu No. 20 on this year's 100 Best Bass Lakes list, so the Elite anglers are in for a treat next year.

"We're also pleased to be taking the Bassmaster Elite Series to Arizona for the first time," Akin added. "The many thousands of B.A.S.S. members and other fans in the region will be able to see the very best anglers in the world compete on a first-rate fishery unlike any they've fished on since the Elite Series was launched."

Anglers Look Forward To Western Venue

Adds Trip Weldon, B.A.S.S. Tournament Director, "It's always exciting to travel to a new venue because we see great crowds. Lake Havasu is a very unique spot in the country, and the fishing has really improved from what it was years ago. Our

anglers are looking forward to competing out West again."

Production of the TV episode will require the work of nearly 30 broadcast staff members in the field and studio. They will shoot approximately 70 hours of video to produce the one-hour telecast. Footage will be taken on the water, combined with aerial footage and graphic animation. The Bassmasters television show is among the highest-rated outdoor programs on air.

Top Prize: \$100K

The Bassmaster Elite series is the pre-



mier fishing league in the world. It is comprised of eight different tournaments held throughout the year in locations around the country. Each invitation-only competition fields more than 100 of the world's most elite bass anglers who vie for a top prize of \$100,000; the top 50 anglers during the tournament will receive at least \$10,000 each for their efforts. The series culminates in the Toyota Bassmaster Angler of the Year Championship.

The event is possible through the cooperation of the Arizona Office of Tourism, Lake Havasu City CVB, Arizona State Parks, Lake Havasu Marine Association, Arizona Game & Fish, California Fish & Game, Bureau of Land Management, Anderson Toyota, Frontier Communications, John Galbraith's Bass Tackle Master, River Cities United Way, Lake Havasu Athletic Booster Club and Elks Fishing Club.

B.A.S.S. emphasizes the importance of protecting fisheries. It utilizes two live release boats with aerated holding tanks to keep bass caught at the tournament healthy until they are released in their home fishery at the end of each competition day.

The CVB is heading up a bid to bring the tournament back to Lake Havasu City again in 2017.

Learn more about Lake Havasu City at www.golakehavasu.com and about B.A.S.S. by emailing Helen Northcutt at hnorthcutt@bassmaster.com.

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Recreational Boating/Fishing Leaders Send Letter to Congress

More than 200 recreational fishing businesses and organizations ask Congress to support improvements to fisheries management policies.

More than 200 leaders in the recreational fishing and boating industries are asking Senate and House members by way of a letter, to support key policy changes to saltwater recreational fisheries management in the upcoming Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) reauthorization.

The MSA is the primary law governing federal saltwater fisheries management. The National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) and the American Sportfishing Association (ASA) spearheaded this effort, which includes boat builders, engine manufacturers, and fishing tackle manufacturers and retailers. The clear message for Congress is this: Recreational fishing and boating must be an integral part of the MSA reauthorization.

Attention Has Been Lacking

Despite the social, economic and conservation benefits that recreational fishing provides to the nation, the MSA and the resulting federal fisheries management process has never paid due attention to how best to meet the needs of saltwater recreational anglers. The letter specifically encourages Congress to integrate the priorities described in the landmark report, *A Vision for Managing America's Saltwater Recreational Fisheries*, into the MSA.

Produced by the Commission on Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Management, better known as the Morris-Deal Commission, the report was introduced this past February to media and anglers during the Progressive Miami International Boat Show. The report is supported by the nation's leading recreational fishing and boating organizations and outlines the key recommendations that would benefit our industries.

Health, Sustainability Emphasized

Co-chaired by Bass Pro Shops Founder and CEO Johnny Morris and Maverick Boats President Scott Deal, the commission, composed of respected biologists, economists, conservationists, fisheries managers and policy makers, developed specific management recommendations for keeping saltwater recreational fishing sustainable and healthy. The commission advanced an innovative and results-oriented approach to marine fisheries management.

In a continued effort to educate Congress about the need for recreational fishing and boating's inclusion in the MSA, NMMA and ASA recently led a Congressional Boating Caucus briefing specifically dedicated to this issue.



Kate Crandell

Representatives from both organizations, along with the Coastal Conservation Association and the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, gathered on Capitol Hill to address Members of Congress directly and to educate all attendees about the importance of supporting recreational fishing and boating through legislation.

Considerable Economic Imprint

The economic imprint of recreational boating and saltwater angling in the U.S. is considerable. Anglers contribute more than \$1.5 billion annually to fisheries habitat and conservation via excise taxes and license fees alone. In 2011, approximately 11 million Americans saltwater fished recreationally, spending \$27 billion in pur-

suit of their sport.

That activity generated more than \$70 billion in economic output and sustained 450,000 jobs. Recreational boating in the U.S. is a \$36.7 billion industry and creates 338,526 marine industry jobs including manufacturing, dealers, wholesalers and services at 34,833 marine industry businesses. Recreational boating is a uniquely American industry as 95 percent of powerboats sold in the U.S. are made in the U.S.

Contributions And Information

Contributors to the work of the commission include the American Sportfishing Association, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Berkley Conservation Institute, Center for Coastal Conservation, Coastal Conservation Association, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, International Game Fish Association, National Marine Manufacturers Association, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership and The Billfish Foundation, as well as Bass Pro Shops and Maverick Boats.

ASA and NMMA are committed to continuing their work together on this important issue impacting both industries. For questions about the letter, Hill briefing or the report, *A Vision for Managing America's Saltwater Recreational Fisheries*, contact Lauren Dunn with the National Marine Manufacturers Association at ldunn@nmma.org, 202-737-9752 or Mary Jane Williamson with the American Sportfishing Association at mjwilliamson@asafishing.org, 703-519-9691, x227.



13-Time Junior Angler Champion

Thomas Orozco, 14, of Union City, Calif., placed first in his age division at the International Game Fish Association Young Anglers Tournament held at Shelter Island Pier in San Diego, Calif., in early August. Orozco caught and released calico bass, sand bass, mackerel, jacksnelt, bat ray, scorpionfish and midshipman during the three-and-a-half-hour tournament in which 150 kids, ages 6-15, participated. This young angler has captured first place for his age division 13 times at IGFA Tournaments.

What Does KeepAmericaFishing Do?

BY LIZ OGLIVIE
DIRECTOR, KEEPAMERICAFISHING™

Those who work on KeepAmericaFishing get asked regularly what exactly they do, besides send out emails requesting supporters to take action on a particular issue. With that in mind, they decided to write the top five things that they do at KeepAmericaFishing, things that their supporters might not know about.

We Lobby

Yes, it's a five letter word that people hate to hear but we lobby on behalf of the fishing industry and anglers alike, making sure that your issues are seen as important. A recent article said lobbyists were less liked by the American people than Congressional members. I found that appalling but understandable.

Lobbying is an important part of the government. A lobbyist is defined as "a person who tries to influence legislation on behalf of a special interest" and while that is a very simple definition, for KeepAmericaFishing it's spot on.

I prefer to say that we educate members of Congress on behalf of special interest groups, and that special interest group is you, the recreational anglers! This leads me to the next thing you might now know we're doing here at KeepAmericaFishing...

We Talk To Your Members Of Congress

As lobbyists, we are in the position to actually talk with your members of Con-

gress regarding those issues that are affecting you and the fisheries resources we care about, and we do actually talk to the politician or their staff. I preferred to say that we educate because when we meet with Congressional members we go prepared with facts, economic data and statistics on recreational fishing.

KeepAmericaFishing discusses issues with as much scientific and economic data as we can because in this day and age everyone wants to know how many jobs will this issue impact or what will happen to the local, state (and national) economies. A lot of the issues we talk about have a direct effect on something going on in your state.

For example, the National Fish Habitat Partnership has projects or partnerships in every state in the U.S.; this is helpful when we go to talk about supporting the National Fish Habitat Conservation Act because we can give examples of fish restoration projects in that legislator's own district or state.

We Talk To Your Industry Members

These, as you know, are the ones who make the line, lures, rods and other equipment that you use every time you go fishing. KeepAmericaFishing was created by the American Sportfishing Association, which is the recreational fishing industry's trade association.

We have good working relationships with our industry members and they want to see KeepAmericaFishing succeed - it was their brain child. Not only do we partner with the industry on premium items that you receive by donating to KeepAmericaFishing, the industry sees a different side on our issues.

They can help influence how recreational fishing is perceived on Capitol Hill or in your state's capitol buildings. Yes, they are business men and women but they are also anglers just like you.

We (Meaning YOU!) Influence Policy

We may be chatting with Congressional members but it's the letters you send in and the phone calls you make that

influence policies and management plans nationwide. At the end or beginning of each week in most federal and state congressional offices, the legislator will receive a report on how many letters, emails or phone calls they received on a specific issue.

The more they hear from their constituents (you) about a specific issue, the more likely they are to actively get involved or have their staff research the topic. If it is a topic that we have already talked with them about, then it is a reaffirmation that they need to decide how to

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2015 NHF Chair

This year, country music star, award-winning TV host, and former U.S. soldier Craig Morgan has stepped forward to promote National Hunting and Fishing Day on Sept. 27 as the event's honorary chairman. Morgan is well-known as an avid outdoorsman and also takes pride in serving others. He has made eleven overseas tours to entertain our troops and received the 2006 USO Merit Award for his tireless support of U.S. soldiers and their families. The Tennessee native also hosts the award-winning Craig Morgan's All Access Outdoors television show on the Outdoor Channel. For more information, visit <http://www.nhfd.org>.

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the sport. Headquartered in Birmingham, Ala., the 500,000-member organization's fully integrated media platforms include the industry's leading magazines (Bassmaster and B.A.S.S. Times), website (Bassmaster.com), television show (The Bassmasters on ESPN2), social media programs and events. For more than 45 years, B.A.S.S. has been dedicated to access, conservation and youth fishing.

The Bassmaster Tournament Trail includes the most prestigious events at each level of competition, including the Bassmaster Elite Series, Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Open Series presented by Allstate, B.A.S.S. Nation events, Carhart Bassmaster College Series, Bassmaster High School Series, Toyota Bonus Bucks Bassmaster Team Championship and the ultimate celebration of competitive fishing, the GEICO Bassmaster Classic presented by Diet Mountain Dew and GoPro.



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EXCERPTS FROM AZGFD FISHING REPORT

Widespread Rains Have Dropped Water Temps

Lake levels at the Salt River chain lakes did not rise as much as some anglers might expect, but there was enough rain to cool the water temperatures. Many anglers are reporting the bite at desert lakes had been slowing considerably after the sun comes up — get out early.

If you do brave the high sun, find the depth the fish are at, then see what color is hot. Be persistent when finding the right color — a simple change from a morning dawn Powerworm to a red crawler, for example, can make a big difference.

The Reel Deal

Widespread rains, and early-week flooding in the Phoenix areas, have generally helped drop water temperatures. Look for fish to possibly get more active. It can take a couple of days or more for the fish to get active again, but when they do you will likely see them enter more aggressive feeding patterns.

For starters, the top-water striper bite, especially at Lake Pleasant, should begin to pick up. Get there at first light or you might miss the boils. Cover lots of water and look for birds or surface activity. Try top-water lures, jerkbaits and flies. (Zara Spook Juniors and buzzbaits tend to be successful this time of the year.)

As water temperatures slowly drop during this fall transition, fish will move up in the water column, along with shad.

HAHWG Has Successful Summer Meeting

FROM DOUGLAS A. BURT
HUNTING AND SHOOTING SPORTS
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AND FISH DEPARTMENT

The successful summer Hunting and Angling Heritage Workgroup event drew 51 stakeholders, representing 28 unique organizations (both national and local), a cross section of work units from the department, three commissioners and a panel of event participants.

The educational summit focused on the state of hunting and angling recruitment and improving collaboration, communication and cooperation across many different stakeholders for on-the-ground events and activities that teach the public how to hunt, fish and about wildlife conservation.

National representatives from Wildlife Management Institute and the International Hunter Education Association were brought in to provide insights from national efforts. The key element of the event was evaluating three years of primary participant survey data as well as a panel of past attendees to ascertain their motivations, interests and experiences at the HAHWG events to further improve recruitment, retention and reactivation efforts.

For more information and updates, email dburt@azgfd.gov or call either (623) 236-7487 Desk or (602) 531-7578 Cell/Text. Visit www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills for a list of mentored events. Visit www.azgfd.gov/hahwg to learn more

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take action and whether to support the issue or not.

Legislators need to hear from you and hear your personal stories, like how closing an area to fishing will affect your kids and grandkids who want to fish there but may lose the opportunity and the family tradition if the area closes.



Top-water options will improve. This is a good weekend to try surface plugs.

Lake Powell

Be sure to check out the Lake Powell information in the full report. You might run into some of the best fishing you'll find this year for striped bass, smallmouth bass and largemouth bass.

High Country

In the high country, the cool, refreshing rain might just be the ticket to lower water temperatures that get the bite going there as well, assuming that associated runoff doesn't make the water turbid. Trout don't always like cloudy water.

This might just be the event to bring the trout into the shallows at places like Big Lake, Woods Canyon, Willow Springs and the like. Already last week at Big Lake, some trout were busting surface bugs in the shallows at sunset.

Community Fishing Program: Return Of Catfish

Deliveries of 1.5- to 2-pound catfish were scheduled to restart the week of Sept. 14-19 at the CFP "core" waters. During the hot summer months from June 25 through Sept. 15, there are no scheduled catfish stockings at Urban Fishing Program waters. Once lake temperatures begin to drop entering the fall season, then catfish stockings can resume again.

The core waters are as follow: Desert Breeze and Veterans Oasis in Chandler; Copper Sky in Maricopa; Red Mountain and Riverview in Mesa; Pioneer and Rio Vista in Peoria; Alvord, Cortez, Desert West, Papago Ponds, and Steel Indian School Pond in Phoenix; Chaparral Lake in Scottsdale; Surprise Lake; Evelyn Hallman Pond and Kiwanis Lake in Tempe.

Changes In Gilbert

Water Ranch Lake in Gilbert has been approved to become a special-regulations water beginning Jan. 1. Regulations will be catch and release for bass and sunfish and catch and keep for trout, catfish and other species. The lake will be stocked once per month. Until Jan. 1, daily bag limits will remain four catfish and four trout.

Finally, Freestone Park Pond in Gilbert will be added to the CFP. The Arizona



Game and Fish Department will begin stocking the pond in October.

Silver Creek Seasonal Trout Fishery Opens Oct. 1

This festive fishing get-together seems to draw more participants each year. This is the opening of the catch-and-release season (Oct. 1 - March 31).

Silver Creek is five miles east of Show Low on U.S. Route 60. Turn north off Highway 60 onto Bourdon Ranch Road for five miles to Hatchery Road. Then head east on Hatchery Road 1 mile to the Silver Creek Hatchery, park in the parking lot, and follow the signs to the creek.

Trout from this seasonal fishery must be immediately released unharmed — no trout may be kept. It is artificial fly and lure only with single, barbless hooks.

A seasonal fishery, Silver Creek is spring fed and stays at a constant temperature. Because it is not subject to freezing, it provides anglers ideal wintertime, high-country trout stream angling.

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Reward Offered For Information On Elk Poaching

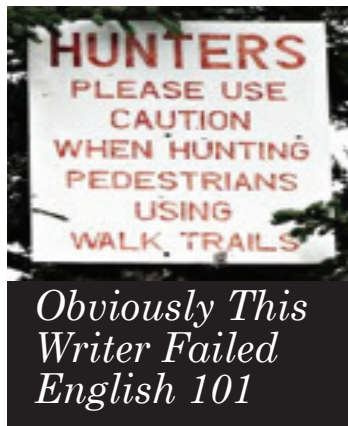
The Arizona Game and Fish Department is asking for the public's help in finding those responsible for the illegal killing of a bull elk over Labor Day weekend. The bull elk was located about a mile southeast of the Sky Hi Retreat subdivision near Pinetop, Az. The elk was found with the antlers removed and the meat left to waste.

"The poacher left this animal to waste, and we need assistance from the public to find the individual(s) responsible," says Mark Terrill, law enforcement specialist for Game and Fish in Pinetop. "This isn't the action of a hunter; it's an act of a criminal stealing wildlife assets and resources from the people of Arizona."

Anyone with information about this case can call the department's Operation

Game Thief hotline at (800) 352-0700 or visit www.azgfd.gov/thief and refer to case #14-002615. Callers may be eligible for a reward of up to \$750.00 in this case. All calls may remain confidential upon request.

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We Fish

We might not be out on the water as often as we'd like — is anyone ever? — but we are all anglers ourselves and can relate to problems that you may be experiencing in your neck of the woods. Whether it's spring, summer, fall or winter, we are constantly talking about what we caught after work or on last weekend's outing. We were active participants in our KeepAmericaFishing Day and some of us caught our personal best that day!

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Western Wildlife



Witness Endangered California Condors' Being Released To The Wild

Public release will be Sept. 27 at Vermilion Cliffs National Monument.

California condors will be released to the wild in the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument in northern Arizona at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. The public is invited to observe the release from a viewing area where spotting scopes will be set up and project personnel will be available to answer questions.

This will be the 18th annual public release of condors in Arizona since the condor recovery program began in 1996. Condors are hatched and reared in captivity at The Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey in Boise, Idaho, and

transported to Arizona for release to the wild. Condors also come to the release site from the Oregon Zoo, Los Angeles Zoo, and San Diego Zoo Safari Park.

Coincides With National Public Lands Day

The release coincides with National Public Lands Day, the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance America's public lands. National Public Lands Day involves the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and other federal agencies, along with state and local

governments and private groups.

There are 71 condors in the wild in the rugged canyonlands of northern Arizona and southern Utah. Only two other wild populations exist: one in California and in Baja, Mexico. The wild condor population declined to just 22 individuals in the 1980s when the program was initiated to save the species from extinction.

A Cooperative Program

The recovery effort is a cooperative

See **CONDORS**, Page 18



TAGGED CONDOR — Shown is a juvenile California condor with its numbered tag prominent. The bird is resting near the Grand Canyon trail.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT AND SUPPORT WILDLIFE

Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center 'Opens House' In November

The Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Open House is your opportunity to learn more about wildlife native to Arizona and other education programs the Department offers.



The Arizona Game and Fish Department's Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center was founded in 1983. Although the Department manages the facility, most of the daily operations are carried out by a small group of dedicated volunteers. The primary objectives of the Wildlife Center are to —

- provide immediate care for sick, injured, confiscated and orphaned native wildlife; and
- provide wildlife education outreach programs throughout Arizona.

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 22 and Sunday, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily

WHERE: Arizona Game and Fish Department's Adobe Mountain Wildlife Cen-



ter
Take I-17 to Pinnacle Peak Road (Exit 217). Head west on Pinnacle Peak Road, turn north at the first street (less than 1/2 mile) into the Adobe Mountain School. Follow the signs through the parking lot to the event. Address: 2800 W. Pinnacle Peak Road, Phoenix, 85027 To protect the safety and health of the wildlife at the center, no pets are allowed at this event.

Free Admission

FEATURES:

- Live wildlife displays
- Learn to cast at our fishing activity
- Boating law and safety information



- Self-guided tour of the facility
- Food, drink and merchandise will be for sale by the Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Auxiliary

MORE: To learn more, visit www.azgfd.gov/nrm/calendar_events.shtml or call (623) 236-7269.

WISH LIST:

Each year, the Wildlife Center receives up to 1,000 animals needing assistance! During our peak season (spring and summer), we can receive up to 30 animals a day. Most of these animals are provided with some level of care, rehabilitated if necessary, and released back to the wild.

Animals that cannot be released due to permanent injuries or other reasons may

become "animal ambassadors" for education outreach programs or exhibits. Staff and volunteers from the Wildlife Center can interact with well up to 300,000 individuals each year.

Financial support for the Wildlife Center comes largely from Arizona's Heritage Fund — a voter-passed initiative that uses lottery ticket sales to help support wildlife conservation and education. The Center receives additional support from public donations of money, time and supplies.

If you, your group or classroom would like to help support the Wildlife Center with a non-cash donation, the following are items we most often need:

Supplies

- Paper towels
- Plastic storage bags (quart or gallon)
- Dawn dish soap
- Laundry bleach
- Heavy-duty trash bags (30-33 gallon)
- Tall kitchen trash bags (13 gallon)
- Gift cards to grocery and hardware stores

Game Meat Donations

Donations of good quality game meat are also appreciated. We can use elk, deer, game birds, javelina and rabbits. Please

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Bartlett Lake Has A 'Zoo' Of Its Own

PHOTOS BY MARGIE ANDERSON

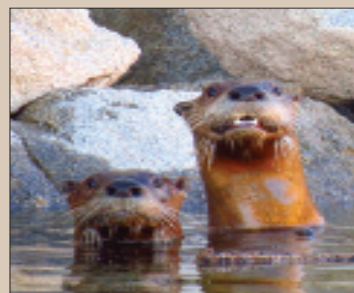
We all know Bartlett Lake for its fantastic boating, watersports, fishing, and camping. In fact, there is a story in this issue's "Land Cruising" section that highlights some of those activities — as well as the



Bald Eagle



Immature Bald Eagle



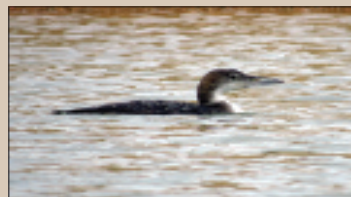
Otters At Bartlett Lake

lake's beauty and hospitality.

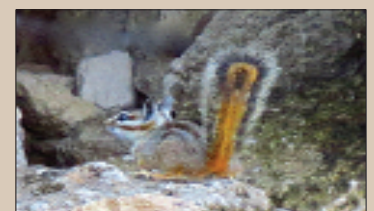
For some outdoor enthusiasts, though, the appeal of Bartlett Lake and area is the wildlife. Just recently, Margie Anderson visited the lake and sent photos of a sampling of some of the animals that call Bartlett Lake Home.



Pelicans



Loon At Bartlett Lake



Chipmunk



Black Vulture



RV Land Cruising



DESTINATION: BARTLETT LAKE

This Lake Has Something For Everyone

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Editor's Note: We were so sorry to hear of the Sept. 11 fire above Bartlett Lake Marina but join the Church family in emphasizing that the lower facilities are all open and waiting for you. Also, on your way in, please take note of the new restaurant that will soon welcome guests to a beautiful dining experience.

I've been visiting Bartlett Lake since before the road was paved all the way in. Back then, we'd go out at night many times during the summer because the night fishing at Bartlett was (and still is) awesome. We saw coatimundis, Gila Monsters, mule deer, and raccoons. Occasionally the tarantulas would be on the move, and we would see hundreds of them marching along in the dark.

Everything Outdoors By Boat

If you like birding, fishing, boating,



John Anderson With Bartlett Catfish



Fishing With A View

rattlesnakes. One day we were walking around on the shore opposite the marina and we came across a Gila Monster that was just basking in the sun. We didn't bother him and he didn't bother us. He was beautiful! We often spot quail and javelina — another reason to keep a curious and birdy French Brittany on a lead.

No Boat? No Problem

If you don't have your own boat, there is a full service marina at Bartlett that rents out pontoon boats, ski boats, jet skis, paddle boards, and even a 45-foot party boat. What a great way to see the lake! The marina also has a dock store and a convenience store, a full service fuel dock and pump-out station, bait, apparel, fishing supplies, Tonto Passes, and clean public

boats that they don't spook at all. We've actually had cactus wrens, a pelican, and hummingbirds come into the boat with us!

Ah, The Otters!

The otters are a rare treat. In all the years I've been going to Bartlett I've seen them just three times. The first time was way down in the river end. It had been raining a lot so we wanted to see how the river looked. It was muddy as all get out, and when we first saw the otters we couldn't believe our eyes.

Up 'til then, I hadn't known we even had otters in Arizona. I saw them once again briefly on some rocks along the S-curve, and then in early September we saw three of them in the little cove behind the boats in the marina. John chirped at them,



Bartlett Crappie Catch

and all three of them climbed out on the rocks and started chirping back at him!

And, Of Course, There's Fantastic Fishing

The fishing at Bartlett is always worth the trip. We like to start out with topwater baits like buzzbaits or poppers first thing in the morning. Later on when the topwater bite fades, we start dragging drop shots, split shots, jigs, or worms down points and ledges.

The bass at Bartlett relate to rocks for the most part. We have also caught plenty of big crappie at Bartlett on small peahed jigs with very small Power Grubs, mostly

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Good Catch: Bartlett Bass

hiking, camping, or wildlife watching, Bartlett is the ideal destination for you. A boat is a great way to see tons of birds and animals at Bartlett. From our boat I've seen bighorn sheep on the yellow cliffs, mule deer, otters in the river and behind the marina, bald eagles, ospreys, pelicans, hawks, and both kinds of Arizona vultures: turkey vultures and black vultures.

Besides the huge variety of animals you can see, the shorelines of Bartlett are gorgeous as well. Right now, since we've had so much rain lately, the mountainsides are lush and green. In the spring there are wildflowers, and there are multitudes of saguaros. They are lovely when they are in bloom (April-June), and once they fruit (late June), they will be covered with hungry birds.

I like to get out of the boat now and then and let the dog run around, but I keep her on her leash because we've seen many

and private restrooms. You can contact them at (602) 316-3378. When you call, you might want to also ask about their Boat Club — an excellent way to have a boat available for you without the cost of ownership.

Birding Is Fabulous

The birding at Bartlett is fabulous, especially in the winter. I've even seen loons there in winter. Phainopeplas, canyon wrens, rock wrens, Gila woodpeckers, cactus wrens, and many other species are year-round residents. There are so many birds that I can't even begin to list them here. The Tonto National Forest has a list that you can access at http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tonto/land-management/resourcemanagement/?cid=f3sbdev3_018779.

Again, a boat is an ideal way to go bird watching — the birds seem to be so used to

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IT'S A 'STAR PARTY'

View Nighttime Stars, Celestial Bodies At Kartchner Caverns

Kartchner Caverns State Park will host a Star Party on Saturday, Sept. 20. Come and spend an evening with your family and friends and observe the wonders of the night sky through astronomers' telescopes. The event is supported by Huachuca Astronomy Club and Astronomers of Verde Valley.



Welcome To Kartchner Caverns

Activities for the Star Party will start at 2 p.m. and run through the evening. From 2 to 5 p.m., the park will hold the "Afternoon Solar Viewing" where visitors can safely view the sun through a special telescope.

At 5:30 p.m., join us for a guest speaker. Then at 6:30 p.m., see planets, stars, comets, galaxies, and more through astronomers' telescopes! Participants should bring a red light and sweater or jacket.

Arizona State Parks' astronomy program has been in operation for more than five years. The program continues to grow with 10 parks currently participating. Video is available for viewing on our website

at <http://azstateparks.com/find/starparty.html> and gives a good introduction to Star Night activities. Learn more about what to expect and what to bring on this page.

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Two Guided Tours

There are currently two guided tours inside the cave at Kartchner Caverns. The Rotunda/Throne Room Tour is half of a mile in length and takes approximately an hour and a half to complete. The Rotunda/Throne Room Tour is \$23 for those aged 14 and older. It is \$13 for youths aged 7-13 and free for those younger than 6.

The new Headlight and Helmet Tour allows visitors to experience the cave as the discoverers did in 1974 using only the light provided by the headlamp on your helmet. This tour is currently offered only

on Saturdays, is a half-a-mile long and takes an hour and 15 minutes to complete.

Note: Headlight and Helmet Tours are not available for children younger than 10 years of age. The Headlight and Helmet Tour is a specialty tour and is \$30 for those aged 10 and older.

The Discovery Center facility contains exhibits on cave formations, cave life, hydrology and history. In the Tenen-Tufts Theater, a video presentation (15 minutes long) plays twice an hour. The program highlights the discovery aspect of the cave.

More To Do At Kartchner

The Gift Shop offers a wide array of cave related and southwestern themed souvenirs, gifts and practical items to meet the needs of travelers.

The Bat Cave Cafe is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for dining while at the Park.

There are hiking trails for the beginner to advanced hiker and a large, modern campground adjacent to the Whetstone Mountains.

Reservations, Fees

Reservations for camping or cave tours

can be made 24-hours a day at AZStateParks.com or by calling (520) 586-2283 between 8am and 5pm (Mountain Standard Time) seven days per week. Reservations are highly recommended for all cave tours. Cave Tour tickets must be picked up AT LEAST 1 hour prior to your scheduled tour time.

Kartchner Caverns State Park's Entrance Fee is \$6 per vehicle for the night of viewing, instruction and family fun. Kartchner Caverns State Park is located on Highway 90, nine miles south of I-10 near Benson, Arizona. Full hookup camping sites are available at a fee of \$25.

Our State Parks

For information about all 27 Arizona State Parks, the Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle Programs and State Historic Preservation Office call (602) 542-4174 (outside of the Phoenix metro area call toll-free (800) 285-3703). Campsite and Cave Tour reservations can be made online at AZStateParks.com or by calling the Reservation Call Center at (520) 586-2283. Open 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST. Follow AZStateParks on Twitter and Facebook.

County Parks Bring Back Free Camping Offer

Beginning Oct. 1, Maricopa County's Parks and Recreation Department will bring back the *Buy One, Get One* campaign. The campaign allows park visitors who pay the camping fee for one night, or more, at a desert mountain county park to receive one night of equal or lesser value for free at any of the county's desert parks during that same stay.

"This is the sixth year the department has offered the *Buy One, Get One* promotion, and it is by far, one of the Parks De-



Park At A Park

partment's most popular campaigns.

Not only does it help them kick-off the busy camping season, it also provides the department the opportunity to say 'thank you' to loyal local customers by offering a perk for camping in a county park," said Chairman Denny Barney, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, District 1.

To receive the free night, park visitors must contact the Parks Call Center at (602) 506-2930 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The promotion will be applied to stays booked between Oct. 1 and Nov. 10. Reservations that were booked online or before Aug. 20 are not eligible.

"While this promotion is not valid for reservations made online, I'd like to remind park visitors that they can still book their spring visit up to six months prior to arrival via the reservation system. The system allows visitors to take virtual tours of the campsites, view campsite specifications and reserve their favorite spots from the comfort of their home computers and laptops.

Online reservations may be made at www.maricopacountyparks.org," said R.J. Cardin, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Director.

Participating Parks

Cave Creek Regional Park. Located north of Phoenix, this park offers the illusion of being miles away from civilization. The campground has 38 individual developed campsites. Reservations may be booked by calling (623) 465-0431.

Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Located near the meeting of the Gila and Agua Fria Rivers in the southwest Valley, the park includes a large wetland area. The park also offers seven developed campsites. Reservations may be booked by calling (623) 392-3811.

McDowell Mountain Regional Park.

Nestled in the lower Verde River basin, this park is a desert jewel in the northeast Valley. This park has 76 developed campsites that are perfect for RV or tent camping. Reservations may be booked by calling (480) 471-0173.

Usery Mountain Regional Park. Located on the Valley's east side, this park is located at the western end of the Goldfield Mountains, adjacent to the Tonto National Forest. The park offers 74 individual developed campsites which can accommodate either an RV or tent camping. Reservations may be booked by calling (480) 984-0032.

White Tank Mountain Regional Park. At nearly 30,000 acres, this is the largest regional park in Maricopa County. Most of the park is made up of rugged and beautiful White Tank Mountains on the Valleys west side. The park offers 40 individual semi-developed campsites for tent or RV camping. Reservations may be booked by calling (623) 935-2505.

At approximately 120,000 acres, Maricopa County is home to one of the largest regional park system in the United States. The parks are located throughout the county and are all within a 45-minute drive from downtown Phoenix. Some restrictions do apply. To learn more about this offer or a County park, visit www.maricopa.gov/parks or phone (602) 506-2930.

Restrictions

Visitors interested in taking advantage of this offer must phone the Parks Call Center at (602) 506-2930 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. To make your reservation, select the park you are interested in reserving a campsite at, and you will be redirected to the park to book



AT ORACLE STATE PARK — Pioneer Family Kannally's Ranch House

Oracle State Park Goes For International Dark Sky Park Designation

Arizona State Parks, in collaboration with the Friends of Oracle State Park and the Oracle Dark Skies Committee, announces that it is pursuing an "International Dark Sky Park" (IDSP) designation at Oracle State Park in Oracle, Ariz.

The designation, when awarded by the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA), headquartered in Tucson, Ariz., will make Oracle State Park the first Arizona State Park to be so honored.

The IDA defines IDSP sites as "a park or other public land possessing exceptional starry skies and natural nocturnal habitat where light pollution is mitigated and natural darkness is valuable as an important educational, cultural, scenic, and natural resources." The IDA IDSP Program has three tiers to designate the quality of night skies. Gold is the highest award representing the darkest skies, followed by the Silver and Bronze designations.

Light Pollution Defined

Light pollution comes from lighting that is aimed horizontally or upward, is unshielded, brighter than it needs to be, and/or shines beyond where and when it is needed. Light pollution not only impacts the science of astronomy (an important business in Arizona), but can cause documented negative impacts on wildlife, the environment and human health. Light pollution wastes over \$2 billion a year in unnecessary energy costs in the United States.

As part of its work to have Oracle State Park nominated for the designation, the Oracle Dark Skies Committee has reached out to local residents, business owners and government offices to reduce

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NPS To Issue Interim Special-Use Permits

These will apply to the inner canyon of Grand Canyon National Park.

The National Park Service (NPS) will begin issuing Special Use Permits on an interim basis for organized, non-commercial rim-to-rim and extended day hiking and running in the inner canyon of Grand Canyon National Park.

The inner canyon is defined as the area below Tonto Platform (Tipoff and Indian Garden) from the South Rim and below Manzanita Resthouse (Pumphouse Residence) from the North Rim. Permits are being issued to groups with activities planned for after Sept. 15.

Rim-to-rim and extended day hiking and running, which also includes rim-to-river-to-rim and rim-to-rim-to-rim, is not new in Grand Canyon National Park but has been increasing in popularity over the last several years. The NPS estimates that up to 800 people are traveling in the inner canyon during peak weekend days in spring and fall.

Of that, 400 to 600 people are hiking or running rim-to-rim in a single day. The activities take place on the Bright Angel, South and North Kaibab Trails (known as the corridor trails). These trails provide diverse recreation opportunities for hikers, backpackers, mule riders, and runners.

Increased User Conflicts

Increased day use on these inner canyon trails has resulted in increased user conflicts. Other issues related to inner-canyon use include abandoning or caching gear on the trails, increased litter (including human waste), crowding at restrooms

and attraction sites, an overburdened waste-water treatment plant, vehicle congestion and crowding at trailheads, and general concerns over trail courtesy with other visitors.

Park rangers are also seeing an increase in un-prepared and injured rim-to-rim participants resulting in additional search-and-rescue responses, which then results in an overall delay of all search-and-rescue operations.

The NPS is currently revising its 1988 Backcountry Management Plan through the preparation of an environmental-impact statement. Organized, non-commercial, rim-to-rim and extended day hiking and running, are among the uses that will be addressed in the plan.

Plan Release This Fall

The park expects to release a draft plan this fall for public review and comment. Special Use Permits will be issued for rim-to-rim and extended day hiking and running to protect park resources and the public interest until the plan is completed. Park staff will continue to monitor this activity and any associated impacts and may implement changes through the interim permit process if necessary.

Organized groups, including non-profits, conducting rim-to-rim and extended hiking and running will be required to obtain a Special Use Permit. Information about Special Use Permits for these activities, including permit applications and fees can be found on Grand Canyon Na-

tional Park's Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/sup.htm>.

Generally, any group, regardless of size, which has advertised to the general public, required individuals to sign up prior to participation, or that has an organizer who has been compensated for their services, including subsidized participation, will be required to obtain a Special Use Permit.

Commercial rim-to-rim day use will not be authorized. The NPS will not limit the number of permits issued; however, group size, under a permit will be limited to 30 individuals, including organizers. A permittee or their organization (club, non-profit, group, etc.) will be allowed to obtain one permit per day.

Permits will include guidelines built on the *Leave No Trace* principles to help protect park resources and enhance the experience and safety of all trail users.

Interim Solution Needed

"With rim-to-rim and extended day hiking and running increasing in popularity, we needed to find an interim solution that would give us the tool to educate hikers and runners on best practices until we have a longer-term solution in place," stated Park Superintendent Dave Uberuaga.

Park rangers encourage all visitors who are planning a hike in Grand Canyon National Park to learn more about Trail Courtesy Practices That Leave No Trace and How to Hike Smart. Information about these practices can help save park re-



CROWDED CANYON – The National Park Service (NPS) is addressing some of the problems created by increased day use on inner canyon trails. Crowding at restrooms and attraction sites are just two examples of the issues that interim special-use permits are intended to relieve.

sources and lives, and can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/courtesy.htm> and <http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/hike-tips.htm>.

All inner canyon users are encouraged to participate in the planning process for Grand Canyon's Backcountry Management Plan. To follow the process click on the National Park Service's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/grca>.

For questions about Special Use Permits, please call (928) 638-7707.

Castle Dome Three-Stamp Mill Restoration Explained

This is the second of a two-part series about the exhibit in the Cave Creek Museum.

BY CHARLIE CONNELL

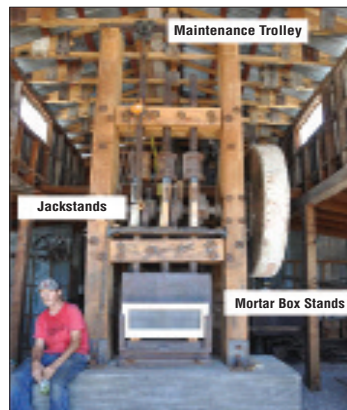
Editor's Note: Space limitations have prevented our including all of the excellent and educational photos sent by Connell. As many as could be accommodated are included with this story, but the full set will soon be available online at westernoutdoortimes.com.

Overview

The mill is about 90 percent complete. Most of the parts were on the mill, but some of the components needed to be added to the original mill. This article will go over some of the important missing parts and what their function is on the stamp mill.

The crew left Phoenix at 05:00 and arrived at Castle Dome at about 08:00. The group consisted of Allen Armstrong, owner of Castle Dome and Millman in training; Charlie Connell, Millwright and project lead; Roger Camplin, Millwright for Cossak 20-Stamp Mill, Superstition Mountain and other projects; Chuck Messersmith, Millman at the Cossak 20-stamp mill at Superstition Mountain and other projects; and Hank Smith, Millman at the Golden Reef 10-Stamp Mill at Cave Creek Museum and expert single-cylinder engine mechanic.

The following work was completed in mid-August with the outside temperature of 107° F. The function and purpose of each of the components worked on will be discussed in this issue.



Maintenance Trolley

This is a very important device that allows the operators to perform maintenance on the stamp mill including removing the



stamps, camshaft and changing the shoes on the end of the stamps. The components are too heavy to be lifted by hand, so the trolley and chainfall make it possible to lift and move the components.

Mortar Box Screen

Most of the free milling gold is very

small and you need to crush it down to the consistency of sand and the screen only allows the small particles to pass to the

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CASTLE DOME

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sluice table.

Jackstands

There were no jackstands with the mill when it was obtained. The jackstands are devices that hold the stamp tappets above the rotating cams when the mill is started up.

Lunch Break

The team stopped at about noon to take a break and get some lunch. They retired to the "cabin," one of the few buildings that has air conditioning. As you remember, Castle Dome is totally off the grid and all power comes from the solar panels and the wind generators that are on site. After a relaxing time, the crew went back to work.

Stamp Operations

You cannot start the mill with the

stamps engaged, since it takes too much energy to start lifting the stamps from a dead stop. The following are the operational terms used for starting and stopping the mill:

To start the mill you "drop" the stamps and to stop the mill, you "latch" the stamps. A device called a "key" is used to start and stop the mill.

Jackshaft

The jackshaft is an important device that reduces the engine RPM down to the speed that is recommended for an operating stamp mill. It is basically a shaft that has a different size pulley on each end and connects the engine (driver) to the bull wheel through this shaft.

These pulley arrangements were used extensively in the early days of the stamp mill to adjust the speed for various components that the engine would power. Many times they had only one engine and it had to supply power to a primary crusher



at about 250 RPM, a shaker table at about 40 RPM and the mill at 60 RPM. This was all achieved through the use of jackshafts and pulley arrangements.

Dies

The dies are steel devices that are installed in the bottom of the mortar box. They act as an anvil that the hammers (stamps) hit on to crush the ore. This machine did not have dies when it was acquired.

Originally they were made from cast steel, but there were no foundries in the area that could forge the dies. Instead, 6 1/2" bar stock about 3" thick was used and welded onto a 1" square plate to make the base. The three dies were installed in the bottom of the mortar box as shown below.



is in running condition. This is more than adequate to operate the 3-stamp mill and is about the same age as the stamp mill.

Normally it takes a little over 1 horse. In this case, you would need about 4 Hp to run this mill.

Originally, many of the mills used



Stamp Mill Engine

This engine was obtained from Huntington, W.Va., and is a 12 Hp Witt single cylinder engine that had been restored and



Steam Engines or Pelton water wheels to run the mills. There was not always wood or water to run these engines, so they used single cylinder "hit-miss" engines to run the smaller mills.

This particular area has no water and wood is very scarce so it would have been a good candidate to supply power to the 3-stamp mill.

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chartreuse and/or root beer. For the crap-pie, just watch your graph. They are all over the lake.

Catfish are also abundant at Bartlett. The big flatheads like to eat other fish, and in fact, one that weighed nearly 77 pounds was caught near the yellow cliffs in April of 2013. It took a live 2-pound carp. We've pulled big ones in on plastic worms! You can also try various kinds of stink baits.

Easy To Get To

Bartlett is easy to get to, and it's only 20 miles east of Carefree. From Carefree, take the Cave Creek Road/Forest Road (FR) 24 to the Bartlett Road/FR 19 junction. Turn right on this paved highway; it is 13 miles to the reservoir.

Great Place For Casual Camping

Camping at Bartlett is casual – there are areas at SB Cove and Bartlett Flat where you can pitch a tent or park an RV, but there are no potable water, no hook-ups, and only vault and portable toilets.

Bartlett Flat

To get to Bartlett Flat, turn left onto FR 459 just before the entrance to the main boat ramp and parking lot at the lake. Continue on FR 459 (a paved, low-speed road) for 3 miles, then for an additional ½-mile on an unpaved road to the site. You'll pass the SB site on the way. The road to SB is paved all the way.

RVs are allowed, but the ranger suggests you check it out before you bring your rig out. Weather can change the terrain quite a bit, and all the camping areas are dirt.

Rattlesnake Cove

The Rattlesnake Cove site is a day-use area with a fishing dock, picnic tables, shade, etc. Any size RV is fine there because the parking lot is paved, but you can't camp there overnight. At SB Cove, the ranger recommends a 16-foot limit on trailers and RVs. At the Yellow Cliffs area he says you can often park up to a 32-foot RV, but again, check before you venture in.

JoJoba Site

The JoJoba site has a boat ramp as well as dispersed camping. All of the camping areas have a 14-day stay limit, and the only fee is the \$6/per day per vehicle Tonto fee. A boat trailer is \$4 more, but a camping trailer is considered part of the vehicle so you don't have to pay any extra.

Tonto Pass

You have to have the Tonto Pass displayed on your vehicle. You can get passes at many stores in Phoenix, online at http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tonto/pass-permits/recreation/?cid=fsbdev3_018751, at the marina, and at the Ranger Station.

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Handicapped Accessible

All permanent restroom facilities are handicapped accessible. The fishing dock located in Rattlesnake Cove is fully accessible during high water and is equipped with lighting for night fishing. Courtesy docks at both ramps are accessible; however side rails are not available. The marina is also fully accessible.

Maps

For \$9 you can get a map of the Tonto National Forest that shows camping and recreation sites for six lakes: Bartlett, Horseshoe, Saguaro, Canyon, Apache, and Roosevelt. It includes Forest Service Roads (FR) and trails. You can get one at the Forest Supervisor's Office 2324 E. McDowell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85006. Call them at (602) 225-5200.



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(By the way, the Allens told me that Bartlett Lake was the ideal spot for their granddaughter's 18th birthday party in August. She and her friends were enthusiastic about the aqua lodges, the pontoon boats, the party boat, the staff at the marina, and overall, their fantastic time on the lake.)

FREE CAMPING

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your reservation. Reservations may also be made by contacting the parks directly.

Offer not valid for group campground reservations or unit fees.

Limit of one free night per family, household and/or group in a seven day period (Monday through Sunday).

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or eliminate local sources of light pollution. Everyone can help Oracle State Park "Go for the Gold."

About Oracle State Park

Oracle State Park is located northeast of Tucson in the northern foothills of the Catalina Mountains. The Park is a 4,000-acre wildlife refuge, environmental education center and day-use recreation park.

The Park features a diversity of animals, plant species and rock formations. There are also oak tree-shaded washes, mesquite scrub habitats and riparian woodlands with manzanita and beargrass. On weekdays, the park has school pro-

Credits will not be issued to individuals who reserved campsites prior to Aug. 20, 2014 for the Oct. 1 through Nov. 10 timeframe. However, this offer is valid on new reservations if individuals decide to extend their stay to take advantage of the promotion.

Offer not valid at Lake Pleasant Regional Park.

Offer is only valid for camping stays between Oct. 1 through Nov. 10, 2014.

grams by reservation by calling (520) 896-2425 and on weekends is open for hiking, offers tours of the Kannally Ranch House and holds events. Group facilities are also available for weddings and other group gatherings.

The Park Entrance Fee is \$7 per vehicle for up to four adults. For more information about Oracle State Park call (520) 896-2425 or visit AZStateParks.com/parks/ORAC.

For more information, contact Mike Weasner, chair, Oracle Dark Skies Committee, [mweasner\(at\)mac.com](mailto:mweasner(at)mac.com) or call (520) 289-3402. Information on the IDA "International Dark Sky Park" Program is available at <http://www.darksky.org/component/content/article?id=86>.






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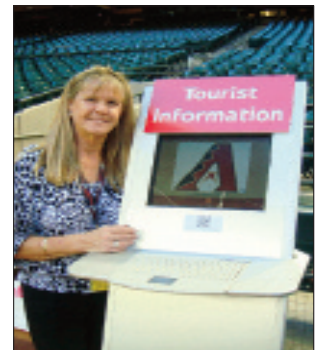
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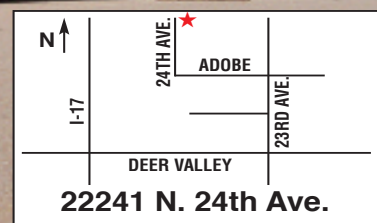
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More Information And To Get There
To reach the Vermilion Cliffs, take Highway 89A from Kanab or Page to the Vermilion Cliffs (from Flagstaff take Highway 89 to Highway 89A). Turn north onto BLM Road 1065 (a dirt road next to the small house just east of the Kaibab Plateau) and continue almost 3 miles. Par-

ticipants are encouraged to bring a spotting scope or binoculars, sunscreen, water and snack. Shade and restroom facilities are available.
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– Jim and Carol Allen



Sharon Elizabeth Taylor Thompson
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Susan Coffin Johnson
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REMEMBERING TWO DEAR FRIENDS – I send condolences to the families of two special women: Sharon Thompson, who was an important part of my family's life in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and Susan Johnson, who was a good friend and sorority sister during my years at Washington State University.

– Carol Allen

MEETING

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about the Hunting and Angling Heritage Workgroup

"...The conservation of natural resources is the fundamental problem. Unless we solve that problem it will avail us little to solve all others." — President Theodore Roosevelt, 1907

"When you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em, 'Certainly I can!' Then get busy and find out how to do it." — Theodore Roosevelt

POKER RUN

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to make it fun for the whole family. Included in this event is an opportunity for a holiday photo of each boat in front of the London Bridge. These will be included on an event photo CD to be mailed out after the event.

For the last few years we have held an open house and welcome party on Thurs-

day and would like to do it again, we'll let you know as the planning firms up.

We'll have our Friday Lunch Run and evening reception/registration party. Saturday is full with the Poker Run and we'll top off the event with an awards costume party Saturday night in the Nautical Conference Center.

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SAN CARLOS

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destinations as they are well-known and traveled by foreigners. The slice of paradise south of the border called San Carlos in the State of Sonora is slightly off the beaten tourism path compared to those aforementioned. Once you find it, you will understand why San Carlos has taken the road less traveled and catered to foreigners as part-time or full-time residents rather than going after the "weekend warrior" crowd.

Boasting some of the most amazing "land and sea scape" anywhere, this tiny village by the sea screams "lifestyle." With approximately 10,000 property owners and the actual number of inhabitants varying depending on the season, about two thirds of the owners are Americans and Canadians who cherish their "lifestyle" in the San Carlos paradise.

Sand, surf and sun describe the affiliation with the calm, blue ocean while majestic mountains provide the backdrop on this masterpiece. With a tagline of "Where the Desert Meets the Sea," the cactus flowers lead from the mountain tops to the water's edge as if a direction is needed.

But here "lifestyle" only begins with the beauty of the area. Morning and sunset walks on the beach, saluting the dolphins as they pass along the shore and entertaining the seagulls and pelicans are a daily occurrence. Cafes, bistros and restaurants, road-side taco stands are ready to serve delicious Mexican fare, including world-class Sonoran beef that rates above the high standard of Argentina beef. The seafood is so fresh you may see the pelican waiting for a tasty morsel as he follows from the point of catch to your house in anticipation.

Beautiful land/seascape, perfect weather, great food and relaxation are keys to creating our signature "lifestyle" but here it is all about the water. There are over 6,000 watercraft — from small sailboats to mini-megayachts — pleasure boating, whale/dolphin watching and, of course, awesome fishing that rules the day.

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