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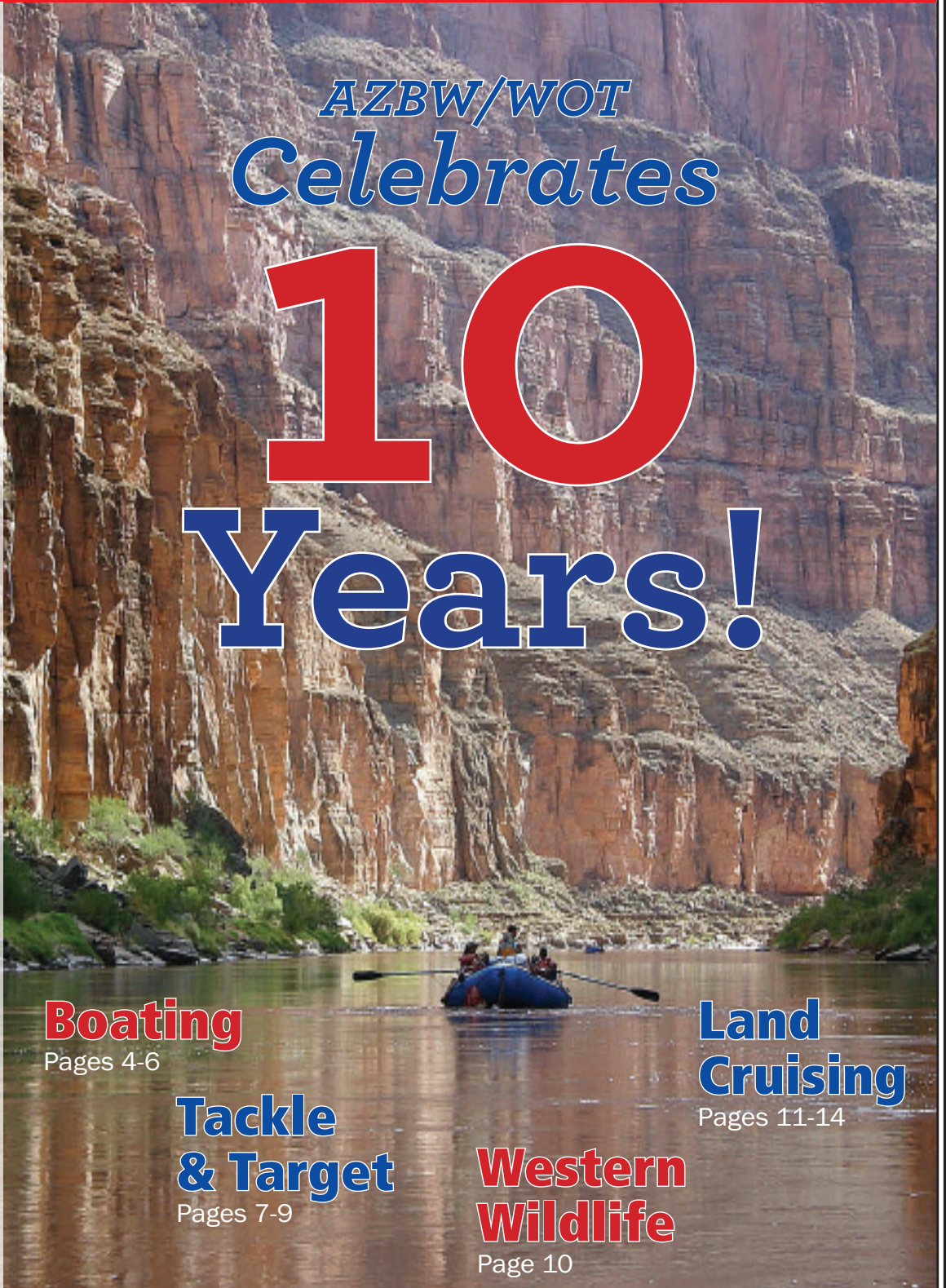
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# 10 Years And We've Only Just Begun Campout Program Opens Fall Registration



### ON THE COVER

## Thank You For Sharing With Us This Past Decade

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

Ten years ago (2005), Jim Allen and his wife Carol had the vision of starting a print and online publication that celebrated Arizona's outdoors. Throughout those years, their publication has promoted many outdoor activities and their inherent responsibilities for stewardship and safety. Examples include — but are not limited to — boating, camping, fishing, hunting, RVing, Watersports, and Wildlife.

The original name of the paper (*Arizona Boating & Watersports*) reflects the initial focus of the publication; later — with encouragement from readers and contributors — the name *Western Outdoor Times* was added since the content and distribution of the paper embraced more and more of the western states and provinces. The main focus, however, is still Arizona.

The publisher Jim Allen, a Viet

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Have you ever wanted to bring your family camping but weren't sure where to start? The Arizona Family Campout Program is a unique program designed for families who have little or no experience camping.

During an activity-filled weekend, families will be introduced to new adventures, learning to camp at one of their favorite State Parks, inspiring them to continue to explore the great outdoors.

Let our trained camp coordinators introduce your family to new outdoor adventures, while you create a family tradition that you'll cherish for a lifetime! Campers will learn how to set up a tent, build a fire and be introduced

to outdoor cooking while enjoying a variety of activities like fishing and archery.

Additional activities will include mountain biking, hiking, geocaching, animal demonstrations, campfire stories, birding, and more. Families will also get to work on a service project (activities vary by park).

Registration is now open for fall and spring sessions at [AZStateParks.com/Family](http://AZStateParks.com/Family). Program fee is \$70 for up to a family of four, and additional family members are only \$5 each. (Sorry, children five years and younger or pets cannot attend this program.)

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Wayne Gustavson / <http://www.wayneswords.com>

## Brothers' Bait Worked Well

Brothers Jackson (10, right) and Vance (8, left) caught some large strippers while fishing with bait along Lake Powell's shady canyon walls first thing in the morning. Stripper boils get the most attention now, but fishing with bait in the shade is a good way to spend time while waiting for evening boils to emerge.

## Get Your Yards Ready To Adopt A Brand New Pet

In early September, over 40 desert tortoises will be available to pre-approved homes.



Are you fascinated by reptiles?

Do you have a yard big enough for a dog, but no time to take one for daily walks? Is someone in your family allergic to pets with fur or feathers?

If so, consider adopting a desert tortoise through the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The department's Tortoise Adoption Program has over 40 tortoises to adopt out to homes in the Phoenix, Yuma and Prescott areas prior to the animals' going into hibernation this fall.

Desert tortoises will be available to pre-approved families at an event in early September and thereafter until Oct. 1 by appointment. To be pre-approved, those interested must submit a completed application and checklist, and provide photos of their yard and shelter.

Enclosure requirements include an enclosed area of the yard free from potential hazards, such as a dog or pool. The enclosed area must include a shelter and shade for the tortoise to escape Arizona's extreme temperatures.

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Boat US

FOCUS! — Using a stand-up paddleboard in a congested waterway requires an increased focus on safety.

## Paddle vs. Prop: 'Heads Up' When Boats Are Around

Important safety tips stand-up paddlers should know when sharing their space.

When it comes to enjoying the outdoors, stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) has led the nation in growth with a 38 percent increase in participation from 2013 to 2014, according to the Outdoor Foundation's 2015 Outdoor Recreation Participation Topline Report.

But, as these human-powered watercraft become more common

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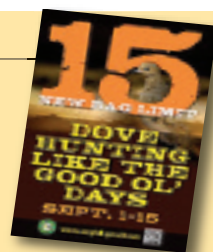
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### Boating

#### How To Host The Boats

Attracting boaters to your town requires amenities such as docks, restrooms and pumpouts/Page 5







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## DOWNSTREAM Events Calendar Beginning Sept. 2015



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Honoring the late Washington State University President Elson S. Floyd. (WSU is the editor's undergrad alma mater.)

### BEYOND ARIZONA

**FUR AND FEATHER ANIMAL ASSISTANCE, INC.: Ongoing** — A permanent residential facility for dogs and cats designed for comfort, well being, and CARE for LIFE. Where Every "One" Deserves a Chance. 575-772-2661 Laurie Beauchamp, 575-772-2543 Sharon Bostick, PO Box 555 Pie Town, NM 87827, e-mail to: [furandfeatheranimalassistance@gmail.com](mailto:furandfeatheranimalassistance@gmail.com)

### BOATING

**LAKE HAVASU CITY: Sept. 18-20** — 43rd Annual Campbell Boats Regatta — North end of Channel, theme is tba, parade through the channel on the way to Park Moabi, 714-719-9115 or <http://www.golake-havasu.com/events/details/1482>

**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](http://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](http://www.usailing.org/training) and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

### CAMPING/RVING/ AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

**PRESCOTT: Oct. 10 and 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.** — Prescott's Great Outdoors Outdoor Recreation Festival & Expo Event Watson Lake Park, (Columbus Day Weekend)

**COTTONWOOD: Sept. 26** — 27th Annual Verde River Day - Dead Horse Ranch State Park, develop awareness of the importance of the Verde River, 40+ environmental exhibits, hands-on activities, live entertainment, sand castle building, animals, canoe rides, nature hikes, fish the lagoon, nature

walks, \$6 per vehicle/4 adults, 9 am - 3 pm, 928-634-7593 or <http://verderiverday.com/>

**PRESCOTT: Sept. 11-13** — Becoming an Outdoors Woman - Camp Friendly Pines, offers adventure and life skills, for women age 18 and older to learn to camp, fish, rappel, hike, cook with Dutch ovens, photograph wildlife & a range of outdoor recreation skills, "hawk talks" and nature hikes, \$270, includes meals, lodging and classes, 480-644-0077 or <http://www.azwildlife.org>

**CALENDAR OF OUTDOOR EVENTS: Ongoing** — [www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills](http://www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills) Google calendar.

### CLASSES/SEMINARS

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



### COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

**FLAGSTAFF: Sept. 4-7** — 66th Annual Coconino County Fair - Ft. Tuthill County Fairgrounds, features traditions enjoyed by the community like 4-H youth livestock shows and auction, carnival rides and games, fair food, exhibits by community members, local entertainment and national headliners, a demolition derby, pie-eating contest, watermelon-eating contest, and more, Fri-Sat 10 am - 10 pm, Mon 10 am - 4 pm, 928-679-8000 or <http://coconino.az.gov/county-fair>

**PHOENIX: Sept. 11-13** — This is Aaron with Shriners, I am making preparations for our Famous 2015 Shrine Circus for Children at West World. I just want to make sure that everyone who wants to bring their children to the circus this year for free are able to come out to have a great time with us. I hope that we can get over 30,000 children to attend this year. **Free tickets for children are available to download & print at <http://azshriners.com>.** Phone: (480) 300-4631 or mail: [aaron@azshriners.com](mailto:aaron@azshriners.com)

**STATE PARKS: Sept. 1, 5 p.m. deadline** — Funding offered for State Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fun for motorized trail projects. Applicants MUST contact the Statewide OHV Program Coordinator, Jeff Prince, at 602-542-6940 or by email [jprince\(at\)azstateparks.gov](mailto:jprince(at)azstateparks.gov) by August 14 to discuss their proposed project. Grant application manuals and forms are available to download from the State Parks website at [AZStateParks.com/grants](http://AZStateParks.com/grants) or by contacting Mickey Rogers at (602) 542-6940 or email [mrogers\(at\)azstateparks.gov](mailto:mrogers(at)azstateparks.gov).

**The Port of San Diego 2015 Festival of Sail, hosted by the Maritime Museum of San Diego, will transform the North Embarcadero into a nautical theme park. More than 20 tall ships and other fascinating vessels from around the world will visit San Diego, Sept 5-7. For more information, contact Robyn Gallant at (619) 234-9153 ext. 106, [rgallant@sdmaritime.org](mailto:rgallant@sdmaritime.org), or [www.sdmaritime.org](http://www.sdmaritime.org)**



### FISHING

**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

**DOVE SEASON OUTLOOK:** Load up on shotgun shells; opening day is Sept. 1. Surveys show birds aplenty. For dove hunters, it's not too early to start going over that pre-hunt checklist: shotgun, hunting license, migratory bird stamp, ice chest, shotgun shells. (Uh, about that last item — AZGFD suggests you just might want to pick up more than you think you're going to need.)

### HUNTING/ SHOOTING/ARCHERY

**BEN AVERY CLAY TARGET CENTER: Current** — Open seven days a week; (623) 434-8119

**GLENDALE: Sept. 26, Oct. 10** — Field Dressing Classes at Cabela's; Jim Solomon, (602) 616-9207

**NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY: Sept. 26.**

### WATERSPORTS

**Adapted: BARROW'S DAY(S) ON THE LAKE: Sept. 11-12** — At Bartlett Lake

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

**Swimming: SCOTTSDALE: Sept. 27** — 9th Annual Talus InMotion JCC Scottsdale Fall Festival Adult & Youth & Relay Spring Triathlon & Duathlon — Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center Pool, adults: 250 yd. swim, 9.5 mi bike, 2 mi run; MAXI TRI: 500 yd. swim, 12.6 mi bike, 2 mi run; youth: 100 yd. swim, 3.1 mi bike; 1/2 mi run MINI DU:

adults: 1/2 mi. run, 9.5 mi. bike, 2 mi. run, awards are five deep in all age & team categories, 6:30 am, <http://www.trifamilyracing.com>

**TEMPE: Sept. 20** — 10th Annual Life Time Tri Tempe — Tempe Bach Park, compete in either the sprint, international, paratriathlete or relay waves (both sprint and international relay options available), Olympic (swim 1500m / bike 25 Mi / run 10K) Triathlon; Sprint (swim 750m / bike 12.4 Mi / run 5K) Triathlon, 6:30 am, 480-299-1203 or <http://www.tempetri.com/>

**TEMPE: Sept. 17** — Ironcare Splash & Dash + Swim Only — Race 4 — 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/>

**PEORIA: Sept. 6** — 4th Annual "First Responders" Adult & Youth Sprint Triathlon & Duathlon — Sunrise Pool, adult mini triathlon, adult maxi and relay triathlon, youth triathlon, adult maxi duathlon, 5:45 am, <http://www.trifamilyracing.com/>

### WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

**PRESCOTT: Sept. 28** — Zoo By Moonlight — Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, bring a flashlight and see the nocturnal animals, 6-9 pm, <http://www.heritageparkzoo.org>

**PINETOP-LAKESIDE: Sept. 5** — 10th Annual Wildlife and Science Festival — White Mountain Wildlife & Nature Center, with interactive booths and displays with lots of live wildlife, an archery range and casting pond, is joined this year by a Science Festival with displays, demonstrations and exhibits, Wildlife World Zoo presentations at 11 am and 1 pm, festival is 10 am - 3 pm, festival is free, nominal charge for programs, <http://www.pinetoplakesidechamber.com/wildlife.php> or <http://www.wmnature.org>

*Editor's Note: Please submit announcements for AZBW/WOT's calendar of events — "Downstream" — to [editor@azbw.com](mailto:editor@azbw.com). To guarantee placement, as room allows, items must be received by the twentieth (20th) of the month prior to publication. Every effort is made to ensure accuracy, but we assume no responsibility for print errors or omissions. We also reserve the right to edit each item. Please include the name of the event, the date and time, the location, the organization, and contact information.*



# 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](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating).

September 2015				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla	September 12 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E. Broadway Tempe	\$20	(602) 550-8655
Arizona Game & Fish Department	September 19 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Apex Arms Facility 2176 McCulloch Blvd. Suite 8 Lake Havasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary	September 19 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(623) 293-1637

October 2015				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game & Fish Department	October 10 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Arizona Paddle Sports Education Biscuit Tank at Ben Avery Shooting Facility 4044 W Black Canyon Blvd. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla	October 10 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E. Broadway Tempe	\$20	(602) 550-8655
U.S. Power Squadron	October 14, 21, 28 and Nov. 4 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of Arizona 333 E. Flower Street Phoenix	\$25 (all four nights)	(602) 525-6318
Coast Guard Auxiliary	October 15 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(623) 293-1637
Arizona Game & Fish Department	October 17 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	October 17 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Apex Arms Facility 2176 McCulloch Blvd. Suite 8 Lake Havasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219

### Operator attention key to boating safety

Arizona waterways are teeming with activity and the Arizona Game and Fish Department reminds all boaters to ensure a safe boating experience by remaining vigilant when out on the water. To ensure the safety of those in and on the water, boat operators should turn the vessel's engine off while not in motion. Please note that the boat's propeller can still be spinning while it is in neutral or idling in the water.

Boaters should also follow these tips:

- Before starting the boat's engine, walk to the stern to make sure no one is near the propeller.
- Never reverse a boat to pick someone out of the water.
- Never allow passengers to board or exit while the engine(s) are running.
- Educate passengers on the location and danger of the propellers.
- Take extra precautions around other boats towing skiers and/or tubers.
- State law requires all passengers 12 years old and younger to wear a life jacket while onboard and vessels must have one life jacket for each passenger.
- Anyone being towed by a boat or on a personal watercraft such as a jet ski must wear a life jacket.



### Forget a life jacket or need to borrow an extra one?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is working to save lives by preventing drownings with the installation of new Life Jacket Loaner Stations at Lake Pleasant and Lake Havasu City.

Boaters needing 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.

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



### Renew Your Watercraft Registration Online!

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



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# Boating



## Contrasts

One of the things we have enjoyed most during our 10 years of publication is the variety of ways to savor the wonders of our outdoors. For example, shown are these two totally contrasting watercraft, each with a unique purpose and method of helping us enjoy our time on the waterways. The painting by our friend Debbie Huntsman, Lake Ponchatrain Women's Sailing Association, shows the quiet dignity and gentle pleasure enjoyed on sail craft. The other shows us (Jim and Carol Allen) aboard The Predator, a 40-foot Skater with over 2,500 horsepower. As offshore racing champion Vern Gilbert drives this powerful machine to Havasu Springs, there is no denying the thrill of soaring along (almost above!) the water. Yes, contrasts have made this decade one of the most interesting of our lives - "never a dull moment"!

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## Tony Klarich Celebrates 50, 50 Times Over!

*Editor's Note: It was a great day at Marine Stadium -- Tony did all 50 rides! All this was in super weather, and about 500-600 people came down to watch. (Update courtesy of Bob Brown, Media Direction)*

CANYON LAKE, Calif. — There are a lot of different ways people celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> birthdays, but water skier extraordinaire, Tony Klarich, did something that's never been done before. He planned to attempt to ski/ride on 50 different objects in a single day.

Klarich is no amateur when it comes to incredible feats on-the-water. He is a 10-time National and World Champion on a kneeboard, wakeboard, and hydrofoil, but in recent years has become known as the guy who rides and skis on everything — picnic tables, beverage coolers, oars, suitcases, pallets, skateboards, bicycles, etc.

In fact, Klarich planned to put his skills to an extreme test on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015 at the Long Beach Marine Stadium in Southern California from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Although Guinness World Records has declined to certify the feat, Klarich planned to ski on their book as a tongue-in-cheek protest. Several other official records were scheduled to be attempted that day, however, including the longest chain of skiers, most riders on different things behind one boat (representing the nine-sport discipline of USA Water Ski, the governing national organization of towed watersports) and an attempt by Klarich's uncle Mike Murphy at the world's tallest hydrofoil (11'4", and an official Guinness World Record attempt).

Never before has so much water skiing history been demonstrated in one day. From the early 1900s to the 2000s and beyond, Klarich and his friends were representing almost every aspect of towed watersports





## Grants Available To Help Pay For Visiting-Boater Facilities

The deadline to apply for these monies is Friday, Sept. 18

Visiting boaters, whether staying over for just one night or a couple weeks, offer real economic benefits and add to the vitality of waterfront communities, marinas and boat clubs. But laying out the welcome mat can be challenging.

Transient boat docks that are protected and safe for overnight tie-ups, deep-water channels, restrooms, and pumpouts — just some of the infrastructure necessary to draw visiting boaters — can be expensive. However, the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program from the US Fish and Wildlife Service can help communities, marinas and boat clubs pay up to half of these improvements, but they need to apply by Sept. 18 by going to their state's BIG administrator, typically a boating, wildlife or natural resources agency.

### Not A Government Handout

Not a government handout, funding for the competitive BIG program comes from excise taxes on boat gasoline and fishing tackle that boaters and anglers pay into the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

The goal is to give cruising boaters convenient access to shore-side amenities via slips dedicated to transient boats as well as mooring fields and dinghy docks. Municipal or privately owned marinas as

well as boat clubs can install these conveniences including moorings, restrooms (including floating ones), fuel docks, electricity, water and sewage utilities, recycling and pumpout stations, and undertake small dredging projects (up to \$200,000) using BIG dollars. Two tiers of funding, both competitive and non-competitive, are available.

### Eligibility Guidelines

Projects must be located on water bodies deep enough for boats 26-feet in length staying overnight from one to up to 15 days, and to navigate at a minimum depth of six feet. Matching funds — a 25 percent minimum is required — may not come from other federal sources, but state, local and private funds can be used to match.

Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatUS) was instrumental in creating the program in 1998 that is viewed today by local municipalities as an economic development tool to attract cruising boats and related boater spending. To date, over \$177 million in grants have been awarded.

BoatUS suggests that if your community, club or marina is interested, take a look at what's possible by seeing a list of projects that received prior grant funding



at [BoatUS.com/gov/BIG.asp](http://BoatUS.com/gov/BIG.asp). There's also a helpful link to state BIG administrator contacts.

### About BoatUS

BoatUS is the nation's largest organization of recreational boaters with over a half million members. We are the boat owners' voice on Capitol Hill and fight for their rights. We help ensure a roadside breakdown doesn't end a boating or fish-

ing trip before it begins, and on the water, we bring boaters safely back to the launch ramp or dock when their boat won't, day or night.

The BoatUS Insurance Program gives boat owners the specialized coverage and superior service they need, and we help keep boaters safe and our waters clean with assistance from the non-profit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water. Visit [BoatUS.com](http://BoatUS.com).

## Life Jacket Exchange Successful At Lake Havasu City

The Arizona Game and Fish Department recently held a life-jacket exchange event at London Bridge beach in Lake Havasu City.

Boaters with tattered and worn ski-vest type III life jackets could exchange them for new ones at the lake. The program helps to ensure boaters head out onto the water with life jackets that will keep them safe while on the state's waterways.

### A Life — Perhaps Your Own — Could Be Saved

"It's not enough to simply have a life jacket accessible; it must also still have enough buoyancy to keep you floating," said Josh Hoffman, Arizona Game and Fish boating safety education coordinator.

"Swapping your old life jacket out for a new one will ensure your time out on the water remains a fun one. Remember that by wearing a life jacket, the life you save could very well be your own."

On average, the typical life jacket in Arizona should be replaced every three to five years to help prevent passengers and swimmers from drowning.

### 84 Percent Of Drowning Victims Not Wearing PFDs

Drowning was the reported cause of death in 78 percent of the 610 recreational boating fatalities in 2014 nationwide, according to the U.S. Coast Guard. Of those incidents, 84 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.

Users should also check to make sure a life jacket fits properly by referring to the manufacturer's label, which should include a recommendation for the user's size and weight. Once wearing the life jacket, one needs to make sure there is no excess room above the openings of the jacket and that it does not ride up over your chin or face.

All boats in Arizona must have a life jacket aboard for every passenger and those 12 years old and younger must wear a life jacket at all times, under state law.

For more information on boating in Arizona or to sign up for a safety course, visit [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating).

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## Operator's Attention Is Key To Boating Safety

*Safety tips offered in the wake of boating fatality earlier this summer at Lake Mohave.*

Arizona waterways are teeming with activity and the Arizona Game and Fish Department reminds all boaters to ensure a safe boating experience by remaining vigilant when out on the water.

The reminder comes after a boat operator on Lake Mohave accidentally reversed the boat and struck a man with the boat's propeller on Saturday. The man died of his injuries.

"Our thoughts go out to the family of those impacted by this horrible accident," said Josh Hoffman, AZGFD Boat Safety Education coordinator. "The unfortunate reality of these types of incidents is that most are preventable. Whether someone is on the boat or in the water, safety should remain a priority for everyone."

### Be Constantly Mindful

Boat operators and passengers should constantly be mindful of their surroundings and possible dangers while on the water.

Of the 86 injury accidents recorded in 2013, 11 were the result of operator inattention, with an additional eight tied to operator inexperience, according to AZGFD statistics. Because of this, the Department recommends that all boat operators and passengers complete a boating safety course to learn how to enjoy time out on the water safely and responsibly.

For a list of courses hosted around the state, please visit [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating) and see page 3 of this issue.

To ensure the safety of those in and on the water, boat operators should turn the vessel's engine off while not in motion. The boat's propeller can still be spinning while it is in neutral or idling in the water.

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## Wake Zone

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR@AZBW.COM

## Happy 225th Birthday, United States Coast Guard

Today we pay tribute to your past. I am even more excited about your future. As your service Secretary, I have had the firsthand privilege to support and witness the recapitalization of the Coast Guard's fleet of vessels. I have experienced the excitement of stepping on board a shining new National Security Cutter. I receive daily reports of the good work the Coast Guard performs in law enforcement, maritime security and national security.

Most important, we should all be impressed by the dedication and excellence of the men and women who occupy the ranks of today's Coast Guard. None of us should be surprised, for example, to learn about the Petty Officer who recently, single-handedly, saved four stranded fishermen off the coast of Oregon.

Our young people in the Coast Guard



U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Anderson

**225 YEARS OF GUARDING** — A boatswain's mate watches from the side port door as Coast Guard Cutter *Bertholf's* Over-The-Horizon small boat departs to receive personnel from Coast Guard Cutter *Chandeleur*.

are particularly inspiring. I have been to the Academy and seen the remarkable men and women who are graduating there, who want to join your ranks. As some of you may know, for me, the Coast Guard is also becoming a family matter.

Our future is bright. The next 225 years will be even better than the last 225. I salute you, thank you for your service, and from this new member of the family, I wish you happy anniversary.

Sincerely,  
**Jeh Charles Johnson**  
Secretary of Homeland Security

## And From Admiral Paul F. Zukunft

To the men and women of our Coast Guard,

As our Service turns 225, we face unprecedented challenges — from violence in Central America, to increased activity in the Arctic, to the changing energy trade, and an entire new domain of cyberspace.

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## LETTERS

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As I engage with our Secretary, Members of Congress, the Joint Chiefs, and industry executives, it is evident that your outstanding service is directly contributing to our Nation's security and prosperity.

### Happening Now

As I write this, 66,000 pounds of uncut cocaine are aboard Coast Guard Cutter *Stratton* thanks to people like pursuit coxswain BM2 Hylan Rousseau and the entire crew. Along with all those patrolling the Western Hemisphere Transit Zone, they are severing the financial supply lines of transnational criminal organizations who threaten stability in Central America and the security of our southern border and approaches.

To the far North, Coast Guard Cutter *Healy* conducts scientific exploration and undersea surveys on a mission of the highest national priority in the Arctic. MK2 Christopher Ford, a main propulsion division machinery technician aboard *Healy*, is one of many who keep this icebreaker going to assure access in our polar regions.

### Examples Of Exemplary Operations

Closer to home, the port state control team at Sector Boston facilitates economic growth. Within a 24-hour period over the Fourth of July weekend, LT Tiera Gaudren led the response to both an LNG tanker collision and a cruise ship casualty. In both instances, her efforts preserved safety while also facilitating commerce within our Maritime Transportation System — the lifeblood of America's economic engine.

Information sharing, and the systems that enable it, are critical in all of our mis-

sions. Along with the entire team at Coast Guard Cyber Command, IT1 Val Votinov is meeting the challenges of cyberspace, paying close attention to vulnerabilities and threats in this emerging operating domain.

Operations rely on logistics. At our Aviation Logistics Center, LCDR Patrick Lineberry's customer-focused team pair's world-class maintenance and support with sound fiscal stewardship to drive operational success. In a display of true leadership, his team understands exactly how they fit into the Coast Guard's broader operational success.

Finally, it is the actions of AST2 Darren Harrity, who jumped from a helicopter to pull four shipwrecked fishermen from the sea in a crashing surf zone off the Oregon coast that personifies a commitment to selfless service.

AST2 Harrity had to save each fisherman one at a time and swam more than a mile during the rescue. After the rescue, he said it was muscle that got him through it. More precisely, I wager, it was his heart.

### An Admiral's Thank-You

The accounts above are just a few examples of the exemplary operations you perform each day honoring our 225-year legacy. Without question, you and your families are our most precious resource. You are shaping history as it unfolds before you. I am proud of our 225 years of continuous service, and I am honored to lead you — the 88,000 active duty, reserve, civilian and volunteer auxiliary members.

Thank you for your service in America's Coast Guard — 225 years strong.

Semper Paratus,  
*Admiral Paul F. Zukunft*

# Going 'Virtual': How Do You Want Your Aids To Navigation?

*US Coast Guard wants to hear from boaters via 25-question survey.*

For recreational boaters, the waterway signposts known as aids to navigation are critical for a safe journey. But, what if an aid to navigation (ATON) such as a floating buoy marking the edge of a deep-water channel could only be seen on an electronic screen and not by the naked eye? Will recreational boaters benefit from these new "eATONs"?

That's the question the US Coast Guard wants to find out with a 25-question online survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/21stCenturyWaterways](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/21stCenturyWaterways). A full look at the issue is found in the August/September issue of BoatUS Magazine at [BoatUS.com/virtualnavigation](http://BoatUS.com/virtualnavigation).

On March 12, 2014, the USCG began operating 25 fully functioning "virtual" and "synthetic" eATONs in San Francisco waters with a goal to improve safety and efficiency. Some of these electronic waterway signposts mark the ship-traffic lanes outside the Golden Gate Bridge.

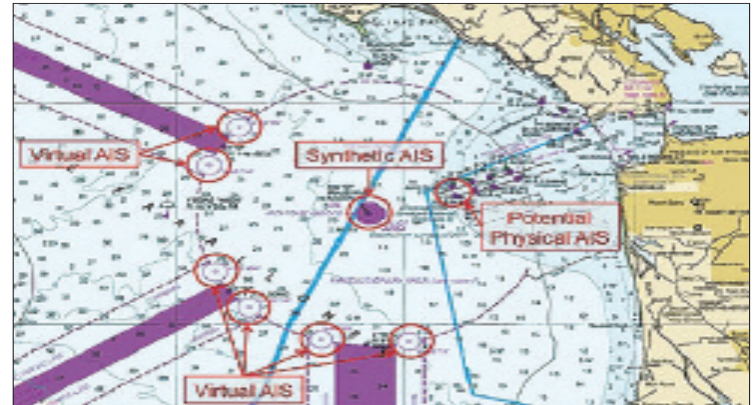
The eATONs are only "visible" to vessels equipped with Automatic Identification System (AIS) technology that's currently found on large commercial vessels and a small portion of recreational boats.

Said BoatUS President Margaret Podlich, "Although the US Coast Guard recently had 12 public listening sessions, recreational boaters did not attend in large numbers. As a result, the agency now has an online survey to capture our viewpoints, and it's in every boater's interest to speak up."

In testimony to the US House of Representatives subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, Podlich added, "Unlike commercial vessels, recreational boats are much less likely to have sophisticated electronics needed to access some of the newer-proposed systems, such as virtual buoys projected on electronic charts."

"There's still a significant need for the tried-and-true physical ATONs in areas where boaters operate, such shallow-draft harbors and channels."

Boaters are encouraged to take the short survey before the end of the year.



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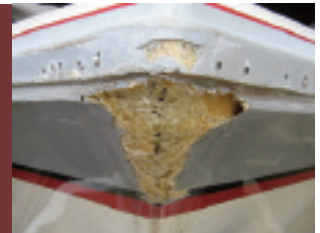
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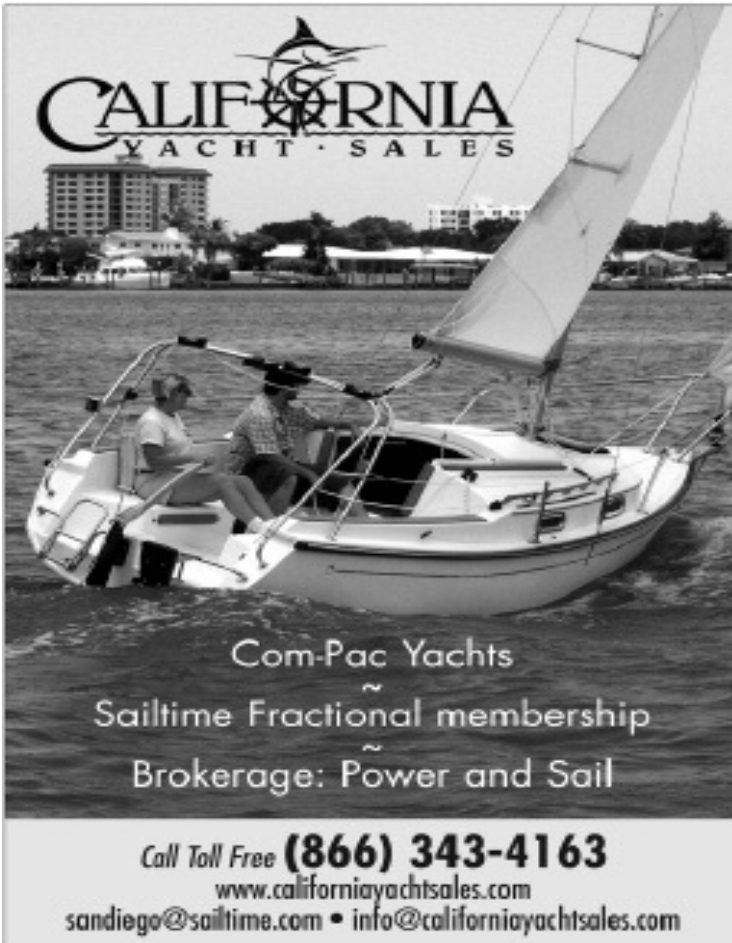
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# Tackle & Target



## LAKE POWELL FISH REPORT

# Stripers Did Not Disappoint Happy Anglers

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON  
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Striper boils reported last week were visited by more happy anglers this week. Stripers did not disappoint — if the proper rules were followed. Stripers feed on their own schedule when in these bonus days of high shad numbers. The prime feeding time over the length of the lake was the last two hours of daylight.

Major feeding events were described by lucky anglers as “covering 20 surface acres, continuing for hours, full of big fish, and totally satisfying.” Those who fished the big evening boils caught more big stripers than thought possible.

### The Best Locations

The best locations were Trachyte Canyon and Cha Canyon in the evening. Other locations that were also good were the main channel from Oak Canyon to the mouth of San Juan, and Good Hope Bay from Ticaboo to the Horn and Piute Canyon to the Great Bend on the San Juan. There was a large morning boil in the main channel just upstream from the mouth of the San Juan, but it did not repeat the next day.

Boils are the crown jewel of freshwater fishing, but stripers could be caught during the day by trolling and much faster by graphing and spooning. Once the large



*Gustaveson*  
**60 STRIPERS** — Large stripers are boiling on the surface in the San Juan Arm of Lake Powell. Wayne Gustaveson collected 60 stripers in the San Juan for baseline testing of heavy metal content prior to the toxic water from the Gold King Mine spill reaching Lake Powell.

schools leave the surface, they are still in the same area usually hovering around the 40-foot depth range.

Hundreds of stripers swimming together at mid-depth are quite easy to find and identify on modern electronics. Jigging spoons dropped into the large suspended schools were consistently ingested by eager stripers.

### Unusual Occurrence

The unusual occurrence is that shad schools are more abundant in areas removed from intense boiling activity. My guess is that these wandering schools of large stripers will work over the shad supply in Cha Canyon and Trachyte and not leave until the shad have been depleted or run away. These stripers like their current schedule of feeding each night and randomly throughout the day.

They are getting enough to eat so they stay. When shad numbers decline, stripers will then move up or downstream to find another feeding bonanza where they will stay as long as forage is available.

### Bass Fishing Is Good

As expected, bass fishing is good in these striper feeding zones. As shad flee from aggressive stripers, they soon find large and smallmouth bass waiting for a meal near shore. Bass are harder to catch in areas where shad are abundant and “the living is easy.” Bass do not have to work

hard to get a shad meal and get pretty fussy about only eating shad when they are so common.

### An Unusual Year

This is one of those unusual years where striper boils will continue into October and November. For now, the best piece of knowledge is “location.” The inflow areas (San Juan and Trachyte) will consistently provide boiling stripers, but other lake areas will periodically have boils erupt in canyons like Navajo, Last Chance, Wetherill, Escalante, Rincon, Halls and so on.

### Let's Help Each Other

We can help each other by reporting striper boil locations to me at [Wayneswords.com](http://Wayneswords.com). I will then put the information out to the public so we can join together to harvest as many stripers as possible right now. Each striper caught this fall will save over 1000 shad during the next year. These numbers get large in a hurry. Catch 1000 stripers and save 1 million shad. Those who read this report can easily catch that many stripers from now through the end of October.

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

*At press time, lake elevation was 3,611, and water temperature was 79-85F.*

## AZGFD MID-AUGUST REPORT

# High-Country Escapes Are Popular Now

### Tip Of The Week

Two “old reliable” summer high-country lakes are Kinnickinick and Ashurst lakes near Flagstaff. Kinnickinick Lake is spring-fed, but it is best fished from float tube, canoe or kayak this time of year. Ashurst may not provide the most scenic high-country escape, but it can be one of the more productive ones. It also has some pike (please catch-and-keep all you can to help this fishery).



### The Reel Deal

Hot desert nights are made for bottom dwellers — catfish and carp. Relax on the shoreline, wet a line with some stink bait, corn or both, watch the sky for meteor showers (plenty of shooting stars could be seen by boaters at Bartlett Lake Thursday night), and hook into Mr. Whiskers at the same time.

If you want bass, it's time to either go deep or catch some surface action. Using drop shots is probably the best method right now for catching deep bass in our desert reservoirs.

It's also about time for a final high-country trout fishing excursion. Consult our summer trout stocking schedule.

And, if you don't have a license, purchase one online. They're valid for 365 days from the date of purchase and help conserve wildlife.

## GET READY; GET SET

# Gear Bag Suggestions For Salt Water Day Trips

BY DON MCDOWELL  
SHAKE, RATTLE & TROLL RADIO

When preparing for a saltwater excursion, here are a few suggestions of things that I've learned the hard way of not having to have in my gear bag. First of all, a couple of heads-up items —

### Be Advised

Valid photo I.D. is *required* for all passengers including minors at the landing office when checking in for your vessel. Passports are mandatory for Mexican waters; verify with the landing if you need your passport prior to booking the trip. School ID, birth certificates, insurance cards are acceptable for minors only.

### Warning

*Under absolutely no circumstances* — take fire arms, alcohol, or illegal substances on board the vessel. *Just don't!* All vessels are subject to USCG stops and searches as well as the Mexican Navy in Mexican waters. *These boys don't play — zero tolerance!*

### Check-In

Most landing offices open at 5 a.m. for your 1/2 and 3/4 day boats. It's a good idea to be in line by 4:30 a.m. when they open for check-in. For all other trips, be at check-in a minimum of 1-1/2 hours prior

to your scheduled time of departure.

### Suggestion

When fishing in Mexico, taking your own personal flotation device (PFD) — Mustang Survival Inflatable is preferred. Mexican vessels are not under USCG or qualified safety inspections for safety gear. Don't risk it because it can happen.

### Packing Your Bag

Okay, here are some items for consideration in your gear bag; they don't take up too much room, and it's better to have them than not.

1. Vinyl-lined sports bag or small travel bag.
2. Personal effects, shaving, soap, etc., and a hand towel,
3. If overnight, a small pillow will be of great comfort,
4. If you have prescription medications, keep them in the pharmacy container and inform the captain or first mate of any health or medical condition you may have. They really don't like surprises.
5. Sun glasses and retainer rope. UV-rated is best.
6. Cap or some type of head cover; if you're wearing a visor, your scalp will still get sunburned. Trust on this one; it hurts.
7. Bandana or neck wrap. Works to



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# Tackle & Target

## I Can't Tune A Piano, But I Can Tuna Fish?

Don't miss the boat or the bite.

BY DON MCDOWELL  
SHAKE, RATTLE & TROLL RADIO

The San Diego-based sport fishing continues to boat good numbers of blue fin, yellow fin, yellow tail and dorado within U.S. waters. The anglers are coming, the boats are going, and the fish are biting.

Solid numbers of migratory tuna are being caught on 3/4 and one-day and multi-day trips. Blue and yellow fin in the 20-30-pounds class are hanging close to the California coast. Abruptly in the middle of the average-sized "fins" bite, the mayhem erupts with 100-200 pound-grade yellow and blue fins blowing through, trashing anglers throwing lighter line test less than 50-60 pounds.

Late July and early August welcome



All Photos Courtesy Of Capt. Bill Wilkerson, Malihini Sportfishing

dorado in solid numbers offering anglers an excellent table. Yellow tail are abundant close in around the kelp forests around the U.S. coast and Mexican waters.

The Malihini sport boat out of H&M Landing with a proud tradition of dependable service since 1975 continues to lead the fleet on 3/4 day trips on solid numbers of tuna fishing US waters without having to have a passport. Mexico, however, continues the requirement of having to have a passport in lieu of the normal visa we are used to.

The H&M Landing sport fleet is running split trips between Mexican waters

with passports and U.S. waters without passports, lending fishing opportunities to all. Malihini does run Mexican waters on most Sundays with passports to take advantage of the fishing around the Coronado Island and other secret spots. Check the schedule with H&M Landing (619) 222-1144.

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On a recent trip, Malihini, in U.S. waters, was in the middle of a medium-grade blue fin bite. One young angler was fortunate enough to get a big bite and landed a blue fin tipping the scales at 126.55



pounds and 5'-6" long. Not often do you catch a fish bigger than you are — excellent fish!

On multiple trips I've noticed a wonderful mix of kids of all ages, boys and

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## Jack Schmier Is A Master Knife Craftsman



Jack Schmier, Master Knife Craftsman

BY DIANE DEHAMER  
FEATURE WRITER

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From The Chino Valley Review

Most countries in this world have a knife related to their history — machetes for jungle work in South America, bolo knives from the Philippines, and America's Bowie knife which was hand crafted. In fact, anyone wanting the best knives of today must look to the skill of an expert craftsman.

Jack Schmier of Chino Valley is one of those master craftsmen, and has been hand crafting knives since the 1960s after he returned to the United States from serving in the U.S. Army in Far East Military Intelligence.

Jack was born and raised in Idaho. "I grew up on a ranch with a rifle in one hand and a lariat in the other. My uncle was a blacksmith who had made a few knives out of files, which sparked my interest," Jack

recalled.

Jack's vocation through his lifetime was as an aero-space engineer, while making knives was his hobby. One of the best knife makers in the world, Bob Loveless personally taught Jack how to make his fine knives.

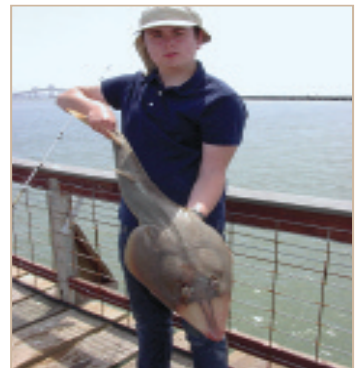
"My knives are all straight edge (they don't bend) and range in size from five to eight inches.

I use the best steel available, which is also heat treated. The handles are made from different materials, such as antler, exotic woods, and micarta. I also make all the cases out of the best saddle leather," said Jack.

Jack's knives are different prices and start at \$275. The knives are on display at the Hike Shack in Prescott.

Jack thoroughly enjoys the time he spends on creating his beautiful knives, and although he [is now over 85], he works on

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### 15-Time Junior Angler Champion

Thomas Orozco, 15, of Union City, Calif., placed first in his age division at the International Game Fish Association Young Anglers Tournament held at Shelter Island Pier in San Diego, Calif., on August 8. Orozco caught and released calico bass, sand bass and mackerel during the three-hour tournament in which 125 kids ages 6-15 participated. This summer young Orozco also won the IGFA Marin Rod & Gun Club Pier Tournament in San Rafael, Calif., on August 1, during which he caught this rare 37-inch guitarfish. Orozco ended his IGFA Young Anglers Tournament career with 15 first-place wins in 10 years. Congratulations, Thomas, from Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times!

### Attention Anglers:

As of May 27, 2015, new regulations mandate that all passengers fishing within 12 miles of Mexico's coast and their islands must possess a valid passport. This applies to 3/4 day and full-day Coronado Islands/Baja coastal trips. No other form of ID will be accepted. This does not apply to freelance/offshore trips.

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BY MARGIE ANDERSON

The West is finally getting a great tournament circuit with 100 percent payback, championships with prize boats, and television coverage of every tournament.

It's about time! For years I've heard guys say that if you want to fish a decent circuit, Arizona is not the place to be. Well, they can't say that any more. The Wild West Bass Trail debuts in 2016, and per their Facebook page, "our objective is to provide anglers the ability to participate in elite bass tournaments with the highest guaranteed payout on the West Coast. This new tournament format, payout and television exposure will increase angler participating numbers that have not been seen on the West Coast for over the past decade."

**Dobyns Knows Bass**

My buddy Gary Dobyns of California is probably one of the most well-known and well-respected bass fishermen in the industry. He has fished professionally for decades, and owns Dobyns Rods. He is one of the guys behind this new circuit. He knows what fishermen want because he is

one, and he and his partners will make sure that Wild West Bass is top notch in every way.

The Wild West Bass Trail television show will also help everyone who watches it to be a better bass fisherman on the western lakes.

Here are the stats:

- The Wild West Bass Trail Pro/Am tournaments entry fee is \$700.00 for the Pro and \$350.00 for the Co-angler.
- Teams entry fee is \$300.00.

**Some Details Pending**

Many of the details are still pending, and so far I haven't seen a registration form online. I'm sure that they will get those out as soon as the rules are finalized, but as Dobyns says, tournament rules have been pretty standard for thirty or more years.

One thing they will have is a 10-day off-limits. The reason is that there are lots of guys who sort of specialize in their local lake. They fish nearly every tournament on that particular body of water, and they are very hard to beat because they fish that lake

# Brand New Tournament Circuit To Debut In The West

This is huge and exciting news for Arizona!

## Tournament Schedule

**California Pro/AM Events:**

- Lake Shasta (Jan. 30-31, 2016)
- Lake Oroville (March 5-6, 2016)
- California Delta (June 4-5, 2016)
- Championship for CA and AZ Pro/AM Lake Mead, NV (Oct. 14-16, 2016)

**Arizona Pro/Am Events:**

- Lake Pleasant (Jan. 16-17, 2016)
- Lake Havasu (Feb. 27-28, 2016)
- Roosevelt Lake (March 19-20, 2016)
- Championship for CA and AZ Pro/AM Lake Mead, NV (October 14-16, 2016)

**California Teams:**

- Lake Oroville (Jan. 9)
- Lake Shasta (Feb. 27)
- Lake Berryessa (April 2)
- California Delta (May 14)
- Championship (Clear Lake) June 11-12, 2016

**Arizona Team Events:**

- Roosevelt Lake (Feb. 13, 2016)
- Lake Mohave (March 26, 2016)
- Lake Pleasant (April 30, 2016)
- Lake Havasu (May 14, 2016)
- AZ Team Championship Lake Mead (June 25-26, 2016)

day after day. Dobyns says that regional guys sitting on one body of water is killing our sport because they can fish every day prior to an event. Making an off-limits helps to even the field and give the guys who have to travel to the lake the same amount of practice.

There will be practice days the Thursday and Friday before each tournament. Pro-Am's are non-shared weight.

To keep up with information as it becomes available, follow Wild West Bass Trail on Facebook or go to [www.wildwestbasstrail.com](http://www.wildwestbasstrail.com).

# When Teaching Your Kids To Shoot, Stress Safety First

BY JOHN ANDERSON

The absolute best way to keep your children safe around guns is to teach them about guns. We keep our guns locked in a gun safe, but we have also taught our children, and now our grandchildren, how to use guns.

They know that if a friend displays a gun or even talks about having a gun, they are to go immediately to a responsible adult and let them know. This is not tattling — it's saving a life.

I wouldn't let my granddaughter use my table saw without teaching her the safety rules and overseeing her closely, and the same goes with all potentially dangerous tools — including guns. And, just as using power tools can be fun, so can shooting. Target shooting is a great family sport that anyone can participate in. In fact, you may find that your kids shoot better than you do!

**'All Guns Are Loaded'**

From the time they are small, children should be taught that all guns are to be treated as though they are loaded. This is



Emily, the Andersons' youngest granddaughter, owns this little purple Ruger SR22. She's a darn good shot. The kids love the splatter targets because it's easy to see when and where the mark was hit.

a rule that adults need to remember as well. I've heard of too many gun "experts" who have shot holes in the ceiling, or even worse, in themselves, with "empty" guns. So rule number one is "all guns are always loaded."

I also teach them that they should never allow the muzzle of a gun to point at anything they aren't willing to destroy. This is actually the rule that I repeat to them until they are pretty much sick of hearing it, but I still keep saying it. Keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction all the time will prevent accidents. Even if you "know" the gun is empty, keep it pointed in a safe direction. Drill this into your kids.

**Hold That Finger!**

Another rule that I found myself having to repeat over and over is "keep your finger away from the trigger until you're ready to shoot." For some reason, my granddaughters love to keep their fingers in the trigger guard. Boy, that took some persistence to get rid of! Make sure you keep an eye on that. If the gun is not actually pointed at a safe target, their finger should not even be inside the trigger

guard. When my kids are holding a gun, I want them focused on that gun. Don't let them get distracted. If your child seems to be

taking the whole situation too lightly, lock all the guns away and tell him or her you'll

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This is the Andersons' granddaughter Trinity shooting at a splatter target. Her stance and grip are great, as is her shooting.

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## ANATOMY OF DECEPTION

# Survey Blatantly Biased, Misleading

*It is time for a true survey, one that has credentials of being unbiased and one that polls people in the thousands, not just 300.*

BY JOHN KOLESZAR

The Defenders of Wildlife, the Sierra Club and a whole group of other pro-wolf advocates have been showing up at public meetings since last fall, proclaiming that “More than 70 percent of Arizonans want more wolves. While the figures alone were stunning, the wolf advocates were constantly harping about heeding the demands of the population.

After hearing this litany for the umpteenth time, I decided to try to find out more about this survey. I wanted to know who did it, when and what the questions were. From my debate years many eons ago, I have had one profound tenet stuck in my brain. “He who phrases the question, wins the debate!” With that thought in mind, I started my research.

### About The Survey

The research was easy to do, courtesy of the Internet, and the survey popped up fairly quickly. The Defenders of Wildlife in 2013 hired a firm called the Tulchin Research Company to conduct the poll on Mexican gray wolves in the states of New Mexico and Arizona. The Tulchin Research Company is based in San Francisco, Calif., and is a Democratic polling and strategic consulting firm. They did display their results on their Web site, and went so far as to list the numbers of participants, their political party affiliation and most important, the questions they had asked.

First and foremost, the questions that they asked were blatantly biased, leading the responders down a lovely path to proclaiming their love for wolves. Then came the critical numbers. How many people were quizzed? In Arizona, which has a population of over 6,500,000 people, the Tulchin survey reached 300 people — 150 were Democrats and 150 were Republican. This grand total of 300 people now represents a “majority of Arizonans.”

While the number of participants is incredibly low, those who took to the podium to proclaim that we all want wolves were either misinformed or incredibly deceptive. How can any organization base a whole state’s attitude on 300 people?

### The Questions/Statements

“Do you support or oppose restoring Mexican gray wolves to suitable habitat in northern Arizona and northern New Mexico?”

“In thinking about the area where wolves are reintroduced, would you support or oppose restoring wolves to suitable habitat in the Grand

Canyon region and northern New Mexico?”

Wolves play an important role in maintaining healthy deer and elk populations. Restoring wolves to forests and wilderness in northern Arizona and New Mexico will bring a healthier balance to our ecosystem.

“Scientists say there are too few wolves in Arizona and New Mexico, they remain at risk of extinction, and there need to be two new populations of wolves in different suitable regions to ensure recovery.

The above questions/statements were what were posed to the unsuspecting public. For the normal lay person, when a “scientist” makes a statement, who of us feels comfortable with challenging that statement? Probably no one!



Mexican Gray Wolf

Jim Clark

### Nothing Could Be Further From The Truth

When they indicate that wolves balance deer and elk herds, there is an inputing that we have a problem with deer and elk herds in Arizona. Nothing could be further from the truth, as mule deer herd numbers have been dropping for over two decades and that shows no sign of changing.

Elk herds have been stable at best and have not been a “problem” in recent history. There are over 100,000 applicants for elk tags in Arizona every year. Only 22,000 of those applicants will draw a tag. Do we need another 1,000 predators on the landscape that will consume at least one elk per week per wolf?

### Who Are These People?

There is no indication as to the geographic location of the individuals polled. Were they men or women? Were they rural or local? City-born-and-raised women would be far more inclined to agree with the views, whereas rural-born-and-raised men would likely have been at the other end of the spectrum.

The questions do not expound further. There is always a give and take when you place a top-line predator into the environment. The questions should have also included the other end of what happens when you have predators. “Would you be willing to sacrifice seeing Bambi so that you might hear a wolf?”

### Sportsmen/Women Are The Conservationists

Sportsmen have paid dearly to bring game species back from the brink of extinction. The Pittman-Robinson act from the 1930s has raised over 7 billion dollars of self-imposed taxes on sportsmen to ensure that we did have game species to hunt. There is no mention of the fact that wolves will eat what sportsmen have fostered and cared for during all these years.

If the Tulchin group wanted a survey that was fair and unbiased, they failed miserably. If they wanted a survey that simply gave them talking points and led their polled individuals to the result they wanted, then they succeeded admirably.

### It Is Time For A True Survey

Over the past nine-plus months, every meeting regarding wolves, every article printed and every e-mail of wolf support seemed to have this “70 percent” figure. The newspapers bought into the survey, some in the public bought into the survey, but now we know how desperate these people are to attain their agenda.

It is time for a survey, but one that has credentials of being unbiased and one that polls people in the thousands, not 300. Trust in the Sierra Club, the Defenders of Wildlife and the Center for Biological Diversity? Not in this lifetime!

One can always create the case that we want Mexican gray wolves in Arizona. When the public becomes aware of the costs, the lack of involvement of Mexico itself and the arrogant posting of this misleading survey by the groups mentioned, perhaps they will call and end to the madness.

### About John Koleszar

*Koleszar, a regular guest on Shake, Rattle & Troll radio, sends the following: “As a bio, I have been in Arizona for 30 years now, originally from the Michigan-Ohio area. The groups I belong to are Arizona Deer Association-President, Arizona Big Game Super Raffle-Vice President, Board of Directors of Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife and I have been active in several other boards along the way with the Arizona Elk Society, Arizona Wildlife Federation as a couple.” John Koleszar, elkhabitat@gmail.com*

## Arizona Goes Wild In New Season Of Arizona Wildlife Views TV Show

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If you enjoy wildlife and the outdoors, you won’t want to miss the new season of Arizona Wildlife Views Sundays on Phoenix PBS Channel 8.

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The August premiere visited the “Wings Over Willcox” nature festival, which has become a staple for outdoor enthusiasts for more than 20 years. Then, see how Game and Fish and its federal, tribal and private partners are working to aid the recovery of the endangered Mexican wolf. Finally, you’ll learn why well-intended efforts by people to try to “help” or “rescue”



Horses On The Salt River

## Forest Supervisor Postpones Action On Tonto Horses

Tonto National Forest Supervisor Neil Bosworth has further postponed any action regarding the horses on the Salt River for at least 120 days (from Aug. 18).

“I have decided to postpone any Forest Service action associated with the impound notice for at least 120 days. Over the coming months, I hope to work with the Salt River Wild Horse Management Group and with other interested parties and stakeholders to try to find a collaborative solution to address the Salt River Horses” said Bosworth.

“In addition, I am committing to provide the public and interested parties with at least 30 days’ notice prior to the Forest Service taking any actions associated with the impound notice.”

The horses on the Salt River have generated an overwhelming outpouring of comments and questions. The Forest is attempting to respond to public questions and concerns by posting questions and answers on the Tonto National Forest Horse Frequently Asked Questions Web page.

In addition, you can find news releases and the statement made by Neil Bosworth on the Tonto National Forest Homepage.

baby wildlife can have unintended, negative consequences.

The 13-week season will air at 4:30 p.m. each Sunday. Other show segments coming up this season include: —

- The amazing evacuation of 600,000 trout from the Sterling Springs Fish Hatchery during the 2014 Slide Fire in Oak Creek Canyon north of Sedona,
- The release of endangered black-footed ferrets on a private working ranch,
- Efforts to save the state’s California condor population,
- Habitat improvement work to benefit pronghorn antelope, and
- A study along with Northern Arizona University researchers to learn the impact of the state’s largest wildfire on tree-roost-



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## Find Your Park And Enjoy Two Fee-Free Days

*The National Park Service, 99 on Aug. 25, prepares for 2016 centennial.*

The National Park Service turned 99 years old on Aug. 25. In preparation for next year's big centennial celebration, the National Park Service is inviting everyone to Find Your Park (<http://findyourpark.com/>).

To encourage people to discover everything a park experience can be, there is a fun list of 99 ways to Find Your Park (<http://findyourpark.com/news/99-ways-to-find-your-park>).

Grand Canyon is a great place to try #32 — celebrate Native American heritage, #68 — walk a trail, or #79 — see a starry, starry night. You can also share your park experience with others by posting on social media with the hashtag #FindYourPark.

On Aug. 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed legislation to create the Na-

tional Park Service. Today, there are 408 national parks throughout the country and each one tells an important part of the American story.

Some commemorate notable people and achievements, others conserve magnificent landscapes and natural wonders, and all provide a place to have fun and learn.

Remaining fee-free dates this year at Grand Canyon and all national parks are National Public Lands Day on Sept. 26 and Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

Grand Canyon National Park visitors



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are reminded that fee-free designation applies to entrance fees only and does not affect fees for camping, reservations, guided tours, or use of concessions. Park entrance stations will have the Interagency Senior and Annual passes available for those who wish to purchase them.

## ArtPlace America Awards \$500,000 Grant

ArtPlace America recently announced that the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA), on behalf of the tribal heritage project partnership, received a grant of \$500,000 to further arts and culture at Desert View in Grand Canyon National Park. The grant will transform Desert View into a place to celebrate, share, and learn about inter-tribal cultural heritage.

### Preservation Of Murals

AIANTA, along with Grand Canyon National Park and the park's Inter-tribal Advisory Council (ITAC), will specifically use the grant to preserve murals inside the

historic Watchtower, continue the Cultural Demonstration Series, and develop inter-tribal tourism opportunities. In addition to ArtPlace America and AIANTA, Grand Canyon Association and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have partnered with Grand Canyon National Park on the reinvigoration of Desert View.

### Revival Of Desert View

A signature project for next year's National Park Service Centennial, the revival of Desert View as a cultural heritage site will provide opportunities for the public to connect with Grand Canyon's Traditionally Associated Tribes. This transforma-

The grant is for the Tribal Heritage Project at Grand Canyon National Park's Desert View.

tion also ensures that future generations of tribal members and visitors will have an opportunity to make and share meaningful experiences and stories.

"This project re-envisioned how visitors experience Desert View and the entire park and will lead us and the NPS into the next century. We are grateful for the support of ArtPlace America and the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association and the hard work of our Inter-tribal Advisory Council," said Park Superintendent Dave Uberuaga.

### 11 Tribes Represented

Grand Canyon's ITAC, established in

2013, is composed of representatives from the park's 11 Traditionally Associated Tribes who collaborate with the NPS on issues that affect each of the tribes and the park. Those tribes—Hopi, Navajo, Zuni, Havasupai, Hualapai, Yavapai-Apache, and five bands of Southern Paiute represented by the Kaibab Paiute—work with the park on programs such as youth development, tribal tourism opportunities, and cultural demonstrations.

### Hoping To Engage Tribal Youth

One of the programs, the Ancestral

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At left: Tonto Natural Bridge State Park



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## HIKING ESSENTIALS

# Pack Carefully For Safety And For Fun

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

I've been telling you about a lot of great hikes lately, and hiking is one of my favorite outdoor activities. Because I've been hiking and hunting for so many years, I've learned a thing or two about what to carry.

Thing is, you want to be prepared because you could be miles from the car with no cell service, but you don't want to lug around a lot of extra weight. I am always the one with the backpack on our family adventures, and I sure don't want that thing heavier than it needs to be.

So, here are some of my favorite things. Some, like first aid and survival gear, are what I consider essential. Others are optional, but I've found that they really make my hiking experience more fun.

### SURVIVAL KIT

I am a white-haired grandma now, and I have never gotten lost long enough to need a survival kit. Nevertheless, I always carry one when I'm hiking. Seems like every other week you hear a news story about someone lost for days or even weeks in the wild, and it's hard to keep up hope after a while, especially when the lost person is a child.



For a child's survival kit, the absolute minimum is a blaze orange or other highly visible vest or kerchief, plus a very loud whistle. You should drill it into their little heads that the instant they realize they are lost, they need to sit down in the open with their vest on, and blow the whistle off and on.

Let your children know that since someone will be looking for them almost immediately, it's very important for them to stay put. The more they walk, the harder they will be to find. The whistle can be heard farther than shouts, plus it takes much less energy to blow a whistle.

Again, stress that they are to stay put. The first instinct is to panic and start running around screaming, but make them understand that they don't need to do that because you will be coming for them very soon and all they need to do is stay visible, stay in one place, and keep using the whistle.



There are runner's belts that are very comfortable and compact, and they will hold a kerchief or vest and a whistle. Don't even let your kid out of the car without these two things.

I also carry a survival kit for myself. The Tender Corporation has one that is only about 5 inches square and weighs just over 6 ounces. It's got a good blade, water-purification tablets plus a water bag, a signal mirror and 100dB whistle, fire-starting tools, an LED micro-light, waterproof survival instructions, and tinder that will burn for up to two minutes even when it's wet.

The Pocket Survival Pak Plus costs \$80, but I think my life is worth a lot more than that. You can find this kit and a lot of other great outdoor kits at [www.adventuremedicalkits.com](http://www.adventuremedicalkits.com).

### FIRST AID KIT

Again, I have a dandy Adventure Medical Kits first aid kit in my pack at all times. Now this one I have used over and over. You can buy one ready made, or you can build your own, but be sure to include



special blister packages, different sizes of adhesive bandages, headache medicine, etc.

Adventure Medical Kits has a great Family First Aid Kit with information on how to care for hurt kids outdoors, medications for adults and kids, and a big stock of high-use items so you can supply a large group. There is a wide elastic bandage and an instant cold pack too. On the Adventure Medical Kits Web site, you can choose your outdoor sport and you will find a variety of kits that will suit your needs.



### DAYPACK

I'm always amazed at the people I see on the trail who are carrying nothing but a single water bottle. What is up with that? Those are the people who have to get rescued off mountains and out of canyons all the time because of dehydration and hyperthermia. Sorry, that's a pet peeve of mine.

I bought a brand new Osprey dayhiker pack in Flagstaff on our last trip, and it is awesome. Not only is it a gorgeous aqua color, but also it is made to fit women and it has a mesh back that keeps the bag off your back so air can circulate and keep you cool. I love it!

The Osprey holds a hydration bladder, which is very important, plus it has a nice wide, padded belt that transfers the weight to your hips instead of your shoulders. This is a very important feature in a hiking pack.

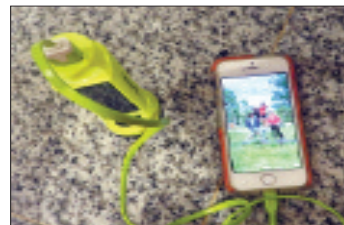
On the Osprey, there are two small zipper pouches on the belt so you can keep essentials at hand. When you shop for your pack, be sure to try it on and adjust the straps to fit you. Anything that rubs in the wrong place is going to be maddening after a few miles, so don't be afraid to be picky.

### HIKING STICK

I know not everyone likes hiking sticks, but I love them. One really helps steady me, especially on downhill or really rough parts of the trail. My hiking stick has saved me from a twisted ankle more times than I can count. My family is very grateful because they don't want to carry me out of the woods.

The best thing about my hiking stick is that it doubles as a tripod for my camera. It's a Trek Pod, and the cork top pops off to reveal a powerful magnet that couples with the magnet screwed onto the bottom of my camera. If I just want a quick shot but need it to be very steady, I use the Trek Pod as a monopod. But if I want a photo of me and my family on the trail, I just undo the Velcro at the bottom of the Trek Pod and spread out the three legs — voilà: a tripod.

I use this thing all the time and I've had it for over ten years. Yes, it's pricey — models range from \$110 - \$300, but remember that mine is over a decade old and still good and sturdy. All I ever had to do was replace the Velcro and the rubber leg tips. To me, the Trek Pod is worth every dime.



### FLASHLIGHT/CHARGER

I don't know about you, but whenever we happen upon a cave of any kind, one of my intrepid granddaughters wants to venture in. Many hikes lead specifically to caves, and they all have one thing in common: They are dark.

I always carry a flashlight, and since I love things that serve dual purposes, my flashlight is not only solar powered, it's also a charger. Yep — my granddaughters can charge their phones with my flashlight.

I found this little gem at the ISE show this past year. It was about \$40, but it's completely waterproof (when the end is screwed on), and it floats. It's bright yellow so it's easy to find even in the bottom of my pack, and it will charge either by sunlight or a charging cord. I leave it on the dash and let it charge until we hit the trail. It's awesome. You can find one at [www.azhybridlight.com](http://www.azhybridlight.com).



### WATER BOTTLES

My pack has a hydration bladder, but I'm not foolish enough to rely on just that for all four of us on the trail. So, the girls and grandpa carry their own water bottles, plus I always have a couple more in my pack.

I was at Dick's Sporting Goods a while back and I spotted some bottles called O2Cool Mist 'n Sip. They are double-walled insulated water bottles that include a mister attachment to cool your face off on the trail. My teenaged granddaughters love them!

We fill them halfway up at night and stick them in the fridge, then in the morning we add ice to top them off. Since they are insulated, they stay cool all day long, and the misting really does help cool you off. It's a very fine mist so you don't waste all your drinking water. You can get one at Amazon, too — they're about \$17.

The Aquabot is a cap that turns a regular water bottle into a spray bottle with a mister, hose, and shower all in one. You can use the mister to cool off and the shower to clean dirty hands, plus it's great for giving your dog a drink if you forgot the bowl.

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## GRANT

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Lands Conservation Corps, supported by the NPS Washington Office of Youth Programs, employed ten Navajo and Hopi students for 12 to 22 weeks. The hope is to develop the program further to engage youth from the Traditionally Associated Tribes.

Working with Arizona Conservation Corps, the crew worked on multiple projects throughout Grand Canyon, ranging from trail maintenance to creating interpretive programs, as part of the ongoing changes at Desert View.

### Ancient Gathering Place

The Desert View area has been used as a gathering place for thousands of years. Visitors can see a glimpse of the ancient past at the Tusayan Ruin and Museum. Architect Mary Colter modeled Desert View's centerpiece, the Watchtower, after the architecture of the Ancestral Puebloan people of the Colorado Plateau. Today Desert View represents the physical and cultural gateway from Grand Canyon National Park to the Navajo and Hopi reservations.

Desert View is the eastern entrance into Grand Canyon National Park. It is located on the South Rim approximately 45 minutes east of Grand Canyon Village. To plan your visit to Desert View, go to <http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/placestogo.htm>.

### More About ArtPlace America

Made up of foundations, federal agencies, and banks, ArtPlace America focuses on art's role in place-based development. AIANTA, a non-profit organization, helps tribes build for their future and strengthen their cultural legacy. For more about ArtPlace America, visit <http://www.artplaceamerica.org/>. Go to <http://www.aianta.org/> to learn more about the work of AIANTA. To see some of the projects from the Arizona Conservation Corps, check out <http://www.azcorps.org/>.

### TV SHOW

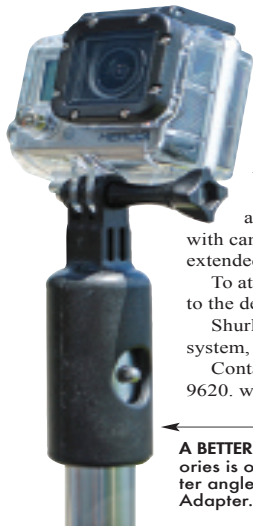
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ing bats.

Last season, Arizona Wildlife Views won eight regional Emmy Awards in four different categories, and with more than 40 new stories, the show has something for everyone.

Those who miss an episode or are interested in viewing past episodes can subscribe to our YouTube channel at [www.YouTube.com/azgfd](http://www.YouTube.com/azgfd). The updated video page lets you search for new programs, old favorites or any topic in our video library.

Arizona Wildlife Views is produced by the Information Branch of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The show also airs on more than 30 city cable and local channels across the state. Check local listings for show dates and times.



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### PACKS

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In a water fight, the jet will spray a 25-foot stream! It even works upside down, and it fits most wide-mouth bottles such as Nalgene and CamelBak. They start at \$20 and you can get one with a bottle included. Check them out at <https://www.thegrommet.com/lunatic-gear-aquabot>.

### TOPPING OFF MY PACK

Those are just a few of my favorite things to take on a hike. My pack is big enough to hold lunch, too, and the great thing about that is that after we eat, my pack is so much lighter. If we're having sandwiches, I make them the night before and freeze them wrapped in foil. They are

thawed but still cold by lunch time.

I also make my own trail mix because we have a deadly peanut allergy to contend with, and the girls like mine better than any of the ready-made kind. I include Teddy Grahams, Craisins, pecans, Goldfish Pretzels, and any other tasty little things that I can find. We are especially fond of the S'mores Teddy Grahams.

We also pack a lot of fruit on the trail because it helps hydrate you. Of course, always pack all your trash out. Outdoorers have a long history of being conservationists, and I hope we continue that forever. Have fun out there, stay safe, and don't leave anything but footprints!

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# Forest Service Changes Tonto National Forest Recreation Fees

Tonto National Forest officials are changing recreation fees at campgrounds, day-use sites, boat launches, and shoreline areas beginning on January 1, 2016. In 2004, Congress passed the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) that allows the Forest Service to collect and retain 95 percent of fees at certain recreation sites and use those funds locally to operate, maintain and enhance these sites.

To see what fees have been collected and how the fees have been spent, go to the Annual Fee Program Accomplishment Reports which can be found at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/tonto>.

The purpose of changes in the fee structure is to continue to operate and maintain campgrounds, boat launches, picnic areas, and popular shoreline areas. The cost to maintain recreation facilities and provide trash removal services continues to increase, and the public has indicated they do not want a reduction in services.

"The public has expressed to us they do not want reductions in recreation services, and desire that our recreation sites continue to be managed by the Tonto National



Janet Ward

Forest. These changes to recreation fees will allow us to meet these expectations", said Neil Bosworth, Tonto National Forest Supervisor.

The public is invited to attend any of

these remaining On-Site Open Houses to learn more about the new fees —

**Mesa District**  
Saturday, Sept. 5  
Acacia at Canyon Lake  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Tonto Basin District**  
Saturday, Sept. 12  
Windy Hill Boat Ramp  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 13  
Burnt Corral Boat Ramp  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The following changes will take place on January 1, 2016:

Eliminate recreation fees from six areas, charge for individual sites, and change shoreline areas to special recreation permit areas;

Decrease the cost of the Tonto Annual Pass from \$95/annually to \$80/annually; Seniors 62 years old and older receive a \$20 discount.

Increase the daily Tonto Pass fee from \$6/day to \$8/day;

Align fees in 11 developed campgrounds and 7 group sites to be comparable to similar sites with similar services and operation and maintenance costs; Continue to offer 50% discount to Intergency Senior and Access Pass holders.

Eliminate fees at 8 recreation sites; and Install fee machines to provide an on-site option to purchase the daily Tonto Pass and watercraft sticker. The new on-site fee is \$12 for the daily Tonto Pass and \$6 for the watercraft sticker. Traditional hanging Tonto Passes will still be available for purchase for the regular price of \$8 at over 200 vendors in the area or online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tonto/home/?cid=stelprdb5274504>.

The fee changes can be reviewed at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/tonto>. For more information about the fee changes, please contact Greg Schuster at 602-225-5200, or by email at [gjschuster@fs.fed.us](mailto:gjschuster@fs.fed.us). These changes will take effect on January 1, 2016.

## Cruise On Down To The 66th Annual Coconino County Fair

Cruise on Down to the 66th Annual Coconino County Fair, at historic Fort Tuthill County Park during Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 4-7, presented by Findlay Toyota Flagstaff. The County Fair is truly a community event where adult and youth community members exhibit animals and handicrafts, and people of all ages enjoy the various entertainment acts, carnival rides and games.

Visitors may purchase regular price admission tickets online or during the Coconino County Fair; regular priced admission tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for youth and seniors. Any remaining early bird carnival wristbands may be purchased by visiting the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at Fort Tuthill County Park, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by calling (928) 679-8000. Coconino County Parks and Recreation will have a limited number of carnival wristbands to sell prior to the County Fair, and once these run out, fairgoers must purchase them during the Fair for \$35 apiece.

### A Fun, Exciting Lineup

There is a fun and exciting line-up of musicians and entertainment. With a main

stage, variety stage and strolling acts, entertainment is a mainstay at the Fair. We have a featured artist each day on the main stage, including —

### Country Western Day, Friday, Sept. 4 – Kelsea Ballerini

Family Day, Saturday, Sept. 5 – Foghat  
Cultural Day, Sunday, Sept. 6 – Tropicalissimo Apache  
Route 66 Day, Monday, Sept. 7 – Scott Bruce –Tribute to Elvis

Additional entertainment includes the Kent Family Circus and magician Adam the Great performing three shows daily, as well as a lineup that includes Cheap Sunglasses, Doo Wah Riders, Sambataque, Fushicho Daiko Drumming, and more.

### Coconino County Fair Goes Tobacco Free

The Coconino County Fair has long been a community tradition in Northern Arizona, but one aspect of that tradition is changing this year: The 66th Annual Coconino County Fair (held Sept. 4-7) will be a tobacco-free event. While the fair has had a smoking area inside the event in years past, those wishing to



smoke or chew this year will be required to use a smoking area located outside the fair. Anyone exiting the Fair can return the same day with a hand stamp.

According to the Coconino County Public Health Services District, becoming a tobacco-free event and providing a tobacco-free environment limits health risks that result from exposure to second-hand smoke, reduces environmental impact related to litter and fire danger, and prevents normalization of smoking/tobacco use.

### Family Friendly Environment

The County Fair is a family friendly environment with many kids in attendance. When people smoke in environ-

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## Tularemia ('Rabbit Fever') Confirmed in Coconino County

The Coconino County Public Health Services District (CCPHSD), in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Health Services, announced recently that two human cases of *tularemia* (also known as rabbit fever or deer fly fever) were recently confirmed in Coconino County.

The two individuals were likely exposed from insect bites. Both have received treatment and are recovering.

### Eight Cases In Ten Years

In the past decade, there have been eight human cases of *tularemia* from Navajo, Coconino and Maricopa counties. The current cases are the first confirmed cases of *tularemia* in Coconino County since 2005 when two family members contracted the illness after exposure to a rabbit carcass. In Arizona, *tularemia* activity occurs in areas over 3,000 feet in elevation.

### Transmission

*Tularemia* is a bacterial disease that infects rabbits and other mammals. The disease does not spread from person to person. *Tularemia* can be transmitted to humans in several ways. The primary mode of transmission is through the skinning and cleaning of game animals, usually rabbits. It can also be transmitted to humans through deer fly and tick bites and by eating or drinking contaminated food or water.

### Symptoms

An infected person may show a variety of symptoms, including an ulcer or sore at the site of exposure, painful swelling of regional lymph nodes (usually in the armpit, elbow, groin, or neck area), fever, chills, headache, muscle aches and nausea. *Tularemia*-like symptoms appear one to 14 days, but usually three to five days, after skinning game, or after being bitten by deer flies or ticks. People can also develop pneumonia and may have the following symptoms: chest pain, bloody sputum and trouble breathing.

### Get Treatment ASAP

*Tularemia* can be a severe disease, but can be cured with appropriate antibiotic therapy. Because *tularemia* is not spread from person to person, people who have *tularemia* do not need to be isolated. Peo-

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### SAFETY

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### Boaters Should Also Follow These Tips

Before starting the boat's engine, walk to the stern to make sure no one is near the propeller.

- Never reverse a boat to pick someone out of the water.
- Never allow passengers to board or exit while the engine(s) are running.
- Educate passengers on the location and danger of the propellers.
- Take extra precautions around other boats towing skiers and/or tubers.

### LIFE JACKETS

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### Did You Know?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has trust responsibility for managing more than 800 native wildlife species — the most of any inland state — for current and future generations of Arizona citizens. <https://azgfdportal.az.gov/Hunting/NAM>

The Arizona Game and Fish Department prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability in its programs and activities.

• State law requires all passengers 12 years old and younger to wear a life jacket while onboard and vessels must have one life jacket for each passenger.

• Anyone being towed by a boat or on a personal watercraft such as a jet ski must wear a life jacket.

### Did You Know?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department receives NO Arizona general fund tax dollars? We hold the state's wildlife in trust for the public without a dime from Arizona taxpayers. <https://azgfdportal.az.gov/Agency/Funds>

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Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation or this document in an alternative format by contacting the Deputy Director as listed above.

### KLARICH

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through the years.

The day was organized into six acts that included a History of Wakeboarding, History of Hydrofoiling, Wooden Wonders, and more. The day promised to be both entertaining and educational, featuring vintage rides like a 1932 Aquaplane, 1958 Double Acts from Cypress Gardens, Florida and a ride on the first wakeboard — the 1991 HO Hyperlite. Many of the rides were costumed to their time periods.

In between acts, several of the world's best skiers and wakeboarders demonstrated towed watersports at its highest skill levels.

The event was free (no admission charge) and open to the public to enjoy. The "50 for 50" day on August 22 supported and collected donations for Boys Town California, a 501C-3 non-profit charity helping troubled children and families in Southern California.

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## TUNA FISH

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girls, enjoying the deep-sea fishing adventure with dads and granddads. What an awesome opportunity and experience for these young people!

### Gear Selection Is Personal Choice

If you don't have gear, rods, reels and terminal tackles, they are available from Rick, The "Tackle Master" in the H&M Landing Tackle shops — excellent Seeker rods and Avet reels primarily, good stuff. If you have your own gear, the place to re-spool with fresh lines and get your reels serviced and lubed is Phoenix Fishing Supply, 16th Street south of Camelback Road, since 1987. When you're there, check out the Flat Falls, 100 gr weight.

Gear selection selection is a matter of personal choice when it comes to rods and reels. Rods, I'd suggest a 7'-6" medium-fast action tip with solid backbone. Single-speed reels are great for most fish — two speed if your targeting the 100-pounds class. Line size should be from the 30-50 pounds- test class.

### And, About Bait

Live bait this year is good quality — anchovies and sardines with a few mackerel mixed on most all the boats. For those anglers with A.D.D. like me, throwing heavy irons in blue/chrome or blue/whites is a good bet. Flat fall jigs like the Shimano "Colt Sniper" in 100-gram weight and the Butterfly jig, 100 gram have been very effective.

Look for the Savage Gear "Squish" jig;



it should be hitting the tackle stores soon. And of course, my favorite is the soft-plastic replaceable swimbait 5 1/2" bodies on a 1-2 oz triangular jig. I'm recommending purple/black in early morning or heavily overcast days and going to lighter patterns as the sun brightens the day such as a Gruneeon pattern. Translucents with dark backs, greens, blues, purples and blacks with sparkle work well in bright-light periods.

On your triangular jig head, be sure to choose the ones with 3-D eyes, crystal clear with the black pupil; stay away from red eyes. The fish don't seem to be real line shy, so 40 and 50-pounds monofilament have been working well.

The thing to keep in the back of your thoughts is the 100-plus pounders slamming the boat. The worst sound an angler

can hear is "pop" followed by a period of depression. Arm yourself for the fight.

### Space Becoming Limited

Depending on your available time and fishing budget, trips are still available, space for one day, 1-1/2 days and two days plus are limited and getting tighter as the wide open bite continues.

Tuna fishing doesn't have to be time consuming or expensive. The cost for a 1/4 day Malihini trip with all the permits, not including gear and food, is less than \$200 per angler. Out at 5:30 a.m., back in at 5:30 p.m. It's a just a good day on the water.

We haven't seen a stellar tuna season like this for a number of years, don't miss the boat or the bite. Book it now and think about taking your kids and grand kids.

Good fishing and get bent!

## KIDS

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try some other time when he or she can give it their full attention.

The same goes for you. If you find your mind wandering and realize you're not giving things your full attention, either snap to it or go home.

### An Indoor Range Is Ideal

An indoor range like Shooter's World is an ideal place for a kid to learn to shoot. Make sure you've thoroughly covered the safety rules before you get there. Depending on your child's age, you'll have to do much of the actual loading and unloading yourself. The most fun targets for kids are the splatter targets that make a nice big mark when you hit them. This gives a kid instant feedback on where his or her shot is going.

I've always liked to let kids learn with a .22 pistol because they aren't too loud, they don't kick, and they're just plain fun.

Both my granddaughters now own their own .22 pistols, and they are both crack shots.

Before you let the kid shoot, grab a pencil and draw a rough sketch of how it should look when he aims at the target. Show him how to hold the gun so that the front site is between the notches on the rear site, and teach him that they should be the same height. If he lines up the sites right and places the target on top, he should hit the target with no problem.

Here is another tip: Before you let a kid shoot the pistol, try it yourself and make sure it's accurate and not picky. Emily's SR22 was a little picky about ammo the first few times, and something like that can ruin a kid's day. You don't want the gun jamming or failing to feed on her first time out!

### Go Slowly

Finally, especially when your kid is a beginner, go slow. It seems like second na-

ture to you, but it's all new to them and just a little scary. Show them the correct stance (this stuff was in a previous issue), the right way to hold the gun, and the right way to pull the trigger.

That's right — the right way to pull the trigger. A trigger should be squeezed with a steady pressure, not jerked. A jerked trigger will make you miss the target every time. If necessary, load one round at a time. Most newer pistols won't fire without a magazine in place, but you can load one round, teach your girl how to rack it, and let her fire it. Then do it over again.

I learned on a single-shot .22 myself. It teaches you to be more intent when you shoot. It's easy to blast away when you've got ten rounds loaded up.

Both my granddaughters had BB guns when they were very small, and those are great because you can shoot at a target on a piece of plywood right in the back yard. They can learn how to line up the sites and all of that stuff with virtually no noise and

no kick at all. The girls always loved those BB guns, and it made the transition to the .22's easier because they had already had the safety rules drilled into them for years.

### It's A Legacy

My dad taught me to shoot, and his dad taught him to shoot. I've enjoyed teaching my sons and granddaughters how to shoot, and it's a sport we can all enjoy together. The girls would have a fit if we went to the range without them, and I like knowing that they are comfortable and competent with firearms.

If you are not a shooter, or you don't feel qualified to teach your kids, go to a shooting range and ask about instruction, or go to the Arizona Game and Fish Web site at [azgfd.gov](http://azgfd.gov). They have totally free shooting classes for beginners. They'll teach you how to enjoy the sport safely, and you'll learn indoors in the cool AC with calm teachers and no pressure. What's stopping you?

## CRUISE

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ments such as these, it leads to the assumption that many more people use tobacco than the less than 20 percent who actually do, helping make it more socially acceptable.

A 2014 Smoke-Free Parks Study found that secondhand smoke concentrations in outdoor areas are comparable to those found indoors, and that smoking regulations in public places can significantly reduce both the number of cigarettes consumed by youth and the overall prevalence of tobacco use. Also from the study, more than 900 cities and counties nationwide have banned smoking in public parks.

Coconino County Parks and Recreation (CCPR) hopes that by initiating a tobacco-free event, to decrease the exposure of second-hand smoke by fairgoers of all ages, and provide a safe, healthy environment for all.

"Tobacco free" includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, hookah pipes, and electronic-cigarettes.

## RABBIT FEVER

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ple who have been exposed to the *tularemia* bacteria should be treated as soon as possible. The disease can be fatal if it is not properly treated.

### Precautions

Summer in Northern Arizona can result in an increase in warm weather pests which can pose health risks. Pests such as mosquitoes, ticks, fleas and mice can carry disease. To help keep you and

your family safe from possible illness, the CCPHSD recommends following a few prevention guidelines:

- Avoiding contact with wild animals.
- Do not handle sick or dead animals.
- Wear protective equipment, such as gloves and mask when hunting and handling animals.
- Protect against insect bites when hiking, camping or working outdoors. Wear insect repellent containing DEET or treat clothing with repellent containing permethrin.
- Do not drink untreated water.

• Avoid exposure to rodent burrows, fleas and ticks. Stay out of areas wild rodents inhabit.

• Prevent pets from roaming loose. Pets can pick up the infected fleas or ticks of wild animals, and then pass fleas on to their human owners. De-flea pets routinely.

• Seek care from health care provider if experiencing symptoms.

For more information on *tularemia* and other diseases, please visit <http://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/tularemia>.

## CRAFTSMAN

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his knives every day.

"I want to keep making knives from now on. To me, my knives are like an artist's painting. When I first start them, they are kind of ugly, but as I work on them, they become a thing of beauty," said Jack.

"It gives me a sense of satisfaction when I see the finished product, knowing that these knives will last a lifetime. I have had customers who have owned one of my knives for many years, and they tell me they are passing them on to [their] grand children," he added.

Jack can be contacted at (928) 636-9363. He provides a lifetime warranty on his knives, repair and sharpening. "I tell people that's my lifetime, not theirs," Jack said grinning.

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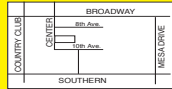
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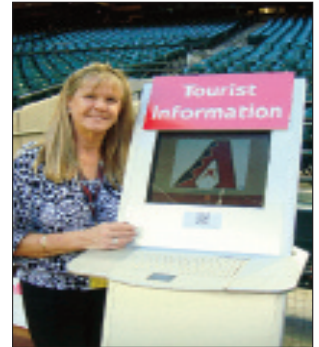
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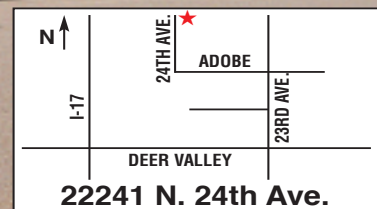
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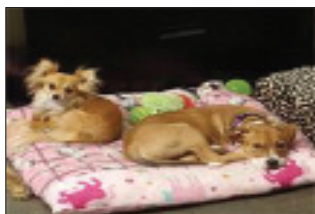
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**GOOD COMPANY** – Dear Reader, Peanut here! Here's a summer update my mommy wanted me to let you know about. Summertime is really, really expensive for my favorite shelter, Lost Our Home Pet Rescue. Since it's puppy and kitten season, we get many babies who come in sick and in litters of three to five at a time. Wow, can you imagine that! Mommy said it's really expensive for their medications, vet visits, vaccinations, food and something called litter, (whatever that is). Puppies also need lots of care, potty pads and cleaning supplies. Mommy says the puppies are "poop-and-pee" machines and it takes a village to keep all the puppy areas clean all the time. Your gifts help pay for all these costs for these babies so Lost Our Home Pet Rescue can take them in and give them the long, healthy, happy life they deserve. The only way my shelter can make my puppy and kitty friends safe and ready to be adopted are gifts from you. Because you don't have paws like me, it's really easy – just visit <http://www.lostourhome.org/info/display?PageID=13709>. Thank you, Peanut.



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## TORTOISE

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Those interested in sharing their yard with a tortoise should visit [www.azgfd.gov/tortoise](http://www.azgfd.gov/tortoise) for more information on feeding, caring for, and creating a suitable enclosure. A desert tortoise adoption packet, which includes the adoption application and checklist, can also be downloaded at this site.

"Primarily because of excessive backyard breeding, this iconic desert species has become overpopulated in captivity and there aren't enough homes for them," said Tegan Wolf, Arizona Game and Fish's tortoise adoption program specialist.

If you are interested in adopting a desert tortoise and live in the Tucson area, contact the department-sanctioned adoption facility Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum at [www.desertmuseum.org](http://www.desertmuseum.org).

Desert tortoises are native to the southwestern desert and can live up to 100 years. They grow to be about 15 pounds and hibernate in the winter months. Desert tortoises eat plant material, including grasses and wildflowers.

Once captive, desert tortoises cannot be released back into the wild as captive animals can pass an upper respiratory disease to wild tortoise populations. It is also illegal and harmful to desert tortoise populations to collect tortoises from the wild.

## PADDLING

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in crowded harbors, busy waterfronts and other navigable waterways, sharing the water with both recreational boats and commercial vessels requires paddlers to up their safety game.

With many of its half-million members owning both boats and paddlecraft, BoatUS offers its unique look at the issue with three easy-to-remember safety rules for stand-up paddlers.

**When is a paddleboard a boat?** According to the US Coast Guard, an SUP is considered a "vessel," so it's important to understand certain boating responsibilities. Follow all local navigation rules and use common sense when paddling around other vessels that may not be as maneuverable or are restricted by their draft or size.

Generally, a paddleboard is more easily able to turn and stop whereas larger craft take time and distance to stop. Typically, it is safest to pass astern of other vessels

and let them cross in front of you. Try to avoid heavy boat traffic and pick a route away from congestion.

**Practice defensive paddling:** Defensive paddling is preventing collisions and mishaps in spite of the actions of others around you. Remember, boats may travel faster than you do and can carry a large wake. Some boats have awkward blind spots that prevent good visibility at certain trim angles so don't assume a boater can always see you, especially at dawn or dusk.

Wear bright colors and wear your life jacket with a whistle attached. Falling in, or swimming in heavily trafficked areas can lead to the start of a bad chain of events. In narrow channels, stay as far right as possible and avoid crossing busy lanes.

If you must, cross perpendicular to the lane so you get across quickly. If in a group, cross as a compact group — spreading out in a line like a bunch of baby ducks hinders traffic and increases the

chance for a collision.

**Don't leave home without it:** A life jacket is the minimum gear — but it only works if you wear it so don't leave it strapped to the board. If you're concerned about comfort, take a look at high-tech, low-maintenance belt-pack inflatables or the newest vest designs that offer complete freedom of movement.

Add a whistle — it will always beat yelling at the top of your lungs. Avoid paddling at night, but if you must, you'll have to show a white light in sufficient time to avoid a collision. A flashlight or headlamp meets this requirement; a glow stick does not.

And finally, a safety leash is most helpful in preventing an awkward and potentially dangerous separation from your board.

If you'd like to learn more about boating safely, visit the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water at [www.BoatUS.org](http://www.BoatUS.org) or note the classes available on page 3 of this issue.

## COVER

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Nam-era veteran, has an extensive business background, outdoors experience, community involvement, and ongoing interest in the American Legion and in agencies that aid both wildlife and domestic animals.

The editor Carol Allen, B.A., M.A. is a community-college English instructor who has focused mainly on writing and journalism, receiving both a Rio Salado College and a Maricopa County district award as "Outstanding Faculty." She is active in many community-service and animal-welfare organizations as well as her church. She is a member of VFW and American Legion auxiliaries.

Both Jim and Carol treasure their times spent with family, especially in the outdoors.

This publication has received both state and national awards related to wildlife and water safety.

## GEAR BAG

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keep you warm or damp to cool off.

8. Sunscreen and lip balm: SPF 50 works pretty well.

9. Small first aid kit with antibacterial ointment and a couple of butterfly finger cots. Anything major the boat will handle.

10. Old sneakers or I prefer deck boots and a couple pairs of socks.

11. Old clothes — (they're going to get bloody and the stain will not come out) shorts, tee shirts, best to dress in layers, long over pants and a light hoodie for early morning and evening hours.

12. Light weight rain poncho,

13. Small hand-wipe towel — every-

thing gets wet or slippery.

14. Inexpensive pair of needle-nose pliers and diagonal side cuts and holster

15. 6-inch fixed blade, stainless-steel knife/sheath

16. Rod butt holder — when playing with fish over 20 pounds, it'll keep the bruising down.

17. Zip-lock bag for your cell phone and/or camera.

18. A few light snacks are always good, but, never, never, ever bring bananas — you may set adrift.

If you need it, you're good; if you need and don't have it, well, whining isn't acceptable aboard a sport fishing boat.

Get off the couch and go get bent!

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