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Before You Get On Board, Think Boating Safety



ON THE COVER

Boaters Need To Put Safety First

Although this model is not wearing a life-jacket (which we hope she will don after the photo shoot!), she is certainly doing a fine job of welcoming us to the water.

It's time. Boating season is here, and even though boaters enjoy the water throughout the year in the Southwest, May seems to be the traditional start for many. This photo emphasizes the fun of being out on the water, but there is another side to boating that is just as, or really more important: safety.

We are emphasizing that in this issue as we urge all our readers to take seriously the themes of National Boating & Safety Week, May 21-May 27. The messages, though, are for every day, every week, every month, and every year that you are on the water.

2016 NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK: MAY 21 - 27

Will Your Community Participate And Set A Record?

The National Safe Boating Council, in partnership with the Canadian Safe Boating Council, invite boating safety professionals, the boating community and the media to participate in the sixth-annual "Ready, Set, Wear It!" Life Jacket World Record Day on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Participants in cities around the globe will gather to set a world record for the most life jackets worn and inflatable life jackets inflated. The goal is not only to promote the comfortable and versatile options when it comes to life jackets, but also to educate the public about life jackets and safe boating in general.

"Ready, Set, Wear It!" will usher in National Safe Boating Week, this year May 21 - 27, 2016. These efforts are part of a year-long campaign to promote safe and responsible boating, the North American Safe Boating Campaign. Boating safety partners across the U.S. and Canada are teaming up to educate the public about life jacket wear and safe boating.

To ensure an accurate count from each location, all organizers are

asked to record their event through photographs or video as well as a sign-up sheet (found under "Resources"). All Sign-In sheets and photos/videos must be turned in to dcorish@safeboatingcouncil.org no later than **May 31, 2016** to be counted towards the record. After the event numbers are tallied, the total number of participants is posted to the Web site.

The National Safe Boating Council and the Canadian Safe Boating Council hope to not only set another world record and surpass 2015's 10,917 participants from 11 countries, but, most importantly, educate the boating public about the comfort and accessibility of inflatable life jackets.

Throughout the year, the North American Safe Boating Campaign (Wear It!) focuses on the goal of educating the public about safe boating and life jacket wear, and relies on events like "Ready, Set, Wear It!" and National Safe Boating Week to bring more awareness to this life-saving cause. For more information, contact the NSBC's Communications Coordinator at dcorish@safeboatingcouncil.org.



Wear It! Shares Safety Tips For Spring Boating

Many people enjoy recreational boating and fishing in the spring. Yet, what looks like a perfect day can quickly become hazardous if you end up in frigid water. The annual Wear It! boating safety campaign reminds spring boaters to take extra precautions.

"Situations on the water can escalate quickly, and wearing a life jacket not only gives you peace of mind to control an emergency situation but can also save your life," said Rachel Johnson, executive director of the National Safe Boating Council, the lead organization of Wear It!

Life jackets are available in inherently buoyant or inflatable styles. Inflatable life jackets rely on CO₂ cylinders that provide buoyancy when inflated versus inherently buoyant life jackets that use foam or other

buoyant materials to stay afloat.

"Inflatable life jackets give boaters no more excuses - they'll still have mobility and flexibility for water activity while wearing the right gear," continued Johnson. "Regardless of the life jacket chosen, Wear It!"

Wear It! offers spring boaters tips before they hit the water —

- Prepare your boat by scheduling a vessel safety check with your local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or S. Power Squadrons.
- Know the latest marine weather forecast and dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature.
- File a float plan with someone you trust that includes details about the trip and emergency contacts.



And, once on the water —

Make sure everyone - even experienced swimmers - wears a properly fitting U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket appropriate for the water activity.

Follow navigation rules, such as maintaining a proper lookout and safe speed.

Never boat under the influence. Alcohol

See **SAFETY TIPS**, Page 19

NATIONAL FISHING & BOATING WEEK: JUNE 4-12

Take Yourself. Take The Kids. Take The Family. Just Do It.

If you haven't already, plan to go fishing and boating this year and enjoy the water, starting with Arizona's free fishing day on June 4.

Boating and fishing are fun, stress-relieving activities that you can enjoy with your family and friends anytime. Here are just a few reasons why you should get out on the water and start enjoying these activities:

- Connect with your family: Family fishing is a great way for family members of all ages to connect and have fun.
- Connect with nature: 90 percent of Americans live within an hour of navigable water. Fishing and boating are great opportunities to connect more with nature.
- De-stress: Boating is ranked as one of the top three of all stress-relieving activities.
- Help conserve: The funds from your fishing licenses and boat registrations go towards the conservation of our natural aquatic areas.

Take Advantage Of Free Fishing Days

During National Fishing and Boating Week, most states offer free fishing days. These are days where anglers are allowed to fish on public bodies of water without a fishing license. Check out the upcoming free fishing days in your state: Arizona's 2016 spring free fishing day is June 4.

During the Saturday and Sunday following the first Monday in June, any person may fish state waters without an MDC fishing permit, trout permit, and prescribed area daily tag. However, user fees and permits may still be required at county, city, or private fishing areas. Normal regulations, such



FISH FOR FREE — National Fishing and Boating Week is a national celebration, an event that highlights the importance of recreational boating and fishing. In 2016, the event will take place June 4-12. Arizona's Free Fishing Day is Saturday, June 4.

as size and daily limits, still apply, too.

Many conservation areas that offer Free Fishing Days programs also have gear you can use at no charge. Area Free Fishing Days programs appear on this page from April until the opportunity ends in June.

Free fishing days are a perfect opportunity

for beginners to try out fishing for the first time. If you already have a fishing license, consider taking a friend or family member who has never been fishing, out on the water for the day.

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Western Wildlife

Buffalo/Bison Show Their 'Smarts' But ...

Avoiding harassment and shooting, bison moved into Grand Canyon National Park in the 1990s. Fast forward: Now what?/Page 10



Boating

NWSA Sets Conference Date

The 15th Annual Women's Sailing Conference, organized by the National Women's Sailing Association, will take place Saturday, June 4./Page 6





We are thankful for the opportunity to make choices. Even though this season's presidential primaries are unusually high in drama and tension, they are still evidence that we have a right to vote our preferences. It is a precious right

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DOWNSTREAM May 2016 Events Calendar

BOATING

2/29/2017 GOAT CRUISE: Sign up now for this family fun goat cruise. Kids are welcome and nannies will be provided. Call Billy for reservations: (619) 523-3091.

LEARN TO SAIL: Current — If you know someone who would like to learn to sail, turn them on to the Arizona Sailing Foundation's Adult Beginning Sailing class.

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

US SAILING/ RED CROSS ONLINE TRAINING: Ongoing — To make it easier for prospective US SAILING-certified instructors to fulfill course requirements for CPR and First Aid certification, US SAILING teams up with the American Red Cross to provide an online training program. Participants can sign up by visiting www.usailing.org/training and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

7 GRAND CANYON: Grand Canyon Half Marathon - 1200 person cap on the race, while there are no views of the Grand Canyon from the course, it is a gorgeous run through the Kaibab National Forest, after the race, you can enjoy the park with your family and friends, the road is all dirt, some might call it a trail run, it will be a closed course, just keep an eye out for Elk, \$80-125, 7 am, http://www.grandcanyonhalfmarathon.com/

Aug. 25: 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

30 ANTHEM: 2016 Anthem Memorial Day Ceremony — Anthem Community Park, includes a keynote address, P.O.W. and M.I.A. ceremony, tribute to the 26 veterans commemorated at the memorial, musical performance by ProMusica Arizona, taps, seating is limited, lawn chairs are welcome, 10 am,

We send our **Best Wishes to Loren Finnell** for a speedy and complete recovery.

A May To Remember

http://www.onlineatthem.com/anthem-veterans-memorial

30 CONCHO VALLEY: 11th Annual Concho Memorial Day Parade and Picnic — Highway 61, (85924), parade at 10 am, official flag raising ceremony at the park followed by a town picnic with food and music, free, 10 am — 2 pm, 575-495-0809 or 928-587-2901 or http://www.conchocan.org

30 KINGMAN: Memorial Day Program — Kingman Veterans Memorial, 9:30 am, http://kvmt.org/

30 PAYSAN: Memorial Day Patriotic Program — Green Valley Park, patriotic music, flag raising, speakers, 9:30 am, no phone

28-30 TOMBSTONE: 36th Annual Wyatt Earp Days — celebrate the life and times of the Old West's most famous lawman in "the town too tough to die," gunfights & skits in the street, chili cook-off, hangings, street entertainment, look alike contests, 1880s fashion show, free, 520-266-5266 or http://www.tombstonechamber.com

21 PATAGONIA: Mariachi Festival — Patagonia Lake State Park, mariachi festival with authentic Mexican food, hot dogs, hamburgers, kettle corn & shaved ice in a fun family environment, bring: plenty of water, lawn chair, sunscreen, hat, in addition, Patagonia offers fishing, birding, boat tours, and nature walks, \$15/vehicle (up to four adults), 10 am, http://azstateparks.com/parks/pala/events.html

7 SEDONA: Cinco de Mayo Fiesta — Tlaquepaque, a colorful Fiesta saluting a rich heritage, cheer and whistle to the music of mariachi musicians, clap to the steps of Folklorico dancers and savor traditional Mexican food, stop in and be a judge at the Great Sedona Chili Cook-Off, 11 am — 5 pm, 928-282-4838 or http://www.tlaq.com

EXPOS/SHOWS

14-15 KINGMAN: Sportsman Expo Adventure, Mohave County Fairgrounds; http://kingmanexpos.com/sportsman-expo/

20-22 FLAGSTAFF: Overland Expo — Mormon Lake Lodge, an international event that educates and inspires people to get out and explore the world, by bike and vehicle, features 70 different classes, workshops, and roundtable programs, 100 exhibitors ~ 4WD & adventure motorcycles, accessories, camping gear, experts, authors, & videographers from around the world, music, food, film festival, & happy hours, 1000s of overlanders from around the world, http://www.overlandexpo.com

FISHING

Sept. 22: NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

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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Swimming
19 TEMPE: Ironcare Splash & Dash + Swim Only — Race 3 — Tempe Town Lake, presented by Triple Sports, Splash 750m or 1500m/ Dash 5km; Swim Only 750m or 1500m, a unique event with a relaxed atmosphere that is suitable for all levels of athlete, \$35-40, 6 pm, http://www.4peaksracing.com/

7-8 SAHUARITA: TriZona at Sahuarita Triathlon — Sahuarita Lake Park, presented by Haka Multisport, a USA Triathlon-sanctioned, Olympic distance triathlon with a 0.9-mile swim, 25-mile bike ride and 6.2-mile run, Sun is a sprint triathlon, shorter and faster, http://www.sahuaritatri.com

WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

14 PAYSAN: 22nd Annual Payson Wildlife Festival — Green Valley Park, wildlife-based activities, parents and kids can fish, play games and get a close-up look at wildlife including birds of prey, rattlesnakes, Gila monsters and alligators, booths from a variety of conservation groups, coop between Arizona Game and Fish Dept., Mogollon Sporting Assn, US Forest Service & Parks & Rec., free, 9 am — 3 pm, 928-947-5242 ext 7 or http://www.paysonparks.com or http://www.paysonrimcountry.com

7 WINDOW ROCK: 9th Annual ZooFest — Navajo Nation Zoological and Botanical Park, at the only tribal zoo in the U.S., learn about animals and plants native to the Navajo Nation, tour a Hogan, purchase handmade arts and crafts, for the kids: face-painting, zoo games, inflatable games, door prize, free, 9 am — 5 pm, 928-871-6574 or http://www.navajozoo.org/

6 PHOENIX: 8th Annual National Public Gardens Day — Desert Botanical Garden, includes tai chi and yoga demonstrations, learn about garden and cactus blooms, discovery stations, bird watching, photography tours and demonstrations, free admission to the Spring Butterfly Exhibit, \$10-22, http://dbg.org

4-7 SIERRA VISTA: 3rd Annual Southwest Wings Spring Fling — a series of workshops and outings for serious birders who want an intensive birding experience, focuses on birds in the area present during the spring nesting season, birders may see species like the Elegant Trogon, Violet Crowned Hummingbird and up to 5 species of owls, guided trips to some of the most famous birding spots in the U.S. including the San Pedro River, Garden, Sawmill, Sheelite, Huachuca, Ramsey, Carr, Miller, Madera and Ash Canyons, California Gulch, Patagonia and the Chiricahuas, http://www.swwings.org/

Through 5/6 PORTAL: Spring Migration Bird Tours - Southwest Research Station, concentrates on spring migration and endemic birds of the Sky Islands, you may see more passage migrants such as Hermit Warbler, Townsend's Warbler and Cassin's Vireo, 520-558-2396 or http://research.amnh.org/swrs/visitor/package-tours

NO-KILL SHELTER NEEDS HELP: http://animalsbenefitclub.com/index2.html.

RAISING MONEY FOR ANIMALS: Ongoing — Heather L. Weaver: www.azanimallassistance.com

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Update your boating safety knowledge

Our waterways are ready, but are YOU? Brush up on your boating skills by taking one of the many Boating Safety Education classes or take one online at www.azgfd.gov/boating.

Recognize National Safe Boating Week with a safety course

National Safe Boating Week runs from May 21 to 27 and is a great opportunity for you and your passengers to practice boating safety. One of the easiest things you can do is take a boating safety course.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department offers free courses in Phoenix, Lake Havasu City and Tucson every month to provide water users the information and tips needed to stay safe while on the water. Each year many deaths and injuries on Arizona's waterways are the result of people who don't know how to operate a watercraft properly or how to act to avoid placing themselves in danger.

For more information on boating safety or to register for a hands-on or online safety course, visit www.azgfd.gov/boating and click "Boating Safety Education."

Also remember that all watercraft must have a wearable life jacket for every passenger onboard and those 12 years old and younger must wear a life jacket at all times.



Forget a life jacket or need to borrow one?

Boaters at Lake Pleasant, Lake Havasu and Lake Mohave that need a life jacket can borrow one from the stations placed near each lake's boat ramps.



The stations contain jackets for infants to adults. However, boaters are reminded to **please return** the life jackets to the station once they are done with them so they can be used by other boaters.

May 2016				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game & Fish Department	May 14 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Arizona Paddle Sports Education Biscuit Tank at Ben Avery Shooting Facility 4044 W Black Canyon Blvd. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	May 21 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla	May 20 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 374-7312
Arizona Game & Fish Department	May 21 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Apex Arms Facility – Green Building 2176 McCulloch Blvd., Suite 8 Lake Haasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	May 21 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Arizona Paddle Sports Education Arizona Game and Fish Region 5 555 N. Greasewood Road Tucson	\$0	(623) 236-7219

June 2016				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game & Fish Department	June 11 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Arizona Paddle Sports Education Biscuit Tank at Ben Avery Shooting Facility 4044 W Black Canyon Blvd. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	June 18 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
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Know the Rules: Learn to identify "Navi-Aids"

Arizona law enforcement agencies write many citations for "failure to obey navigation laws." You can help ensure the safety of all on the water by learning to identify these common navigational aids.

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

Controlled
Circles indicate a controlled area such as speed limit, no fishing or anchoring, ski only or no skiing, or "slow, no wake."

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

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

Other Non-Lateral Markers

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

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

Mooring Buoy
Mooring Buoys are round and white with a blue horizontal band and are found in marinas and other areas where vessels are allowed to anchor.

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.

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



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Eight Boat Spring Commissioning Goof-Ups We Made

BoatUS staff speak up so you don't make the same blunders.

They are the crewmembers of the nation's largest boater advocacy, safety and services group, BoatUS. And like most boaters, they aren't perfect. They make mistakes and learn from them too. With boat yards, back yards, marinas and clubs now coming to life, spring commissioning time has arrived. Here are eight spring commissioning mistakes that the employees of BoatUS have made over the years that could save you a lot of aggravation, or your life.

The Battery Goof-Up #1

"When reconnecting my batteries I missed one of the ground wires that had slipped down behind the battery box. I noticed something was wrong when the trim/tilt worked fine but the motor would not start. With so many cables going to multiple batteries, I'm taking a photo this year of how things are properly attached so next spring things go as planned." — Mike in BoatUS Marine Insurance

The Battery Goof-Up #2

"While this did not happen to me personally, it's something we see in the claims department every spring: hooking up the battery backwards, causing reverse



WHOOPS! — Springtime sinkings are often attributed one thing – a rush to get back on the water and forgetting to inspect outdrive bellows, through-hulls, bilge pumps, hoses and clamps.

polarity and a massive electrical short or fire." — Kerry in BoatUS Marine Insurance

The Safety-Gear Goof-Up

"We remove a lot of gear to store inside each winter, but realized after leaving the dock not all had made it back aboard. Now I download a checklist of required safety equipment and inventory everything to ensure it gets put back on the boat before launch day. I also check the dates on my flares and ensure my extinguisher is in the green zone." — Margaret in BoatUS Executive Office

The Boat-Trailer Goof-Up

"Winter plays havoc on boat trailers and I once departed the parking lot without checking my trailer lights. Thankfully, just a short distance away another motorist advised me of the issue. Now I make sure all is well before departing and also check tires and inspect the bearings and brakes." — Ted in BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water

The Call-For-Help Goof-Up

"On sailboats with mast-top VHF radio antennas, a common problem on older boats is a rotted antenna coax cable near the mast base. I found this out when I went to use my VHF radio and no one could hear me. Replace the cable now, and if your VHF has DSC or Digital Selective Calling with a one-button mayday feature, be sure the radio is connected to the GPS or chartplotter." — Scott in BoatUS Public Affairs

The Dinghy Goof-Up

"Sailors need to remember to check their dinghy – it's often overlooked and winter might have been hard on it with missing pieces, critters inside, etc. Don't forget to service the dinghy's motor too. If you don't, you're going to be sorry just like I was when it sputtered just as I left the boat." — Charles in BoatUS Consumer Affairs and Seaworthy Magazine

The Transom-Drain-Plug Goof-Up

"If you have a trailerable boat with a transom drain plug, take the plug now and attach it to the boat's throttle control or steering wheel so it will be impossible for you not to notice to install it before launching. Yes, this does happen. I know. Nothing gets your attention more than a little water around your ankles." — Chris in BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water

The Bottom-Paint Goof-Up

"When putting on my bottom paint I used a cheap paint roller and soon found out why it was so cheap – it was shedding a fuzz in every pass I made. I also made the mistake of not saving a little extra paint to finish under the jackstands or trailer rollers just before launching." — Ted in BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water

The Transom Drain-Plug Goof-Up

"Every spring, boat sinking claims start to come in. Nearly always you can chalk it up to rushing to get it done. I take my time inspecting engine hoses and hoses clamps, the bilge pump, stern-drive boot, clean out scuppers and double check the through-hulls and sea strainer. I once found a plastic through-hull for a sink

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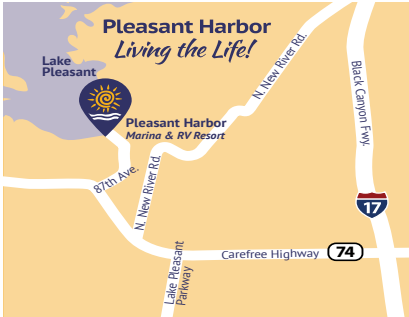


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Boating

Women's Sailing Conference Is Scheduled For June 4, 2016

The 15th Annual Women's Sailing Conference, organized by the National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA), will take place Saturday, June 4, at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, Mass.

Through hands-on workshops, seminars and on-the-water experiences, participants will learn or hone sailing skills, and network with other women sailors from all areas of the country. Contributing sponsors include Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) and New England-based Black Rock Sailing School.

All Encouraged To Attend

"Women of all sailing abilities are encouraged to attend," said NWSA President Linda Newland. "There's always something of interest for everyone. By sharing experiences, women leave with skills and knowledge that contribute to better days on the water."

The day begins with a continental

breakfast and winds down with a cocktail hour and dinner with featured speaker Donna Lange, currently on her second solo circumnavigation. The day offers many opportunities for women to pick up a Wednesday night race berth or meet a new pal for an afternoon sail.

Range Of Workshops

A range of workshops includes the popular, hands-on Diesel Damsels, Suddenly Singlehanded and Preparing for Heavy Weather at Sea. Others run the gamut from Rules of the Road to Knots to Know. New workshops include Demystifying NMEA Networks, Fresh Water Systems, Ten Things I wish I Knew Before I Went Offshore, the "Miss" Adventures of S/V *Etoile*, Sail Care, Personalizing your Boat, and Culinary Food and Provisioning.

Also included is a workshop on running races and basic race strategies. The Crew Overboard workshop starts with a



ELEANOR MERRILL

ONE OF MANY – "Crew Overboard" is just one of the many topics covered at the 2016 Women's Sailing Conference on June 4.

retrieval demonstration at the float and then participants take out boats and practice the drill on the water.

Workshop leaders are experienced in their field. Some own sailing schools for women, such as Capt. Nancy Erley of Seattle, Wash.; and Capt. Sharon Renk-Greenlaw of Casco Bay, Maine. Beth Burlingame, American Boat and Yacht Council Master Marine Tech, leads workshops on Marine Electronics and Marine

Electrical Wiring Basics. Capt. Bonnie Schaeffer will present a workshop on the fresh water system.

On The Water

On the water, women can improve their sail trim skills or take the helm for the first time in a Colgate 26 or a Sonar. Black Rock Sailing School is providing two Colgate 26s this year. Two Sonars are provided by the Boston and Corinthian Yacht Clubs. "We are very grateful for their support. On-the-water courses are very popular and fill up quickly. We appreciate the second Colgate 26," said Conference Committee Chair Joan Thayer.

AdventureSail Program Benefits

Throughout the day are raffle drawings and a silent auction which benefit the Women's Sailing Foundation which funds the AdventureSail program for underserved girls ages 9 to 14 and provides scholarships for AdventureSail participants in community learn-to-sail programs.

"Last summer, the Foundation established the Sue Corl Youth Sailing Scholarship for the older, post AdventureSail teenage girls," said Newland. "The first recipient spent a week in an all girls program aboard the *Adventress*, a tall ship, in the San Juan Islands. This special scholarship was established in memory of our board member Sue Corl, who was constantly seeking new and unique sailing opportunities for girls."

More Information
Conference registration includes a continental breakfast, buffet lunch, dinner, workshops and a raffle ticket. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and will be available in the spring at womensailing.org. For more or for additional information, contact Chair Joan Thayer at joan_thayer@comcast.net.

The National Women's Sailing Association is a program of the Women's Sailing Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of women and girls through education and access to the sport of sailing.

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drain at the waterline that initially looked fine, but it was only until I took the time for a closer inspection that I found it was cracked nearly in half on the inside." – *Scott in BoatUS Public Affairs*

The Be-Prepared Goof-Up

"My neighbor went out for the first trip of the season and his engine died and needed help to get back in. He suspected fuel issues. Having spare filters aboard or keeping an eye on the fuel-water separator helps, but when all else failed him, he didn't have an on water towing plan as a backup. Our towing fleet sees this issue frequently each spring." – *Dennis in the BoatUS Membership Department*

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LAKE POWELL FISH REPORT

Bass And Crappie Are Ready To Spawn

Quality of life is measured by amount of time spent fishing.

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON
HTTP://WWW.WAYNESWORDS.COM

Every spring season, bass and crappie wait for just the right water temperature before spawning. Water temperature at this writing was 57F, which means that on a warm, calm day, the temperature will increase in the afternoon to the 64F threshold where spawning begins.

It seems that water has been warmer this spring but looking back through the history of the lake, bass and crappie normally spawn during the third week of April.

For those who have not experienced this event, the first week of spawning prior to runoff allows anglers to see the nests in three feet of water and often view the attending male fish guarding the nest. These security guards will attack anything that threatens the nest.

A lure bounced on the nest will be

picked up and quickly removed by the bass or crappie. It is exciting to see a 3-pound bass or 1-pound crappie guarding the nest and then grabbing your lure. Guarding males are most aggressive right after the spawn. They lose enthusiasm with each passing day and become less aggressive.

I am not sure why nature made dads the babysitters when moms are much better at it, but that is how it is in the *Centrarchid* world.

Largemouth bass and crappie are in short supply because of the lack of brush, which is critical nursery habitat for young fish. Any fish caught off a nest should be returned to protect the young fry. It is easy to tell male crappies because of their dark black coloration. Females are lighter, more silver and larger.



If keeping a few crappie for dinner, select the big fish and let the little black guys go.

Largemouth males usually have raw red scrap marks on their tails from sweeping the mud off the rocks while nest building. Since it is impossible to tell male bass from females, all largemouth should be returned. Smallmouth bass can be kept — both male and female — as their population strength is high.

Stripers continue to delight bait fishermen in the main channel from the dam to the back of Navajo Canyon. There are individual stripers that have remained in the murky water at the back of some canyons that can be caught trolling and casting in 15-25 feet of water. Further uplake there are more stripers in the backs of canyons that can be caught trolling

and there are some stripers looking for bait along the canyon walls.

My preferred approach to fishing in these conditions is to run uplake to Padre or farther and fish for stripers in the morning. Then as it warms up, switch over to pounding the shoreline for bass and crappie with plastic grubs.

Walleye are an added bonus as they began to feed regularly along the shoreline with bass in the 15-25 foot range. Tip the plastic grub with a chunk of worm to select walleye.

Springtime fishing at Lake Powell is totally awesome no matter which species of fish you wish to pursue.

At press time, lake elevation was 3,591, and water temperature was 57-64F.

MORE FROM LAKE POWELL

Peak Of Spring Fishing Opportunities Is Now

The Powell 'Fish Professor' says the lake is open for fishy business.

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON
HTTP://WWW.WAYNESWORDS.COM

Its time! Choose your species and technique

Lake Powell is officially open for fishy business. The lake has now stabilized and is slowly starting to rise. Water temperature is rising. Bass are moving into the shallows. Stripers are found in all portions of the lake. The peak of spring fishing opportunities begins right now. Let's look at each species of fish and what they have to offer.

Bass

Bass are ready to spawn and lake level is stable. These are perfect conditions for sight-fishing. Male bass build nests in 3 feet of water by dusting the sand and debris off rocky structure with their tail. When temperature warms to 62F or more, female bass are herded on to the nest and adhesive eggs are laid on the rocks.

Then the male bass guards the eggs for the five days it takes them to hatch. Lake Powell water is crystal clear in the nest-building zone over the majority of the lake. Head to shallow water and visually search for the newly constructed nests along a rocky shoreline or cove. Cast a light plastic grub (1/8th ounce) or wacky rigged senko (no weight) and let it settle onto the nest.

On the first day or two post spawn, the male bass will be super aggressive and hit the grub every time one is thrown close to the nest. Later in the incubation period, the aggression drops off. Males are visibly found in shallow water while larger females will be nearby and less visible in deeper water. Sight fishing for bass should

peak during the next weeks.

Largemouth And Smallmouth Bass, Crappie

Largemouth bass and crappie follow the same pattern with male bass and crappie building nests in rock structure but they will also choose a spot near brush. This year brush includes a sunken tumble weed or any other woody habitat that can be found in a brush-poor environment. As the lake goes back up, more brush will be covered and it will be easier for crappie and largemouth bass to find the right nesting habitat.

Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and crappie will be nesting now and continue until at least the first week of May. Sight fishing will be best for the next two weeks until the lake rises and muddies the clear water making the nests harder to see. When the lake goes up 10 feet, the first nest built (now 13 feet deep) will still be occupied and difficult to see in murky water.

Stripers

Stripers are separated by age, health, forage and behavior. Here is the breakdown. Juvenile stripers (less than 3 pounds) are widely spread and feeding in zooplankton schools, which are found in open water. Plankton schools are shallow so young stripers can be found by trolling small crankbaits in clear or cloudy water.

Mature stripers are found in the backs of productive canyons where plankton is available to eat while waiting for shad to spawn and provide the food needed to begin the warm summer period. These larger fish (3 pounds and greater) can be

found by trolling and casting in the backs of major canyons with perennial streams or murky water.

Some canyons with sediment deposits in the back have a consistent low-visibility area, which is often more productive than clear water and helps both forage and sport fish hide from each other.

Senile fish — those that did not compete well with their school mates and have lost some body condition — have moved to the main channel where they roam along the canyon walls looking for food that is not available. These are the easiest fish to catch as they are very hungry and will return to the same spots each day to feed on leftover chum from anglers who used bait to catch fish previously.

The best fishing spots are at the dam — both east and west sides near the barricade, Buoy 3 on the right-hand corner before turning toward Antelope Canyon, Power Plant intake under the chain link fence on the south side of the lake just past Antelope Point Marina, and at many places in Navajo Canyon.

Schools move randomly along the canyon wall. If they are not hitting at the dam, my impatience requires me to try the other good spots instead of waiting for the



NOW! — Bass, crappie and stripers are heating up and getting easier to catch each day. Walleye are the next species to be caught in big numbers. Lake Powell fishing is exploding with great catching opportunities right now.

school to come to me.

Best bait fishing is found in the southern lake because more forage fish are produced in the more fertile areas of the lake fed by the Colorado and San Juan rivers. From Rincon north, trolling, casting and spooning produces more stripers than bait fishing.

Walleye

Walleye are starting their spring feeding binge. There are more walleye in the lake upstream from Bullfrog, but in the southern lake, they are found from Padre

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EXCERPTS FROM AZGFD FISHING REPORT

In High And 'Low' Country, Angling Is Great

Tip Of The Week

From the fishing log: Around this time last year, and in similar water temperatures, the smallmouth bass bite was hot on the Parker Strip section of the Colorado River. Anglers had success on night-crawlers and assorted soft baits.

Worms were also working well for the large hybrid redears known to occupy this stretch of river.

Keeping a fishing log — recording dates, times, moon phases, what bait worked (or did not work) for what species and at what water depth/temperature, etc. — is invaluable in figuring out a fishery and as a reference when fishing in the same season and similar conditions.

The Reel Deal

ADOT reported opening three routes to some White Mountains lakes, including Big Lake. The routes are: State Route 261 between Eagar and Big Lake; State Route 273 between Sunrise Park and Big Lake; and State Route 473 between State Route 260 and Hawley Lake.

Bass fishing that might have been spotty in the desert regions in early April should change. Consistent warm temperatures should trigger a bass and crappie spawn. Many bass are in post-spawn mode (some will be in pre-spawn, and full spawn, through June).

Any reaction baits such as jerkbaits, crankbaits and spinnerbaits can be the ticket as hungry bass recover from their spawn.

Some reported water temperatures recently: 70 degrees at Roosevelt Lake and 69-70 at many Community lakes, where sunfish have been stocked and catfish plants continue.

Take The Arizona Trout Challenge

Headed to the high country? Complete one of our trout challenges. Any angler completing the Challenge will receive a certificate featuring the species caught along with dates and locations. The first group of anglers to complete the Challenge will receive Trout Challenge "schwag" that could include a sweatshirt, hat and/or water bottle.

More High Country Highlights

• Knoll Lake is now open off Highway 87 on the Coconino National Forest side of the Mogollon Rim.

• If you plan on hitting the East Fork of the Black River, anglers could catch a tagged trout.

• Dogtown Lake south of Williams should still be a hot spot for brown trout.

• Keep following for more tiger trout updates. In May, the tigers are coming to Arizona for the first time to Camero, Becker, Willow Springs and Woods Canyon lakes.



Filling Tempe Town Lake

A Now Refurbished Tempe Town Lake

Back in the Phoenix area, Tempe Town Lake was expected to have completed the new dams and refilling and be open again April 30.

Crappie Update: Alamo, Rosy Good Bets

At Alamo Lake, some anglers have been having success catching crappie with dropshot rigs and minnows. Crappie are in all three phases of spawn at Roosevelt Lake.

More Tackle Box Tools

Fishing is family fun at an incredible value, so go make some memories. For more information, follow our Fish AZ blog. (Look for the prompt to "follow" in the upper right to receive an email with each post).

Looking for fast stocking updates? Search Twitter for #AZfishtracker (@NickFishAZ) for real-time updates.

Our fishing licenses are valid for 365 days, so get 'em online and help support all of our wildlife species.

Latest News From The Fish AZ Blog

"Flagstaff/Williams fishing: hit Dogtown before dog days of summer." No question about it : Dogtown Reservoir south of Williams is one of Arizona's trout fishing hot spots.



Big Lake

'Tiger Trout Are Coming To Town'

Arizona's newest trout species will make its debut in four select waters in May.

Angler Reports

(Send reports and pictures to BFish-ing@AZGFD.gov)

El Dorado Pond (Scottsdale)

David W.: Just sharing this gem which I was able to reel in today. I was fishing El Dorado and caught a 10-inch black crappie at around 5:30 p.m. Fish was hooked approximately 15-20 feet from the shore. I was using a 3.5-inch, 3/8-ounce Yo-Zuri 3DB Suspending Jerkbait w/green prism finish (pictured). I was primarily targeting bass, and was quite surprised when I pulled this crappie onto the bank!

Granada Park Pond (Phoenix)

Jorge M.: I just wanted to share the experience I had at Granada Park. I went there with the intention to catch large-mouth bass and ended up landing, I'd estimate, a 5-plus-pound flathead catfish. I wasn't able to get a measurement but I estimate that it was about 24 inches. It was a surprise since I was using a small plastic paddletail swim bait. I've never caught a catfish with a lure. I'm assuming since it was a bluegill imitation that it was too tempting for the flathead to pass up. I didn't end up catching any bass but I had fun since I caught this one.

Thank You, Anglers!

Arizona fishing opportunities wouldn't be possible without the Sport Fish Restoration Program. It was created through the Dingell-Johnson Act of 1950 (Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act) and the Wallop-Breaux amendments of 1984.

Through a federal excise tax paid by manufacturers on fishing gear and motorboat fuels, it provides grant funds for fishery conservation, boating access, and aquatic education.



NHF Day And Yamaha Partner

Yamaha Motor Corp., USA, is once again partnering with National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHF Day) to support the annual celebration, which is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24 this year.

It is estimated that 38 million Americans are on the water fishing or in the woods hunting. Those individuals buy licenses that help fund conservation around the nation.

"As a longtime advocate of outdoor recreation, Yamaha is a strong and highly valued partner," said Misty Mitchell, director of Conservation for Wonders of Wildlife. "NHF Day provides organizations and individuals the opportunity to celebrate conservation in our great Nation. Yamaha has been a great supporter, and we enjoy having them as a sponsor."

NHF Day Celebrates Sports Enthusiasts

National Hunting and Fishing Day is set aside to celebrate all that sportsmen and women do to support the outdoors — whether it is building habitat for dwindling quail populations or funding conservation projects. Each year, NHF Day identifies a representative to act as the voice of sportsmen and women in the role of honorary chair. This year NHF Day selected Bass Pro Shops founder Johnny Morris to serve.

Among Yamaha's efforts on behalf of NHF Day is the annual sweepstakes — this year features a Kodiak 700 EPS ATV. Anyone can enter to win the NHF Day Sweepstakes at www.yamahaoutdoors.com/nhfd.

"NHF Day is a great annual celebration of the efforts every outdoorsman and women put forth to support our access to the great outdoors," said Steve Nessl, Yamaha's ATV and SxS group marketing manager. "Everyone at Yamaha Outdoors is proud to continue our support of NHF Day through the sweepstakes and the new Live It! grants program."

Promoting Conservation Through The Community

NHF Day and Yamaha work together to promote conservation throughout the community. Through the Live It! grants, deserving organizations are able to help further the program's goal of connecting everyone to the outdoors.

NHF Day encourages clubs, associations and agencies to submit detailed applications for their specific needs. A

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Bay to Dangling Rope and beyond. Wall-eye are best caught during low-light periods both morning and evening, but mud lines produced by wind and wave action are productive daytime walleye feeding locations.

Bass fishermen catch walleye while working plastic baits slowly along the bottom. Trollers catch them when a mid-range lure bottoms out at about 12 feet while crossing a rocky point. Some anglers fish specifically for walleye while slow trolling bottom bouncers or while casting night crawlers on worm harnesses.

Choose the proper bait, location and technique to select your favorite fish. All are readily available and the time is now!

As of the third week of April, lake elevation was 3,591, and water temperature was 58-65F.

It's Time: Yellowtail Derby 2016 Is Underway

At press time, there were 94 entries and counting.

From its start on April 30, the Yellowtail Derby will provide great competition and prizes through June 5. A schedule of special days follows:

April
4/27 Angler's Derby Launch Party at the Bali Hai Restaurant - Ballast Point
4/30 1st Day of Fishing Prize - Sponsor Ballast Point, SportClips

May
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HAHWG Part Of AZGFD Expo For First Time

FROM DOUG BURT
HUNTING AND ANGLING HERITAGE WORKSHOP GROUP

This was the first year for the Outdoor Skills Network / HAHWG Camp exhibit. It turned out well, and there is a lot to grow on. At a minimum, all our partners could see the loaner equipment AZGFD has to offer, and kids got to shoot some BB Guns and see some cool demonstrations. We even had KTAR doing a live broadcast.

A big thank you to all the partners and exhibitors, of which many are part of the HAHWG, for making Expo a success. A special thanks to NWTF for providing their inflatable BB gun range and staff to help us teach youngsters how to shoot - nearly 750 of them. And thanks to AES, NWTF, PVC, APC, Delta Waterfowl, QF, Tonto Rim Search and Rescue for doing calling and other demonstrations at the camp.

In addition to introducing people to the many wildlife- and outdoor-related activities, this year we deployed iPads in some

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committee will review each application and award grants to help fund deserving events. All events must be National Hunting and Fishing Day focused and must be hosted August or September 2016.

For more information on the Yamaha Kodiak 700 EPS online sweepstakes and Live It! grants, visit www.nhfd.org.

Generating more awareness for conservation, NHF Day is dedicated to spreading the word through any avenue possible and social media is one of the largest stages to do this and the hashtag

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6. Awards Celebration at the Bali Hai



SHARED — The Yellowtail Derby and *Western Outdoor Times/Arizona Boating & Watersports* shared a booth at the always-popular San Diego Sportfishing event Day at the Docks on Sunday, April 17.

Restaurant, 6 p.m. - Sponsor Ballast Point

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FROM DOUG BURT
HUNTING AND ANGLING HERITAGE WORKSHOP GROUP (HAHWG)

Robbins Butte Youth-Only Dove Hunt

Robbins Butte Wildlife Area (RBWA) is about seven miles southwest of Buckeye and comprises more than 1,600 acres. RBWA was purchased for its potential as waterfowl habitat.

Three ponds were built in 1952 and by 1957 an estimated 30,000 ducks used these ponds. However, increased demand for agricultural water - coupled with invasion of salt cedar trees - led to dramatic waterfowl declines by 1960.

In response, the Department purchased the adjacent Black Butte Farm to expand RBWA. This land contained some of the last pristine honey mesquite bosque remaining

along the lower Gila River. This acquisition protected the bosque, and provided cultivated grain crops for small game. The combination of wildlife food crops, natural foods and nesting habitat now attracts a combined average of 5,000 breeding white-winged and mourning doves each year.

A portion of RBWA is managed strictly for youth hunters. The special hunt is open to youth up to their 18th birthday; those 10 years and older need a valid hunting license and migratory bird stamp (included in youth license). Shooting locations are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must check in prior to hunting and check out when finished.

On Sat., Sept. 3, plan to arrive by 4:30 a.m. for a safety briefing and location assignments. Afterward, visit the check-in tables and enjoy a free breakfast provided by the Youth Outdoors Unlimited.

Oh, and don't forget to bring plenty

of shells. This area can produce lots of chances to fill your bag. Please refer to the current Dove and Band-tailed Pigeon Regulations for specific season dates at www.azgfd.gov/dove.

A dove hunt at Robbins Butte is one opportunity available to youth.

AZGD Offers Learn-To-Hunt Events

The Arizona Game and Fish Department offers camps on hunting basics to individuals who are interested in hunting but may not know where to start. These



hands-on workshops teach the skills necessary to successfully pursue the variety

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Western Wildlife



Buffalo – Smart! Federal Government? – Nope!

BY JOHN (JK) KOLESZAR
SPECIAL FEATURES EDITOR

For those who are not aware, the State of Arizona has wild buffalo / bison. Those animals were brought to Arizona by one Charles “Buffalo” Jones in 1906. His dream was to create a hybrid animal and he attempted to mix breed the cow buffalo with Galloway bulls to create an animal better suited to the forage conditions in the West.

That attempt was deemed a failure and eventually the State of Arizona bought 98 bison in 1926. Those animals were placed in the care and custody of what is now the Arizona Game & Fish Department. Congress designated the area we call the Grand Canyon the “Grand Canyon Game Preserve in 1906”.

Things Start Going Awry

Now that we have the place and critters involved, let’s fast forward almost 70 years and view where things started going awry.

In the mid 1990s, bison started heading south from the area where they had been into what is now the Grand Canyon National Park. This area is quite remote and is miles north of the north rim of the Grand Canyon. In other words, it is not close to the canyon and is in a very remote area.

Complaints from the Grand Canyon National Park soon followed. The reasons are varied as to why the bison were heading south, but suffice to say, when hunting seasons north of the canyon began in earnest, the bison found that harassment and shooting did not occur in the Grand Canyon National Park. Bison proved to be pretty astute at when and how to move into the park.

By 2001, the park contacted the department over the incursions of the bison onto the park and the destruction of habitat that was occurring. Please mark that date — 2001!

AZGFD Has Tried Repeatedly

Since that date, the Arizona Game & Fish Department, under the direction of



The Phoenix Zoo Cares For Endangered Animals

The Phoenix Zoo opened in 1962 and is the largest privately owned, non-profit zoo in the United States. Located in Phoenix, Ariz., the zoo was founded by Robert Maytag, a member of the Maytag family, and operates on 125 acres of land in the Papago Park area of Phoenix. It has been designated as a Phoenix Point of Pride.

The zoo has over 1,400 animals on display and contains 2.5 miles (4.0 km) of walking trails. It is divided into four main themed areas or trails: The Arizona Trail (American Southwest flora and fauna), the Africa Trail (animals from Africa), the Tropics Trail (residents of the rain forests), and the Children’s Trail, which includes a

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the Commissioners has repeatedly attempted to work with the Grand Canyon National Park personnel to come up with a solution. Since that time, various stakeholders have met with the park personnel to come to a methodology on how to get bison removed from the park.

As the years have passed, the numbers of bison in the park have exploded to a conservative estimate of over 550 and are now destroying habitat, including riparian areas.

In 2012, our Senator John McCain wrote a letter to the Grand Canyon National Park supervisor encouraging them to cooperate with the Department on any management plan to remove the bison. He also asked them to consider whether highly regulated citizen hunting should be evaluated. Director Larry Voyles also suggested that citizen hunting be evaluated in a highly structured format and that a long-term plan of 90 post-hunt bison adults be an objective and that they be kept off the park.

No Mention Of ‘Hunting’

It is now 2016; the Grand Canyon National Park issued the following to the public at large: “Proposed National Park Service actions that will be analyzed in the Environmental Assessment include — Implementation of a suite of management tools (e.g., capture/removal, sharpshooting, and localized fencing of sensitive park resources) that would be used, in collaboration with state and federal partners, to reduce the bison population, currently estimated at 400 to 600 animals, to approximately 80 to 200 animals.”

The comment period has now passed and if you look carefully at the potential “Solutions”, there is no mention of the word “Hunting”. Please consider the following.

Money Could Be Generated

When tags are awarded to hunters for bison / buffalo, the cost for an in-state resident to purchase that tag is over \$1100.00. For an out-of-state resident, the cost of the tag is over \$5,000.00.

Play along with me here. There is an overabundance of bison / buffalo in the Grand Canyon National Park. If they were to work cooperatively with the Arizona Game & Fish Department, the minimum amount of money that could be generated from license sales would be more than \$550,000.00.

However ...

The Grand Canyon National Park, however, does not want hunting in a “Park”. There have been rare exceptions in “Parks” in the past that allow hunting. (The Grand Tetons National park had been doing it since 1950 and done so without a problem.) So, rather than having a surplus of money from hunting licenses, the Federal Government has stonewalled the most practical solution of allowing people to hunt and keep the meat and instead opted for “Hiring Sharpshooters” as one of the solutions.

The Federal Government is well aware of a sound biological and social remedy that would cost minimal amounts of money and instead proceeds along the path of spending taxpayers’ dollars because it makes too much sense to allow the public to enjoy a wonderful hunt.

Sadly, A Sign Of The Times

Sadly, it is a sign of the times. As a business owner, I would rather find solutions quickly and make the best deal possible to keep my business running. With the Federal Government and the Grand Canyon National Park, they would choose to ignore the best solution and not even allow hunting as a solution in the suggest potential remedies.

It has been on the burner for over 16 years now. Moving with the speed of a monolith, the Grand Canyon National Park and the Federal Government have once again proven that pragmatic solutions should never get in the way of



spending your taxpayer dollars in a wasteful manner.

An Important Side Note

There is an important side note here. As documented by many sources, and mentioned early in this article, the bison / buffalo were purchased by the State of Arizona. That means they are the property of the State of Arizona. I wonder how much fun an attorney would have by documenting the fact that property of the State of Arizona has been deemed to be in control of the Federal Government and is now going to be disposed of by the Feds without any compensation to the State of Arizona.

Do they have the authority to “take” the state’s bison/ buffalo? These are excellent questions for an attorney to answer, particularly since we know that the minimum value of each buffalo is at least \$1100.00.

Common Sense Does Not Apply

The bison / buffalo have proven to be pretty smart. The Federal Government and the Grand Canyon National Park? Not so much. Welcome to the land of unlimited taxpayer money.

Excess animals will probably be culled through federally hired sharpshooters. The situation requires that these animals be removed because of the destruction they are causing. If they are going to be harvested, why not do the right thing and let hunters harvest them to feed their families?

Nah — That makes too much sense and we know whom we are dealing with —bureaucrats!



RV Land Cruising



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World-Class Birding Destination



Also, there are many great hiking trails that range widely in difficulty.

BY MARGIE ANDERSON
OUTDOOR EDITOR

We in Arizona are blessed to have a world-class birding destination in our own backyard. Madera Canyon and Madera Creek cover four different habitat types, from the desert to the top of the Santa Rita Mountains.

There are tons of great trails to hike, ranging in difficulty from paved and handicapped-accessible walking trails, to steep and difficult trails that will take experienced hikers to the top of the mountains.

You'll not only see beautiful birds here, but also you'll have the chance to see a variety of Arizona wildlife, including deer and other mammals. For birding information, including the latest bird sighting lists, visit the Friends of Madera

Canyon Web site at friendsofmaderacanyon.org.

To Get There

To get to Madera Canyon, take I-19 to exit 63, about 30 miles south of Tucson. The road is well signed. You'll know you've arrived when you see the sign for the visitor information station. There are several parking and picnic areas.

You'll need a permit from the U.S. Forest Service for day use and there are fee stations at every parking area. You can pay with cash or check, but there is no way to get change. If you have a national pass, you don't need to pay the daily fee. You need a pass to park at a trailhead or use the restroom, too.



Awesome Hiking Trails

The hiking trails at Madera are awesome. You can print out a map of the hiking trails on the Friends of Madera Canyon Web site at friendsofmaderacanyon.org.

From the Proctor area, there is a paved loop trail with benches here and there for resting. It's great for wheelchairs and strollers. It follows the creek and allows you to see the gorgeous lower canyon.

There is another paved trail at Whitehouse. The friends of Madera Canyon will even arrange an accessible trail tour for groups – just send them an email at info@friendsofmaderacanyon.org.

Before you head out on the tougher trails, give the Bud Gode Interpretive Nature Trail a go. It's self-guided and has 29 exhibit panels that will tell you a lot about the climate, the sky islands, the geography, plants, animals, etc. It's very interesting and a fun walk.

Free Trail App Is Useful

There are detailed topo maps of each trail at all the trailheads. I usually take a photo with my phone for reference on the

trail. Another resource that I've come to love lately is the free app called AllTrails. It gives you lots of information about trails and you can find trails near you or search for trails by name or location. It's pretty cool and even has photos of each trail.

There are a few places to stay in Madera Canyon, including the Santa Rita Lodge, Madera Kubo Cabins, and the Chuparosa Inn B&B. There are small gift shops in the Lodge and in Kubo (I bought a very cool Madera Canyon sun hat while I was there!), and they sell annual passes as well. You'll also find lots of bird feeders around these places, which makes them an ideal place to sit in the shade and watch for birds.

Town Of Green Valley Has Many Amenities

Close by is the town of Green Valley, which has plenty of restaurants, motels, gas stations, etc. There are no restaurants or gas stations in the Canyon, so be sure to bring a picnic and plenty of water, and fill up with gas before you come.

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John Anderson At Madera Canyon



Photographing The Birds

Photographing birds can be difficult because they move so much and they are usually quite a distance away. But, I am living proof that you don't need a lot of expensive equipment and huge lenses to get satisfying bird photos.

I use a Canon SX50HS, which is a digital camera with a 50x optical zoom which can be even further enlarged digitally. It's under 5x5x4 inches and weighs just over a pound, making it easy to carry

even when hiking.

My TrekPod turns into a tripod when necessary, but I usually don't take the time to do that. You can rest the camera against a tree or post, or on a rock to get good steady images. I use a 32 GB card so I can take tens of thousands of photos and not worry about running out of room. Even on automatic mode, it takes wonderful photos. It has a built-in flash and also a hot shoe. I absolutely love it.



Woodpecker



Flycatcher



Gambel's Quail



Hummingbird



Canada Warbler

Grand Canyon National Park's North Rim To Open May 15 For 2016 Season

The gate at the entrance to North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park will open on Sunday, May 15 at 7:30 am; and Grand Canyon Lodge North Rim, a Forever Resorts property, and Grand Canyon Trail Rides will commence their 2016 seasonal operations. Although the gate to the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park will not open until May 15, Arizona Department of Transportation will open Highway 67 at Jacob Lake at 1 pm on Friday, May 13.



North Rim Ranger Residence

All NPS Services Available

All services provided by the National Park Service, including the visitor center, Backcountry Information Center, and campground, as well as the Grand Canyon Association bookstore, will be available on May 15 at 8 am. Grand Canyon Lodge North Rim operations including lodging, groceries, camper services, food services, and gas station, will also open May 15. Lunch will be served starting at 11:30 am, lodge check-in will begin at 4 pm, and seating for dinner will begin at 4:45 pm.

Rangers To Present First Program

Rangers will present the first scheduled program, Grand Canyon Geology, on the veranda of the Grand Canyon Lodge May 15 at 3 pm. All ranger programs are listed in "The Pocket Map" (North Rim: 2016 Season), available online at www.nps.gov/grca and at the North Entrance Station. In celebration of 100 years of the National Park Service, the North Rim of Grand Canyon will host several centennial events, available at <https://www.nps.gov/>

grca/planyourvisit/calendar.htm.

Late Fall, Winter Dates

The last day for most concessioner services and regularly scheduled ranger-led programs will be Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016. The National Park Service will continue its operations including the visitor center, bookstore, and Backcountry Information Office through Monday, Oct. 31. Tuesday, Nov. 1 through Thursday, Dec. 1 the North Rim will be open for day use only (no overnight parking) unless snow closes Highway 67 prior to that date. From Tuesday, Nov. 1 through Thursday, Dec. 1 pay-at-the-pump gas and diesel will still be available and visitors will continue to have access to Point Imperial and Bright Angel viewpoints, as well as the North Kaibab Trailhead.

Camping Still Available

After Monday, Oct. 31, camping will be available to those who walk or hike in (no car camping) at the North Rim Campground and yurt, provided a

backcountry use permit has been obtained — these permits will continue to be available through the South Rim Backcountry Information Center and at the visitor Center at Pipe Spring National Monument located in Fredonia, Arizona.

Kaibab Lodge

The Kaibab Lodge located four miles north of the park boundary will have full service from Sunday, May 15 to Thursday, Oct. 20. The North Rim Country Store, located across from the Kaibab Lodge will be open Friday, May 13 to Friday, Oct. 28. Jacob Lake Inn, restaurant and gas station located 45 miles from the North Rim remains open year-round. The Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center at Jacob Lake will be open Saturday, May 14 to Tuesday, Oct. 18; from Wednesday, Oct. 19 through Thursday, Dec. 1, that visitor center will be open on weekends from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Spring Events At Homolovi State Park Include Guided Walks, Hikes, Lecture, And Star Party

Park Rangers at Homolovi State Park in Winslow will educate visitors about the sacred Hopi land the park resides on at guided walks, hikes and lectures in May 2016. There will also be a Star Party featured on May 20 at the Park.

Hopi Pottery Talk — May 14 at 9 a.m.: Join Park Ranger and Hopi Potter, Gwen Setalla for a discussion and demonstration of traditional Hopi pottery. She will explain how traditional pottery



Hopi Kachina Figures

is made and talk about how to recognize authentic made pottery. This will be held at the park's visitor center and will last approximately 1 1/2 hour. Day use fee of \$7 required.

Star Party — May 20 at 6 p.m.: Imagine what you can see in the sky at Homolovi State Park. The sky promises spectacular views of ghostly nebulae, star clusters, the moon's cratered landscapes, and Venus' crescent phases. Bring a chair, red illumination flashlight, refreshments, and bug repellent. Picnic facilities and grills are available at the Homolovi State Park Visitor Center.

Homolovi IV West Petroglyph Hike — May 7 at 9:30 a.m.: Join a Park Ranger on a hike to the Homolovi IV West Petroglyph Site. This tour will explore some of the park's prehistoric petroglyphs. The tour will require approximately 3/4 mile of walking (estimated time two hours),



Hopi Ceramic Jar (Nampeyo, circa 1880)

round trip, across natural landscape and modest boulder scrambling, to view an approximately 10-acre area. Day use-fee of \$7 required. Tour starts at the Homolovi State Park Visitor Center.

Tsu'vö Loop Trail and Petroglyphs — May 28 at 9:30 a.m.: Join a Park Ranger on a two-mile hike (estimated time 1:45 hours) to the Tsu'vö Petroglyph Site. This easy hike through upper-Sonoran grassland will explore some of the park's prehistoric petroglyphs and offers panoramic views of the Little Colorado River Valley. Day use-fee of \$7 required. Tour starts at the Homolovi State Park Visitor Center.

Homolovi II Pueblo and Archaeological Conservancy Petroglyph Hike — May 21 at 9:30 a.m.: Join a Park Ranger on a hike to the Homolovi II Ancestral Hopi Pueblo and Petroglyph Site. This tour will explore some of the park's

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CHUCK NUGENT

Kannally Ranch House

Oracle State Park Spring Weekend Programs Appeal To Nature Lovers

Remaining programs exploring the natural world are featured at Oracle State Park Center for Environmental Education in May 2016.

Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to Noon: On the Edible and Medicinal Plants of the oak grasslands hike with Sonoran Desert herbalist, John Slattery, discover the variety of park plants as they relate to food, medicine, ethno- botany and local landscapes. Reservation is suggested. Sponsored by Friends of Oracle State Park.

Guided tours of the historic Kannally Ranch House are scheduled for 11 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday. The 45-min-

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Arizona State Parks Begins Work On Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

Arizona State Parks is responsible for the completion of Arizona's Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) every five years. This plan sets the evaluation criteria to allocate the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grants, as well as other applicable grant programs consistent with the state's outdoor recreation priorities.

To draft the SCORP, Arizona State Parks is working with Arizona State University's School of Community Resources

with oversight direction and input from a SCORP Work Group consisting of public and private outdoor recreation professionals from a variety of organizations across the state.

The SCORP plan balances recreational use and protection of natural and cultural resources. It also strengthens public awareness of the link between outdoor recreation

and health benefits while producing opportunities to enhance the economy

and quality

of life for residents. Recreation managers of cities, counties, state and federal government organizations in Arizona use this information for specific recreation planning and budgeting.

Public input will be sought on the draft plan in late 2016. The finalized plan will be available in 2017. For more information call Arizona State Parks at (602) 542-4174 or visit AZStateParks.com.

NEW GUIDED TOUR TRIP

Weekend Adventurers Can Explore West Rim From The River To The Sky

Hualapai River Runners and Grand Canyon West, subsidiaries of the Grand Canyon Resort Corporation, have unveiled a unique new tourism experience for 2016: The Walapai Experience; a guided two-day weekend tour of the Grand Canyon's West Rim that takes adventurers from the rapids of the Colorado River to an overnight encampment in Spencer Canyon then into the sky by helicopter to tour the Grand Canyon's West Rim.

Tour Of A Lifetime

"For people looking to explore the Grand Canyon from the river to the sky, we've created the tour of a lifetime," said Earlene Havatone, general manager for Hualapai River Runners "Our guests will shoot the Colorado River rapids by raft, hike to Travertine Falls and camp overnight in Spencer Canyon — and that's just Day One.



Your second day includes a helicopter tour of the West Rim and a chance to venture out onto our glass-floored Grand Canyon Skywalk, where you can look down 4,000 feet to the Canyon's bottom."

Paying Homage To The Hualapai

Located just two hours from Las Vegas and four hours from Phoenix, Grand Canyon West offers visitors a variety of outdoor and cultural experiences, including

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prehistoric petroglyphs and the Homolovi II Ancestral Hopi Pueblo. The tour will require approximately 1.3 miles of walking (estimate time two hours), round trip, across natural landscape and modest boulder scrambling, steep terrain and loose gravels. Day use-fee of \$7 required. Tour starts at the Homolovi State Park Visitor Center.

Transit of Mercury crossing the Sun — May 9 from 5 to 11:30 a.m.: SW U.S. the transit will be in progress at sunrise around 5:23 a.m. MST. Mercury will be midway across the sun by 7:30 a.m. MST and leave the solar disk around 11:30 a.m. MST. Mercury transits are more frequent than Venus transits since it orbits the sun

about three times faster than Venus. The last Mercury transit was in 2006 and the next two will be 2019 and 2032.

Compared to human lifespans, this transit schedule still gives one pause to try to see them at every opportunity. Mark your calendar and get out your scope with a white light solar filter or Ha filter. Winslow-Homolovi Observatory (WHO) Homolovi State Park Visitor Center. Day use-fee of \$7 required.

Homolovi Pueblos

Homolovi, one of a series of many ancient Hopi pueblos found in the Southwest, offers the public the opportunity to begin their journey into Hopi life and culture. Like the modern visitor making their way to Hopi, Homolovi was a stop for the ancestral Hopi people along their migra-

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Planning Ahead

Advance overnight lodging reservations for North Rim facilities may be made by contacting Forever Resorts at 877-386-4383 or by visiting their website at www.grandcanyonforever.com. For reservations from outside of the United States, please call 480-337-1320. Advance reservations for the North Rim Campground (May 15-October 31) must be made by calling 877-444-6777 or online at www.recreation.gov. For information on Grand Canyon Trail Rides please call 435-679-8665 or visit their website at www.canyonrides.com. For North Rim trip-planning information, visit <http://go.nps.gov/lec1y9>.

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tion route, eventually moving on and settling at one of the current Hopi villages.

For More Information

For more information about Homolovi State Park call (928) 289-4106 or visit AZStateParks.com/parks/HORU. Homolovi State Park is located five miles northeast of the city of Winslow in northeastern Arizona. Homolovi State Park's campground is convenient to I-40 and accommodates large rigs, as well as tent camping. The Park Entrance Fee is \$7 per vehicle with up to 4 adults. Tent campsites to full hookup camping sites are available at a fee of \$15 to \$25.

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ute tour visits rooms and patios extending down the hillside. The multi-level Mediterranean-Revival style house, built in 1929-33 by one of the earliest cattle ranching families in Oracle, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. An exhibit of impressionistic-style cowboy paintings by self-taught artist Lee Kannally is on display in the living room and dining room.

The cost of each program is Oracle State Park's Entrance Fee of \$7 per vehicle (up to four adults) unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit the Web site at AZStateParks.com/parks/ORAC for up-to-the-minute event information or to make a reservation call Oracle State Park at (520) 896-2425.

Oracle State Park is located northeast of Tucson in the northern foothills of the Catalina Mountains. The Park is a 4,000-acre wildlife refuge, environmental education center and day-use recreation park. The Park features a diversity of animals, plant species and rock formations. There are also oak tree-shaded washes, mesquite scrub habitats and riparian woodlands with manzanita and beargrass.

Arizona State Parks' mission is managing and conserving Arizona's natural, cultural and recreational resources for the benefit of the people, both in our parks and through our partners.

For information about all 30 Arizona State Parks and Natural Areas, the Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle Programs and State Historic Preservation Office call (602) 542-4174 or (877) MY-PARKS 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 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST. Follow [AZStateParks](https://twitter.com/AZStateParks) on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

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Thoroughly rinsing the RV first will loosen dirt and grime, soften stuck-on insects, and wash away debris that might scratch the finish. By avoiding the heat of the day, and adding only a small amount of soap into the water, spotting is kept to a minimum.

High quality soaps provide superior cleaning, and won't strip away wax or polish. Because they're concentrated, they can actually be more economical than budget-brand detergents that require more product.

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Telescoping handles, especially those that extend to 9', are ideal for RVs. Curved adapters make it simple to clean every inch, even the crown. All of Shurhold's handles and adapters have a locking, quick release that allow owners to effortlessly switch from brush to drying device in a snap.

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RVs are an investment that look their best when clean. With the right tools, product and a little elbow grease, they'll stay in top shape and remain a source of pride for their owners.

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Editor's note: A series of three sequential how-to images is available to accompany this release; contact news@martinflory.com.

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The best way to keep an RV in top shape is to keep it clean. But detailing a large motorhome or trailer can be an arduous task. Shurhold's Serious Shine makes short work of maintenance by cleaning, polishing and protecting in one simple, easy step.

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IT'S 'MAGIC' — Polishing RVs can be an arduous, expensive and time-consuming task. But, it doesn't have to be. Buff Magic speeds up the process of polishing an RV and eliminates the need for multiple products.

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Polishing RVs can be an arduous, expensive and time-consuming task. Typically, buffing an RV requires several products for the best results. Shurhold's Buff Magic is an easier, more effective solution compared to other multi-step methods. This re-conditioner, de-oxidizer and restorer is scientifically formulated to work on a wide range of surfaces. Buff Magic speeds up the process of polishing an RV and eliminates the need for multiple products.

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STAY TUNED — Most Arizonans, as well as many from outside the state, are familiar with beautiful Bartlett Lake. They have enjoyed the well-run marina, the availability of both dry and wet slips, the amenities for purchase or rent at both the dock and general stores, the excellent fishing, and, of course, the friendly and helpful staff. Most are also aware of the quaint aqua lodge and the great and well-equipped party boat. They may even have caught a glimpse of "Bartleby" (although no one ever fesses up to having seen this monster in the lake). "But wait; there's more!" Soon, very soon, the new restaurant at Bartlett Lake will open. So, check this spring to see if it's ready to provide you and your guests with excellent dining with a spectacular view from above the lake. As they say, "Stay tuned."

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LOST OUR HOME ANIMAL SHELTER

There Are Many Ways To Help These Helpers

One of our first concerns and a reason we first started was abandoned pets, so if you are facing foreclosure or need to move for any reason, do not leave your pets behind or let them go into the streets. Before contacting us, try to find another home with a landlord who allows pets. If you are not able to, Lost Our Home Pet Foundation can help.

The mission of Lost Our Home Animal Shelter is to ensure that all pets have loving homes when families face major life challenges. We provide compassionate options when realtors and the community find an abandoned pet. Our vision is a world in which all pets have loving homes and are treated with dignity and respect.

To that end, we offer five main services.

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Our realtor-volunteers help pet owners find pet-friendly rentals so they can keep their pets when they need to move to a new place. One hundred percent of the commission earned (usually \$200-\$300) is donated to cover any pet deposit fees.

Temporary-Care Program

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If you do not qualify for temporary care and cannot afford the cost of standard boarding fees at other facilities, our Low Income Boarding facility may be just what you need.

Rescue/Intake Program

If you, or someone you know, needs immediate assistance in a rescue, please call us at (602) 445-7387 (PETS)! Do you want to give your pet up for adoption? Please fill out the intake application and pay the intake fee online.

Pet Food Bank Program

In these hard economic times we understand that providing food for your pet can be challenging. Visit www.lostourhome.org to see how we can help you provide the essentials for your pet.

Here Are Some Helpful Ideas

If you can offer your services as a volunteer, that is a huge help, and excellent training is provided. However, there are other ways to assist this remarkable shelter, including adopting and/or donating needed items and/or making a financial gift — perhaps in memory or honor of a loved one.

Current Requests From Our 'Furkids'

Puppy Training Pads



If you or any of your friends, family, or co-workers can donate puppy training pads; they are greatly needed at this time. Thank you!

Disinfecting Wipes

We are also in need of disinfecting wipes. Please help us spread the word about this request as well. We use these daily to maintain a clean environment for our shelter pets, volunteers, and staff. Thank you!



Frisbees



Our shelter dogs have asked for some Frisbees to play with in the Outdoor Play Yards; can you assist? Thank you!

And, Saving The Best For Last – Adoption!

Puppies

We currently have 19 puppies that will be available for adoption soon. Estimated time frame of arrival at the shelter is near the end of April. The puppies are Chihuahua mixes and their adoption fee will be \$250. All of the puppies will be up-to-date on their vaccinations, micro-chipped, and spayed/neutered. If you are interested in meeting and adopting please contact Nicol at nicol@lostourhome.org for more information.

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ADVENTURES

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the Skywalk, Colorado River raft tours — helmed by Hualapai River Runners certified guides — helicopter tours, and horseback riding.

Lodging opportunities include the historic Hualapai Lodge, located on Route 66, and the Hualapai Ranch, with its rustic, western-themed cabins overlooking the Canyon Rim.

All the Grand Canyon West tourism experiences pay homage to the culture and history of the Hualapai Tribe, which owns and operates the Grand Canyon Resort Corporation for the benefit of tribal members and the surrounding economy.

The two-day Walapai Experience tour runs every weekend, weather permitting, until Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016. The itinerary includes the following:

Friday Night:

- Check in at the Hualapai Lodge on Route 66 in Peach Springs,
- Trip Briefing at 6 p.m.

Saturday:

- Transportation down the only road to the bottom of the Grand Canyon,
- Paddle rafting along the Colorado River's whitewater rapids,
- Hike to Travertine Falls for lunch along the river,
- Paddle trip to Separation Canyon and the Powell Expedition Plaque,
- Campout and dinner at Spencer Canyon.

Sunday:

- Breakfast and motorized Colorado River rafting,
- Helicopter tour to the top of the Grand Canyon,
- Tour Grand Canyon West viewpoints, including Grand Canyon Skywalk,
- Hualapai Ranch tour, including cowboys, magic show, and options for mechanical bull-riding*, horseback* and stagecoach rides* (additional fee required),
- Eagle Point tour, including historic Indian dwellings,
- Transportation back to Hualapai Lodge.

The Walapai Experience special tour for a party of four costs \$3,225.08 (a savings of \$260) and includes roundtrip transportation. Individual packages are available starting at \$650.

For more information visit <http://www.grandcanyonwest.com/white-water-rafting.html> today. To book a tour, call 1-888-868-9378 or 928-769-2636.

Grand Canyon Resort Corporation is owned by the Hualapai Tribe. GCRC oversees operations of Grand Canyon West, Grand Canyon Skywalk, Hualapai River Runners, and the Hualapai Lodge. For more information, visit the GCRC web site at <http://www.grandcanyonresort.com/>.

MADERA CANYON

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If you'd like to camp, the Bog Springs campground has 13 sites with no hook-ups. You can pitch a tent or park an RV (up to 22 feet), but this small campground is very popular, especially during birding season in spring.

Pets must be leashed and firewood is not available, so bring your own firewood or charcoal or a camp stove for cooking. Bring a few extra garbage bags, too. You'll want to leave this outstanding area in as good or even better condition than it was when you arrived. Pack it in, pack it out. Pack and saddle stock are not permitted in campground. There is a limit of two vehicles and 10 persons per site and a 14-day stay limit.

Many Great Spots Near Tucson

Nearby in the Tucson area are many wonderful places to visit, such as the Saguaro National Park (east and west areas), the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, San Xavier del Bac, Pima Air and

Space Museum, Catalina State Park, Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures, and the Titan Missile Museum. I especially enjoyed the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum — what a great place to take photos of beautiful Arizona wildlife.

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is a must-see. Most of it is outside, so if you go during the hotter months, be prepared for temps over 100 degrees. Come early — the museum is open from 7:30 a.m. til 5 p.m. from March through September. It will probably take you at least two hours to see everything.

One of the new things here is an aquarium exhibit with salt and freshwater tanks with species from the waters nearby, many of which are endangered.

Admission is \$20.50 for ages 13-64, \$18.50 for seniors, \$8 for 3-12, under 3 free, \$16.50 for military (active or retired), and \$15.50 for Arizona/Sonora residents ages 13+.

The Missile Museum

The Missile Museum was a blast (pun intended!). You'll get a mind-blowing



Inside The Titan Missile Museum

look into life during the cold war, see an actual Titan Missile, and tour the site above and below ground. There are one-hour tours every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas, and you get to stand on top of the launch duct and see the huge missile, then go down into the silo and see the launch control center and a lot

of other cool stuff.

I totally enjoyed it. It's \$9.50 for adults, \$8.50 for seniors, military, and groups. Ages 5 – 12 are \$6, and children 4 and under are free, as are school and youth groups. If you can't manage the 55 steps to and from the underground site, call ahead and make a reservation.



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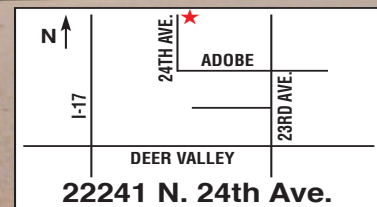
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Hale soon realized that there was a need for good, honest and reliable boat repair and so began the creation of Hales Marine Services in 1996. With a red van, his tool bag, mechanical knowledge and good customer service, he changed the standard for quality boat repair in The Valley.

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While working hard in the boat repair industry, Hale soon realized that he could provide the same qualities he was providing in boat repair to the transporting of his customers' boats. In his typical "Hale style", he went straight out and bought a semi-truck and trailer and taught himself to drive it so that he could get a C.D.L. and begin transporting his customers' boats.

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There is no-one else in the area who has the experience, knowledge and equipment that Ed Hale has, which is why he is known as the "go-to guy" for transporting the big and beautiful cruisers, pontoon boats and house-boats.

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Don't panic if you fall into the water. Stay afloat with the help of your life jacket, regain control of your breathing, keep your head above water in vision of rescuers, and stay with the boat if possible.

Wear It! unites the efforts of a wide variety of boating safety advocates and is produced under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. Follow Wear It!

GO FISH

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Please note that the individual states may place certain restrictions and other regulations may apply, so be sure to contact your state fish and wildlife agency for specific state regulations.

Some Ways To Celebrate National Fishing & Boating Week

The best way to celebrate National Fishing and Boating Week is to get out on the water! These are some of our ideas in how you can celebrate during this week and the site to visit for more on each <http://www.takemefishing.org/how-to-fish/how-to-catch-fish/national-fishing-and-boating-week/>

• Find places to boat and fish near you: Check our "Places to Boat and Fish Map" for boating and fishing spots that are near you and fits your family's needs.

• Visit one of the "Top 100 Family Friendly Places to Fish and Boat in the U.S.". Take a look at the "Top 100" list to find a spot close to you.

TRAINING

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of game animals found in Arizona. Both adults and youth are invited to participate.

The camps include instruction and the opportunity to interact with experienced mentors and other camp participants. Attendees will learn information on firearm safety, hunting opportunities, game care, archery instruction and more.

There will also be hands-on hunting opportunities. A schedule of upcoming camps is listed on pages 26-30 and also at www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills.

Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP)

The Arizona Game and Fish Department Scholastic Clay Target Program is a

• Learn to fish: Watch instructional videos and read tips from pros on how to cast, tie knots and make fishing rigs in our "How to Fish" section.

• Share your #FirstCatch photos: First of the day, first of the season or first of a lifetime. Follow @Take_Me_Fishing and share your #FirstCatch photos with us.

• Attend an Event: Many states hold events such as how-to clinics, fishing derbies, boat parades, family festivals and more during National Fishing and Boating Week. Check out our State section to find an event near you.

• Mentor or teach someone new to fishing: During National Fishing and Boating Week, or the next time you go fishing, take someone new with you: a child, a relative, a friend.

• Share this National Celebration on Social Media: Join others in sharing the joys of boating and fishing by spreading the word through your social media channels.

• Click on the images for the full size and share them as badges on your social pages (all are on the URL noted above).



team-based youth development program that uses the shotgun sports to instill discipline, safety, teamwork, ethics, self-confidence and other life values. Team members can participate in any or all three clay target disciplines: trap, skeet and sporting clays. For more information, contact the Shooting Sports coordinator at (623) 236-7305 or visit www.azgfd.gov/sctp.

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Fishing and Boating in Arizona

Arizona fishing and boating trips can range from a day of casting for trophy largemouth bass to fly-fishing for brown trout on Woods Canyon Lake. In order to experience the best fishing in Arizona, check for updates to fishing regulations, read local fishing reports, and find the best spot.

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For more information, contact the Archery coordinator at (623) 236-7233 or visit www.azgfd.gov/archery.

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key activity areas and collected customer contact information (name and email), so we can directly communicate with them in a timely manner. Before we just hoped they would take action, now we can help guide them to relevant information, events, education, partners, activities and more while they are still excited from Expo.

The goal with all of this is to inform the public about —

Wildlife management and conservation.

The role sportsmen and sportswomen (hunting, shooting, fishing, and boating) play in that conservation model. and

Connect with those that have general awareness and interest to take the next step.

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