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ON THE COVER

'The Sounds Of Silence'

There is a quiet side to Lake Havasu — from hiking trails to waterways.

New Searchable Guide To Arizona's Best Hikes

Millions of Americans may associate Lake Havasu City with powerboat racing, personal watercraft competitions, spring break, and other, well, noisy pastimes, but there's a little-known quiet side to the area that is gaining in popularity.

In fact, to meet the growing demand for a true get-back-to-nature experience, the Lake Havasu City Convention & Visitors Bureau has launched a new feature on GoLakeHavasu.com that covers hiking trails throughout this lower Sonoran desert oasis, centrally located along 60 continuous miles

of lake and river waterways.

The newly searchable information, found under the Web site's "Activities" section, is powered by Google Earth and not only lists 17 favorite walks and hikes in order of difficulty, but also even includes a day hike checklist suggesting what to bring on some of the best hiking trails in Arizona (hint: don't forget your sunscreen or lip balm). (For more information: www.golakehavasu.com/activities/hiking/trails).

Where else can you experience the solitude of this desert resort area? Consider the following:

Take Refuge

With its majestic rock cliffs, its ribbon of cool water running through the Sonoran Desert, and its cattail-filled marsh harboring

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KAYAK QUIET — Millions of Americans may associate Lake Havasu City with powerboat racing, personal watercraft competitions, spring break, and other, well, noisy pastimes, but there's a little-known quiet side to the area that is gaining in popularity. This woman kayaker, however, is one of many who are enjoying the "quiet side" of Lake Havasu.

A TALE OF TRAILERS AND SAILORS

Pocket Cruisers Come To Havasu Feb. 13-20

By Sean Mulligan

My name is Sean Mulligan. Please let me lead off with, I drive a fire truck for a living. I am not a promoter or publicist. However, I want to tell you about some wonderful people who have changed my life, and I think that there is something a little unique, if not odd, going on in the dead of winter in the middle of the Arizona Desert. Here's the story:

Desert Dweller/Sailor

I have been an avid recreational sailor my entire life. Strange I suppose, because I have always lived in the desert. Lucky for me, I reside on the banks of the Colorado River, Lake Havasu City, to be exact.

Believe it or not, when I was growing up here, sailing on Lake Havasu was a pretty major deal. There was a lot of interest in it to the point that the local resort allowed folks to keep their sailboats stored on the beach for a mere pittance.

Alas, though, little Lake Havasu has grown up over the past 40 years and the summer tourist crowd that comes here has changed drastically. Havasu has become known as a "Mecca" for loud, large, and fast powerboats, jet-skis, and the Spring Break "anything-goes" atmosphere.

Sailboats were left in the dust and eventually sailing all but died here save a few hardy souls who sail in the winter time when the "boys of summer" are nowhere to be found.

Travels Begin

In an effort to find others who shared my



Keith Bennett

AHEAD AT HAVASU — The "Tale of the Trailer Sailor" is amazing, and this year's version of the now-annual Pocket Cruisers' Convention is growing rapidly (at press time, 169 boats/crews and an additional 27 crews — about 350-400 participants expected in total) and includes some excellent seminars, according to organizer Sean Mulligan. Boats will gather Feb. 13 through 20 at Lake Havasu.

passion, my wife, dog, and I began traveling in search of others of similar tastes. You see, we sail a type of boat called a "Trailer Sailor" or a "Pocket Cruiser."

This is a very capable sailboat, but it is still small enough to be towed behind a vehicle. This makes trips to far-away places a much more realistic endeavor for folks like us, working folks, with limited vacation time and funds.

The trailer sailor allows us to travel at

highway speeds (instead of sailboat speeds) to new locations, rig and launch our boats, and then set out to explore a new area.

We had heard of some groups of trailer sailors who met regularly in different locations for adventures ranging from a simple day-sail, to multi-week long adventures that covered hundreds of miles on the water. We tried it and were hooked.

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Space Still Available For Becoming An Outdoors Woman

Ladies: Learn outdoor skills in a comfortable outdoor setting.

SAGUARO LAKE, Ariz. — If you'd like to learn outdoor skills in a scenic, comfortable, fun outdoor setting, make sure to sign up for the seventh annual Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) "Deluxe" program set for Jan. 27-29.

The three-day workshop, sponsored by the Arizona Wildlife Federation in cooperation with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, will be held at Saguaro Lake Ranch located on the banks of the Salt River and surrounded by the spectacular Goldfield and Superstition mountains, northeast of the Phoenix metro area.

This venue is perfect for the woman who likes a little extra comfort with her

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Update your boating safety knowledge

Navigation Rules

There are two terms that help explain these rules

- ◆ **Stand-on vessel:** The vessel that should maintain its course and speed
- ◆ **Give-way vessel:** The vessel that must take early and substantial action to avoid collision by stopping, slowing down, or changing course



Meeting Head-On

Power vs. Power: Neither vessel is the stand-on vessel. Both Vessels should keep to the starboard (right).

Power vs. Sail: The powerboat is the give-way vessel. The sailboat is the stand-on vessel.

Crossing Situations

Power vs. Power: The vessel on the port (left) is the give-way vessel. The vessel on the starboard (right) is the stand-on vessel.

Power vs. Sail: The powerboat is the give-way vessel. The sailboat is the stand-on vessel.

Overtaking

Power vs. Power: The vessel that is overtaking another vessel is the give-way vessel. The vessel being overtaken is the stand-on vessel.

Power vs. Sail: The vessel that is overtaking another vessel is the give-way vessel. The vessel being overtaken is the stand-on vessel.

Statewide Boating Education Classes

January 2012

| Host | Date and Time | Location | Cost | Registration |
|----------------------------------|--|--|------|----------------|
| Arizona Game and Fish Department | January 24 & 26 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (Must attend both) | Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy., Eagle Room Roosevelt | \$0 | (800) 824-2456 |
| U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary | January 21 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa | \$0 | (602) 490-8076 |

February 2012

| Host | Date and Time | Location | Cost | Registration |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|------|----------------|
| Arizona Game and Fish Department | February 4 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Arizona Game & Fish Tucson Office 555 N. Greasewood Road Tucson | \$0 | (520) 429-6106 |
| U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary | February 18 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Bass Pro Shop 1133 North Dobson Road Mesa | \$0 | (520) 490-8076 |

Pre-Departure Checklist

You can help assure a good time while operating your vessel by performing this pre-departure check.

- ✓ Check the weather forecast for the area and timeframe during which you will be boating. High winds create hazardous conditions for boaters.
- ✓ Make sure that the steering and throttle controls operate properly and all lights are working properly.
- ✓ Check for fuel leaks from the tank, fuel lines, and carburetor.
- ✓ Check the engine compartment for oil leaks.
- ✓ Check hose connections for leaks or cracks, and make sure hose clamps are tight.
- ✓ Drain all water from the engine compartment, and be sure the bilge plug is replaced and secure.
- ✓ Check to be sure you have a fully charged engine battery and fire extinguishers
- ✓ If so equipped, make sure the ignition safety switch and wrist lanyard are in good order.
- ✓ Make sure you have the required number of life jackets (personal flotation devices or PFDs), and check that they are in good condition.
- ✓ Leave a float plan with a reliable friend or relative.

Arizona Required Equipment Checklist

| | PWC | Boat Less Than 16 Ft. | Boat 16 Ft. To Less Than 26 Ft.* |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Certificate of Number On Board | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Registration Decals Displayed | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Life Jackets (PFDs): Type I, II, III, or V | ✓ ¹ | ✓ ² | ✓ ² |
| Throwable PFD: Type IV | | | ✓ |
| Type B-I Fire Extinguisher | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Ignition Safety Switch | ✓ | | |
| Backfire Flame Arrestor | ✓ | ✓ ³ | ✓ ³ |
| Ventilation System | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Muffler | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Horn, Whistle, or Bell | ✓ ⁴ | ✓ ⁴ | ✓ ⁴ |
| Daytime Visual Distress Signals | | | ✓ ⁴ |
| Nighttime Visual Distress Signals | ✓ ⁴ | ✓ ⁴ | ✓ ⁴ |
| Navigation Lights | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

- Those on PWCs **must wear** a Type I, II, or III life jacket (PFD) at all times.
- Those 12 years of age and younger **must wear** a Type I, II, or III PFD while underway on any vessel.
- Required on inboard engines.
- Required when boating on federally controlled waters.

* On boats longer than 26 feet, additional equipment is required.

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Entering extremely cold water causes an immediate gasp reflex that can fill the lungs with water. After falling overboard or entering the water, it is important to be wearing your life jacket (PFD). A life jacket keeps your head above water and

your body on the surface.

Stay calm and move slowly. Don't try to take off clothing in the water (a common misconception is that heavy clothing or waders weigh down your body when in fact can trap air and help keep your body afloat).

If your boat has capsized, stay with it. More than likely, it will not sink and it can be used as a platform to maneuver, so stay on top of it as much as possible, getting yourself out of the water and maintaining stability.



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THE TIME HAS COME TO ENJOY — Annual AZGFD Family Friendly Outdoor Expo
Mark your calendars for March 31, April 1.

The dates are set for the AZGFD 2012 Outdoor Expo: Saturday, March 31 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, April 1 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Don't miss out on this chance to experience the great Arizona outdoors! The Outdoor Expo is an annual event conducted by Game and Fish to give the public the chance to learn about wildlife-related and outdoor-recreation activities, including wildlife viewing, fishing, hunting, archery, shooting sports, camping, off-highway vehicle recreation, and boating recreation.

"We offer this event each year to introduce or reconnect people with the amazing outdoor resources and activities available in our state," said Assistant Director Ty Gray. In addition to the hands-on activities, more than 150 exhibitors will be on hand, including sportsmen's and conservation organizations, government agencies,

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- NEW: Meet *Hunt, Gather, Cook* author and super-forager Hank Shaw
- RMEF Ultimate Rifle Raffle
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'DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE'

Desert Storm And Lake Havasu Boat Show Run Concurrently

For 2012, the 21st Annual Lake Havasu Boat Show kicks-off the biggest week-long celebration of boating in the Southwest starting Friday, April 20, ending at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 22.

Monday, April 23 is designated as "demo day" at Windsor Beach launch ramp for prospective buyers.

Tuesday, April 24, Desert Storm gets underway with a "manufacturers lunch run" to Pirate Cove Resort.

Wednesday, April 25 is the "Havasu for Youth Boat Rides" charity event and a welcome party that evening.

Thursday, April 26 is the "Street Party"

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ALL KINDS OF BOATS — will be front and center at the concurrent Lake Havasu Boat Show, April 20-22 and Desert Storm, April 23-28. Boaters who are interested in speed or pleasure or function (or all three) will find them during this exciting week at Lake Havasu, Ariz. What a way to celebrate our state's centennial!



BOAT FOR SALE — Want to buy a boat? Think about this "island yacht"! The back has a retractable beach deck where structures float on the sea, making the water accessible for swimming and other activities such as wake boarding and jet-skiing. Yes you read it right — a whole amazing island built right on a beautiful yacht. Created by UK-based yacht design company Yacht Island Designs, this brings a whole island onto a yacht. The design is inspired by tropical islands, with huts, a pool and to top of that, a whole volcano that is sure not to erupt. Since this is a yacht, it comes packed with special VIP rooms, arcades, gym, lounges, spas and even a helipad. The volcano has water flowing out of it onto the pool, creating this amazing river which complements the whole tropical look.

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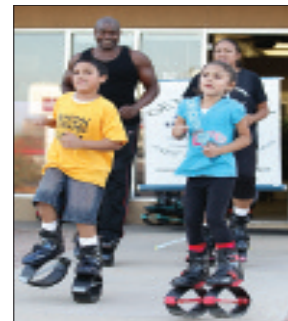
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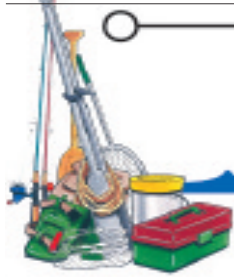


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APRIL 20-29

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 - Water Ski Racing
 - POPRA Offshore Racing
- 4/23 Monday - Lake Havasu Boat Show
 - Demo Rides
 - Performance Boat Magazine Boat Tests
- 4/24 Tuesday
 - Morning - Performance Boat Magazine Boat Test
 - Afternoon Desert Storm Manufactures Fun Run
- 4/25 Wednesday - Desert Storm Kruisin For Kids Charity Boat Rides
 - Evening Welcome Party and Open House
- 4/26 Thursday - Noon till Nine
 - Desert Storm Street Party and Boat Display
- 4/27 Friday - Desert Storm Poker Run
 - Evening Outdoor Party and Card Turn-in
- 4/28 Saturday - Desert Storm Shootout
 - Evening Awards Party and Concert
- 4/29 Sunday - TBD
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LIGHT LINES

FISHING IN ARIZONA AND BEYOND



THIS IS BIG! REALLY BIG!!

Bill Luke Bass Days Has It All

From Don McDowell
Bill Luke Chrysler Jeep Dodge RAM

One of the biggest and best fishing and family events of Arizona's Centennial year is coming soon to Pleasant Harbor, Lake Pleasant, Ariz. Save March 16 through 18 for three fun-packed days of fishing, outdoor competitions, and activities for everyone, young and old (and in between).

The list for this event (no, make it *these* events) just keeps growing and growing, thanks to Kim Carter, general manager of Bill Luke Chrysler Jeep Dodge RAM; Don McDowell, event director of Bill Luke Bass Days and host of *Shake, Rattle & Troll* radio, and his large range of sponsors and participants.

Of course, there is fishing, fishing, fishing! There are IGFA seminars, bass competitions, kids' fishing and casting events, fishing with military vets and their kids, crawfish fishing, striped angling, and bow-fishing for Carp.

And, the kids will be front and center during Bill Luke Bass Days. Besides their own fishing events, for them there are pedal cars, mountain-climbing wall, sawdust piles and prizes, hot-dog races, wildlife classes, and some boat rides, just to name a few.

McDowell provided *Western Outdoor Times/Arizona Boating & Watersports* with a bullet-points listing of all aspects of Bill Luke Bass Days, as they stood at press

time. There may be some changes and additions, but the following are currently in the works:

- Big Bass hourly weigh-ins and \$30,000 in cash prizes; big bass and T-shirt option cash; Biggest Bass overall takes home \$10,000.00; \$5,000.00 in Bonus Cash,
- Striper and bow fishing competition,
- Fishing and IGFA seminars: John Campbell, IGFA; Jerry Tate, JT's Guide Service
- Kids' fishing and mountain bike races, saw dust piles and prizes,
- Kids' hot-dog races,
- Adult mountain bike races over our brand new 3.5-mile course, Endurance Race, Beginners', Intermediate and Expert classes,
- Desert "Runners" competition over the desert terrain,
- Bow hunters' Hidden Target and Smoker Round courses,
- Kids' casting events,
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- Boating safety,
- Invasive species education,
- US Coast Guard boat inspections,
- FLW National Guard kids' rock-climbing wall, pedal cars, Hum Vee, various other military displays,
- USS Arizona scale-model exhibits
- Fishing with military veterans and their kids,
- AZGFD geo-caching course,



BIG! — It's one of the biggest and best events set during Arizona's Centennial year: Bill Luke Bass Days, March 16 through 18 at Lake Pleasant, Ariz. This is about fishing, yes, but not only about fishing. There are events, displays, competitions, etc., for literally everyone. Shown is Organizer Don McDowell's M-35, which will be at the event for kids' rides to Black Mountain and back. More information is available at www.shakerattleandtroll.com or www.billlukebassdays.com

- Kids' crawfish fishing, use and consumption,
- "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" (pending)
- Wildlife watching with Sandy Cates (Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center) around Lake Pleasant. Cates will conduct a short class to identify different animals and birds found in the area; the kids earn a patch and a boat ride to find the wildlife

- about which they have just learned.
- Food, beverages, snacks and products vendors,
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2012 First-Of-Year Reminder

Note: Stay on the lookout for golden alga, a microscopic organism that releases substances that are toxic to fish. Game and Fish is working with city park staff and lake consultants to regularly monitor for and control the unwanted algae. Please do your part to prevent the spread of golden alga by not moving water or wet objects or fishing equipment from lake to lake. Clean, drain and dry all equipment.

2012 Fishing Licenses On Sale

It's time to buy your 2012 Class U (Urban) fishing license for the new year. Urban fishing licenses are on sale for \$18.50 at over 330 license dealers statewide, any Game and Fish office or online at www.azgfd.gov.

The Class U license is valid only at the 21 designated Urban Fishing Program waters and is good for all fish species (including trout).

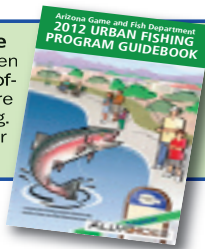
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Class L, Super Conservation Fishing license is the way to go. At \$53 for residents and only \$63 for non-residents, this super license includes the state fishing license,

2012 Urban Fishing Program Guidebooks Available

The 2012 Urban Fishing Program Guidebooks have been available at over 320 license dealers and Game and Fish offices since the end of December. The free guidebooks are chock full of helpful tips and information on urban fishing. There are no changes in urban or statewide license costs or fishing regulations for 2012.



trout stamp and urban license — all in one package deal.

All anglers age 14 and over must purchase a license to fish in Arizona.

Urban Fishing Report

The rainbow trout stocking season is in full swing and will continue all winter long at two-week intervals. Trout range in size from 11 to 12 inches in length, with some recently stocked fish in the 14- to 16-inch range.

Fishing is good-to-excellent for anglers using scented dough baits (such as Power Bait), worms or cheese. Small spinners such as Rooster Tails and Panther Martins, or spoons such as KastMasters and Super Dupers work well for trout.

In addition to a good morning bite, some anglers have reported excellent fishing midday and late afternoon. Patience is the key, as the trout bite sporadically throughout the day. When the bite is on, anglers are catching limits in an hour.

Action for catfish, bass and bluegill has slowed due to colder water temperatures.

Trout fishing is good-to-excellent at Green Valley lakes in Payson with Power Bait, worms and small spoons working best. Top flies for fly fishermen have been copper Johns, wooly buggers, simi seal leaches and pheasant tail nymphs.

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GOOD TO GO — Arizona's Official Fishing Guide by AZGFD's Rory Aikens is ready for purchase online from *Arizona Highways Magazine*, at Cosco stores, and at the first of the year, at all Arizona Game and Fish Department offices as well. This "official" fishing guide for Arizona was a joint project between *Arizona Highways* and the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The book not only describes the lakes, the fish you can catch and the facilities you can expect, but also provides fishing tips as well. This guide book is also cyberspace, cell phone and GPS friendly. It provides Internet contact information where possible, along with GPS coordinates for all the lakes and Internet addresses where you can obtain even more information.

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The Late Ed Ries

HIS LAST BOOK Ed Ries Leaves Us A Valuable Legacy

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Ed Ries had a wealthy fishing career. He caught swordfish, tuna, blue marlin, sailfish, black sea bass, halibut, and just about any game fish you can think of, including bonefish in San Diego Bay.

He fished for mackerel and barracuda, white seabass, bonito and dozens of different kinds of rockfish. He knew about every sportfishing boat, barge or pier south of San Francisco, and in his day was a respected marine artist. You'll see some of his artwork in this, his final book.

Fishing books are common here in Southern California. A book like *Looking Astern* (also the name of the column Ed has produced for *Pacific Coast Sportfishing*) is extremely uncommon. This is an excellent book, full of information you couldn't get any other way.

After reading it through, I've got to say it is truly special. Buy it. Every angler should have a copy in his or her fishing library.

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ANGLING ART

New Year Brings Special Meltzoff Showings

Ahead are three rare chances to see the legendary sporting art of the late Stanley Meltzoff.

LA JOLLA, Calif. — While styles run the gamut among today's premier sporting artists, there is little disagreement as to the first and best game fish painter of all time. Over the course of more than 40 years, Stanley Meltzoff (1917 – 2006) es-

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CENTERPIECE — Titled *Broadbill, Mako, and Lancel Fish in the Glow of the Cyalumes*, this iconic Stanley Meltzoff painting will be the centerpiece of the Shark! Exhibition at the Museum of Art in Ft. Lauderdale which opens May 13.

This Controversy Is Put To Rest

Don McDowell
Conservation Director

Is The 'Alabama Rig' Legal In Arizona?

Arizona guidance is found in statute and the definition for Angling: Arizona Revised Statutes 17-101 A1 — "Angling" means the taking of fish by one line and not to exceed two hooks, by one line and one artificial lure, which may have attached more than one hook, or by one line and not to exceed two artificial flies or lures.

The Alabama rig appears to be up to five (or more) lures joined via stiff wires, similar to umbrella rigs used for trolling. These "rigs" with more than two lures, would not be legal for angling in Arizona. Such a "rig" would be legal if it had no more than two lures.

Lures are not defined in statute. However, a lure is designed and intended to catch one fish. As such, a spoon, soft bait, piece of yarn etc., with no hook incorporated would not be considered a lure.

Thus, a test would be if a "rig" (Alabama or otherwise) were to be de-con-

structed, each piece that can catch a fish separately would be considered a lure. If more than two lures (that can catch a fish separately) are de-constructed, the rig is not legal in Arizona as regulations are currently written.

An example of a rig that would be legal in AZ is a rig with two swim baits with hooks and three or more (as many as you want) hook less swim baits or hookless spinners.

For more information, contact Kirk Young, fisheries branch chief, Arizona Game and Fish Department, 5000 West Carefree Highway, Phoenix AZ, 85086-5000, (623) 236-7259.



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Begin The New Year By Purchasing A Hunting Or Fishing License

From AZGFD

Did you know that one of the best ways to help wildlife conservation over the coming year is to buy a 2012 Arizona hunting or fishing license?

Hunters and anglers have known the conservation benefits of buying a license for years. But, it's important for those who don't hunt or fish to understand that buying a hunting or fishing license is actually one of the

best ways to support wildlife conservation in the state.

The dollars provided by license sales help manage for sustainable fish and wildlife resources for future generations to enjoy. That includes not just hunters and anglers, but also birders, hikers, photographers, wildlife watchers, and other wildlife enthusiasts.

License dollars help fund habitat improvement projects or protection projects

that benefit both hunted and non-hunted species. They also help fund game surveys, enforcement of wildlife laws, and public access and recreational opportunities for Arizonans.

Now is a great time to buy your 2012 license because it is good for the entire calendar year, so you can maximize your hunting and fishing enjoyment.

Remember — even if you don't hunt or

fish, you can help wildlife conservation efforts by buying a license.

Licenses can be purchased at any Game and Fish office (see www.azgfd.gov/offices for locations), at more than 300 license dealers across the state, or online at www.azgfd.gov.

For license costs and additional information, visit www.azgfd.gov/eservices/licenses.shtml.

Game And Fish Accepting Applications For Pronghorn, Elk Hunts

The Arizona Game and Fish Department announced today it has posted the 2012 Pronghorn Antelope and Elk Hunt Draw Information regulations booklet at www.azgfd.gov/draw. Hunters can now start applying for a hunt permit-tag issued through the drawing process.

Paper applications can be submitted now either by U.S. mail to Arizona Game and Fish Department, P.O. Box 74020, Phoenix, AZ 85087-1052, or hand-delivered to any Game and Fish office.

purchase your license at any Game and Fish office or more than 300 license dealers statewide.

Please keep in mind that you must have a working printer handy if you purchase your license online. The online system is self-fulfilling and you must print your license at time of purchase.

Early Application Has Advantage

Apply early to take advantage of the "correction period." If your application has an error and is received before 5 p.m. on Jan. 20, 2012, you will receive up to three phone calls from Game and Fish in a 24-hour period to help get the application corrected. After that date, mistakes can cause your application to be rejected.

The printed Pronghorn Antelope and Elk Hunt Draw Information booklets are now available at department offices and at license dealers statewide.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department does not receive any of the state's

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Deadline Coincides With State's 100th

The deadline to apply is Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012 by 7 p.m. (MST). For those mailing their applications, remember, postmarks do not count.

A 2012 hunting license is required to apply in the draw, and hunters are reminded that licenses purchased through the draw will not be mailed out until after the drawing process is completed.

Licenses can also be purchased online at the Game and Fish website, or you can

Elk Poaching Information Needed

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The Arizona Game and Fish Department is seeking the public's assistance in finding the individual or individuals responsible for illegally killing bull elk in two unrelated poaching incidents in northern Arizona.

The first poaching occurred on Nov. 25 during a rifle bull elk season in Game Management Unit 6A on the Coconino National Forest. Officers investigating the case received information about a 5 x 6 bull elk found in the 29 Mile Lake Area, which is approximately one mile west of the intersection of Highways 260 and 87.

Evidence at the scene indicates that the elk was left to waste since it was not field dressed and none of the edible meat was removed. During the initial investigation, tire tracks were discovered, and it is believed the suspect vehicle has a short wheel base. A reward of up to \$2,000 may be available for information leading to the arrest of the violator(s).

Second On The Kaibab

The other poaching occurred on Dec. 2 during a cow elk hunt in Game Management Unit 8 on the Kaibab National Forest. The spike bull was shot and left to

waste south of Nagiller Tank, which is southwest of the Hat Ranch.

Investigating officers discovered shell casings from a 30.06 caliber rifle at the scene, and a bullet from the carcass of the animal. This evidence may be helpful, but information from the public is still needed to solve this case. A reward of up to \$1,350 may be available for information leading to the arrest of the violator(s).

"We realize that occasionally mistakes happen, but we need anyone with information to come forward and help solve these cases," says Wildlife Manager Mike Rice.

Contact Operation Game Thief

Anyone with information about these cases can call the department's Operation Game Thief Hotline toll free at (800) 352-0700 or use the online form at www.azgfd.gov/thief.

Callers should provide case number 11-001885 for the Unit 6A case and 11-001972 for the Unit 8 case when calling. All calls may remain confidential upon request.

To learn more about Operation Game Thief, visit www.azgfd.gov/thief.

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Sonoran Pronghorn Return To King Valley

YUMA, Ariz. — For the first time in over 100 years, Sonoran pronghorn are residing in King Valley on the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge in southwestern Arizona.

The Sonoran pronghorn have been protected under the Endangered Species Act since 1967, and the United States population was on the brink of extinction in 2002 due to habitat fragmentation, human disturbance, loss of forage and perennial rivers, and periods of extreme drought.

In early 2011, construction was approved for a 0.5 square mile captive breeding and release facility in King Valley, a location historically occupied by the species, to establish a population, expand its range, and bolster pronghorn numbers.

The new breeding facility in King Valley was completed in December and the transfer of animals from a captive breeding facility on the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge took place on Dec. 15.

Twelve pronghorn (two bucks and 10 does) are currently residing in the pen and being monitored by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. By 2013, it is anticipated that the two-year-old offspring will be released from the facility into suitable adjacent habitat.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would like to remind visitors to King Valley that the captive breeding pen and a 1/4 mile area surrounding the captive breeding facility are posted and closed to public access for the safety of the animals.

For more information, please contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department in Yuma at (928) 342-0091 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Yuma at (928) 783-7861.

Endangered California Condors Celebrate 15th Anniversary

PHOENIX — The endangered California condor population that now spans Arizona and Utah is celebrating a significant milestone this month: the 15th anniversary of the first release of the birds into Arizona after being gone from the area for nearly 100 years.

In December 1996, six condors were released from an acclimation pen atop the Vermilion Cliffs in northern Arizona. Today, the population consists of more than 70 birds that now also use Utah as part of their range.

"This milestone is a significant accomplishment for the reintroduction program and demonstrates what cooperative, adaptive conservation can do for wildlife," says Eric Gardner, nongame branch chief for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "We would not have any condors flying over Arizona and Utah if it were not for the experimental, nonessential designation that allowed the project to begin. Now we have over 70 birds."

Challenges Identified

Since reintroduction began, challenges have been identified in the program and adaptive management has been implemented to address issues like lead poisoning from spent ammunition and predation.

Heritage Fund Helps Arizona's Sandhill Cranes, Communities Grow

Cranes increase by more than 30,000 and provide spectacular viewing opportunities.

From just over 4,000 in the late 1970s to over 34,000 today, more sandhill cranes are calling Arizona their winter home, in part thanks to the Heritage Fund. The Heritage Fund, which was created by a voter-initiative to use Arizona Lottery dollars to support wildlife conservation, has been used to help secure ideal habitat for the birds in southeastern Arizona.

"One reason for the increasing number of cranes in the Sulfur Springs Valley is the availability of prime wetland habitat that the birds require and that the Game and Fish Department has provided. Cranes that used to fly south to Mexico now stop in Arizona because of those habitats," said Mike Rabe, a migratory bird biologist with the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

A Thrilling Sight

The impressive increase in sandhill cranes means good news for wildlife enthusiasts. Seeing hundreds or even thousands of cranes take to the skies, feed in the fields or come in to land is a thrilling

sight. Sandhill cranes are large birds; adults have about an 80-inch wingspan and can stand about 47 inches tall.

"The cranes will remain in southeastern Arizona until mid-late February, so there is still plenty of time to see and hear thousands of them," said Joe Yarchin, watchable wildlife program manager for the department.

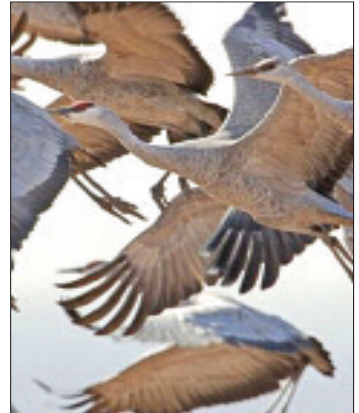
Benefits Communities

The Heritage Fund's direct impact on wildlife conservation is compounded by the economic benefit that wildlife viewing has on communities across the state, especially in rural areas. The city of Willcox estimates that \$60,000 to \$80,000 comes into the local economy from hotel, gas, restaurant, and other related purchases just during Wings over Willcox, a four-day bird-viewing event.

Two of the department's wildlife areas — the Willcox Playa Wildlife Area near Willcox and the Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area near Douglas — offer visitors good viewing facilities, including bathrooms.

Sandhill Crane Viewing Tips

The best viewing time is at first and last light when the cranes head out to feed, although it is possible to see them through-



out the day during winter (until mid-February).

Listen for the birds: They are very vocal and can often be heard before they are seen.

Don't forget your binoculars, spotting scopes, cameras and bird field guides.

For more information on wildlife viewing opportunities in the state, visit www.azgfd.gov/wildlife.

Peoples Canyon Receives Influx Of Bighorn Sheep

Translocation to provide data, increase diversity.

KINGMAN, Ariz. — Arizona Game and Fish biologists and several volunteers waited patiently as the doors to a bighorn sheep transport were pulled open.

At first the bighorn sheep were a bit reluctant, but after the first one took off in a gallop to begin exploring its new home, the others were quick to follow, leaping from the transport and bolting for the hillside.

Such was the scene during the most recent supplemental transplant conducted by Game and Fish at Peoples Canyon (also known as Peoples Canyon) in Unit 16A where 20 bighorn sheep, captured on the Navajo Nation in southeast Utah, were released.

While a small population of bighorn sheep exists in the area just west of U.S.



Highway 93 near Bagdad, Ariz., this transplant is expected to boost both the numbers and genetic diversity within the herd.

Fitted With Tags, Collars

The influx of bighorn sheep into the area was composed of 15 ewes and five rams. All were fitted with ear tags and half were fitted with GPS collars for monitoring. The collars will provide information on movement throughout the range, and

population.

The 10(j) rule allows the agencies the ability to handle, treat, transport and fit birds with radio transmitters, activities that would be much more difficult to carry out without the special designation. The 10(j) rule also provides that land management practices will not be restricted due to the presence of condors.

Condors are a long-lived species with low reproductive rates, making its population more slow-growing than most wildlife. While they can live up to 60 years in the wild, they do not sexually mature until six or seven years of age and only mate every other year.

From 22 To 400

The California condor has gone from only 22 birds left in the world in 1982 to nearly 400 today. The original 22 birds were captured in an effort to breed and save the species. Condors bred and raised in captivity are now periodically released at sites in California, Mexico and at the Vermilion Cliffs in Arizona.

The species was added to the federal endangered species list in 1967. The condor is the largest flying land bird in North America. The birds can weigh up to 26

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mortality information, if any mortalities occur.

"This translocation project is part of a continuing collaboration between the

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Grand Canyon's Trail Of Time Receives National Recognition

Grand Canyon, Ariz. — The Trail of Time, located on the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, recently won an Interpretive Media Award from the National Association for Interpretation (NAI).

The award, first place in the Wayside Exhibit category, recognizes and promotes excellence in the delivery of natural, cultural, and historical non-personal interpretive services (things like visitor center exhibits, waysides and brochures where a ranger is not physically present to facilitate visitor understanding and appreciation.)



TRAIL OF TIME — The Trail of Time, located on the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, recently won an Interpretive Media Award from the National Association for Interpretation (NAI).

Trail Of Time Reveals Geologic Timeline

The Trail of Time follows the existing, paved Rim Trail between the Yavapai Geology Museum and the Verkamp's Visitor Center on the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. It is an interpretive walking timeline that focuses on Grand Canyon vistas and rocks, and invites visitors to ponder, explore, and understand the magnitude of geologic time and the stories encoded in Grand Canyon's rock layers

and landscapes.

The timeline is marked by brass markers every meter, representing one million years of time, and viewing tubes and other interpretive materials help visitors connect the rocks visible in the Grand Canyon to their place along the geologic timeline.

First proposed in 1995 by University

of New Mexico geology professor, Dr. Karl Karlstrom, the Trail was funded by an Informal Education Grant from the National Science Foundation in 2005 and completed in 2010.

The Trail of Time is part of a research program in informal science education aimed at understanding and improving public understanding of the connection between human time scales and the million year heartbeat of the Earth.

"Park visitors seem to love to touch the rocks, do trail activities, and study the waysides, all in the context of great views within one of the world's most spectacular landscapes," says Dr. Karlstrom.

A Collaborative Effort

The Trail of Time was a collaborative effort between the National Park Service, the University of New Mexico, Arizona State University, the University of Massachusetts, and the National Science Foundation.

"I speak for the entire Trail of Time planning team in saying we are honored to

have received first place for Wayside Exhibits from the National Association for Interpretation," Dr. Karlstrom concluded.

The National Association for Interpretation is a not-for-profit professional association whose membership is involved in the interpretation of natural and cultural heritage resources in settings such as parks, zoos, museums, nature centers, aquaria, botanical gardens, and historic sites.

The Association encourages networking, training, and collaboration among members and partners in support of their mission: inspiring leadership and excellence to advance heritage interpretation as a profession.

For more on the Trail of Time, please visit <http://trailoftime.org> or call Judy Hellmich-Bryan at 928-638-7760. For more on NAI, please visit www.in-terpnet.com.

Note: Did you know — that the oldest human artifacts found in Grand Canyon National Park date to the Paleo-Indian period and are nearly 12,000 years old !?

Travel Management Public Comment Period Begins

Environmental assessment re: Tonto National Forest starts.

Tonto National Forest officials are seeking comments on the Travel Management Environmental Assessment (EA). The 30-day comment period began Jan. 6.

The action is a proposed system of

roads, trails and areas. Based on previous public input, several alternatives are proposed in this draft Environmental Assessment (EA). The final product will be a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) that shows which roads and trails will be open to motor vehicle use. The decision will also amend the Tonto National Forest Plan.

In 2005, the Department of Agriculture

enacted a new planning rule to manage motorized vehicle use on all national forests and grasslands. This rule requires the Tonto National Forest to designate those roads, trails, and areas that are open to motor vehicle use. Designations will be made by class of vehicle and, if appropriate, by time of year.

The final rule will prohibit the use of motor vehicles off the designated system, as well as use of motor vehicles on routes and in areas that are not consistent with the designations.

"Public involvement at this time is a critical component in developing a motorized travel system," stated Sharon Wallace, Public Services group leader. "During this comment period, we are hoping to get representative viewpoints and suggestions from a cross-section of forest visitors.

"The purpose of the Motor Vehicle Use Map is to comply with the requirements of the Travel Management Rule, to reduce problems caused by uncontrolled off-road travel, and to improve the current system of travel routes for public access and enjoyment. The development of a Motor Vehicle Use Map is an adaptive process in which future changes can be made in the public interest."

A copy of the travel management environmental assessment can be found at the forest web page at www.fs.usda.gov/Tonto under the Travel Management Plan link.

Print or CD copies of the EA are available at the Forest Supervisor's Office at 2324 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, Arizona, or one of six forest district offices.

Comments must be submitted within 30 days following date of the legal notice



published in the *Capitol Times* on Jan. 6. Please submit comments using one of the methods below (listed in order of preference for ease of processing through the content analysis process):

Internet (using a comment form): <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=28967>

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Comments will only be considered if a full name and a physical mailing address are included. Comments become part of the public record.

If you have any questions concerning this process, please contact Genevieve Johnson at (602) 225-5213, or by e-mail at grjohnson@fs.fed.us

For more information about the program, please visit the Tonto National Forest webpage at www.fs.usda.gov/Tonto or call the Tonto National Forest Supervisor's Office, (602) 225-5200.

Coconino County Parks And Recreation To Automate Services

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Coconino County residents waiting until the New Year to reserve picnic ramadas at County parks can make their reservations beginning March 1.

Traditionally, visitors to parks managed by the County Parks and Recreation Department could reserve ramadas beginning Jan. 1, but the County is in the process of switching over to a new recreation-management system to assist in managing the parks.

When up and running within the coming months, the Internet-based system will allow visitors to reserve campsites for the

summer season at Fort Tuthill Park between May 1 and Sept. 30. The public can receive information on the entire County Park system at www.coconino.az.gov/parks.

Ramada reservations will begin March 1 and can be done Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ramadas can only be reserved by calling the County Parks and Recreation Department at (928) 679-8000 or in person at Fort Tuthill County Park at 2446 Fort Tuthill Loop.

For further information, call (928) 679-8000 or e-mail parksrec@coconino.az.gov.



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by the pristine waters of the Verde River, Indians of this valley spoke descriptively in their legends of the river's "sweet waters".

Outdoor enthusiasts frequent Bartlett Lake for a variety of recreational opportunities, including shoreline camping in Arizona's natural desert terrain. While in this part of the Tonto National Forest, visitors may see mule deer, bald eagles, javelina, coyotes, and many indigenous desert plants, including the majestic saguaro, mesquite trees and blooming ocotillo.

Bartlett Lake is located only 48 miles from downtown Phoenix and 17 miles northeast of Carefree. The newly engineered, fully paved, scenic Bartlett Lake Road combined with the expanding Phoenix freeway system offers easy access from the entire Valley of the Sun. Tonto National Forest campground improvements, handicap accessibility, and safety features provide for safe, enjoyable recreation including hiking, boating, water skiing and fishing.

Come to Bartlett Lake during this Centennial year or anytime for a great vacation or weekend full of fun and relaxation! Boating, water skiing and jet skiing are popular at Bartlett Lake. It offers the best of both worlds: gently sloping beaches on the west side and mountains that break the wind on the east.

Bartlett Lake Boat Club

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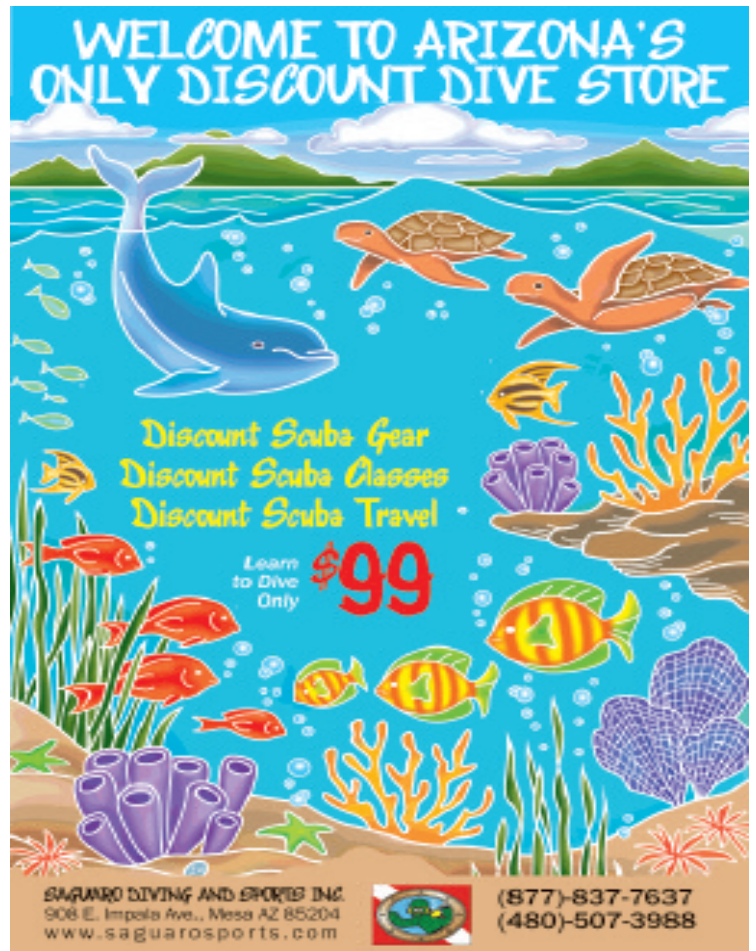
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SAN DIEGO SUNROD BOAT SHOW: Jan. 26-29 — BigBayBoat-Show.com

LA BOAT SHOW: Feb. 9-12 — LosAngelesBoatShow.com

SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB, SAN DIEGO: Current — Guests are invited to visit their new facility; (619) 222-0438, www.southwesternyc.org.

FRED HALL FISHING SHOWS: March 2012 — March 7-11 in Long Beach and March 22-25 in Del Mar

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WHITEWATER RAFTING TRIPS: March 1-June 1 — Globe, Upper Salt River, the Highway 60 Bridge between Globe and Show Low, 1, 2, 3 & 5-day world class whitewater rafting trips in one of America's most pristine river canyons, <http://www.azroa.org>

9TH ANNUAL APBA MARK HAHN MEMORIAL HAVASU 300: Feb. 25 — Lake Havasu City, Crazy Horse Campgrounds, personal watercraft racing world's longest personal watercraft event, 300 mile team endurance race, begins at 10 am, free, 714-241-9600 or <http://pwc-fun.com/markhahn300.asp>

DESERT STORM: April 23-29 — LakeRacer LLC, jimm@lakeracerllc.com

PARKER SPRING BOAT RACES: April 14, 15 — Parker Area Tourism

SALTIN SEA SPEED WEEK: Jan. 20-21

POCKET CRUISER CONVENTION: Feb. 13-20 — Lake Havasu; The Nautical and London Bridge resorts, more than 110 sailors with their pocket-sized sailboats, includes fun races, a show and shine, a poker run, and annual Grudge Match, <http://www.sailhavasu.com>

ASF SAILING CLASSES FOR KIDS: arizonayachtclub.org.

AZ YACHT CLUB MEETINGS: Second Tuesday of every month 7 p.m. — Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., Tempe; www.arizonayachtclub.org

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CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

For more information on camping, RVing, outdoor activities, see "Land Cruising" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.

PROTECT-A-PARK: Ongoing — Boaters, anglers, divers needed to adopt Lake Pleasant's shoreline areas and coves

for regular litter removal in 2009; (602) 372-7460, ext. 200

29TH ANNUAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND HERITAGE AWARENESS MONTH: March 1-31 — Statewide; special events in towns across Arizona focusing on current efforts to preserve our past by protecting our fragile and non-renewable cultural resources, hikes, site tours, lectures, demos, 602-542-4174 or <http://www.azstateparks.com>

TRES RIOS NATURE FESTIVAL: March 3-4 — Goodyear, Estrella Mountain Regional Park, 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, 9 am - 4 pm, 623-204-2130 or <http://www.tresriosnaturefestival.com>

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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



COMMUNITY

ARIZONA CENTENNIAL EVENTS: Throughout 2012 — Happy 100th Birthday Arizona! For Centennial events and information be sure to visit <http://www.az100years.org/>.

59TH ANNUAL GREAT CANADIAN PICNIC: Feb. 4 — South Mountain Park, celebrate all things Canadian, with live music, games, chocolate bars, bring a picnic or purchase from Earls Grill, free, 11 am - 3 pm, 480-255-5865 or <http://www.canadianpicnic.com> (Editor's Note: I hope there are some Coffee Crisp included in the chocolate bars!)

59TH ANNUAL PARADA DEL SOL RODEO PARADE: Feb. 11 — Scottsdale; starts at Indian School Rd to Oak St. on Scottsdale Rd, free, 9 am, followed by Trail's End Party, 480-990-3179 or <http://www.paradadelsol.org>

24TH ANNUAL ARIZONA'S ANNUAL RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL: Feb. 11-April 1 — Apache Junction; (12601 E. Highway 60, 85118), a 30-acre medieval playground where history is the theme, 12 stages of continuous live entertainment, royalty, jousting tournaments, an artisan marketplace and the Pleasure Feast, a day of 16th Century play for the whole family, \$12-22, weekends, 10 am - 6 pm, 520-463-2700 or <http://www.renfestinfo.com>

COME DIG IN THE DIRT: Current — The weather is perfect for gardening; come and dig in the dirt at the Escalante Community Garden! It is open from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. during the week and early mornings every other Saturday. Volunteers welcome! Contact Dave Tally at (480) 350-5896.

HOMELESS PROGRAM NEEDS: Ongoing — new underwear, socks, sun screen, razors, feminine hygiene products, hats and backpacks; e-mail I-Help for more details: ihelp@tempeaction.org.

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RAISING MONEY FOR ANIMALS: Ongoing — Heather L. James-Davis; www.azanimalassistance.com

FISHING

For more information on fishing, please see "Tight Lines" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.

BILL LUKE BASS DAYS: March 16-18, 2012 — Lake Pleasant; Don McDowell; don@shakerattleandtroll.com

FLW OUTDOORS FISHING TOURNAMENT: Feb. 23-25 — Lake Havasu City; premier fishing tournament, <http://www.fantasyfishing.com>

2012 EVERSTART WESTERN DIVISION QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: Feb. 23-25 — Lake Havasu State Park, the anglers on the alert, the FLW series in the crystal clear waters of Lake Havasu, free for spectators, 6:30 am - 2:30 pm, 270-252-1000 or <http://www.flwoutdoors.com>

ARIZONA FLYCASTERS CLUB MEETINGS: Second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. — Sunnyslope Community Center; <http://www.azflycasters.org>

SRT BASS PHOENIX CHAPTER MEETINGS: Ongoing — Shake, Rattle & Troll BASS Club; volunteers needed; new members (boaters and non-boaters), families, children, friends are welcome; (623) 221-7655

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For more information on hunting, please see "Game Bag: Write On Target" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.

SHOWS/EXPOS

LAKE HAVASU BOAT SHOW: April 20-22, 2012 — Lake Havasu City; www.lakehavasubootshow.com

INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPO: Feb. 23-26, 2012 — Glendale, Ariz.; for information re: ISE Sweepstakes and a chance to win four tickets to the ISE of your choice, contact Scott Kelly, CEO Black Dog Promotions, (480) 206-3435

ARIZONA GAME & FISH EXPO: March 31, April 1 — Ben Avery Shooting Range

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Frozen:
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Nelson (carlnelson@coyotescurling.com) or I (shawntait@coyotescurling.com) know. And as for upcoming learn-to-curl classes, due to ice availability, we are looking to hold a couple of classes in March. If some ice time becomes available in January or February, you will be the first to know! + The Coyotes Curling Club is happy to announce that registration for the 2012 Winter League is now open! We are equally excited to announce the creation of a third league night on Tuesdays! Curlers in Arizona now have the option to curl Friday mornings at 11 a.m., Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., or Saturdays at 9 p.m. or some combination of multiple days. Friday and Tuesday leagues will still remain co-ed and are limited to having a team made up of two experienced curlers and two novice curlers. The Saturday league will be an Open format where you can put together a team — all woman, all men, all novice, all experienced, mixed, whichever you prefer — or like the other two leagues, leave it up to us and we'll place you on a team!

Swimming:

TRI CATCHING CUPID: FEB. 11 — MESA, SKYLINE AQUATIC FACILITY; the 2012 TRI Catching Cupid Reverse Sprint and Youth Triathlon is Arizona's newest and most exciting multi-sport event. Registration is open online at www.active.com. This first annual event will feature three exciting competitions: Youth, Individual Adult, and Husband/Wife Teams. This event is perfect for all ages and levels. For course information, registration and pricing, visit: <http://www.active.com/triathlon/mesa-az/tri-catching-cupid-reverse-sprint-and-youth-triathlon-2012?int=29-6>. The Arizona Desert Dolphins Synchronized Swim Team is the charitable beneficiary of the TRI Catching Cupid. Founded in 2006, the Arizona Desert Dolphins decided to combine their love for the beautiful sport of synchronized swimming and the philosophy of teaching young women how to live healthful and active lives. Register now to be a part of something special. With amazing prices, a beautiful landscaped course, and a family atmosphere, TRI Catching Cupid is sure to capture everyone's heart this February.



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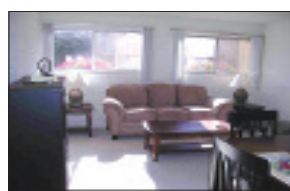
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SHOWS

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on McCulloch Blvd. from noon to approximately 9 p.m.

Friday, April 27 is the Desert Storm Poker Run and after party/awards/dinner celebration.

Saturday, April 28 is the high-speed "Shoot-Out" competition.

After that — we rest!

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Salton Sea Speed Week: Jan. 20-22

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27th Annual Parker Water Ski Races, Parker, AZ: March 10-11

4th Annual Lake Puddingstone Sprint Boat Races, San Dimas: March 16-18

SCSC Spring Boat Races, Parker, AZ: April 14-15

Updates

There were more than 60,000 Web site hits in December at www.lakehavasubootshow.com!

For the convenience of those who need to FAX us, we now have a new direct FAX line — (951) 599-0195. For direct questions, please call us at (951) 501-0210 or e-mail exhibitinfo@lakehavasubootshow.com.

POCKET CRUISERS

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Next thing we knew, *Dauntless* (our sailboat) had seen 20,000 highway miles pass under her keel as we traveled the West Coast — San Diego all the way to the San Juan Islands of Washington, and even up into the Gulf Islands of British Columbia. Each location we met with other sailors for adventures on the water.

My story, though, is not about me, my wife, or our travels with our boat. It's

SILENCE

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waterfowl, Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge offers a little bit of everything for both wildlife and people.

Located just 23 miles from Lake Havasu City, the area features a one-quarter mile trail for nature watching and boating at no-wake speed (which is as slow and quiet as you get). There's also a boat ramp for non-motorized watercraft only.

The rare riparian habitat of Bill Williams River NWR is also criss-crossed by a number of hiking trails where one is likely to see the tracks of cottontails, javelina, and deer, as well as predatory coyotes, bobcats, and the less-common cougars. (For more information: www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/arizona/billwill.html)

What's SUP?

There's plenty "SUP," the abbreviation for stand-up paddling, a sport growing nationwide in leaps and bounds. Those enthusiasts standing up and paddling on what appears to be a surfboard now have a new way to glide silently along the Bridgewater

APPLICATIONS

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general funds (tax revenues) to operate. Wildlife conservation and management of the state's game animals, which also benefits many nongame species, is made possible through the direct sale of hunting and fishing licenses, big game tags, and matching funds from the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program, a federal excise tax on certain hunting and fishing equipment.

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- Accuracy-Casting Contest
- 3D Pop-Up Archery Range and Contest
- DockDogs Pool & National Contest
- Adventure Theater, sponsored by RMEF
- World Fishing Network Aquarium Tank
- AZ Game & Fish Department Youth Fair

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HOURS:

WOMAN

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outdoor experience. The ranch is a family owned bed and breakfast with lots of amenities. The workshop will include classes and outdoor activities, with a focus on those that can be enjoyed in the beautiful Sonoran desert.

Some of the classes and activities offered are the following:

- Boating sessions on Saguaro Lake,
- Edible and medicinal desert plants (presented by authors Jean Groen and Don Wells),
- Geocaching,
- Outdoor photography,
- Fly fishing,
- Birding,
- Dutch-oven cooking,
- Still-water paddling,

about what came of that. Something I never would have expected or envisioned that involves literally hundreds of people, from all walks of life.

They come from across the U.S., Canada, and even other countries. We are talking such a diverse group that it is mind boggling. Doctors, professors, executives, police officers, plumbers, you name it, all linked by a common bond. I hope that you will read on.

The "Tale of Trailers and Sailors" is continued on www.azbw.com.

Channel, just below the home of thousands of bats who nest within the London Bridge, which was relocated to Lake Havasu City and placed into service 40 years ago this year. (www.standupconnection.com)

Aloha Arizona

A group of dedicated canoeists are keeping Pacific Island culture alive by paddling a fleet of outrigger canoes. There's perhaps no better way to appreciate the almost two-dozen replica light-houses that dot the shore of the lake.

Through prior arrangement, visitors can learn safety techniques and how to paddle in a six-man outrigger canoe with five other paddlers for recreation or competition. (For further information: (928) 855-5565, info@lhccc.com, www.lhccc.com)

Paddle Past Petroglyphs

Step back in time and kayak past petroglyphs in Topock Gorge on a 14-mile guided kayak trip down the Colorado River, starting at Topock Marina, 35 miles north of Lake Havasu City.

CONDORS

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pounds and have a wingspan of up to 9 1/2 feet.

The Arizona-Utah condor conservation effort is a joint project of many partners, including The Peregrine Fund, Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Kaibab National Forest and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

For more information on condors, visit www.azgfd.gov/condor or The Peregrine Fund website.

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Space is limited to the first 40 participants, so register now. It's an experience you won't soon forget.

For more information or to register, visit the Arizona Wildlife Federation Web site at www.azwildlife.org, or call (480) 644-0077.

EXPO

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and commercial vendors of outdoor products and services.

More information will be posted on the AZGFD Web page as it becomes available.

As in previous years, the Expo will be held at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility, 4044 W. Black Canyon Blvd., Phoenix. Exit I-17 at Carefree Highway, go west 1/2 mile and follow the signs.

Admission and parking are FREE!

Topock Gorge is a breathtaking, mountainous canyon. The Havasu wilderness extends down to the bank line on both the Arizona and California shores. Indian petroglyphs tell the stories of early peoples who lived along the lower Colorado River during a much, much quieter time. (For more information: WACKO, (928) 855-6414, www.azwacko.com/topock.html)

Y'All Come!

Lake Havasu City, three hours driving time from Phoenix, 2-1/4 hours south of Las Vegas and four to five from the Los Angeles region, attracts 750,000 visitors a year thanks to its dry, desert weather, more than 300 sunny days a year, a range of restaurants and lodging, and a boatload of special events.

For more information on Lake Havasu City, Arizona's only waterfront resort destination, including a calendar of events, log onto golakehavasu.com or call (928) 453-3444. Also find Lake Havasu City online at facebook.com/lakehavasuacityarizona and twitter.com/golakehavasu. Photos of dozens of images of local recreational activities, restaurants, lodging and scenery are available upon request.

ARTIST

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established a reputation for astonishing underwater realism that has never been equaled.

He painted virtually all of the world's great saltwater game species, and his art dominated the sporting press for decades. If you picked up an outdoor magazine or tournament program from the eras of Kennedy to Reagan, you've undoubtedly seen his work. Those were oil paintings — not photographs — and no other artist has ever done it better.

Now five years after his death, the art world and sporting press have rediscovered Meltzoff's talent and are once again clamoring for his imagery. Three new art exhibitions will open this year that include Meltzoff art as their touchstones.

First Meltzoff Showing In Texas

The first is *Art of the Dive*, a multimedia show curated by the noted David Wagner that will open its doors at the Art Museum of South Texas in Corpus Christi on Jan. 19. *Art of the Dive* includes five signature Meltzoff oil paintings that are breathtaking in their execution.

Ft. Lauderdale Showing Features Shark!

Later this spring, the Museum of Art in Fort Lauderdale opens an exhibition titled *Shark!* and will feature one of Meltzoff's most iconic pictures. This over-sized work was completed in 1988 and has never before been in public view.

Titled *Broadbill, Mako, and Lancelot Fish in the Glow of the Cyalumes*, the dark and dangerous painting will be on prominent display as a highlight of the show. Curated by prominent author/artist Richard Ellis, *Shark!* opens May 13 and will run throughout the summer.

Over 75 Originals In New York City

Finally, the venerable Society of Illustrators in New York will turn over its brownstone gallery to a one-man Meltzoff show this summer from June 6 through July 28.

This once-in-a-lifetime exhibition will include more than 75 original Meltzoff paintings crossing the expanse of his varied career. Many were Meltzoff's favorite pieces and never sold by him nor loaned for display.

Included in the mix will be more than two dozen game fish paintings covering all the great species: billfish, bonefish, permit, striped bass, swordfish, tuna, and others. Sportsmen (and women) everywhere would do well to renounce the family vacation and take in this incredible array. Its like may not gather together again for generations.

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SHEEP

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Navajo Nation and Arizona Game and Fish for wildlife management both on the Navajo Nation and in Arizona," said Brian Wakeling, Game and Fish game branch chief.

Wakeling explained an additional 22 bighorn sheep were captured on the Navajo Nation: three for the Navajo Nation Zoo and Botanical Park, and 19 radio-tagged and released for study

within the Upper San Juan River basin.

Minimize Predation

To aid in the recovery of desert bighorn sheep in the area, the Game and Fish Commission has authorized a multiple bag limit and use of artificial light for mountain lions in the southern portion of Unit 16A so hunters can assist with the recovery of the translocated bighorns.

With a robust mountain lion population in the area, the goal will be to mini-

mize the influence of predation.

"The commission believes the new regulations will benefit bighorn sheep and allow this re-established population to grow and allow for suitable recruitment to restore this historical population for future generations to enjoy," said Commission Chair Robbie Woodhouse.

Such measures in regards to mountain lions are in place in the southern portions of Unit 18B where bighorn sheep were reintroduced in 2006 and received a sup-

plemental transplant in 2007.

Funding for the translocation was raised by the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society through the sale of special big game license tags, with the Game and Fish Department handling and overseeing the capture, transport, and release of the bighorn sheep.

For more information about bighorn sheep and projects like this, visit the Game and Fish website at www.azgfd.gov.



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