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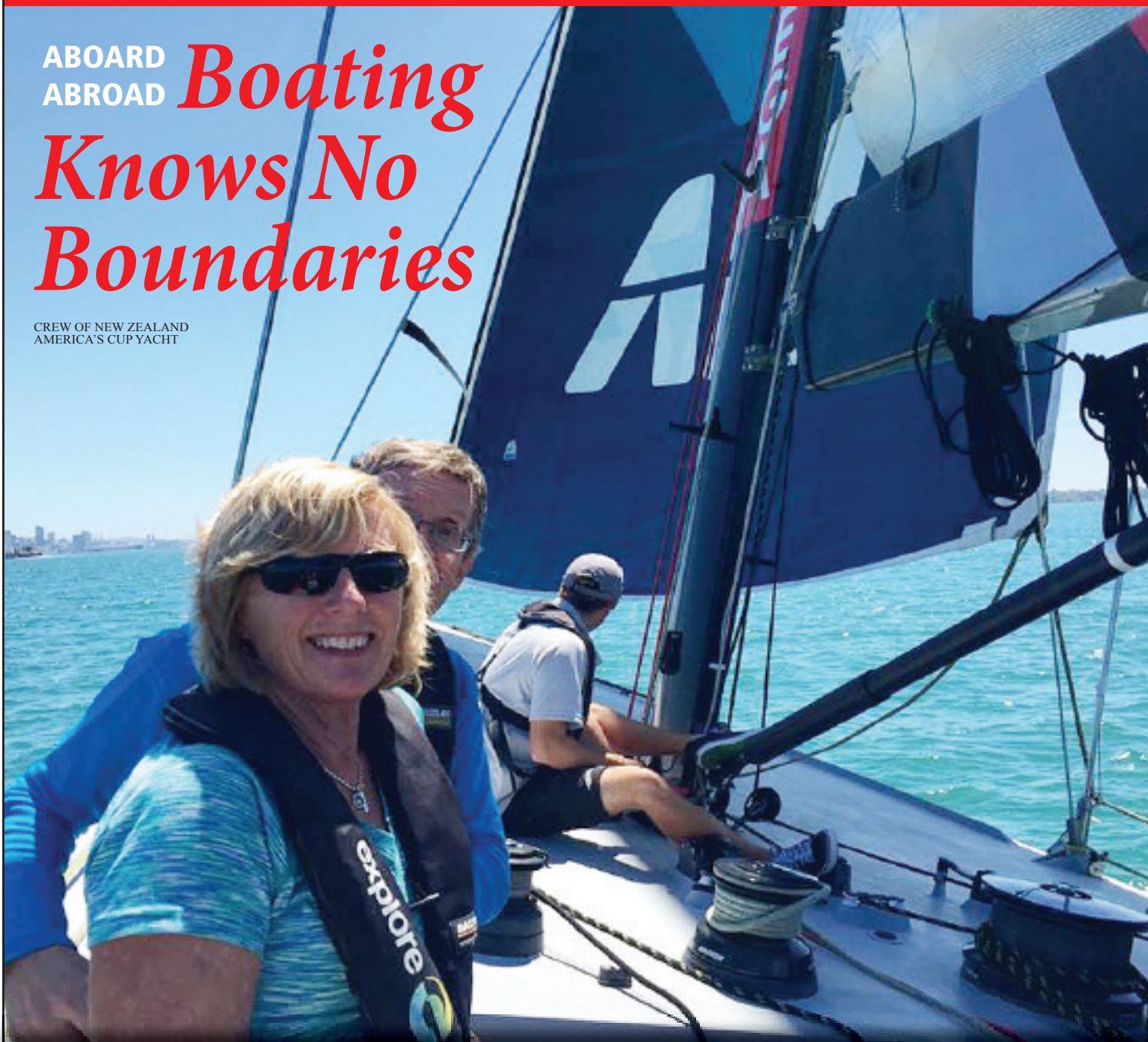
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ON THE COVER

Boating Is A Universal Favorite

Jill and Tim Russell of Tempe, Ariz., — along with about 15 others and four crew — recently took a two-hour sail on this America's Cup yacht. The New Zealand yacht is the one that competed in the America's Cup finals in 2007 and that is now in the Auckland harbor.

Boating, as we know, is a favorite sport worldwide — from international cup competitions to performance-boats thrills to local family outings and fishing events. Here in Arizona, we are being treated to two magnificent boat shows this spring: the one that is part of the International Sportsmen's Expo this month, and the one at Lake Havasu in April.

See you on the water!

Boats, Yes! 'But Wait; There's More'! Lake Havasu Boat Show Primed To Deliver More Than Ever Before

Arizona's largest boat show is set for April 10-12.

The count-down to the 24th Annual Lake Havasu Boat Show, presented by the Lake Havasu Marine Association, has begun. This year, the Lake Havasu Boat Show opens on Friday, April 10 and runs through Sunday, April 12 at Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4 on London Bridge Road.

The Newest From Boating Industry

"Our vendor sign-ups are running ahead of last year and we had a record number of exhibitors in 2014," said Boat Show organizer Bob Brown. "We'll definitely fill all available



HOT STUFF! — From a chili and salsa competition, to an IJSBA Jettribe PWC WaterCross Race, to the appearance of Miss Geico — the reigning 2013-2014 SBI offshore world champion — the Lake Havasu Boat Show promises to be "hot stuff," informative, and fun for everyone.

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Experience The Outdoors With ISE

As always, outdoor enthusiasts look forward to The International Sportsmen's Expo and Arizona Boat Show. And, it's here!

ISE Phoenix and the Arizona Boat Show are ready to welcome you Feb. 19-22 at the University of Phoenix Stadium.

Last year's introduction of the Arizona Boat Show was a giant success, and ISE is ready for another great year. With more marine dealers and accessories scheduled to exhibit, this is your best opportunity to research and buy your next fishing, wakeboarding or pontoon boat.

Check back often as we update the exhibitor list and presentations; information is at <http://www.sportsexpos.com/attend/2015/phoenix/>

ISE Phoenix is Arizona's number-one sportsmen's show, and 2015 will be no exception. Hundreds and hundreds of exhibitors will help you with everything you need to be successful in the outdoors.

Dates: Feb. 19-22

Location: University of Phoenix Stadium. 1 Cardinals Drive. Glendale, AZ 85305

Hours:

Thursday — 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday — 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday — 10 a.m.-7 p.m.



Sunday — 10:00 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tickets:
Adults: \$12.00

Youth under 16 FREE
Buy tickets online or at the door.
Parking: Free Stadium Parking



FAMILY FUN — The Arizona Family Campout Program is a one-weekend adventure designed for families who are new to camping.

Learn To Camp With Your Family

Have you ever wanted to bring your family camping but weren't sure where to start? The Arizona Family Campout Program is a one-weekend adventure designed for families who have little-or-no experience camping. The program will provide tents, sleeping mats and introduce families to the new adventure of camping at an Arizona State Park.

How To Do It

Throughout the weekend families will

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The Wild West Comes Alive

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AZGFD Expo Highlights Outdoors

OHV rock climbing is only one of many outdoor sports featured at the March expo/Page 8



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DOWNSTREAM Events Calendar Beginning Mid Feb.



St. Patrick's Day March 17

BOATING

PARKER: March 7-9 (Check dates online.) — 30th Anniversary Parker International Marathon IWSRA Ski Races – Blue Water Casino, water ski racing, marathon events range between 35 to 65 miles in length with a Mini Marathon running approximately 25 miles, 928 669-6511 or <http://parkerareatourism.com>

GLOBE: March 1-May 31 — Salt River Whitewater Rafting Season - White Mountain Apache Reservation, (not the tubing section of river), half-day, full-day, and overnight wilderness trips of up to 5 days, <http://www.azroa.org/>

LAKE HAVASU: April 21-26 — Desert Storm. www.lakeracerllc.com

LAKE HAVASU BOAT SHOW: April 10-12 — See story on page 1.

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

LAS VEGAS: March 27-29 — The 12th annual "Mountain Gear Presents: Red Rock Rendezvous" (RRR) rock climbing festival; for more information on resitration options or to register, visit www.RedRockRendezvous.com.

ARIZONA STATE PARKS: March 7-June 7 — The Arizona Family Campout Program; see story on page 1.



GOLD CANYON: Through March 29 — 27th Annual Arizona Renaissance Festival – a medieval amusement park, a 13-stage theater, a 30-acre circus, an arts & crafts fair, a jousting tournament and a feast- all rolled into one non-stop, day-long family adventure, \$12-22, weekends & President's Day, 10 am - 6 pm rain or shine, 520-463-2600 or www.roy-alfaires.com/arizona/

COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

TUCSON: March 15 — 6th Annual "Green Isle Mile" & Running with the Irish 5K – The Plaza, 5K at 7:30 am on the Aviation bike path, top 100 finishers receive a commemorative mug, benefits the Kick Cancer for Stephen Foundation and the Community Food Bank, 1 mile at 10:45 am, bring non-perishable food item as part of the entry fee, <http://tucsonstpatricksday.com/> or <http://taggrun.com/> fourth-annual-green-isle-mile-running-with-the-irish-5k/



Good Friday April 3

TUCSON: March 15 — 28th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival – "Our Strength is Our People" – Armory Park, with live Irish music, dancers, entertainment, a children's game area, and food and merchandise vendors, Irish organizations, ethnic and cultural tables will be set up in the park as well, festival at 10 am, parade at 11 am, <http://www.tucsonstpatricksday.com/>

SEDONA: March 14 — 45th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival – along Jordan Road, parade at 10:30 am, the free festival follows with live entertainment, free children's and family activities, food and a beer garden until 3 pm, 928-204-2390 or <http://www.sedonamainstreet.com>

FISHING

DAY AT THE DOCKS: April 19 — San Diego, Calif. <https://www.facebook.com/DayAtTheDocks>

PEORIA: March 13-15 — 17th Annual Bill Luke Bass Days 2015 – Lake Pleasant, 6 weigh-in daily, 7 payouts per hour, Xterra Mountain Bike Race, desert trail run, carp bow fishing, kids events, wildlife exhibits, live music by Mogollon Band, <http://www.billlukebassdays.com/>

HUNTING/SHOOTING/ARCHERY

PHOENIX: Feb. 23-March 1 — 23rd

Annual Winter Range – Ben Avery Shooting Range, more than 1,000 gather for the Single Action Shooting Society's National Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting, competitive events, displays of period militia, exhibitions of western skills and crafts, 100 vendors from period clothing to antiques and reproductions, cowboy entertainment, singers, cowboy bands, trick roping, trick horses, food from chuck wagon cooking to hot dogs, <http://www.winterrange.com/>

WINTER HAHWG MEETING: Feb. 28 — Phoenix at the Archery Center at the Ben Avery facility. We plan on having a potluck and archery shoot Friday night, and a big breakfast on Saturday before the gathering.

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

SHOWS AND EXPOS

GLENDALE: Feb. 19-22 — 15th Annual Phoenix International Sportsmen's Exposition – University of Phoenix Stadium, 300 exhibitors, the latest in adventure trips, hunting accessories, fishing gear and family fun, camping equipment, info about lodges, resorts, boating, seminars, contests and hands-on features, \$7-15 and youth 12 and under are free, Fri-Sat 10 am - 7 pm, Sun 10 am - 5 pm, co-locating is the Scout-O-Rama on Saturday including Dutch-oven cooking, knots and lashing, push carts, monkey bridges, water rockets, zipline and more, 800-545-6100 or <http://phoenix.sportsexpos.com> or <http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org>

ARIZONA GAME & FISH EXPO: March 28-29 — See story on page 8.

ARIZONA SPORTS FAN EXPO: April 18, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. — Westworld North Hall, Scottsdale, Gary Glava: (480) 225-9888

WATERSPORTS

Diving:

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; Saguaro can plan your diving vacation for small groups or just one person. How about Grand Cayman, Curaraco, Cozumel, Belize, Roatan, Bonaire, Turks & Caicos Contact Saguaro

Diving & Sports, 908 E. Impala Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204; (480) 507-3988 or sales@saguarosports.com

WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

AVONDALE: March 7-8 — Tres Rios Nature Festival – Meridian Wildlife Area, celebrate the natural history and heritage of the valley, discover watchable wildlife opportunities, canoe trips looking for wildlife & birds, tours of historic areas, children's area with hands-on crafts, live animals, storytelling, free, 10 am – 4 pm, 623-333-2400 or <http://www.tresriosnaturefestival.com>

EMPTY PET FOOD BANK IN TEMPE: Ongoing — A unique food bank which serves cats and dogs needs your help. Lost Our Home Pet Foundation has been providing food and pet supplies to the pets of family in need since 2009, all through community donations. Donations can be made at the shelter location at 2323 S. Hardy Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282. Lost Our Home Pet Foundation is a no-kill pet shelter that rescues abandoned animals and provides support services to families in crisis. In addition to their pet food bank, they have a Temporary Care Program which provides up to 90 days of care for people experiencing a life crisis; 2323 S. Hardy Dr., Tempe, AZ 85254; Jodi Polanski, Jodi@lostourhome.org. (See more on page 18 of this issue.)



Passover April 4

Editor's Note: Please submit announcements for AZBW/WOT's calendar of events — "Downstream" — to editor@azbw.com. To guarantee placement, as room allows, items must be received by the eighth of the month prior to publication. Every effort is made to ensure accuracy, but we assume no responsibility for print errors or omissions. We also reserve the right to edit each item. Please include the name of the event, the date and time, the location, the organization, and contact information.



Easter April 5



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Update your boating safety knowledge

Know the Rules: Learn to identify "Nav-Aids"

Arizona law enforcement agencies write more citations for "Failure to obey Navigation Laws" than any other boating violation. Learning to identify these common navigational aids will help you steer clear of trouble and avoid a citation.

Information
Squares indicate where to find food, supplies, repairs, etc. and give directions and other information.

Control Buoy
Circles indicate a controlled area such as speed limits, no fishing or anchoring, etc. only on no skirting, or "slow, no wake."

Exclusion
Crossed diamonds indicate areas off limits to all vessels such as retaining areas, dams, and spillways.

Danger
Diamonds warn of dangers such as rocks, shoals, construction, dams, or straits. Always proceed with caution.

Other Non-Lighted Markers

Safe Water Markers are white with red vertical stripes and mark channels or fairways. They may be placed on either side.

Isolated Waters Obstruction Markers are white with black vertical stripes and indicate an obstruction to navigation. You should not pass between these buoys and the nearest shore.

Mooring Buoys

Mooring buoys are white with a blue horizontal band and are found in marinas and other areas where mooring is allowed or advised.

Note: the following actions are illegal:

- Willfully damaging, removing, interfering with, or tying up to a navigation buoy not intended for mooring
- Mooring, anchoring, or fastening to shore for more than 14 consecutive days any vessel on public waters unless:
 - The vessel is moored 25 nautical miles or more from its point of location or...
 - The vessel is in a special anchorage area, is authorized for private dock or moorage, or is authorized by the governing agency or private leaseholder with jurisdiction over the waters.

Be ready for the Boating Season... Take a Safe Boating Class.

February 2015				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	February 21 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game and Fish Department	February 21 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Apex Arms Facility 2176 McCulloch Blvd. Suite 8 Lake Havasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219

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Alcohol and Boating: A Deadly Combination

Arizona law prohibits anyone from operating a power-driven vessel while under the influence of alcohol or any drug that causes the person to be even slightly impaired. Alcohol and drugs can cause impaired balance, blurred vision, poor coordination, impaired judgment and slower reaction time. These contribute to nearly one-third of all fatal boating accidents.

If convicted of OUI or "Extreme OUI," a person can be fined up to \$2500 and jailed for up to six months. Subsequent convictions and "Aggravated OUI" may carry even more severe penalties.

By operating a vessel on Arizona waters, you have consented to be tested for alcohol or drugs if arrested by a law officer for alleged violations under Arizona Watercraft Statutes. Just remember this simple rule: Don't Drink and Boat!



STOP INVASIVE SPECIES
Protect Your Boat
Always "Clean, Drain and Dry"
It's the Law!

Clean, Drain and Dry your boat. It's the Law.

Pull the Plug!

Stop Aquatic Invasive Species.



Renew Your Watercraft Registration Online!

The Game and Fish online watercraft registration system allows you to renew your registration and have immediate use of your watercraft. Visit: <https://az.gov/app/watercraft>. (A \$2.50 online service fee applies). You can also renew your registration by mail or in person at any Game and Fish office.

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BoatUS Urges Boaters To Speak Up Now

Boaters and ethanol gas: new legislation would fix renewable fuel standard.

New bipartisan legislation recently introduced would help ensure recreational boaters don't put unsafe fuel in their boats, according to Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS).

Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), with 30 co-sponsors, introduced the Renewable Fuel Standard Reform Act of 2015. BoatUS is urging all boaters to contact their US Representative to support the bill.

Recognize The Failure

"The new bill would recognize the failure of the current Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) and its out-of-date ethanol-mandate, and make the necessary changes so there is a safe fuel for all gasoline powered engines," said BoatUS Government Affairs Program Manager Nicole Palya Wood.

According to Wood, BoatUS supports the bill because, "The RFS Reform Act acknowledges the reality of America's declining fuel consumption, allows for the investment in other more compatible bio-fuels, and erases the twisted math that forces more ethanol onto a marketplace that neither demands it, nor can physically absorb it at safe levels."

Currently, there are no marine engines



ACT ACTION NEEDED — Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) is urging recreational boaters to contact their Representatives to support the Renewable Fuel Standard Reform Act of 2015.

in the US warranted to run on any gasoline blend greater than 10 percent ethanol (E10). According to AAA, only about 12 million out of the more than 240 million light-duty vehicles on the roads today are approved to use E15 gasoline, based on a survey conducted by AAA of auto manufacturers.

Damage Voids Many Warranties

Any damage from the use of higher ethanol fuels (E15 or greater) in cars and

trucks will void many manufacturers' warranties.

When the RFS was written in 2005, it assumed that Americans' gasoline use would continue to rise and mandated escalating amounts of biofuels to be blended with our fuel. However, since 2005, gasoline usage has actually dropped steadily.

The unintended effect is now the law that forces more ethanol into the nation's gasoline supply, and to maintain adherence with the RFS rules, in 2010 the EPA permitted fuel containing up to 15 percent ethanol (E15) into the marketplace — a fuel many gasoline engines cannot use.

It is illegal to use E15 in boat engines, snowmobiles, motorcycles, small engines such as lawnmowers and leaf blowers as well as any vehicle made before 2001. However, this fuel can now be found at over 100 gas stations in 16 states at the same pumps as E10 and ethanol-free gasoline.

Potential Great For Misfueling

The potential for misfueling is significant. In the US, nine out of every ten boaters own a trailerable boat that is most often filled up at a roadside gas station. Additionally, these higher-blend ethanol fuels are often the cheapest fuels at the pump.

The new bill would cap the ethanol requirements at E10 (10 percent ethanol), would effectively prohibit the use of corn-based ethanol in the RFS, require more advanced biofuels and take into account actual, real-world production of biofuels when setting requirements.

Boaters can ask their Congressman to support and co-sponsor the bill by going to: <http://goo.gl/2H8v19>.

About Boat Owners Association Of The United States (BoatUS)

BoatUS is the nation's largest organization of recreational boaters with over a half million members. We are the boat owners' voice on Capitol Hill and fight for their rights.

We help ensure a roadside breakdown doesn't end a boating or fishing trip before it begins, and on the water, we bring boaters safely back to the launch ramp or dock when their boat won't, day or night.

The BoatUS insurance program gives boat owners the specialized coverage and superior service they need, and we help keep boaters safe and our waters clean with assistance from the non-profit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water. Visit BoatUS.com.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Get Ready For Boating Season 2015



BY CAPTAIN DAVE ESPARZA

It's time to be preparing for the upcoming boating season. With the temperatures in the 70 and 80s already, the time is quickly approaching.

There are several things that you can do to be the prudent skipper of your vessel before you hit the water.

Getting your boat serviced so that it is in good running condition is an excellent starting point. Service your trailer, wheel bearings, brakes, lights, and check the age of your tires. We have all seen the boat and trailer sitting on the side of the road and thinking, "I am glad that is not me."

If the tires are getting to be around six years old, they need to be replaced even if they look to be in good condition.

Now that that is all done, what is next?

Oh, yeah, that boating class that we have been talking about. Get your entire family involved in the fun of attending a boating class.

It is not like the mandatory driving class when you get a citation. Boating classes are fun — for the entire family. Learn how to properly tie off your boat, use those fenders, learn what fenders are (they are not called "bumpers;" bumpers are on your car. Learn to tie a proper knot. These are just a few of the many lessons learned in a safe-boating class.

I talk to people every day who tell me they have boated their entire life but have never been in a class, and every time I ask them the simplest of boating-knowledge questions, they cannot give me either a correct answer or any answer.

If you do not understand even the smallest of the boating rules and regulations, how can you be safe on the water — with your wife, kids, Mom and Dad? What you think you know versus what you don't know can get someone you love hurt.

Did I mention that this is a fun class? Isn't it worth one Saturday and \$25.00 to learn what is right and what is wrong out there on our lakes?

Get yourself registered into a Coast Guard Auxiliary boating class where you have seasoned boating instructors who can teach you how to be safe on the water and still have fun.

Hope to see you in class.
Captain Dave



24th Annual Lake Havasu Boat Show

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Boating

What's New For Desert Storm In 2015?

FROM JIM NICHOLS
LAKERACERLLC

A new partnership of LakeracerLLC and DSM Events with Title Sponsor Shugrue's Restaurant Group have joined together to bring the best event in the country to you! Once again, a collection of the most significant performance boats across the nation are planning to converge on Lake Havasu April 21-26.

60 Boats Sign-Up Early

The Desert Storm 2015 event is slated to be our best event ever. What a great selection of boats have already been signed up, with their owners chomping at the bit

for boating season to get started. Many have purchased new boats or spent the winter upgrading power, interiors and tow rigs.

A LakeRacer/DSM Partnership

A new alliance facilitating the growth and expansion of the Desert Storm Event was announced last October. For Jim Nichols of LakeRacerLLC and Jim Russell of Desert Steel Motorsports (DSM) Events, it's already proving to be a great partnership!

Jim Russell's company DSM Events has produced over 100 events all over the Southwest for over 25 years in many types of motorsports from off-road racing to the

IJSBA World Finals of jet skis.

Jim Nichols of LakeRacer LLC has been producing high-performance boating events for 15 years in Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Missouri. The two find the merging of their operations and capabilities very exciting for the Lake Havasu event.

Together, all have planned a new event venue, new relationships with many organizations within Lake Havasu City, such as the Lake Havasu Convention and Visitor Bureau, Downtown Havasu District, and Greeley Broadcasting.

Greeley Broadcasting's Radio Central Stations will provide much more coverage of the event through their regional radio



Jim Nichols And Jim Russell

stations covering the Tristate area. Mike Kinney, emcee from Las Vegas, will do live interviews and announce throughout the Street Party, Poker Run, Shootout and Awards Show.

For a more complete description of Desert Storm 2015, visit www.lakeracer-llc.com

Hales Marine Makes A Move

This outstanding marine service has a great new location in Phoenix.

Hales Marine Service has a new location to better serve your boating needs. The new location is close to the old one but bigger, better and easier to find. It's at 2101 West Williams Drive, Phoenix, Ariz. 85027

Hales Marine is well known and highly respected for a variety of excellent services:

- Fiberglass/Aluminum Hull Repair
- Transport (local and national)
- Custom Gel-Coat And Metalflake
- Mechanical Repair Shop
- Boating Accident and Storm Damage

Repair

- Floor, Transom and Stringer Repair
- Bottom Painting
- Complete Trailer Service
- Houseboat Repair and Remodels
- Dockside Services

In addition, Hales Marine now has a retail area and a meeting room that boating groups can use for meetings and classes.

For more information, check out their Facebook page for the latest updates and

specials, and call or email Ed Hale: (623) 879-7236, halesmarine@aol.com

Editor's Note: We are always grateful for the incredible help Ed Hale has given to the "Rock The Boat" project over the years.



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Wake-up boat engines for spring and summer.

Now that spring has arrived, it's time to use enjoy your boat, PWC and all your other gas-powered equipment.

Fuel quality is the most important factor in making sure that gas-powered engines coming out of winter storage start easily and run smoothly. All fuel needs to be stabilized, and especially ethanol-blended fuel.

Ethanol and gasoline cannot form a chemical bond, which is why E10 fuel is formulated to be used within 30 days of blending. As fuel ages, it begins forming gums and other debris that clog carburetors and injectors, making engines run rough or become difficult to start.

The engines are fine — it is the fuel that is the problem. However, you need more than a traditional chemical fuel stabilizer that can "only stabilize."

Star Tron Enzyme Fuel Treatment's unique formula is the ideal way to improve the performance of boat engines — inboard and outboard — year round. The proprietary blend of enzymes make Star Tron a multifunctional fuel treatment.

Engineered to stabilize fuel for up to

Boating

'Project Pipeline' Aims To Improve Olympic Youth-Development System

In an effort to dramatically improve the Olympic youth-development system for sailing in the United States, US Sailing and the AmericaOne Foundation are excited to announce a historic new initiative: Project Pipeline. To give the effort the strong start it needs, the AmericaOne Foundation will support Project Pipeline with a lead gift of \$5 million.

"The top winning nations in sailing share the common trait of a well-formed talent development system," said Josh Adams, managing director of US Olympic Sailing. "This is critical to sustainable success in Olympic sailing. With the extraordinary commitment of \$5 million from the AmericaOne Foundation, we are in a position to launch a long-term initiative that will transform the way top young sailors train in the US."

Targeting the best American youth talent, Project Pipeline is the strategy behind a new-look Olympic Development Program, which aims to better serve young sailors, lead them into high-performance boats earlier in their development, and build well-rounded sailors with complete skill sets. Providing training/racing opportunities with world-class coaching and the highest level of technical standards are the core principles of the initiative.

"AmericaOne is determined to do what it can to help the USA return to the Olympic podium," said Paul Cayard, US Olympian and director of the AmericaOne Foundation. "Project Pipeline is a necessary ingredient in US Olympic Sailing and it is our hope that others will follow our lead in supporting America's youth."

Noting that Project Pipeline has com-



AT THE WORLDS — Haddon Hughes (Houston, Texas, Laser Radial) of the ISAF Youth Worlds.

menced as of Feb. 1, Adams said that the extended timeframe of the program will be a key aspect of its effectiveness.

"The 10-year plan is all about creating high-quality training and racing opportunities, in high-performance boats and led by top coaches, for young US sailors with the commitment and drive to excel in the sport," said Adams. "We are excited about the project's launch and to widely distribute more information about the program in the coming months."

US Sailing and the AmericaOne Foundation are united in a shared goal, which is to produce a steady stream of well-prepared sailors and to make the United States a consistent producer of Olympic sailing medals once again. The Project Pipeline plan features a development program that trains top youth talent through national training camps and campaigns focused on excellence at the world-championship level, while aligning with US Sailing's broad-based youth development initiatives.



MEDALISTS — American 2014 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships medalists are shown from left: Quinn Wilson (Ojai, Calif., 29er), Haddon Hughes (Houston, Texas, Laser Radial) and Riley Gibbs (Long Beach, Calif., 29er).

Upcoming announcements regarding the new-look Olympic Development Program — the schedule of training and racing, how young sailors across the US can participate, and how this program will better align with broad-based youth development in the US — will be distributed by US Sailing: www.ussailing.org/Olympics

About The America One Foundation

AmericaOne was a finalist in the challenger selection series of the 2000 America's Cup, representing St. Francis Yacht Club. In the following years, the AmericaOne foundation has been a passionate supporter of sailing on many levels including: Olympic Sailing, disabled sailing and underprivileged youth exposure to sailing. The US Olympic Sailing Team has been a major focus of AmericaOne's financial grants since 2005.

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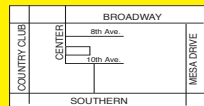


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LAKE POWELL

This Year, Fish In The Canyons

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON
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Sport fishing at Lake Powell enjoyed a great year in 2014. Threadfin shad came back in record numbers, allowing all fish species a seat at the banquet table. Fish responded by growing rapidly in the warm water during fall 2014. Now, over winter, feeding continues for striped bass.

Fish health and condition is remarkable. Striped bass have not been this healthy since the backs of the canyons where shad spend the winter.

It looks as if 2015 will be a year to fish the backs of the canyons instead of the main channel.

Ray Young, Page, Ariz., confirmed that recently by catching 1993. When shad are at a low point in the spring, strippers typically head to the main channel by the dam in the southern lake or Moki wall near Bullfrog. When shad are thick, strippers stay in a 12.1-pound, 32-inch striped bass trolling near Lone Rock in Wahweap Bay. Fishing was not fast but five smaller strippers were caught along



SIGNIFICANT STRIPER — Dana Andrus from Page, Ariz., is holding the 12.1-pound, 32-inch striped bass that Ray Young (also from Page) caught earlier this year near Lone Rock in Wahweap Bay.

with the big one. The other angler in the big-fish picture is holding the fish: Dana Andrus, also from Page. (Young is wearing a neck brace so he needed help to

handle the big striper.)

The fishing pattern was very similar to successful techniques that produced well in November and December. The big fish was caught on a Lucky Craft XD100 Pointer trolled behind a one-ounce weight to gain more depth. Bottom depth at the capture site was 30 feet. The 30-45 foot strata has been the prime holding depth for striper schools and that did not change in the dead of winter.

If fishing for strippers during the next two months, head to the back of any canyon and troll while graphing, looking for striper schools. Target the area where bottom depth is 30-45 feet.

If only single fish are seen, troll over them hoping to catch a bass, walleye or striper. If a fish school is seen, stop the boat and jig with spoons or marabou jigs to catch strippers.

Fish quality at Lake Powell will be superb in 2015. Fewer fish will be caught because there is much more food than normal. However, the end result will be higher satisfaction with each fish caught because of the size and quality of the catch.



Wayne Gustavson

MORE STRIPPER SUCCESS — Inspired by Ray Young's catch, Mike McNabb and his son Paul tried fishing close to the Lake Powell Lone Rock Canyon walls, and *voila*, two big strippers! McNabb said they only caught three fish in three hours but it was definitely worth the trip.

EXCERPTS FROM AZGFD FISHING REPORT

Top Picks For Crappie Are Bartlett And Alamo

Tip Of The Week

Alamo Lake has possibly the best crappie fishing in the state right now. Bartlett is also noteworthy.

Mark Knapp from Alamo Lake State Park said these "specks" are fishing up by the north end of the buoy line. Anglers are using a road runner with a white jig head and minnow trailer.

The fish are in approximately 25 to 30 feet of water.

The Reel Deal

Bass fishing in the desert regions could pick up in the next weeks, maybe a few days after the recent cold front has run away and some expected weather with steady high temperatures in the 70s and even low-80s roll through.

The top early birds for bassin' that can have rapidly warming water temperatures are Alamo, Havasu, and Martinez.

Another top pick for bucketmouths will be Saguaro. Although it is a little deeper than Alamo Lake and not quite the solar bowl, Saguaro can heat up as well — in more ways than one.



Trout and yellow bass are options if the largemouth bass are finicky. It's also the early bird for channel catfish that like to feed on shad. Plus, Saguaro is just downright gorgeous.

Considering Canyon? If you want decent catch rates, avoid it. If you want one or two wall-hangers, you might want to go exercise your swim baits.

Some anglers' favorite fishing/camp-

ing spot is Apache Lake. The smallmouth are still on the comeback, while the largemouth bass and yellow bass populations are superb. You might even catch a delectable walleye or two.

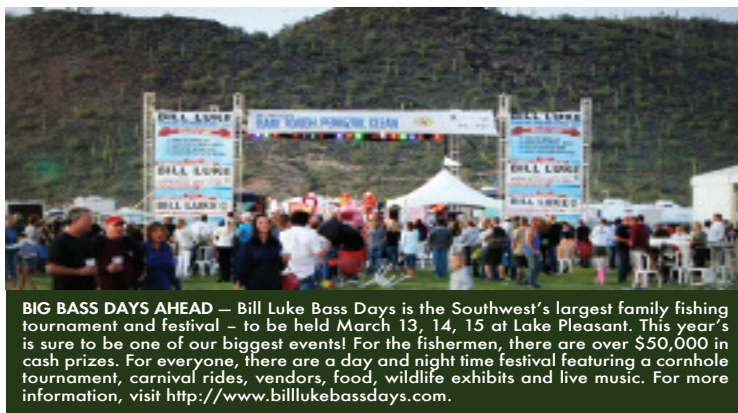
The early walleye bite should be coming up at Lake Powell. Stay tuned for updates.

Winter trout stockings still abound. Check our stocking schedules.

Don't forget we have the International Sportsmen's Exposition coming up Feb. 19-22. Game and Fish will once again have a significant presence at this huge outdoor exposition at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale.



A SUNDAY IN SAN DIEGO — Any Sunday would be a pleasure, but this one is special: April 19 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. is the annual celebration of sportfishing, "Day at the Docks." This favorite fishing event is fun and it's free. At the Port of San Diego's sportfishing landings in Point Loma, there will be displays of fishing tackle and items related to diving and nature as well as seminars, free kids' fishing, bay boat rides, cooking demos, entertainment, and great prizes. For more on this must-be-there event, visit <http://www.sportfishing.org/>



BIG BASS DAYS AHEAD — Bill Luke Bass Days is the Southwest's largest family fishing tournament and festival — to be held March 13, 14, 15 at Lake Pleasant. This year's is sure to be one of our biggest events! For the fishermen, there are over \$50,000 in cash prizes. For everyone, there are a day and night time festival featuring a cornhole tournament, carnival rides, vendors, food, wildlife exhibits and live music. For more information, visit <http://www.billlukesdays.com>.



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Watch The Wild West Come To Life At Winter Range

The largest Western-style encampment in the world will return to the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix, Feb. 23 - 28.

Winter Range, the Single-Action Shooting Society's (SASS) National Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting, will draw more than 1,100 competitors from 42 states and six foreign countries. These male and female competitors, ranging from ages 12-80, compete in nearly three dozen categories dictated by age and competitive style.

Shooting Events

In addition, this year the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association and the SASS Mounted Shooters have combined to create an incredibly exciting three-day mounted shooting event. The event is expected to draw more than 100 competitors mounted on horses participating in their own arena Feb. 27 - March 1.

Cowboy Action Shooting™, the



fastest-growing shooting sport in America, requires that contestants compete with firearms typical of those used in the taming of the Old West: single-action revolvers, lever-action rifles, and period shotguns.

19th Century Aliases

Participants must also adopt a shooting alias appropriate to either a character or profession of the late 19th century, a Hollywood western star, or an appropriate character from fiction, and then they costume themselves accordingly.

This is a shooting sport that is safe, fun and family friendly, annually drawing multiple generations of the same family to compete in their respective categories.

Period Displays, Cowboy Entertainment

In addition to the competitive events, Winter Range 2015 will feature displays of period militaria, exhibitions of western skills and crafts, a fast-draw competition, and nearly 100 vendors purveying everything from period clothing, hats and wigs to antiques and reproductions. Entertainment will be readily available in the form of a number of singers, cowboy bands, trick roping, trick horses, and various other forms of cowboy entertainment.

The Earps Will Be There

Also this year, Wyatt Earp, the great

grand-nephew of his namesake, will be giving a special stage presentation with his wife as "Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Earp," reminiscing about their amazing lives and times at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28.

Food, Facility, Family

A variety of food services are also available, ranging from authentic chuck wagon cooking to hot dogs and ice cream.

The Ben Avery Shooting Facility is a five-star rated shooting facility and Phoenix Point of Pride operated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. It is located on Carefree Highway in Phoenix, just west of I-17.

Winter Range is truly an exciting and educational event for the entire family. Admission is free with a small charge for parking that is donated to charity.

For further information, visit www.winterrange.com

Jim And Eva Shockey Selected To Chair NHF Day

National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHF Day) has selected Jim and Eva Shockey to serve as the honorary co-chairs for 2015 NHF Day. Two of the most recognizable figures in the outdoor industry, the Shockeys are co-hosts of the acclaimed series *Jim Shockey's Hunting Adventures*.

About Eva Shockey

Eva was featured on the cover of *Field & Stream's What's Next* issue, making her only the second female ever to be photographed for the magazine's cover in 119 years. The young co-host is a strong advocate for female hunters looking to get into the sport. She travels over 250 days out of the year traversing the globe in pursuit of her passion, hunting and spending time in the outdoors.

"Growing up, my dad always instilled a passion to conserve the natural resources that we often take for granted," said Eva Shockey. "As an outdoorswoman, I see the value in keeping and expanding the natural resources that we have to enjoy. NHF Day is a great way to stop and observe those who came before and the efforts taken by those to conserve our lands and water-

ways."

About Jim Shockey

Jim has lived an adventure-filled life. A member of the Canadian National Water Polo team for six years, Jim is considered one of the world's foremost experts on Ethnocentric Folk Art and a world-class big-game hunter. His passion for the outdoors was established at a young age, which continues to drive the lifestyle he continues today. Jim is also host of the Outdoor Channel series *Jim Shockey's UNCHARTED*, which documents hunting adventures in the most remote reaches of the world.

"It's easy to get caught up in the excitement of the hunt, but we as hunters and anglers need to remember what it takes to generate such beauty," Jim Shockey said. "We have a duty to conserve our heritage and that starts by recognizing the efforts of those before us and establishing a mindset of conservation in the next generation of outdoorsmen."

About NHF Day

This year, NHF Day takes place on



Sept. 26. Congress established National Hunting and Fishing Day to recognize hunters and anglers for their leadership in fish and wildlife conservation.

The Shockeys join an elite fraternity of sports and entertainment figures who served as honorary chairs, which include Craig Morgan, Bill Dance, T. Boone Pickens, Louise Mandrell, Hank Williams Jr., Jeff Foxworthy, Wade Boggs, Arnold Palmer, the USA Olympic Shooting Team, Tony Stewart and many others.

For more information, visit www.nhf-day.org.

Hunting Works Well For Arizona

Coordinator reviews the important role hunters play in Ariz.

TROY OLSEN
COORDINATOR,
HUNTING WORKS FOR ARIZONA

In Arizona, hunters spend \$342 million annually and support nearly 6,000 jobs, creating a \$592 million economic impact on Arizona's state and local economies.

Thank you to all of Hunting Works For Arizona's partners and supporters and thank you to our co-chairs Tom Britt, Gerry Perry and James Burton for their work in spreading the message of the important role hunting and recreational shooting play in Arizona's heritage and economy.

2014 Was A Busy Year For Hunting Works For Arizona

Here is a recap of some of the events attended by Hunting Works For Arizona in 2014:

- 2014 Arizona Game and Fish Department Outdoor Expo,
- "100 Big Bangs for Freedom" Sporting Clays Tournament,
- Friends of NRA and Arizona State Rifle & Pistol Association,
- Arizona's Hunting & Angling Heritage Working Group (HAHWG),
- Hunting Works For Arizona at the Yuma Territorial Gun Show, and
- Hunting Works For Arizona at the Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club Annual Dove Hunter BBQ

In The News

Hunting Works For America: The Hunting Works For America family grew to a tenth state when Hunting Works For Oregon launched in December 2014. Hunting Works For America now has state chapters in Arizona, Utah, Oregon, Colorado, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri and Pennsylvania.

Thank You And Join Us

Thank you again to our Hunting Works For Arizona partners. Thank you for your support for hunting, recreational shooting and their positive effects on Arizona's economy. To view our list of partners, visit our Web site.

If your business, group or organization shares our belief that hunting and recreational shooting are important contributors to Arizona's economy, consider becoming a Hunting Works for Arizona partner.

Bring On The Spring At AZGFD's Outdoor Expo



Welcoming the wonderful outdoor activities that come with spring in the Southwest (the first day of spring is March 20) will be one of Arizona's favorite annual events: the Arizona Game & Fish Department's Outdoor Expo.

Expo Objective

The objective of this popular outdoor event is to inform, educate, train and introduce the public through activities, demonstrations and exhibits of hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, archery, wildlife watching, off-highway vehicle and watercraft recreation, wildlife conservation, wildlife education, camping, trapping and other related outdoor activities that are consistent with the Department's mission, policies and positions.

Many Activities Featured

The annual Expo showcases wildlife-



related and outdoor recreation activities, including wildlife viewing, fishing, hunting, archery, shooting sports, camping, off-highway vehicle recreation, and boating recreation. Many activities are kid-friendly.

In addition to the hands-on activities, more than 170 exhibitors were on hand in 2014, including sportsmen's and conservation organizations, government agencies, and commercial vendors of outdoor products and services. At the 2014 event, 41,000 attended the weekend festivities.

If you weren't able to attend the 2014 Outdoor Expo, be sure to put the 2015 version on your calendar: March 28-29 at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix. More information will be posted on this Web page as it becomes available. http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/showcase.shtml

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Western Wildlife



AZGFD Suspends Wildlife Rehabilitation License

Forever Wild denied wildlife-holding license due to insufficient animal care.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department recently suspended the wildlife rehabilitation license and denied the wildlife holding license of Forever Wild and owner Darlene Braastad of Tucson due to sub-standard care and conditions of the wildlife in her possession and failure to allow full inspections of her facility, a condition of her license.

Action was taken after multiple repeat violations were documented in a December 2014 inspection of Braastad's facility. The department requested that Braastad transfer all restricted wildlife in her possession to the department, including two Harris hawks, a red-tailed hawk, an American kestrel falcon and a bobcat.

The department, as the trustee of all of Arizona's wildlife, took these actions to protect the health, safety and welfare of the wildlife in Braastad's custody. The department believes her failure to meet the minimum care and captivity standards required of special license holders poses an immediate threat to the wildlife held at her facility.

During an administrative inspection in December 2014, department staff noted numerous hazardous conditions and wildlife requiring veterinary treatment.

"All wildlife held under special license is the property of the state and subject to surrender at the department's request," said Raul Vega, Tucson regional supervisor for Game and Fish.

"The Arizona Game and Fish Department relies heavily on its network of wildlife rehabilitators throughout the state, but the department has a trust responsibility to ensure that wildlife is housed in appropriate enclosures and receives any necessary medical treatment as required by state policy."

In order to possess or handle most live native and/or restricted wildlife in Arizona, a special license is required. For more information, visit www.azgfd.gov/services/special_licenses.shtml.

AZGFD Receives Grants For Grassland Habitat, Irrigation Projects

Public-private partnerships are keys to securing grants.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack visited Arizona in mid-January to announce grants to the Arizona Game and Fish Department and four other groups to restore more than 15,000 acres of grassland habitat in Arizona and to improve water conservation in the Verde River Valley. The projects receiving grants are part of the new USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

Three Focus Areas

The RCPP projects in Arizona announced by Secretary Vilsack will help restore habitat for fish and wildlife along the Verde River and improve irrigation on

Wildlife Habitat Already Being Conserved

Arizona Game and Fish Commission continues to have concerns over potential national monument designation by president.

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission continues to have concerns over the prospect of an executive order by President Barack Obama to proclaim 1.7 million acres of land in northern Arizona as the Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument, a unilateral action that could bypass public input and participation.

The commission, in 2012, voted to oppose creation of the monument, pointing out that the vast majority of the lands in question are already public lands currently managed and conserved under multiple-use concepts, primarily by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

Conserving these lands and associated

wildlife habitats is already being done very effectively, which has led to the largest unfragmented block of wildlife habitat in Arizona.

The commission expressed concern that the proposed monument was to "preserve" and in some cases lock away these lands rather than conserve them.

National monument designation could impose unreasonable restrictions greater than what is actually needed to protect the resource, adversely impacting public access, traditional recreational uses, and the ability of the commission and department to properly manage wildlife and habitat.

The commission also expressed con-



Vermilion Cliffs

cern that a presidential executive order to create the monument would require no process for public input or participation from communities that would be directly impacted by this proclamation.

During its most recent public meeting, the commission heard a presentation on an innovative, collaborative approach to public land use planning in Utah, the Utah Public Lands Initiative.

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The department also will work to restore grassland habitat for pronghorn and other grassland obligate species in three focus areas: Central Arizona, Eastern Arizona and Northern Arizona.

New Approach

"This is an entirely new approach to conservation efforts," said Secretary Vilsack. "These partnerships empower com-

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Grand Canyon Advocate Honored On Anniversary Of Park Enlargement

On the 40th anniversary of the enactment of the Grand Canyon Enlargement Act, four outdoor recreation and conservation groups presented 78-year-old Jeff Ingram of Tucson, Ariz., with a lifetime achievement award.

The award, with a cash value of \$4,000, was presented to Ingram by the Coalition of American Canyoneers, Living Rivers, Grand Canyon Hikers and Backpackers Association, and River Runners for Wilderness, in recognition of his efforts to preserve one of America's natural wonders.

First View Of The Canyon

Ingram grew up in Hamilton, N.Y., and studied mathematics and political science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After graduating from MIT, he received a fellowship from Columbia University.

In 1962, Ingram, his wife and first daughter headed west and stopped at the Grand Canyon. That first visit to Mather Point with his one-year-old daughter in his arms set the course for his life. Of that first view, Ingram noted in a recent interview that "it was inexpressible beyond words. The intensity of that vision is one of the things that defines the Grand

Canyon as the iconic place it is."

In 1964, Ingram met David Brower, then executive director of the Sierra Club, and two years later made his first river trip through the Grand Canyon with Brower, Martin Litton, and others.

Following this trip Brower hired Ingram as the Sierra Club's Southwest Representative to lead efforts to oppose construction of two massive dams on the Colorado River within Grand Canyon. Increased awareness of the plans galvanized public opposition, ultimately leading the Bureau of Reclamation to abandon the projects.

Ingram Championed Efforts

In order to cement enduring protection for areas threatened by the dams, Ingram and others championed efforts to expand the boundary of Grand Canyon National Park. Not long after being evacuated from the bottom of the Grand Canyon following a rattlesnake bite, Ingram was in Washington, D.C. for Congressional testimony on enlargement legislation.

On Jan. 3, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed the Grand Canyon National Park Enlargement Act into law, nearly doubling the Park's area to its current boundaries.



ADVOCATE HONORED — Jeff Ingram is pictured in The Grand Canyon.

His History Book

In 1998, Ingram wrote *Hijacking A River: The Political History of the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon*. In 2009, Ingram started a blog at <http://geofutures.blogspot.com/> Ingram states his

blog entries are aimed at bringing more light to the dark corners of Grand Canyon management, celebrating the entire Grand Canyon and its place as an icon of our environmental consciousness into the future.

Grand Canyon National Park Is Replacing Portion Of Trans-Canyon Pipeline

Grand Canyon National Park began replacing a portion of the Trans-Canyon Pipeline at Phantom Ranch beginning in late January. Ortega Plumbing and Heating of Albuquerque, NM has been awarded a contract for replacement of this section of the pipeline.

The project area will replace up to a half mile section of the Trans-Canyon Pipeline (TCP) including pipeline from the lower Campground Bridge north to the Phantom Ranch Cantina and a short section around the NPS mule corral.

Construction crews, supplies, and heavy equipment were transferred from the South Rim to staging areas near Phantom Ranch. To help reduce the number of flights, a Type 1, heavy lift helicopter, was utilized to assist with moving materials to the construction site. The heavy lift helicopter was used until the equipment transfer was complete.

Completion Estimate: July

It is currently anticipated that construction will be complete by the end of July 2015. During this time period, all hikers and backcountry users should expect to encounter detours, possible delays, and closures while traveling near the construction zone. Visitors should follow all posted signs, detour routes, and verbal instructions of personnel on-site.

Hikers and backcountry users should be prepared to treat creek water while in the inner canyon. Construction will require intermittent shutdown of the pipeline, temporarily shutting down the drinking water system along the corridor trails. All hikers should check in at the Backcountry Information Center, prior to starting their hikes, for up-to-date information on trail conditions, construction detours, and water availability.

Phantom Ranch, the Cantina, and the Bright Angel Campground will all remain open during construction. Visitors to the Phantom Ranch area should be aware that work may take place between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on any day of the week. Moderate daytime noise and dust impacts are expected due to the construction activities and associate equipment use.

Reservations, Questions?

Individuals who have campground reservations and have questions about impacts of construction work on their trip should contact the Backcountry Informa-



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Phantom Ranch

tion Center at (928) 638-7875. Guests with advance reservations at Phantom Ranch should contact the Xanterra Central Reservations at 1-888-297-2757 with any questions about their reservations.

The Trans-Canyon Pipeline was built in the mid-1960s and feeds water to Grand Canyon National Park from Roaring Springs. Sixteen miles in length, the aging pipeline is constructed of 6-8" aluminum pipe that, over the past decade, has suffered numerous leaks, fissures, and breaks.

Full replacement of the TCP is currently estimated at \$100-150 million dollars. This current project replaces only a very small section and addresses immediate issues where breaks occur frequently with the highest risk to visitors and facilities at Phantom Ranch.

Frequency Of Breaks

Since 1978, major pipeline breaks have occurred anywhere from five to 30 times annually and the frequency of breaks continues to increase as the pipeline ages. A flash-flood in 1995 caused extensive damage to the pipeline, shutting it down for 28 days while it was repaired.

During that time, the park implemented emergency water hauling measures and trucked in 23 million gallons of water (85 trucks per day) from outside sources at a cost of approximately \$5 million dollars. More recently, multiple breaks along the TCP in late June 2013 required the closure and evacuation of guests and employees from Phantom Ranch. This past December another large break required the temporary

closure of Phantom Ranch for several days while crews dealt with weather related delays in repairing the pipeline.

Impacts Minimized

Every effort is being made to minimize

impacts to park visitors and residents during this important infrastructure improvement. Questions about the Phantom Ranch pipeline replacement project should be directed to Greg MacGregor at (928) 638-7360.

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BY MARGIE ANDERSON

A few months ago I wrote about some hikes near Safford in the Pinaleno Mountains, and the hiking and fishing available at Roper Lake and Dankworth Pond. The Safford area has a lot to offer, and it's a great place to visit this time of year because the weather is gorgeous and it's the perfect time to hike or just camp somewhere beautiful.



AFTER THE FLOAT — This is a view of the Gila River from the kiosk area at the south take-out area. This is where you take your boats out of the water after floating down from the Old Safford Bridge.

Beautiful Scenery

If you take Highway 70 east from Safford for ten miles or so, you will come to Highway 191. Follow 191 to milepost 160, four miles south of Clifton, and turn onto the Black Hills Country Byway. If you want to take a nice day drive, you can follow this historical road for 21 miles and see some beautiful scenery.

You should allow at least a couple of



HOP IN HERE — This is a view of the Old Safford Bridge from the river where you put your boat in the water to start the float adventure. It is beautiful here!

hours for this drive, as the road isn't paved and it can be quite narrow. Also, there are places where there are abrupt drop-offs alongside the road, as well as places where there are steep cliffs on both sides.

You need a high-clearance vehicle, and if you plan to take any side roads you'll need a 4WD vehicle. There are lots of places where you'll want to take a few snapshots, so allow extra time and be sure to bring along water.

Float The Gila Box

Anyway, when you take the Byway from the east end, it's only about 4 miles to the Conservation Area. The road is well marked, and just before you cross the concrete bridge you'll come to Old Safford Bridge Gila River Float Boat Put In. If you want to float through the Gila Box, this is where you put in.

There is parking for your vehicle and a nice sandy area where you can launch.



BRIDGE OVER — This is the bridge over the San Francisco River at Clifton.

Floating the Gila Box can take a single day if the flow is high, but if you want to relax and look around, or the water is low, your trip will most likely take three days or so, and two nights.

This is also a fabulous place for a picnic, with big shady trees, a pit toilet, and that lovely bridge to look at. There are plenty of birds, too. Riparian areas in Arizona are magnets for wildlife.

Floating the Gila Box can take a single day if the flow is high, but if you want to relax and look around, or the water is low, your trip will most likely take three days or so, and two nights. When the water is very slow you'll probably have to get out and walk it through a few spots.

There are also now two fences across the river that you need to watch out for. They are not barbed wire, and they are easy enough to go under, but you should still keep your eyes open. The first one is 1.3 miles downstream from the Old Safford Bridge, and the other is 2.7 miles downstream from the bridge. About seven miles downstream the San Francisco River flows into the Gila, and the water gets a lot higher and faster.

Know Before You Go

The river passes through a beautiful canyon and there are also some little side canyons you can explore. There are signs at the kiosk at the Old Safford Bridge Put In, and they explain what kinds of boats do best at various flow levels, but you need to know what those levels are before you go. The USGS has a website that will give you that information: water.usgs.gov/real-time.html.

The cliff walls soar up to 500 feet high along the route, and there are over 150 species of birds that take up residence here at various times of the year. Mostly, you will enjoy solitude and beautiful scenery.

There is a \$3 fee per person for floating the river, and there is primitive camping at Bonita Creek and along the river. Fees are paid at self-service stations at the campgrounds and at the put-in area at the Bridge.

Visit The Bridge

The Old Safford Bridge Put In is a great place to visit even if you aren't planning to float the river, but you can also get in and enjoy the river from the west side of the Gila Box. From Safford, just go 5 miles east on 70 to the town of Solomon and turn left on Sanchez Road.

Follow this road to the end of the pavement and then just follow the signs to Bonita Creek and the lower end of the Gila Box. Here you'll find another kiosk and a great view of the river. This is also the place where floaters will get out of the water, and there is plenty of parking there.

An Easy Little Hike

If you fancy an easy little hike, the Cottonwood Trail is a 2-1/2 mile easy loop that links the Serna Cabin Picnic Area, Riverview Campground, the Fly W Group Day Use Area, and the Kearny Camp Monument. Campground fees are just \$5/day and you can have two vehicles at each site. There's a maximum of five days. You'll have to pack in all your own sup-

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IT'S A STRETCH! — John and Margie Anderson at the World's Biggest Cypress Tree (Margie wrote about this hike in a previous issue).

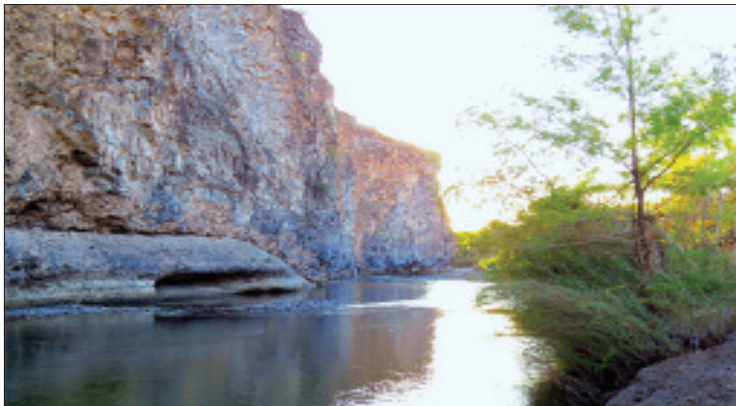
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plies, because there are no services at the sites.

Because it is a riparian area, the Gila Box is a wonderful place for birding. If you go to the BLM Web site, you can print out a birding list.

Even if you're not planning to float the river or camp, you will really enjoy a day trip that includes both of the areas I've just told you about. We actually visited the Old Safford Bridge area first, then headed north on Highway 191 and visited Clifton, Morenci, and the world's largest cypress tree, which I also detailed in the previous story about the Safford area.



EXIT HERE — This is the take-out site. It has a nice sandy beach and a sample of the glorious cliffs you'll see if you float the river.

Next On Our List

I have always hunted and explored, ever since I was a kid and my dad would take us all over the state. I also have a love of maps, and I really hate to get rid of them, even if they are old and outdated. That's how I discovered that Highway 191 used to be Highway 666, nicknamed "The Highway to Hell."

My old map actually still had it marked 666. If you plan ahead, you can make a reservation to visit the Morenci copper mines — we're going to do that next time. And there is a great looking bridge in Clifton that has a tiny park next to it — plan to stop there and take some photos and maybe have a bite to eat.

A Fantastic Corner Of Arizona

This is a fantastic corner of Arizona, and if you haven't been there yet, make plans to go soon before it gets too hot. Of course, floating the river can be fun in the summer, but use common sense: A couple of years ago, two ladies decided to float down the river on inner tubes — with no supplies and wearing nothing but swim suits! They had assumed it would only take a couple of hours.

They were rescued by helicopter after family and friends reported them missing — found alive, but dehydrated and sun-

burned. Do your homework, and *always take plenty of water with you.*

River Flow Recommendations For Floaters

January through April are typically the months with the highest flows, from snow melting and rain. The water is really cold at this time of year, and the flows can range from 100,000 cubic feet per second to just 250.

When the CFS is over 10,000, they suggest you don't try the river. At 6000 to 10,000, rafts of 14 feet or better, with experienced boaters are best.

From 3,500 to 6,000 CFS, 12-foot rafts or very experienced hard-shell kayakers can tackle the river, but at all these rates

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Olympic Curling Tour Arrives In Phoenix

The chance to try the sport of curling with an Olympian arrives in Phoenix, Feb. 20-22! The World Curling Federation (WCF) is advancing its "Olympic Celebration Tour" (OCT) with an upcoming stop at Coyotes Curling Club in Tempe, Arizona.

Olympic Curling Silver Medalist from Team Canada, Carolyn McRorie, will be joining the tour — accompanied by Darrell Ell, a Level III instructor and coach who has been to 13 European Curling Championships and two World Curling Championships.

The weekend will feature several opportunities for new and established curlers to interact with and learn from world-class champions.

The general public and media are invited to attend an Olympic Open House, Saturday, Feb. 21, noon to 6 p.m.

During the Open House, a Learn To Curl session will be led by McRorie, Ell, and local certified instructors. Participants will receive instruction on basic delivery and sweeping, featuring coaching from the OCT Team, and there will be prizes for curlers who win the "Hit the House" full-sheet curling skill challenge.

The cost for registration is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is available at www.coyotescurling.com and is highly recommended, although not required. McRorie and Ell will be available for media interviews during the Open House (interviews can also be arranged prior to

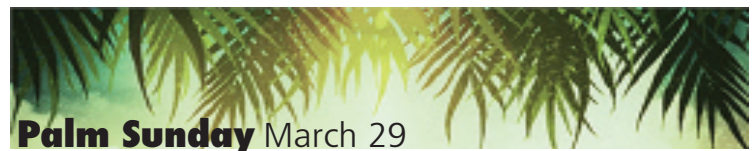
the event).

Opened in spring 2014, the Coyotes Curling Club (CCC) is the first and only dedicated curling facility in Arizona. CCC is a recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the mission of promoting access to and participation in the sport of curling.

"In the first year at our new facility in Tempe, we have introduced over 1200 individuals to the sport of curling through our Learn to Curl program. We are excited to use this opportunity of bringing Olympic level curling to Tempe to inspire a new crop of future curlers — and maybe future Olympians — to get involved in this growing sport," says CCC President, Mike Shaw.

Launched in 2013 with the support of the Foundation for Global Sports Development (GSD), objectives of the OCT include coaching community members who are interested in curling, helping local curling clubs bring in new members, and spreading the fun and joy of curling. "Curling offers new friendships to make, opportunities to travel the world, and many fitness benefits. Curling is also great for couples, as you and your significant other can play a sport where you are both on equal footing," says Ell.

The Coyotes Curling Club is located at 2202 Medtronic Way in Tempe, Arizona. To contact the club, call 602-300-4808 or visit www.coyotescurling.com.



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Yarnell Hill Memorial Site Board Meets Feb. 27

The donations site for the memorial fund is now online.

The Yarnell Hill Memorial Site Board's next meeting will be on Friday, Feb. 27, 2015 at 3 p.m. It will be held at the Yavapai County Administrative Services Building at 1015 Fair Street in Prescott. The public is invited and the agenda for this meeting will be posted at the new Web site for the Memorial Fund: <http://Yarnell-hillmemorialfund.org>.

The Yarnell Hill Memorial Site Board has now launched the Web site that is able to receive online donations. The site also contains information about the Site Board including a list of its members, the legislation, meeting schedules and agendas.

The Arizona Legislature passed House Bill 2624, the Yarnell Hill Memorial Site Board, and signed by Governor Jan Brewer. The bill set aside \$500,000 for the purchase of State Trust Land at the deployment site in Yarnell. The land would be designated for a memorial for the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots who died in the Yarnell Hill Fire on June 30, 2013.

The Yarnell Hill Memorial Site Board oversees the program and Arizona State Parks administers State funds and any donations. The members of the Memorial Site Committee include Executive Director of Arizona State Parks Bryan Martyn (Chairman), Representative Karen Fann, Senator Steve Pierce, John Flynn, Dan Fraijo, Glen Hopkinson, State Forester Scott Hunt, Marlin Kuykendall, Amanda



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Marsh, Brendan McDonough, Lenora Nelson, Ben Palm, Rowle Simmons, Chuck Tidey and Darrell Willis.

The Site Board has created four sub-committees within the group to work on specific tasks. The Fundraising Committee consists of John Flynn (Chairman), Amanda Marsh and Roxanne Warneke; The Design Committee consists of Glenn Hopkinson (Chairman), Chuck Tidey, Darrell Willis, Deborah Pfingston, Geri Ann Boyd, Pete Gordon, William Neal Gauslow, Michael King and James Iacovacci; The Access Committee consists of Ben Palm (Chairman), Lenora Nelson, Max Masel, Bill Boyd, Jay Ream and Michael King; and the Maintenance and Preservation Committee consists of Rowle Simmons (Chairman), Dan Fraijo and Aaron Green.

For information call Arizona State Parks at (602) 542-1996, email [pio\(at\)azstateparks.gov](mailto:pio(at)azstateparks.gov) or visit <http://Yarnell-hillmemorialfund.org>.

The Lost Dutchman Hopes That You'll Visit Real Soon

Enjoy the mild weather with a star party, hikes and more at Lost Dutchman State Park in February.

Many hikes and events are offered throughout the remaining days of February at Lost Dutchman State Park. Bring your family to hike or enjoy a picnic for the day and enjoy the like-fall temperatures in Apache Junction.

Wednesday, Feb. 18: History, Legends and Lore Hike, 9 a.m.

Following the Treasure Loop Trail, Volunteer hiking leader Jim will discuss the history of the Superstitions, along with legends and lore of the gold. This 2.5 mile round trip with an elevation change of approx. 520' is a moderate hike. Hikers should wear hiking shoes and carry ample water. Meet in the Cholla Day Use.

Friday, Feb. 20: Star Talk, 7:30 p.m.

Learn about the night sky, constellations and planets with local astronomer Bill Dellings. Parking and seating at campground amphitheater.

Saturday, Feb. 21: Bird Walk, 8:30 a.m.

Join volunteer "birder Vera" for a morning of discovering the birds of the desert. Learn how to identify the birds in your back yard, the proper use of binoculars, where to find birds in our area, and then take a guided walk through the desert to practice new skills.

Bring binoculars if you have them, appropriate clothing, water and enthusiasm, but no dogs or small children, please. Expect to have some surprises and fun! Meet



Doug Dolde

at the Native Plant Trail parking area near the ranger station for orientation. Participants will then relocate to Cholla Day Use Area.

Saturday, Feb. 21: Amazing Night Under the Skies, 7-9 p.m.

Join Dr. Sky, a radio/TV journalist based in Phoenix, for An Amazing Night Under the Skies. What planets will we see in the dark desert sky? Dress warmly and be prepared to be amazed at the sightings. Palo Verde Day Use area (weather permitting).

Sunday, Feb. 22: Inspirational Music, 5 p.m.

Listen and sing-a-long with Jim Potocki, local seasonal resident. Jim will be bringing a sampling of songs with him from Sunday appearances in Pennsylvania. Join us at the Palo Verde Ramada. Dress

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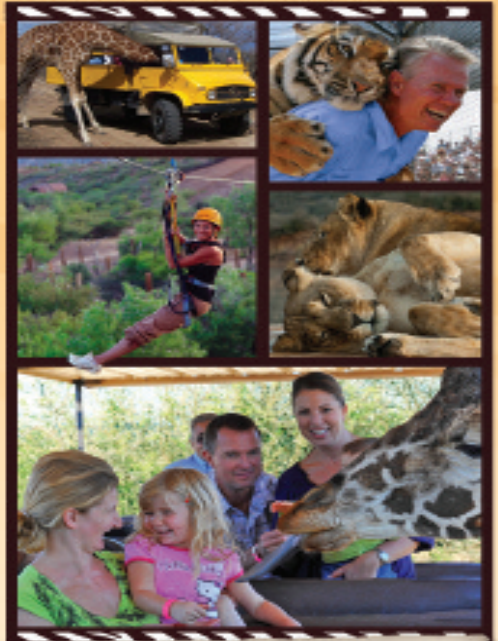
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Who Is Lost Our Home?

Lost Our Home (LostOurHome.org) Pet Foundation was founded in 2008 as a grassroots response to the thousands of pets in need as a result of the economic downturn and Phoenix-area foreclosure crisis in particular.

We quickly expanded to provide other programs as the demand was extreme and there was a gap in the type of services offered in the community to fill the need. Lost Our Home is a non-profit 501c3 charitable organization that provides animal welfare services for both pets and their people.

Mission and Distinction

Lost Our Home's mission is to keep pets in loving homes when families face major life challenges. We provide compassionate alternatives to abandonment with support from the community and the real estate industry.

Lost Our Home is the only animal rescue organization in the Valley dedicated to saving pets abandoned in foreclosed homes or at risk of homelessness due to financial hardship. We are also the sole animal welfare organization in Phoenix that offers a 90-day temporary care program and a pet-friendly rental service, both of which are focused on keeping pets with families.

In addition, we also offer a pet food bank for the very financially needy families so they don't have to give up their pets either when they temporarily can't afford them.

Lost Our Home is a no-kill rescue and our programs are linked to preserving the human-animal bond.

Animal Rescue Abandoned Pets

We rescue pets that have been abandoned (often without food and water) in the wake of foreclosures and evictions.

Temporary Care Program

We provide up to 90 days of pet care for

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pet parents forced to move because of foreclosure or other critical life challenge (homelessness, going to a domestic abuse shelter, hospitalization, etc) and are unable to take their pets with them immediately.

Low-Income Boarding

Our "no frills" boarding is designed to help families who can't afford traditional boarding. When families have emergencies and can't afford boarding, pets often are left alone. Our program ensures these pets are safe, fed, and well-cared for.

Animal Rescue-Owner Surrender

We take in pets from owners forced to give them up because of foreclosure or other life challenges as above when they know they will not be able to care for their pet anymore. We find new, loving, adoptive homes for these pets

Pet-Food Bank

The Lost Our Home Pet Food Bank is a critical program for families in need. If a family can no longer afford food and supplies for their pets, we provide pet food, leashes, collars, cat litter, treats, and other supplies — giving them the opportunity to keep their pets, rather than taking them to a shelter or, worse, abandoning them.

Pet-Friendly Rental Service

Our Realtor volunteers locate then negotiate pet-friendly rentals for harder-to-place situations and donate 100 percent of their commission to cover pet deposits.

Outcomes

Since 2008 we have cared for over 2,500 pets through our rescue and temporary-care program, reunited over 250 pets with their families, and fed more than 12,000 through our Pet-Food Bank.

Why And Where

Lost Our Home helps strengthen family bonds and create stronger communities in the greater Phoenix area by keeping pets out of kill shelters and with their loving families, or finding new loving families when needed.

Our initial focus was on saving abandoned animals; we now also provide proactive services that help keep people and their pets together as a family. When people are facing difficult times and survival is the stress they hold every minute of every day, they are relieved to know that there are options for their family pet other than permanent surrender, or worse yet, surrendering their pet to a kill shelter.

Lost Our Home cares for their pets temporarily so they can regain stability in their lives, then be reunited with their pet. Or, if they feel they will not be able to care for their pet again, they have comfort of knowing that we are a no-kill shelter and their pets will be adopted by a new loving family.

How — Foster Families And Shelter Care

Lost Our Home uses foster families and a shelter to care for pets until they are adopted or reunited with their families. There are over 300 volunteers dedicating more than 1,200 hours each month to care for animals in the shelter, in their homes, attending adoption events, raising funds, delivering food, transporting animals to veterinary appointments, and more.

There are generally 175 pets in foster care and 100 pets in the shelter at any given time.

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warmly and bring a chair.

Wednesday, Feb. 25:**Challenge yourself hike, 9 a.m.**

Join us at Siphon Draw Trailhead for a 4.2 round-trip hike to the basin (slick rock waterfall area). A steady uphill grade provides hikers the opportunity to exercise leg muscles, heart and lungs.

Come prepared to hike on a less-than-smooth trail. Elevation change — 1030 ft. Wear sturdy trail or hiking shoes, carry at least two bottles of water and bring a snack for a three-hour, moderately strenuous hike. Led by hiking leader Barb.

Saturday, Feb. 28:**Edible Desert Plants, 1 p.m.**

Naturalist and home economist Jean Groen of Apache Junction is the author of many food books, including "Foods of the Superstitions." Have you ever sampled the sweet jelly made from prickly pear cactus fruit? How about crackers or cookies baked with mesquite meal?

These and other recipes can be found in the more recent and expanded companion volume "Plants of the Sonoran Desert and Their Many Uses." She has researched Indian recipes for desert plants and "modernized" and developed recipes for today. Jean will discuss desert plants, seeds and fruit and share tasty recipes at the Palo Verde Ramada.

More Information

For more information visit call (480) 982-4485 or visit AZStateParks.com/parks/LODU. The Park Entrance Fee is \$7 per vehicle (up to four adults) for all of these events. Primitive to full hook-up camping sites are available at a fee of \$15 to \$25 depending on the type of camping site needed. Lost Dutchman State Park is located off of Highway 88 (Apache Trail North) just outside of Apache Junction, Ariz.



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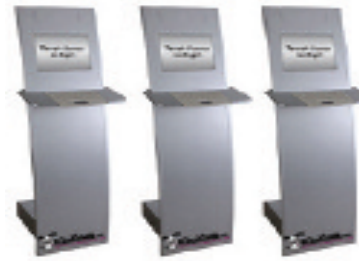
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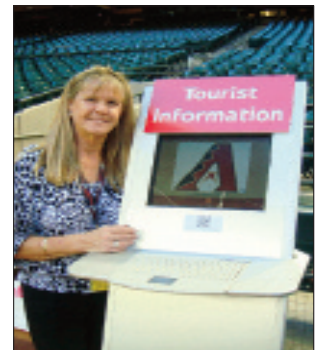
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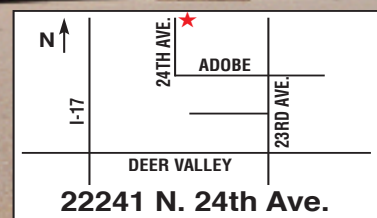
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unities to set priorities and lead the way on conservation efforts important for their region.

"They also encourage private sector investment so we can make an impact that's well beyond what the Federal government could accomplish on its own. We're giving private companies, local communities, and other non-government partners a way to invest in a new era in conservation that ultimately benefits us all."

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's projects will improve habitat for grassland-dependent wildlife species such as pronghorn antelope, Gunnison's prairie dogs, black-tailed prairie dogs, western burrowing owls, and Ferruginous hawks. Projects will restore native grasses and forbs to historic grasslands, which will

improve food availability and cover, and reduce fragmentation for wildlife.

In addition to grassland habitat improvement, AZGFD projects will address resource concerns such as inadequate water and forage, soil erosion, water quality degradation and continued degradation of the watershed due to catastrophic wildfire.

Grants to AZGFD totaled \$3 million, while The Nature Conservancy received \$2.8 million. The grants represent nearly half the funding needed to complete these projects.

While the announced projects will help the environment, AZGFD Landowner Relations Program Manager Al Eiden says they also will boost Arizona's economy.

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"If you're interested in seeing the newest the boating industry has to offer, Lake Havasu Boat Show in April is the place to do it."

Cars And Chili Too

But, more exhibitors and new boat models aren't the only things that Lake Havasu Boat Show attendees have to look forward to on April 10-12. In addition to the return of the always-popular "Legends by the Lake Car Show," conducted by members of the London Bridge Yacht Club, the boat show also plays host to the

3rd Annual International Chili Society chili cook-off competition on Saturday; it's open to all chefs.

The chili and salsa contest, with proceeds going to benefit the Lake Havasu High School Athletic Booster Club, has doubled its prize money for 2015, offering over \$5,000 in cash to the various winners in each category. Best of all, attendees have the opportunity to sample all the recipes by purchasing a \$5 tasting kit while at the boat show."

Entry forms for the chili and salsa competition are available online at the boat show website, <http://www.lakehavasubootshow.com>.

Really Fast PWC Racing

Brand new this year are two additional special events at the boat show — an IJSBA Jetribe PWC WaterCross Race featuring over 100 of the fastest personal wa-

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Competition begins on Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m. For those who fancy themselves expert "Cornhole" players, there will be the inaugural Lake Havasu "Cornhole Championships" at the boat show too with classes for all ages, both singles and doubles/teams.

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The Details You'll Need

Boat show hours are as follows: Friday, April 10 from noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday, April 11 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 12 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission is \$4.00 for adults; kids 6 and under are free. Parking is also free. Food courts and two beer gardens will also be open to serve visitors.

For those interested in buying a new boat, boat demos are available on a by-appointment basis immediately following the boat show on Sunday afternoon and all day on Monday, April 13.

For additional boat show information and a complete directory listing of exhibitors, please log on to <http://www.lakehavasubootshow.com>

For more general information, contact Bob Brown, (951) 501-0210 or info@lakehavasubootshow.com

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work with a Camp Coordinator and other families to learn how to set-up their tent and how to prepare a dinner, breakfast, and lunch outdoors. In addition, there will be activities, including (depending on the park): mountain biking, hiking, fishing, archery, geocaching, animal demonstrations, campfire stories, birding, and more. Families will also get to work on a service project.

Participants have praised the program. A parent from a previous session remarked, "Just got home from our family campout with Arizona State Parks staff and we had an absolute blast. My kids were thoroughly entertained and educated the entire time. We will surely be talking about it for years to come."

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Catalina, Tucson (Session B): April 18 and 19

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Red Rock, Sedona: May 2 and 3

Dead Horse Ranch, Cottonwood: June 6 and 7

Lyman Lake, St. Johns: June 6 & 7

Families should bring food, sleeping bags or any bedding, pillows, camping chairs, flashlights, clothing, sturdy shoes and personal items including toothpaste, towels, soap, etc.

The program will provide tents, sleeping mats, lanterns, GPS units, and all activity equipment. Beverages provided include water, coffee, tea, and Gatorade. Snacks provided include fruits, vegetables, granola bars and trail mix.

Families are responsible for bringing for two lunches, dinner and breakfast. Menu ideas and packing tips are provided on the Web site at AZStateParks.com/Family.

Registration is now open for spring sessions at AZStateParks.com/Family. The program fee is \$70 for a family of four.

Additional family members are \$5 each. (Sorry, children 5 years and younger or pets cannot attend this program.)

Registration is limited and is first-come, first-served. For more information and to register visit AZStateParks.com/Family.

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More Information

For information about all 28 Arizona State Parks, the Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle Programs and State Historic Preservation Office, call (602) 542-4174 or visit AZStateParks.com. Campsite reservations can be made online at AZStateParks.com or by calling the Reservation Call Center at (520) 586-2283. Open seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST.

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