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Flagstaff In Focus For Season's Vacations

DESTINATION: FLAGSTAFF

Without A Doubt, It Is A Super Summer Getaway

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

We have been taking our granddaughters on hiking vacations to Flagstaff every summer for the past twelve years or so. Recently, the oldest received a scholarship to NAU and while she was at orientation, she attended a lecture on things to do around Flagstaff. "Grandma, I've been to every one of them!" she reported.

There are just so many things to do in and around Flagstaff that one vacation can't cover them all. As the granddaughters have grown, the things we do together in Flagstaff have changed to be age-appropriate. So, here is a list of our very favorite things to do in the Flagstaff area in the summer.

Kachina Trail

Of course, the first thing I did to prepare for this article was ask my granddaughters what should be on the list. Without hesita-



tion, their first answer was Kachina Trail. Although I have written an article about our favorite hikes here before, they would never forgive me if I didn't mention Kachina Trail.

You'll find the trailhead just before the entrance gate to the Snowbowl in the San Francisco Mountains north of Flagstaff. The Kachina is an out-and-back trail, and we

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Flagstaff Provides Virtual Visits

Flagstaff Webcam Now Live

An interactive live webcam was recently mounted on the Flagstaff Visitor Center and is the newest feature on the CVB website. Visitors to the site can now remotely experience Flagstaff's daily happenings, changing seasons, and beautiful scenery; enticing them to visit and see it for themselves.

The webcam's advanced features are equipped with 360-degree display, zooming capabilities, and a preset position menu that provides quick-views to iconic outlooks like the San Francisco Peaks, Route 66, and the train tracks to offer users effortless and personalized viewing control.

Visit flagstaffarizona.org/webcam/ to access the webcam.

New Explore Flagstaff Brochure Available

The "Explore Flagstaff Itinerary Planning Guide" was updated and redesigned this year with fresh content and a new layout to make this popular brochure even more user friendly for visitors. The brochure provides essential details for visiting Flagstaff and is organized into five easy to follow itineraries.

The new guide is available in large quantities to have on hand for use at your business or can be picked up at the Flagstaff Visitor Center. The guide will be translated into several languages to meet the needs of international visitors. The English version is currently available and the Spanish, French, German, Italian, Chinese, Japanese and Portuguese will be printed soon.

Contact Flagstaff Visitor Center if you would like a quantity of the Explore Guides delivered to your location.



ON THE COVER

Take A Trip Back In Time

Built in 1904 for two Riordan families, Riordan Mansion is an impressive reminder of gracious living in a small, territorial logging town. The historic building is an Arizona treasure — a remarkable example of Arts and Crafts style architecture featuring a rustic exterior of log-slab siding, volcanic stone arches, and hand-split wooden shingles. The expansive home has 40 rooms, over 13,000 square-feet of living area, and servants' quarters. The Riordan residence was designed by the creator of Grand Canyon's El Tovar Hotel, Charles Whittlesoy

Davis Takes Role Of Game And Fish Commission Chairman

Kurt R. Davis is the new chairman of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

Davis will lead the five-member commission for the 2015-16 fiscal year, which began July 1. Each commissioner serves a five-year term, staggered. Commissioners customarily serve as chairman during their final year. Davis replaces Robert E. Mansell, who will continue to serve on the commission until his successor is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate.

Commission Benefits Arizonans

The commission oversees the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The commission establishes rules and regulations for the managing and conserving of wildlife and fisheries resources, and for safe and regulated watercraft and off-highway vehicle (OHV) operations for the benefit of Arizona residents.

"Serving on a commission dedicated to conserving and protecting Arizona's wildlife — more than 800 species — is an honor of a lifetime," Davis said. "I look forward to helping set policy for the nation's premier wildlife agency, and representing our constituents, who are the true funders of conservation."

Davis's Objectives

An avid hunter and angler, Davis seeks to accomplish three main objectives as chairman:



Davis

 Creating greater awareness and increased support of Arizona's primacy role in managing wildlife and of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

 Facilitating long-term planning and implementation for new and expanded serv-

ice and product models to stabilize long-term revenue sources for the department, and enhancing critical scientific, wildlife management, law enforcement and recreational opportunities well into the future.

 Leading the commission in unwavering commitment and support for the public servants who make up the nation's premier wildlife agency, the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

About Davis

Davis is a founding partner of FirstStrategic Communications and Public Affairs, a Valley-based firm specializing in strategic public-policy development for non-profit clients, issues relating to rural Arizona and government relations.

Davis has served as vice president of public affairs and marketing at Northern Arizona University, and was vice president of public affairs and corporate communications at Rural/Metro, a company that provides fire and ambulance services to communities

across the nation.

In addition, Davis was deputy chief of staff and executive assistant in the Office of Governor Fife Symington. In that role, he had policy responsibility for executive agencies such as the departments of transportation, corrections, state land, game and fish, and others. Davis also served as director of intergovernmental affairs and issues analysis at the Arizona Attorney General's Office, and as executive director of the Arizona Republican Party

He was appointed to several positions in the Reagan administration and served as a gubernatorial appointment to the Arizona Board of Regents, the Vision 21 Transportation Task Force, and the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools.

Davis serves as a board member for the Great Hearts Academies, the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, and on Arizona State University's Ramsey Executive Program for Public Policy. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Arizona University in 1984.

Davis, of Phoenix, was confirmed as a member of the commission by the Arizona Senate on Jan. 11, 2012, following his appointment by Former Gov. Jan Brewer.

For more information about the commission, visit https://azgfdportal.az.gov/Agency/Commission.

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AZGFD is hoping to prevent drownings at Lake Pleasant with new Life Jacket Loaner Stations/Page 4



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DOWNSTREAM Events Calendar Beginning Aug. 2015



BEYOND ARIZONA

FUR AND FEATHER ANIMAL ASSIS-TANCE, 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: furandfeatheranimalassis-tance@gmail.com Also, see story re: open position, page 14.

BOATING

BULLHEAD CITY: Aug. 8 — 8th Annual Bullhead City River Regatta - kayak races, tube floaters and theme floats on the Colorado River, Friday evening the "Ye Gotta Regatta" pre-party, with live music, carnival games and food and then Saturday grab an inner tube and enjoy a lazy 8-mile float or build a creative, non-motorized float and parade down the Colorado River, post-party "Ye Hafta Afta" at Rotary Park, 928-542-8885 or http://www.bullheadregatta.com

CAMPING/RVING/AZ **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

PROTECT-A-PARK: Ongoing — Boaters, anglers, divers needed to adopt Lake Pleas-ant's shoreline areas and coves for regular litter removal in 2009; (602) 372-7460, ext.

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Aug. 4 and Aug. 6 Scooter, Capt. Crunch

STATE PARKS: Aug. 14 and 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 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 or by contacting Mickey Rogers at (602) 542-6940 or email mrogers(at)azstateparks.gov.

PRESCOTT: Aug. 28-30 — 15th Annual Jazz Summit; <u>www.prescott.jazz.com</u>, (928) 830-2462 **FLAGSTAFF: Aug. 29** — Wildflower Walks - The Arboretum at Flagstaff, a special wildflower walk that will focus on the native species in bloom at this time of year, sign-up upon arrival, walks are limited to 20 participants, 9:30-11:30 am, 928-774-1442 or http://www.thearb.org

PAYSON: Aug. 20-23 — 131st Annual World's Oldest Continuous Rodeo – August Doin's Rodeo - features bull riding, calf rop-DOIL 8 Kodeo - teatures bull riding, calf roping & barrel racing among other competitions, PRCA sanctioned, considered the country's best small rodeo, \$7.50-22, 928-474-4515 or

http://www.paysonrimcountry.com

BISBEE: Aug. 8 — Old Bisbee Brewing Company Presents the 5th Annual Pirates of the High Desert - Old Bisbee Brewing Com-pany, costume contest, city wide treasure hunt, burlesque show, music everywhere, art walk, exotic rum tastings, food and lots of fun, 520-432-BREW (2739) or (2739)http://www.discoverbisbee.com https://www.facebook.com/BisbeePirates

TOMBSTONE: Aug. 1-2 — Salute to the Buffalo Soldiers - sponsored by the Wild West Detachment Marine Corps League and the Merchants of the City of Tombstone, the celebration includes street entertainment, a parade, and many other events, 10 am - 4 pm, 520-266-5266 or http://www.tombstonechamber.com

FISHING

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

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-

HUNTING/SHOOTING/ ARCHERY

GLENDALE: Aug. 15, Sept. 26, Oct. 10 Field Dressing Classes at Cabela's; Jim Solomon, (602) 616-9207

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY: Sept. 26.

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

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

WATERSPORTS

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

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, Curarco, Cozumel, Belize, Roatan, Bonaire, Turks & Caicos Contact Saguaro Diving & Sports, 908 E. Impala Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204; (480) 507-3988 or sales@saguarosports.com

ANTHEM: Aug. 29 — Anthem Sprint Triathlon – Anthem Community Center, reverse order sprint triathlon, hosted in conjunction with Team Anthem Multisport Club, a 5km run, a fast 20km bike course and a 400m swim to the finish, 6:30 am, 623-330-0913 or http://www.4peaksracing.com

FLAGSTAFF: Aug. 16 — 31st Annual Mountain Man Triathlon - Lake Mary, Sprint: swim 700 meters, bike 10.6 miles, run 3.1 miles; Olympic: **swim** 1500 meters, bike 24.9 miles, run 6.2 miles, spectators free, 6:30 am, 928-526-8761 or free, 6:30 am, 928-526-8761 or http://www.trifind.net or http://www.mountainmanevents.com

SHOW LOW: Aug. 8 — 20th Annual Tri in the Pines Triathlon - features 625 yard swim at the Family Aquatic Center, 12.3 mile bike ride on city streets and a 3.5 mile run on paved multi-use trail in the City Park, 150 Miles USA Triathlon sanctioned event, Youth triathlon features 175 yard **swim** at the Family Aquatic Center, 4 mile bike ride on city streets and finishes with a 1 mile run in City Park, 928-532-4140 or http://www.trifind. net/nf/az.html or http://show-lowaz.gov/de-partments/parks/runs& races.htm



WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

PRESCOTT: Zoo by Moonlight Aug. 29
— Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, bring a flashlight and see the nocturnal residents, \$5, 8-9:30 pm, 928-778-4242 ext. 16 or http://www.heritageparkzoo.org

TUCSON: Aug. 22 - Cool Summer Nights at the Desert Museum: Science Rocks & Teacher Appreciation Night – Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, it's back-to-school time, bone up on biology, rock out with ge-ology and take off with astronomy, from mineral and rock activities to live animal presentations, to great views of the night sky or monsoon weather, the science of nature is on full display featuring nocturnal desert animals, 5-10 pm, http://desertmuseum.org

TUCSON: Aug. 13-16 - 5th Annual Tucson Bird and Wildlife Festival – Riverpark Inn, exciting monsoon birding, field trips & workshops with renowned leaders; socials and dinner programs featuring keynoters J. Drew Lanham and Christopher Cokinos (fees vary), free Nature Expo, kids' activities, http://tucsonaudubon.org/festival

TUCSON: Aug. 8 - Cool Summer Nights at the Desert Museum: Conservation & Comedy: The Joke's On Us! - ArizonaSonora Desert Museum, learn more about protecting nature for future generations, includes live animal presentations about threatened and endangered species, conservation activity stations and a fast-paced, gut-bursting, laugh-riot of a good time inspired by the flora and fauna of the Sonoran Desert, Tucson Improv Movement will lead the charge with freestyle rapping, comedy challenges, stand-up on-the-spot jokes and audience participation, 5-10 pm, http://desertmuseum.org

SUPERIOR: Aug. 8 — Learn Your Lizards Boyce Thompson Arboretum, educates participants how to identify common species such as Western whiptails, Tree Lizards, Side-blotched and Greater Earless, familyfriendly walk, meet at the visitor center, \$4.50-9, 8:30 am, 520-689-2811 or http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu

SIERRA VISTA: Aug. 1-29 — San Pedro River Bird Walks - San Pedro House, for birders of all levels, sponsored by the Friends of the San Pedro River, free, donations accepted, dress for the weather, bring water, trail shoes, hat and sun screen, Saturdays, 7 am, 520-459-2555 http://sanpedroriver.org

SIERRA VISTA: Aug. 2-30 — Bird Walks - Sierra Vista Environmental Operations Park, also known as the waste water treatment plant, walks are about 2 hours and led by docents from Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory (SABO), Huachuca Audubon Society (HAS), and the Friends of the San Pedro River (FSPR), free, donations accepted, dress for the weather, bring water, trail shoes, hat and sun screen, Sundays, 7 am, 520-459-2555 or http://sanpedroriver.org

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SEDONA: July 31-Aug.2 — Sedona Hummingbird Festival – Sedona Performing Arts Center, presentations by hummingbird experts in many interest areas: science, gardening, photography, conservation and regional species studies, and tours, \$17 for 1-day presentations pass; 3day presentations pass \$45; children under 12 free with a paying adult, 800-529-3699 or http://www.sedonahummingbirdfesti-

Editor's Note: Please submit announcements for AZBW/WOT's calendar of events -- "Downstream"

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.



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Jpdate your boating safety knowledge

Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that is very toxic in small quantities. It is produced when a carbon-based fuel, such as gasoline or diesel, is burnt.

Symptoms of Carbon **Monoxide Poisoning**

One or more of the following syptoms may signal the adverse effects of carbon monoxide accumulations:

- ◆ Throbbing temples
- Inattentiveness or lack of consentration
- Inability to think coherently
- Ringing in the ears
- ◆ Tightness across the chest
- Headache, drowsiness, nausia, dizziness, fatigue, vomiting, collapse, and convulsions

Treatment of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Evacuate, Ventilate, Investigate, and Seek Medical Help.

Teak surfing, platform dragging, and water-skiing within 20 feet of a moving water craft can be fatal.



- Stay away from the exhaust ports - carbon monoxide builds up in reas near exhaust vents.
- DO NOT swim in areas where carbon monoxide may accumulate, such as the cavity between the swim platform and the stern of the boat.

Our waterways are ready, but are YOU? Brush up on your boating skills by taking one of the many Boating Safety Education classes.

August 2015				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game & Fish Department	August 8 8 a.m 12 p.m.	Ariaona Paddle Sports Education Biscuit Tank at Ben Avery Shooting Facility 4044 W Black Canyon Blvd. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	August 15 9 a.m 4 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	August 15 9 a.m 4 p.m.	Apex Arms Facility 2176 McCullock Blvd. Suite 8 Lake Havasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219

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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.

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

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

Non-Lateral Markers



Information

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



Controlled

Circles indicate a controlled area such as speed imit, no fishing or anchoraing, ski only or no skiing, or "slow, no



Exclusion

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



Danger

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

Other Non-Lateral Markers

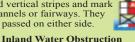
Markers are white with black

vertical stripes and indicate an

obstruction to navigation. You

should not pass between these buoys and nearest shore.

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

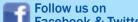


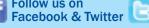
Mooring Buoy

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

Note, the following actions are illegal: Willfully damaging, removing, interfering with, or tying up to a navagation buoy not intended for mooring

◆ Mooring, anchoring, or fastening to shore for more than 14 consecutive days any vessel on public waters.





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Floating Store Opens At Halls Crossing Marina



A new floating convenience store and snack bar has arrived at the Halls Crossing Marina. Barges towed the store nearly 100 miles up Lake Powell to its new home on a journey that lasted four days.

"We are pleased that our partner Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas has brought new services to the popular Halls Crossing boating destination in San Juan County, Utah," said Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Superintendent Todd Brindle.

The store is already attracting boating visitors. The picnic tables offer a shady spot to enjoy refreshments, while the second-floor lounge area atop the restaurant features beautiful views of Lake Powell and the Colorado Plateau.

Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas, a concessioner of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, managed the construction of the 6,000-square-foot facility.

In addition to the new convenience store and snack bar, Halls Crossing offers fueling facilities, launch ramps, a free boat pump-out station, and overnight accommodations.

Life Jacket Loaner Stations Debut At Lake Pleasant

New program aims to save lives and boaters from possible citation.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is working to save lives by preventing drownings at Lake Pleasant with the installation of new Life Jacket Loaner Stations at the lake's four- and 10-lane boat ramps.

"Boaters needing a life jacket may borrow one from the station, head out onto the lake and return it before they leave," said AZGFD Boating Safety Education



Coordinator Josh Hoffman. "We want people to have a safe, fun time on the water and having enough life jackets on board is one of the best ways to keep boaters and their families safe."

Jackets Of All Sizes

Arizona Game and Fish Department crews put the finishing touches on the Life Jacket Loaner Stations just ahead of Lake Pleasant's busy Fourth of July weekend. The two stations will hold jackets for infants, child/youth, adult and oversized passengers

"A life jacket won't be of much help if it's the wrong size, so we keep a variety of sizes available to fit most people," Hoffman said.

Having life jackets not only provides immediate protection for the boater, but also may save boaters from receiving citations for not having their children in a life jacket. State law requires all passengers 12 years old and younger to wear a life jacket while onboard, and each passenger must have a properly fitting, Coast Guard-approved life jacket available.

Anyone being towed by a boat or on a personal watercraft such as a Sea Doo or Jet Ski also must wear a life jacket.

Drowning Is Most Common Boating Death

Drowning is the most common cause of death in boating incidents. In 2013, six of nine boating-related fatalities were due to drowning. Last year there were five boating-related drownings, according to AZGED lawenforcement fautres.

AZGFD law-enforcement figures.
"You will never be able to put on a life jacket fast enough when you really need it, so it's always much safer to wear your life jacket at all times while on the water," said Tim Baumgarten, AZGFD Boating Law administrator.

Next, Canyon And Saguaro Lakes

In addition to the Life Jacket Loaner Stations now at Lake Pleasant, the Department is working to install others at Canyon Leke and Search Leke

Lake and Saguaro Lake.
For more information on boating in Arizona or to sign up for a safety course, visit www.azgfd.gov/boating. Also, see page 3 of this issue for list of classes.

A video with AZGFD Boating Safety Education Coordinator Josh Hoffman explaining the Life Jacket Loaner Stations and their installation can be found at https://youtu.be/kkL9jcUFnyI.



Boating

BUSY AT BARTLETT

Two Major Events, A New Restaurant/Store On Tap

Day On The Lake

The Day on the Lake program is the only adapted watersports program for those with physical and neurological disabilities offered in Arizona. Summer 2015 marks our 19th year of helping people who suffer from a neurological disability ride the waves at one of the most accessible waterside facilities in Arizona — Bartlett Lake Marina.

The last of this year's Day(s) on the Lake for 2015 will be on Friday, Sept. 11 and Saturday, Sept. 12.

Landis Event At Bartlett

The following month, on Sunday, Oct. 4 will be the 10th annual Landis Cyclery Lake Olympic Triathlon/Duathlon Adult Olympic. The specific events are

- Tri: 1500 m Swim, 24.8 mi Bike, 6.2 mi Run
- Adult Sprint Tri: 400 m Swim, 12.8 mi Bike; 2.2 mi Run
 - Adult Sprint Duathlon: 100 yard run,

12.8 mi. bike, 2.2 mi. run

• Adult Olympic Triathlon Relay -Olympic relay distances – open-water swim only = 1500 meters

New Restaurant And Store

If you haven't yet visited the wellstocked store above Bartlett Lake Marina, we highly recommend that you do soon. It has literally everything you'll need for the popular boating, fishing, camping, water skiing, wakeboarding, etc., activities at



GOT STUFF? - If you haven't yet visited the well-stocked store above Bartlett Lake Ma well-stocked store above barrier Lake Ma-rina, we highly recommend that you do soon. It has literally everything you'll need for the popular boating, fishing, camping, water sking, wakeboarding, etc., activities at Bartlett.

Coast Guard: Pointing Lasers At Responders Is Dangerous, Illegal

FROM U.S. COAST GUARD EIGHTH DISTRICT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

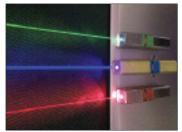
PANAMA CITY Fla - The Coast Guard is warning the public that pointing handheld lasers at Coast Guard boat and aircrews is dangerous and illegal

The Incident

Watchstanders at Coast Guard Station Panama City received a report one evening last month of a disabled 15-foot Jon Boat with four people on board, a 50year-old father and his three children, who had lost communications with his

The operator of the boat was attempting to paddle four miles back in to shore towards Lake Powell, Fla.

Coast Guard Sector Mobile issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast and Station Panama City launched a 45foot Response Boat-Medium crew. Upon arrival, Station Panama City launched two illumination flares and conducted a



search with negative results.

Multiple Laser Strikes

While attempting to conduct the search, the response boat crew reported multiple laser strikes in the vicinity of the search area, all originating from shore, from at least two different sources.

Two members of the boat crew were struck directly in the eyes from the lasers and had to seek medical attention follow-

The father and three children on the Jon boat were able to paddle back to shore and made it back safely to the Ramsgate Harbor Vacation Rentals.

A Serious Offense

Pointing a laser at an aircraft is a federal crime and a felony offense under Title 18, United States Code, Section 39A. If found guilty, offenders could be fined up to \$250,000 and sentenced to five years in prison.

Pointing a laser at a vessel is also a federal crime under Title 18, United States Code, Section 2291. If found guilty, offenders could be fined and/or imprisoned for up to 20 years, with a potential for higher confinement time based upon the cargo onboard the vessel and/or whether a death results from the act.

Additionally, a person who interferes with the safe operation of a vessel so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of a person, in violation of 46 U.S.C. §2302, is liable to the U.S. Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 in the case of a recreational vessel, or \$25,000 in the case of any other vessel.

Dangerous Consequences

Laser pointers are inexpensive to obtain and can extend over two miles in range. Pilots affected by laser strikes regularly report temporary effects in vision, including: afterimage, flash blindness and temporary loss of night vision. In some cases, a laser strike can result in permanent damage to a person's eye sight.

If a crewmember is lased, it severely compromises his ability to effectively respond and safely operate the aircraft or vessel, ultimately endangering the safety and lives of crewmembers aboard and the

Anyone witnessing this type of crime is strongly encouraged to report it to local law enforcement and/or contact: U.S. Coast Guard Heartland Office: (618) 225-



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Boating

Nautical Notes Nautical Terms: Where Do They Come From?

Starboard: The right side of the boat, as you look toward the bow from the back, is the starboard side of the boat. It comes from the Old English term: steorbored, "the side on which the boat is steered." People used a steering oar mounted on the right side of the stern.

So knowing this, can you figure out the origin of the term "port side of the boat"? Sure you can!

Jack Silver

LA Sailing Club and School (310) 889-7939

Recreational Boating Industry Turning To Biobutanol As Alternative Biofuel

A five-year test program finds butanol to replace ethanol as industry continues improvements to energy efficiency, addresses Renewable Fuel Standard.

Engine manufacturers from across the recreational boating industry have identified biobutanol as a suitable and safe alternative biofuel to ethanol, a controversial biofuel due to its damaging effects on numerous types of engines, including those that power recreational boats.

For the past five years, the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) and the American Boat and

Yacht Council (ABYC) under the direction and guidance of the U.S. Department of Energy and Argonne National Laboratory, have been engaged in an industry-supported program to evaluate the performance of recreational marine engines operated on fuel containing up to 16 percent biobutanol.

Moving Forward

The research and subsequent resolution to formally move forward with butanol as an industry-wide biofuel alternative comes as the industry focuses on addressing the congressionally-mandated Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) requiring 36 billion gallons of renewable fuel to be blended into the gasoline supply by 2022.

The recreational boating industry is highly focused on the need to move towards alternative, renewable fuels and continues to support that effort. However, it is important to find fuel sources that are not only renewable but also safe for all engines and consumers who may use them. Methods to increase renewable fuels in the gasoline supply have primarily focused on ethanol, specifically fuel with a higher blend of ethanol such as E15 (fuel with 15 percent ethanol).

Promising Results

Multiple reports show that ethanol blends greater than 10 percent cause significant damage to marine engines. As a result, the marine industry has explored biobutanol fuel blends with very promising results. Most notably, biobutanol does not phase separate in the presence of water like ethanol.

Phase separation occurs when water is introduced and ethanol separates from

gasoline, forming two separate solutions. An engine won't run on the ethanol solution, which sinks to the bottom of the tank and is highly corrosive.

and is highly corrosive.

Additional encouraging properties of biobutanol are its higher energy content compared to ethanol and the fact that it has caused no performance-related issues in marine engines.

More Compatible Fuel

While large scale consumer availability of biobutanol fuel blends is not expected for another couple of years, the boating industry's supportive position is poised to encourage its market expansion by providing marine fuel distributors, retailers and consumers with the confidence that this is not only a suitable, but a more compatible fuel for boats.

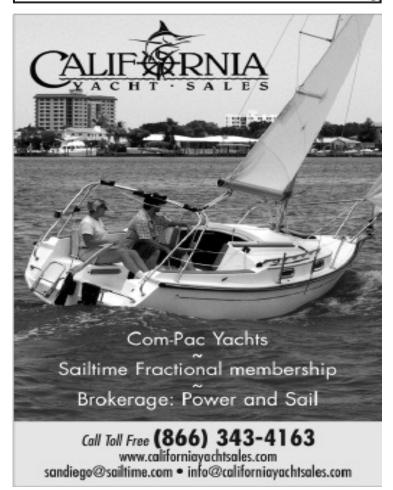
John McKnight, senior vice president for government relations at NMMA says, "The recreational boating industry is proud to be on the leading edge of renewable fuel research as we continue to work towards a solution for our industry and the many others that are impacted by the RFS. Our onwater and laboratory testing of biobutanol has been conducted in a wide variety of recreational marine engines and boats, giving us confidence that this fuel is a safe, viable alternative to ethanol."

Gevo CEO Patrick Gruber states, "We are very excited that NMMA has shown industry leadership in support of renewable isobutanol, Gevo has been an active partner with NMMA for the past five years, and has supplied all the renewable isobutanol and blended fuel used for onwater testing."

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LAKE POWELL

A Learning Day Equals Time Well Spent

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

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

What a great day spent learning about striped bass behavior, attitudes, and preferences. It was time well spent.
We headed out from Wahweap as the

sky began to glow in the east. We made it to the mouth of Navajo before sunrise in hopes of seeing the slurping stripers encountered there previously. I am not good at waiting, so we trolled while hoping for the first slurps to appear. That went well as we caught a 3-pound striper trolling a Lucky Craft Bevy Shad at 4 mph.

As that fish was undergoing hook removal, the slurpers came up in range and we caught two more small stripers casting Lucky Craft Pointers 78 beyond the surfacing fish and then reeling back through the school.

It Gets Interesting

This is where it got interesting. Stripers were coming to the top and slurping shad but there was not much schooling behavior. It was more like every fish for himself as they were feeding individually on small pods of larval shad. Two to five fish would hit the surface near the same time but we could not get to them quick enough to cast before they went down.

We knew from the previous week's ex-perience that we could catch them trolling near the surface disturbance so we did that and hooked one or two fish each time we got close enough to the surfacing fish. We chased these fish for an hour and then



PATTERN WORKS — Wayne Gustaveson holds up larger stripers caught trolling while waiting for the smaller fish to boil. Both sizes of fish are caught each morning from dawn to 8 a.m. The trolling and casting pattern works lake wide.

The next stop was at the intersection of the main channel and mouth of Gunsight Canyon. Here we saw widely scattered surface action. But, we knew just what to do and started trolling near the two to five fish that came to the top. Again, we caught fish when our lures were trolled close enough to the feeding fish. The difference was slightly larger fish that were more ag-gressive. We also caught a couple more 3-pound fish that were feeding with the ju-

We later discovered that shad size here was larger than downlake. After an hour, the surface action quit and we headed further uplake. Surface action ceased at 8:30 a.m. At this point we could either continue

to troll or use bait in deeper water to target larger stripers. We chose to troll. At Buoy 25 another 3-pound striper was caught. Then we went to the mouth of West Canvon and trolled the shallow brushy shoreline.

Discoveries

We soon discovered that schools of juvenile stripers were holding at 25 feet on the breaking edge of structure that quickly declined to 45 feet. These small fish had previously been slurping on the top just as the fish we had mingled with downlake. But, at this time of day, they were holding in large schools that were easy to see on

As the boat passed over the school, we

passed over the school at which time we hooked up with two fish. We could furn around and pass over the school once more and catch two more fish. That worked about two times and then the school would move on. We graphed three different schools with the same successful results.

Lessons Learned

Lessons learned included the knowledge that shad numbers were declining where stripers have been slurping for the past few weeks. Small stripers and bass could still be caught trolling and casting near surface activity. Juvenile stripers were on the surface and in shallow water but larger stripers were deeper and required a change in tactics to interact with them.

Back at the fish-cleaning station, we talked with a fishing guide and found that he had used bait after catching the small fish on top using Kastmasters. He found shaded walls near shore and dropped anchovies down 25-40 feet where bottom depth was 60 feet. His total catch was about the same as ours (25 stripers of mixed size and 5 bass). After the surface action is over trolling and bait fishing are both good techniques

A Good Place To Fish

At press time, a productive place to fish was north of Bullfrog. There are still patches of floating debris but the water color has cleared and stripers are very ac-tive morning and evening. Bass fishing re-mains solid. Bluegill and catfish are active along the shallow brushy shoreline.

At press time, lake elevation was 3614.23 and water temperature was 76-



REFRESHING REMEDY — Trout fishing in the cool pines a refreshing remedy to triple-digit doldrums. For desert dwellers itching to escape the "cen-

dwellers itching to escape the "century" and above marks, there's a refreshing remedy – head to the cool, pine-scented high country for some of the 500,000 "farm fresh" trout that Arizona Game and Fish Department employees and volunteers stock during May and June. As desert temperatures consistently crack 100 degrees, visit the mountain regions before the summer heat raises lake temperatures and trout activity patterns slow down. Summer has officially started, yet great spring fishing remains – for now.

State Continues To Improve Hunting/Fishing Education Programs

Stakeholders review new data and methods at bi-annual conference.

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. - Wildlife conservation partners of the Hunting and Angling Heritage Workgroup (HAHWG, pro-nounced "hog"), which is coordinated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, met in mid-July at HAHWG's bi-annual conference to discuss solutions, methods and approaches to reversing the declines in participation in hunting and fishing, as well as the primary funding sources for wildlife conservation in Arizona and most of America.

The gathering at the Flagstaff Nordic Center drew leaders from all interests of wildlife conservation. The two-day meeting debuted three years of survey data and preliminary findings from an in-depth focus group study from past participants of HAHWG events. These data will be used locally, and possibly nationally, to challenge the current program structure and provide new guidelines to increase the retention of participants while continuing reach to new audiences

The meeting also included an overview



HAHWG Participants

of the Department's recent Conserve and Protect marketing campaign, feedback from past mentored events, review of best practices and standards, a strategic look at the upcoming 2015-16 season, as well as new opportunities to work with angling communities.

"We are fortunate to have such great participation in the HAHWG, from parks and recreation, to youth development or-ganizations, retailers to hunting, angling and species conservation groups," Doug Burt, AZGFD hunting and shooting sports program manager. "The success of the Hunting and Angling Heritage Workgroup is the shared common interests of many under one tent for the benefit of

species, habitat, and the heritage of traditional wildlife recreation. With that, we can accomplish anything."

The facility and food for the meeting were sponsored by Flagstaff Nordic Center, Hunting Works for Arizona, National Wild Turkey Federation, and the Yuma

Valley Rod and Gun Club.

The HAHWG's primary method for improving participation rates is through hands-on, introductory, mentored events through a partnership-based model, matching beginners with mentors who will teach them the outdoor skills needed to hunt, fish, or trap on their own through a series of events and activities.

For a list of events conducted by the HAHWG's Outdoor Skills Network, visit www.azgfd.gov/OutdoorSkills.



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EXCERPTS FROM AZGFD REPORT

nglers' Reports Are Invited, Welcome

A Summer Favorite

One summer favorite for high country anglers is Bear Canyon Lake in the Mogollon Rim. This deep canyon lake has decent shoreline access, but don't expect to fish the bottom with your PowerBait.

There is a steep drop-off along most of the shoreline. There is a slight hike into this lake, which keeps most people away. There's no store, no facilities (other than a bathroom in the parking lot), and it is only dispersed camping nearby — a good thing for minimalists

The Reel Deal

When there is a new moon (as there was on July 18), this is a perfect time to fish at night under the stars using a submersible light.

Trout stockings are in full effect so be



Roosevelt Lake Crappie

sure to check our summer stocking schedule before heading out, and consult our Fish & Boat AZ map to find the locations of our state's top fishing holes.

Nighttime fishing is still ideal as we



Ashurst Lake

greater trends.

Highlights

mobile platforms.

head deeper into summer. Crappie fishing should still be a good bet at Alamo Lake. Try fishing by the dam using crappie lights and jigging minnows. At Roosevelt Lake, some crappie anglers have reported that the crappie fishing has finally picked up.

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Accurately helps anglers plan their next

Contributes to environmental research

Users can access geo-rich crowd-



Summer Fishing

Notes

Keep up with the state's fire restrictions from the Bureau of Land Management Web site.

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.

Angler Reports

Ashurst Lake
Loren C.: Ashurst Lake is great in the early morning and late afternoon. Caught nice-sized hold overs using cowbells and PowerBait scented worms. Artificial waterdog-looking baits get a lot of attention but do not seal the deal. Fish are delicious and nicely colored. Spinners and trolling baits are a waste of time right now.

Canvon Lake

Anonymous: My son and I went out on Canyon Lake, in our tandem kayak, around 4:30 p.m., mid-week in early July. A bit of wind but mostly quiet, only a few motors around. We paddled back into the river opening, didn't get anything. Made our way out around 7:30 p.m., just before entering the lake again, stopped in a small cover, dropped a line and hooked a line baited with a worm, caught this nice chan-nel cat. Great time pulling her in. Ended up being just over 4 pounds. Great taste, not at all like the tasteless versions bought in the grocer's.

Bartlett Lake

Shane W.: I figure I would share a bass I caught at Bartlett (around 6 p.m.) while fishing for cats in case you want to put it in the fishing report. Catch and release ...

she was a fighter. Please send your fishing reports

Bartlett Lake Bass

BFishing@AZGFD.gov

Opportunities Made Possible.

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

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

NEW PRODUCT: FISHTACULAR

Catch More Fish, Protect the Environment

Users can record catches, identify invading species, and collect data.

GeoWorld Outdoors, Inc. announced the launch of Fishtacular (http://bit.ly/fishtacular), a personal freshwater fishing application for the iOS and Android mobile platforms, designed to help fishing enthusiasts find nearby bodies of water, locate fish species, identify fish species, plan fishing trips for optimal catch conditions, and record catches — all while helping protect the environment.

Fishtacular's predictive technology accurately provides optimum fishing locations and times based on the user's location, the moon cycle, and other factors. The mobile app uses its own proprietary mapping algo-

rithm to help users accurately locate specific bodies of water for fishing that meet specified criteria.

Anglers belong to a tight-knit community that thrives on interaction, sharing ex-



information. and opportunities. Fishtacular aims to do just this, providing an interactive and dynamic populadesigned to enhance and improve normal collabo-

"We were developing location-based technology for another environmental project, when we realized just how beneficial the tool would be to the entire fishing community. Fishtacular offers the best mapping tools for prime fishing, and lets users easily gather data for imporenvironmental research," Marc Guindon, GeoWorld

Outdoors, Inc.

Crowdsourcing Environmental Data

GeoWorld Outdoors plans to partner

co-founder,

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SEVEN STEPS TO A CLEAN GUN

Cleanliness Is Key To Dependable Firearms

BY JOHN ANDERSON

A lot of people think that cleaning a gun is a long, involved process that requires mountains of patches, lots of smelly chemicals, and way too much time.

icals, and way too much time.

I've been cleaning guns for over 50 years now, and it's true that in the old days, cleaning a gun was a lot more involved. But you can teach an old dog new tricks, and there have been some great advances in the gun industry, especially when it comes to cleaning.



Gathering Supplies

Why Clean?

Why should you clean your gun? A clean gun shoots more accurately, has fewer jams and misfires, and lasts longer. There are plenty of gun guys who will tell you that you don't need to clean your gun often, and those guys usually say that if it won't fire dirty, it's not dependable.

Well if you want to go around with a filthy gun full of lead and copper deposits and a fouled barrel, that's your choice. As for me, I clean my guns as soon as I get home from the range, and I never put a dirty gun in the safe. To do so, in my opinion, is to invite rust and pitting. Now there's something that will make your gun shoot inaccurately.

Seven Steps To Clean

So, enough about that. I'm assuming



Modern Spartan Systems

you want a clean gun, and you don't want to spend all day fussing with it. Here are seven steps that will take you just a few minutes per gun, provided you have the right equipment. My wife bought me a complete Remington Squeeg-e Universal Gun Cleaning System for Christmas and it has revolutionized my process. It makes gun cleaning unbelievably fast.

Step 1 Preparation — Grab your guncleaning bag and put a gun-cleaning cloth on the table. Make sure you have all your equipment. Inspect the gun and make absolutely sure it is not loaded. I know a lot of gun-savvy guys who got lax about this and ended up with a hole in the ceiling, or worse

Step 2 Disassembly — Different guns disassemble differently. I keep my manuals in my cleaning bag, and I admit I've had to watch YouTube a few times to jog my memory. You can get by with just cleaning the barrel for a while, but even-



Owner's Manual

tually you're going to have to take the gun apart and give it a good cleaning. May as well make a habit of it so you get used to the assembly and disassembly process.

Step 3 Barrel — Run solvent on a patch or a brush down the barrel (always from the breech end), and then set the barrel aside to let the solvent loosen things up.

Step 4 Slide and other inside parts—Clean the slide and other parts of the gun with a spray or with solvent on a brush or cloth. You can use a brass brush on particularly dirty areas. Clean polymer parts with a nylon brush. If you have a polymer gun, make sure your solvents and lubes are compatible with polymer.

I use a soft paint brush with a drop or two of oil or lube and brush the inner parts of the gun and the trigger mechanism after cleaning.



Remington's Squeeg-e System

Step 5 Finish cleaning and lubing the barrel — Run a brush through the barrel to knock the gunk loose. Here is where the Squeeg-e system pays off: If you have the Squeeg-e, run it through the barrel once to clean the solvent and dissolved nasty stuff out. That's it.

If you are using patches, you'll need to run patch after patch through until one finally comes out clean. *Always* insert the rod or cable through the breech end of the barrel to avoid any damage you might do at the muzzle.

Once it's clean, oil the barrel lightly with a oily patch, or put a bit of oil on the Squeeg-e and run it through.

Squeeg-e and run it through.

Step 6 Lube inner parts of gun — Here is where the manual comes in handy. Each manufacturer will tell you the exact places where you need to place a tiny drop of oil. Here's the thing about oil: In small amounts, it makes things slide against each other smoothly and lets the gun work flawlessly. Too much oil, though, collects dust and debris and turns to a sticky, gritty, gummy mess that does nothing but make the gun work poorly. So lube sparingly.

Step 7 Reassembly — Reassemble the

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EXPERT EDITORS

Outstanding Outdoorsmen Join Our Crew

Western Outdoor Times/Arizona Boating & Watersports welcomes two new editors, Don McDowell and John (aka "Special K") Koleszar, to their staff. McDowell, renowned fresh and saltwater angler and host of Shake, Rattle & Troll radio, will be sharing his fishing expertise as the new Fishing Editor.

Koleszar, co-host of *SR&T*, and an experienced, avid sportsman, will offer comments on and insight into issues of western outdoors activities and concerns as the new Special Features Editor. We are delighted to have them on board!

At press time, we were able to publish an abridged bio for McDowell and will include more on Koleszar in our next issue.



Don McDowell

Don McDowell

Host of "Shake, Rattle and Troll" Outdoor Radio, which is the longest-running Arizona outdoor talk radio program. On air "Live" presence going into our 15th year, Arizona's exclusive fishing, boating and hunting show, focusing our local and national fishing tournament, recreational and seasonal multi species fishing, both fresh and salt water, hunting multi species with archery and firearms. Promoting the use of the outdoors consistant with the North American Model of conservation, recruitment and retention of stake holders.



John (aka "Special K") Koleszar

SRT's listening audience ¼ share as of 2014 has increased to 88,000-101,000 listeners. With the advent of the new website format, pertinent segments, interviews, video and editorials are posted for national consumption and the new watch and listen "live" video streaming and Pod Cast has been a huge advantage to increase impressions and listenership.

"Shake, Rattle and Troll" has been awarded 2012/14 AZ Game and Fish Department Commission's Media of the Year Award

Among *many* other positions and affiliations, McDowell lists a few here:

Conservation Director for the (B.A.S.S.) AZ BASS Nation

Conservation Director for (FLW) The Bass Federation AZ

Legislative Chairman for the Sportsmen Constituency Group, founded by AZ Game and Fish Department, appointment by AZGFD Commissioner Kurt Davis

Board member/Director, AZ Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation, AZSFWC, Committee Chair for Tournament Reform, Committee member Wolf / Jaguar Recovery Program

Board member, Military Families Foundation, Project We Remember

Event and tournament for Bill Luke Bass Days annual event, southwest largest fishing tournament

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New audiences like small game and varmint hunters and ranchers targeted.

condor conservation achieved a milestone last hunt season with a record number of big game hunters in the species' core range voluntarily using nonlead ammunition or removing lead-infected gut piles from the field to prevent

condors from feeding on them.

In Arizona, a total of 91 percent of the big game hunters voluntarily used non-lead ammunition or removed gut piles from the field. In Utah, 84 percent of big game hunters in the core range did the

New Groups Encouraged

Now, condor reintroduction partners are expanding voluntary lead reduction efforts towards new groups that can also help keep condors from ingesting lead as the birds scavenge carcasses other than big game that might contain lead.

New groups being targeted in expanded education and outreach efforts include small game, bird and varmint hunters, and those that dispatch sick or injured animals in the field, such as ranchers or law enforcement agencies.

Increase In Toxic Levels

Last season, annual trapping and testing of condors from the Arizona-Utah population revealed a slight increase in the per-cent of birds with toxic blood-lead levels from the previous year which begged the question, "Where else could condors be getting lead?" Fifty-five of the 73 condors tested over the winter and early spring showed unsafe levels of lead in their blood

Nearly one-third of those birds had extreme, life-threatening toxicity levels. Over the years, lead poisoning has accounted for just over 50 percent of all con-

Assistance Needed From Everyone

Chris Parish, condor recovery program director for the non-profit that monitors the condors, The Peregrine Fund, stated, "Even a few lead-tainted carcasses can poison multiple condors because they feed in groups. Big game carcasses aren't the only pathway for the birds to access lead fragments — we use all sorts of lead-based ammunition for different types of hunting, even domestic uses when we put down wounded wildlife or domestic animals like cows, horses and sheep.

We need assistance from everyone who shoots animals whose remains might otherwise be left in the field, where scavengers like condors can get to the carcasses.

Sources Of Lead

Potential sources of lead can often be pinpointed by analyzing what is found in the dead condors' stomachs. Of the 30 documented cases of lead-caused death in condors over the years, 21 contained evidence of ammunition in their gut, suggesting the birds consumed animals that were

shot with various types of ammunition.
Two condors contained intact bullets; 12 contained fragments like those found in big game animals shot with center-fire rifle ammunition; and, seven contained lead bird shot, the size used for small game including small mammals and birds

Campaign Begun 10 Years Ago

The Arizona Game and Fish Department embarked on an unprecedented voluntary lead-reduction campaign aimed at big game hunters 10 years ago. In the early years, the department worked to educate and ask for voluntary participation from primarily deer hunters on the Kaibab Plateau because data showed that's where the majority of condors were feeding when lead exposure occurred.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources instituted a similar voluntary program in 2010. Exposure to lead has continued, however, because the condors have extended their range. The birds now feed regularly on a variety of domestic and wild animal carcasses in both Arizona and

Hunters: The Original Conservationists

"The Kaibab deer hunters should be commended for voluntarily reducing the lead available to condors. We're now working to share the same message with new groups of shooters that have the po-tential to greatly influence the success of the condor reintroduction program. Hunters are the original conservationists, and we are confident that varmint, small game and bird hunters will also step up to help when asked," said Allen Zufelt, con-dor program coordinator for Arizona Game and Fish.

Cooperative Program

In addition to Arizona and Utah's lead-reduction efforts, The Peregrine Fund is working with Native American tribes to extend the message and increase lead-reduction efforts on tribal lands. All of these efforts are undertaken with the support of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which coordinates con-

The recovery effort is a cooperative program by federal, state, and private partners, including The Peregrine Fund, Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Strip Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, Grand Canyon and Zion national parks, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and Kaibab and Dixie na-

For more information on condors and lead, visit www.azgfd.gov/condor and www.peregrinefund.org/condor.



Pronghorn Antelope

Pronghorn Antelope Numbers On The Rise

Recent ground surveys indicate management efforts paying off.

TUCSON - After four years of comprehensive, science-based management efforts, the number of pronghorn antelope and their increased distribution through Game Manage-ment Units 34A, 34B and 35A in

southeastern Arizona are encouraging. The Arizona Game and Fish Department, in cooperation with the Arizona Antelope Foundation, in mid-June counted 48 bucks, 131 does and 84 fawns during a two-day ground survey near Sonoita and Patagonia.

The 263 total pronghorn antelope counted is up from the minimum adult population of 81 four years ago, when the Arizona Antelope Foundation was awarded a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant for grasslands restoration projects in the area.

In addition to grasslands restora-

tion, which included a combination of mesquite removal and prescribed burns, fence modifications, water improvements, predator control, and population augmentation were used to help bolster pronghorn antelope num-

bers.
"The good conditions that allow pronghorn numbers to increase were created by a combination of these actions," said Amber Munig, big game management program supervisor. "Rarely will a single management action result in such positive change."

For more information, visit: https://azgfdportal.az.gov/hunting/species/biggame/antelope.

AZGFD Seeks Information From BLM On Burro Management

Public records request aims to learn BLM's plan to address burro issue.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department submitted a public records request to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to better assess the impact that the overpopulation of burros is having on the state and to learn the federal agency's plans to address the issue.

By filing the request under the Freedom of Information Act, the department is seeking information on the BLM's plans and strategies to bring the burro population back down to "appropriate management levels" as required under the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act. Burros are damaging wildlife habitat, crowding out wildlife species and costing state and federal taxpayers millions.

A Significant Issue

The management of wild horses and burros in Arizona is an issue of significant public interest and controversy," the de-



Wild Burros

partment's request states. "The disclosure of this information will increase the Government of Arizona's and the public's un-derstanding of the Bureau of Land Management's management operations and policies on this issue."

Under the Wild Free-Roaming Horse

and Burro Act, Arizona should have no more than 1,316 burros within its borders. Surveys estimate the current burro population at 4,411 – more than 235 percent above appropriate management levels established by Congress and administered by

The Big Sandy Herd Management Area

(HMA) south of Wickieup currently holds 1,253 burros, more than 800 percent above the appropriate management level of 139 burros. The Alamo HMA currently has an estimated 653 burros – a 308 percent departure from appropriate levels — while the Cibola/Trigo HMA north of Yuma has 1,044 burros, more than 532 percent above AML.

Burro Impact

While desert wildlife species consume only parts of plants, burros eat the bark and remove entire limbs from trees. Burros also consume native grasses down to the roots, preventing them from growing back, foul waterholes used by other wildlife and disturb sensitive nesting grounds.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department seeks enforcement of appropriate management levels because burros are negatively affecting habitat relied upon by bighorn sheep, mule deer, Gambel's quail, sensitive migratory songbirds and other wildlife species evolved to live in the desert.

In some cases, where the habitat dam-

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Outdoor Writers Association Honors AZGFD Video Producer

Arizona Game and Fish video producer **David Majure** recently received five Excellence in Craft Awards from the Outdoor Writers Association of America. Majure was recognized for his work on the department's Arizona Wildlife Views TV show and received the following awards in the TV/Video con-

First Place - Hunting/Shooting Sports Category, "Kids and Wild Gobblers"
First Place - Conservation Category, "Arizona's Endangered Mexican Wolf'
First Place (tie) - Family Participation/Youth Outdoor Education Category, "Kids and Wild Gob-

Second Place - Hunting/Shooting Sports Category, "A Blast from the Past" Third Place - Outdoor Fun & Adventure Category, "Wings Over Willcox"

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The Legends Live On | Local Author Shares

there is much more to San Diego's history than Old Town!

San Diego Legends, 2nd Edition contains more than 100 off-the-bubble stories of San Diego's past that, according to author Jack Innis, are way too much fun to be taught in high school history classes

Did you know, for example, that in the early 1960s a group of businessmen attempted to build an island/nation 100 miles west of San Diego? "Abalonia" was to rise from the seabed and become an independent nation that supported itself by harvesting seafood and, many conjecture, legalized gambling. Mammoth waves sank their support ship, *Jalisco*, and tossed the four intrepid entrepreneurs into the sea. They were rescued, just barely, and called it quits.

From Indian legends to political chicanery to strange religions and beliefs,

Publications best since 2004 is a book you'll want to enjoy share. Available directly from the author www.iackinnis.com,



San Diego area bookstores, or the publisher www.sunbeltbook.com.

"Jack Scheffler Innis has done the near-impossible, turning local history into a can't-put-it-down epic." Peter Rowe, San Diego Union-Tribune.

Avoid Long Waits By Using Shuttle Service

Grand Canyon National Park has seen a 20 percent increase in visitation this year, compared to 2014. As a result, traffic regularly backs up at all entrance stations, with the longest wait time be-tween 9 am and 4 pm. Waits during those times can last 30 minutes or more, particularly on weekends. Once in the park, visitors can also expect parking lots, especially at Grand Canyon Visitor

Center, to start reaching capacity by 10

To reduce some of the wait time at the South Rim Entrance Station, and for stress-free parking, the park encourages visitors to leave their vehicles Tusayan and use the park and ride shuttle. The shuttle service leaves every 20 minutes from 8 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. between Tusavan and the park.

STRAIGHT FROM THE FARM

His Memories Of Iowa

itor and writer-columnist Lawn Griffiths has published Batting Rocks Over the Barn – A Iowa Farm Boy's Odyssey. It is published by Xlibris Press, a division of

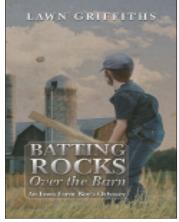
Random House/Penguin Books.

The book is a collection of 72 essays derived from columns he wrote for the Waterloo (Iowa) Courier between 1972 and 1980 when he served as the newspaper farm editor/assistant state editor. The column was titled "Rural at Random."

After 12 years with the Courier, Griffiths moved to Tempe, Ariz., where he was a managing editor, daily columnist and longtime religion editor for the Mesa Tribune and sister dailies - 40 years as a newspaperman.

Many of the essays in Batting Rocks focus on the work and rhythm of farming. The writer acknowledges that many of the stories are about a way of farming now gone, but that anyone who lived in the countryside in the 1950s and 1960s can well remember things like putting bales of straw around the farm house foundations for the winter or trying to keep squadrons of flies from tormenting dairy cows in summer.

"I was blessed by hard-working parents who were married for nearly 56 years," he writes. "They were devoted to the soil and the land. Besides working us kids inces-



santly on the farm and teaching us an extraordinary work ethic, they were robust storytellers. They certainly fostered that in this journalist.'

Batting Rocks Over the Barn is available in book stores, including Barnes and Noble (both stores and Web site) and on Amazon.com or may be ordered from www.battingrocksoverthebarn.com.





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Arizona State Parks Offers Wilderness First Responder Scholarships

The deadline to apply is July 30.

Arizona State Parks is offering Wilderness First Responder (WFR) scholarships for a Wilderness First Responder course taking place in Flagstaff. The funds for the scholarships will be taken from the federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP).

Interested participants must complete an application and submit it to Arizona State Parks by the deadline on Thursday, July 30 at 5 p.m. The WFR is the perfect course for anyone working in a position of leadership in an outdoor setting or for individuals who want a high level of wilderness medical training for extended



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personal backcountry trips or expeditions. Wilderness First Responder is the recognized industry standard for those who work in the backcountry as trip leaders, camp counselors, guides, public safety, Search And Rescue members, and people working in outdoor or remote locations. WFR is a 72-hour course (including CPR) and is a comprehensive, in-depth, look at managing wilderness medical emergencies including response and assessment, musculoskeletal injuries, environmental emergencies and survival skills, soft tissue injuries, medical emergencies, and reporting and documentation.

The training is practical, hands-on, and focuses on managing scenarios with the equipment typically carried in the field. The course includes classroom instruction, outdoor skills practice, and out-

Interested parties are strongly encouraged to apply through the Arizona State Parks website: http://azstateparks.com/ wfr/index.html or by contacting Cassandra Castellanos at 602.364-2305 or e-mail ccastellanos(at)azstateparks.gov. deadline for the completed application is Thursday, July 30 at 5 p.m.

For information about all 28 Arizona State Parks, the Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle Programs and State Historic Preservation Office call (602) 542-4174 or visit AZStateParks.com. Campsite reservations can be made online at AZStateParks.com or by calling the Reservation Call Center at (520) 586-2283. Open 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST. Follow AZStateParks on Twitter and Facebook.

Living History Returns To Grand Canyon

"Echoes from the Canyon," Grand Canyon National Park's popular living history program, returns for the fourth year in a row. Park rangers, in character as historic Grand Canyon figures, will take the stage for two remaining Saturday performances in place of the evening ranger programs at McKee Amphitheater.

At press time, two encore presentations are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 8 and Saturday, Aug. 22 at 8 pm. The showings will be held at the outdoor McKee Amphitheater on the South Rim. The event is free and open to the public.

This year's presentation will feature notable figures from Grand Canyon's past, including explorer John Wesley Powell, architect Mary Colter, naturalist Polly Mead, and Army Lieutenant Joseph Ives. Ives infamously suggested of the Grand Canyon region that "after entering it there is nothing to do but leave."

Park rangers encourage visitors to stay for this exciting presentation and learn about some of the pioneers who helped shape Grand Canyon, making it the national park it is

Park Ranger and "Echoes" Director Jill Staurowsky hopes that "by reflecting on those who have come to Grand Canyon before us and their relationship with this landscape, we can better understand our role in advocating for park preservation now and in the fu-

For more "Echoes from the Canyon" information, please contact Erin Whittaker at 928-638-7789. For more information about ranger programs at Grand Canyon National Park, visit us at www.nps.gov/grca.



Noon Rest: Marble Canyon Second Powell Expedition, 1872

AZGFD Offers 10 Tips For Safe, Responsible OHV Riding

With summer in full swing, many Arizona residents and visitors are planning to hop on their off-highway vehicle (OHV). Before hitting the trail, the Arizona Game and Fish Department reminds operators and passengers to do so safely and responsibly by following these 10 tips:

Always wear a helmet. Whether riding in a side-by-side utility-type vehicle (UTV), all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or dirt bike, all riders younger than 18 years old are legally required to wear a Department of Transportation-approved helmet. Helmets are strongly recommended for all riders older than 18.

Eye protection is legally required for all riders if the OHV is not equipped with a windshield.

Wear proper clothing, including riding gloves, a long-sleeve shirt, pants and over-the-ankle boots.

Supervise children under 16 years old. Be sure your child is riding an age-appropriate vehicle. Machines may be too large and powerful for a child to safely operate. Parents are responsible for their children's



Only ride with the number of passengers for which the machine is designed. One of the biggest causes of OHV-related injuries is riding with more than the recommended number of passengers. Proper riding techniques require operators to shift their weight and change position to keep control of the machine. Carrying a passenger can make riding difficult and change how the vehicle responds.

Stay on designated trails. One of the biggest threats to sustainable OHV recreation in Arizona is the closure of riding areas due to irresponsible use. Protect the state's fragile natural resources, and your ability to visit such spots, by staying on

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Arizona State Parks Board Seeks Volunteer Advisors

The Arizona State Parks Board is seeking motorized and non-motorized recreation enthusiasts, and scientists from throughout Arizona to serve as volunteer

Currently, there are ten (10) openings for three advisory boards including the Arizona State Committee On Trails (ASCOT) and the Natural Areas Program Advisory Committee (NAPAC). The Parks Board will make appointments in November 2015 for positions beginning January 1, 2016. Applications for all committees are available to download at AZStateParks.com.

ASCOT Has Six Openings

The Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) represents non-motorized trail in-terests and serves in an advisory capacity to the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission and the Parks Board. The overall mission of the Arizona Trails Program is to promote, develop, and preserve non-motorized trail opportunities throughout the state. The Parks Board appoints ASCOT members to three-year terms and there are six (6) openings.

NAPAC Seeks Four Volunteers

The Natural Areas Program Advisory Committee (NAPAC) advises the Parks Board and staff on natural area related issues and provides scientific and natural resource management expertise to protect, conserve and maintain natural, biological, ecological, aquatic and terrestrial resources. The four (4) openings on NAPAC will be filled with applicants who have experience in botany, ecology, hydrology, zoology, wildlife biology; or experience in the conservation and/or preserve management fields. The Parks Board appoints members to NAPAC for three-year terms.

September Deadline

The deadline for submitting an applica-tion for any of the listed advisory committees is 5 p.m., Monday, September 14, 2015. More information about each of the committees and an application can be found on the Arizona State Parks Web site under AZStateParks.com/committees or call Brianne Fisher, Advisory Committee Administrative Assistant at (602) 542-6968 or email advisorycommittees(at)azstateparks.gov.

Celebrate Prescott's Great Outdoors

In October, the popular Outdoor Recreation Festival & Expo returns for its fourth year.

expanding event highlighting the many out-door recreational opportunities, organizations, resources, equipment, and businesses in the

Please join us for the fourth year this ever- Quad-Cities and beyond. The event features adventure recreation, stocked fishing, educational programs, live music, an expo, a 300-foot zip-line, great food, and much more — all in the scenic Granite Dells setting

This family friendly event is set for Saturday, Oct.10-Sunday, Oct. 11 from10a.m to 5 p.m. at Watson Lake Park - 3101 Watson Lake Road.

For more information, contact Eric Smith @ (928) 777-1590 or eric.smith@ prescottaz.gov. www.prescott-az.gov



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CLEANLINESS

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gun (again, refer to the manual or YouTube you can't remember), then operate the slide and/or bold to make sure everything works correctly and smoothly. Avoid touching metal with your fingers after you've cleaned the gun - your fingerprints can give rust a place to start. I always use a silicone-impregnated cloth to wipe the entire outside of my guns down before I lock them in the safe

Some Products That **Help The Cleaning Process**

There you have it. If you have the Remington Squeeg-e System, it takes just minutes. You don't have to buy the whole kit. but if you do you get the bag, solvent and oil, a cleaning rug to protect your table, and brushes and Squeeg-e's to fit darnnear any gun made. It's pretty awesome.

When you go to buy solvent and lube, you are faced with an enormous variety of choices. I grew up with Hoppes and I love that smell, but sometimes you need something with a bit more power to remove copper and brass build-up, etc. I've just started using Modern Spartan Systems products.

The Carbon Destroyer is strong enough even to remove Cosmoline, and it is water based. I know, that freaked me out at first. too, but the stuff is amazing. It's ecofriendly and smells pretty nice. It was originally designed to get carbon deposits off fighter jet engines and from gun ports on huge cannons. The micro-emulsion Carbon Blast technology penetrates even the tiniest crevices and cleans your guns like nothing you've ever seen.

Spartan Accuracy Oil is not affected by temperatures. Most oils thicken in the cold and thin in heat, but not this stuff. It will make your gun shoot more consistently and more accurately and reliably. As the Carbon Destroyer, it is eco-friendly. It makes gun cleaning even faster once you start using it because there will be a lot less carbon deposited in the gun.

The people at Modern Spartan Systems say that it will even restore metal surface imperfections and extend the barrel life. It's non-flammable and all of their stuff is made in the U.S.A.

If you'd like to learn more about these products, visit www.modernspartansystems.com. For more information about the Remington Squeeg-e System, go to www. Remington.com and search for Squeeg-e.

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designated trails and avoiding sensitive habitat areas

Be prepared and equipped. Take area maps and guides, and have a compass, first aid kit, whistle, tire repair kit, tow rope or chain and other basic tools on hand. Also make sure to bring sunscreen, water and

Avoid drinking alcohol and/or drugs.

Operating any vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is always illegal, regardless of what type of vehicle you're operating. Alcohol and drugs drastically impair a person's judgement, responsiveness and ability to operate the machine



Register your OHV and purchase an OHV Decal. All vehicles designed primarily for travel on unimproved terrain and weighing less than 1,800 pounds are required to have an OHV Decal to operate on public and state lands. License plates and decals are available at any Arizona Motor Vehicle Division location or at

Maintain your machine properly, especially the spark arrester and muffler. Arresters help to protect against sparking a wildfire and mufflers help to reduce the noise emitted by OHVs.

www.servicearizona.com.

For more information about OHV riding in Arizona, including a list of locations to ride statewide, visit www.azgfd.gov/



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John (aka "Special K") Koleszar

At press time, we could not do justice to the vital part this man plays in the sphere of western outdoor activities and look forward to providing more background in a future issue. Suffice to say that this co-host of Shake, Rattle & Troll radio has gained the respect of hunters, anglers, conservationists, and outdoor enthusiasts throughout the West and beyond.

Koleszar is president of the Arizona Deer Association and on the Board of Directors of the Arizona Sport and Wildlife Association.

His knowledge of and commitment to wildlife, the environment, safety, conservation, hunting, fishing, and all aspects of outdoor recreation are sincere and well-researched, both through experience and study.

BIOFUEL

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A Real Solution

"I'm thrilled that the entire recreational marine industry could come together to agree on a biofuel that indicates so much promise for our industry," said Jeff Wasil, engineering manager for Emissions Testing, Certification & Regulatory Develop-ment at Evinrude. "Not only has the industry signed off on the resolution, but it has been very supportive of the efforts over the past several years — stepping up with boats, engines, and people to collab-orate in the testing. We've looked at the situation and offered a real solution for the industry and consumers."

Welcome Findings

Paul Beckwith, CEO at Butamax™ Advanced Biofuels said "Butamax welcomes NMMA's findings on the compatibility of fuel blends of up to 16 percent biobutanol with marine engines. We believe that these results from the extensive evaluation performed by NMMA and its partners are a powerful addition to the large body of work on biobutanol compatibility with automotive engines and fueling infrastructure which Butamax has sponsored and published.

Butamax's work to secure the EPA and UL approvals necessary to make 16 percent biobutanol blends broadly available for use in on-road engines and existing refueling infrastructure continues.'

Reliable Fuels

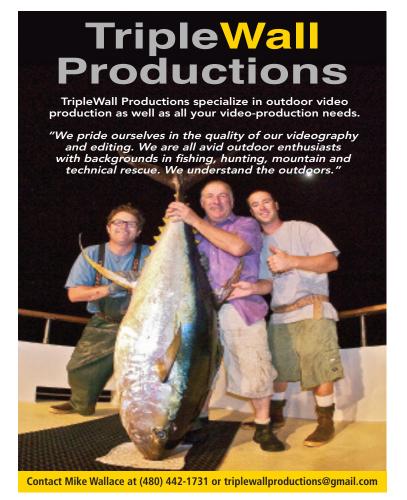
John Adey, ABYC president stated "Participating in this testing from an engineering standpoint ensures that the boating public will enjoy reliable fuels that work well with new and existing product with little-to-no noticeable changes in the way boats are built and used."

Research Supporters

The recreational boating industry's biobutanol research is supported by the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, coordinated through Argonne National Laboratory. The testing results have been fully documented in published peer reviewed studies

Those participating in the testing from the recreational boating industry include engine manufacturers Volvo-Penta, Evinrude, Yamaha, Mercury Marine, Honda, Tohatsu and Indmar as well as the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG).

For more information on biobutanol, visit the U.S. Department of Energy Alternative Fuels Data Center.



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GETAWAY

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usually prefer loops, but Kachina is special. It winds around the side of the mountain so it stays fairly flat, and it passes through a bunch of different kinds of terrain – fields of ferns, meadows with flowers, aspen forest, pines, boulders – you name it.

We never go to Flagstaff without hiking this trail. If your kids are very small, this is still an excellent trail — fairly flat and even, with lots of stuff along the way to keep them interested. You can just go as far as you want, then head back to the car. We usually pack a picnic lunch and eat on the trail.

After five miles, the trail intersects with other trails and you could go all the way to Schultz Canyon if you wanted. It's a dynamite trail and our girls love it. After the hike, drive on into the Snowbowl and take the ski lift to the top. Once you get there, there's a small trail and you're actually in an alpine area with some of the oldest trees in the world.

Flagstaff Arboretum

Another great place to take smaller kids is the Flagstaff Arboretum. There is a small trail through the woods here with some interesting stiles and gates, plus there are beautiful flowers, a pond, and a raptor



pond, and a raptor show where the hawk flies right over your head. Pretty cool stuff! The raptor show is at noon and 2 p.m. except on Tuesdays and Fridays. You can picnic here, shop in the gift shop, and take a tour or just wander around by yourselves. It's beautiful.

 Flagstaff Arboretum 4001 S Woody Mountain Rd, Flagstaff, AZ 86001 www.thearb.org



Riordan Mansion State Historic Park

The Riordan Mansion State Historical Park

The Riordan Mansion State Historical Park is another place that my granddaughters wanted to visit over and over when they were young. This is a big log mansion with two sides for two families, and a huge common room between them. Tours are on a schedule, and while you wait, be sure to grab a leaflet and do a self-guided tour of the grounds to find the faces and animals carved into the logs and stones. We really love that part. It's so much fun to see inside and find out how people lived back then. You'll love it.

Riordan Mansion SHP 409 West Riordan Rd Flagstaff, AZ 86001 (928) 779-4395 http://azstateparks.com/ Parks/RIMA

Walnut Canyon

If you want to burn off some steam and everyone in the group can handle stairs (LOTS of stairs!), head for Walnut Canyon. You'll find cliff dwellings on a sort of an island — it's a hill in a canyon and it is fascinating. There are a gift shop, picnic tables, a trail along the rim of the canyon, and lots and lots of stairs to get you down the canyon to the dwellings. Don't worry — there are plenty of benches where you stop to catch your breath! The park Web site says that repairs are in progress on parts of the island trail, so call



Walnut Canyon

ahead for conditions.

Walnut Canyon National
Monument
about 7.5 miles east of Flagstaff
off I-40
928-526-3367
www.nps.gov/waca/index.htm



Meteor Crater

Meteor Crater

Meteor Crater is another place that kids love. It's the best preserved meteorite impact site on earth, and its size will blow you away — almost a mile across! Being there in the flesh is amazing. They have a great film that brings the impact alive, plus tours of the rim, a gift shop, an RV park, an interactive Discovery Center, and a park called Astronaut Memorial Park.

Meteor Crater just off I-40 near Winslow meteorcrater.com

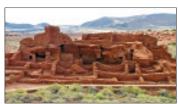


Bearizona, Arizona

Bearizona

If you have kids, you don't want to skip Bearizona. You can drive through the park yourself or take a bus with a guide. Either way, you'll see tons of awesome Arizona animals — not just bears! There is also a part where you get out and walk around and you'll see lot of baby animals. They also have raptor shows at 11, 1, and 3 from March through December. It's worth the trip — our girls were in their teens when we took them and they loved it. Great for all ages.

Bearizona I-40 and US Hwy 64 in Williams, 25 miles west of Flagstaff bearizona.com



Wupatki

Wupatki, Sunset Crater National Monuments

Wupatki National Monument and Sunset Crater National Monument are very close together and there is a 34-mile scenic loop from Highway 89 through both National monuments. There are lots of places to hop out and walk, and some incredible

photo ops, especially at Wupatki. The remains of the houses built with the native red rock are stunning, and you can enter most of them. The views from the high ones are incredible.

Wupatki 21 miles from the junction of Hwy 89 and Sunset Crater road. www.nps.gov/wupa/index.htm

 Sunset Crater National Monument about 12 miles northeast of Flagstaff on Hwy 89 www.nps.gov/sucr/index.htm



Flagstaff Extreme

Flagstaff Extreme

Flagstaff Extreme is another fantastic place to take kids of all ages. There are five different courses that increase in difficulty and height as you go, and all the courses are in the trees. It is an absolute blast. There is even a little kids' course so everyone can join in.

We took our teenaged granddaughters last year and it was one of their favorite times ever really fun. (And, Grandma and Grandpa completed the course, too.)

You get to squeeze through tubes, hang on ropes, navigate strange bridges, and do all kinds of fun stuff while you're high above the ground in the pines. Zip lines are also featured — one of my favorite parts! You're wearing a safety harness, but you still don't want to fall: If you come down before the end of the course or if they have to come and rescue you, you are done. But I did it, so I'm pretty sure anyone can. Seriously, you and your kids will love this place!

 Flagstaff Extreme Fort Tuthill County Park just south of Flagstaff on I-17 www.flagstaffextreme.com



Lava Tube Cave

Lava Tube Cave

Now I have a confession to make. Swinging 20 feet off the ground hanging from a rope didn't faze me, but the Lava Tube Cave about did me in. The kids loved it though

Here's the scoop: It's pitch black down there, and it's quite the clamber over uneven rocks to get inside. Once you're in, the going is pretty smooth, and the temperature is very cool. Bring the most powerful lights you can get your hands on, and bring a jacket because it's about 42 degrees down there even in summer.

The cave is about a mile long. The first time we went there, Grandma stayed above ground, but the second time they talked me into going inside. I didn't make it to the end, You either like caves or you don't. I don't, but everyone else loved it. It's definitely different!

I've seen very young kids in there, and even people carrying babies, but in my opinion, that is not wise. Anyway, it's pretty much for all ages and something you won't forget

you won't forget.

Lava Tube Cave

About 14 miles north of Flagstaff
on paved highways and graveled
Forest Roads. Travel time is about
45 minutes.

www.fs.usda.gov/, then search for
Lava Tube Cave. Complete

directions are on the website.



Buffalo Park

Main Focus: Hiking

The main focus of our Flagstaff trips each year is hiking, and there are so many great hikes in the area that it would take a book to cover them. Buffalo Park is one place we always love to visit no matter how many times we come to Flagstaff. We've got a tradition now of taking sunset hikes at Buffalo Park, and it's one of the girls' favorite things to do.

There are lots of different trails there of all different levels of difficulty. If you're running late or you've got little ones, just take the 2-mile Buffalo Park Loop. We almost always see deer when we are there, and the sunsets in Flagstaff are gorgeous.

Buffalo Park
The Buffalo Park parking lot is on
Cedar Street in north central
Flagstaff.
flagstaff.az.gov/index.aspx?NID=

Accommodations Abound

There are tons of hotels, motels, campgrounds, and RV parks in and around Flagstaff. We like to try to get one with an indoor pool because we usually end up there during the monsoon and it rains in the afternoons a lot of times.

Since we stay so many nights and the girls are in their late teens now, we have been staying at the Sonesta Suites Flagstaff for the past few years. We get two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a full kitchen, and a living room with a fireplace. The girls get the bedrooms so Grandma and Grandpa can enjoy their coffee in the morning.

We really love it, and although the pool is outdoors, there is a great little trail right next to the parking lot that is part of the Flagstaff Urban Trail system. It takes you to a big meadow behind the hotel that is home to tons of prairie dogs. They are adorable and there is usually water back there and lots of wildflowers. I love it.

One Of The Best

Flagstaff is one of the best summer destinations in Arizona. We've been spending our vacations there for almost 15 years now, and it never gets old. Whatever you like to do, you'll find it in Flagstaff, and it's especially great for outdoor types. Plan to spend a few days here this summer — you won't be sorry!

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age is severe and long term, wildlife is being displaced from their home territories.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department seeks a response from the BLM by August 14

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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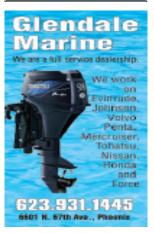
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Jodi Polanski Named Business Woman Of The Year

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'What's most exciting about receiving this award is that it will help get the word out about the rescue so we can make a bigger impact in our community," stated Polanski.

Lost Our Home Pet Rescue is a no-kill pet shelter located in Tempe, Ariz. Located at 2323 S. Hardy Dr. in Tempe, the shelter offers a number of unique services to families, including a Pet Food Bank, a Temporary Pet Care Program for families in crisis, and Low Income Pet Boarding.

Lost Our Home Rescue has the unique distinction of housing a Temporary Pet Care program at Sojourner Center, the largest domestic violence shelter in AZ. This allows families fleeing domestic violence to keep their pets on site with them.

Since 2008. Lost Our Home Rescue has taken in more than 3,300 cats and dogs, found new adoptive homes for more than 2,500 of them, and returned nearly 370 to their owners

The Business Woman of the Year award recognizes the valuable contributions that the candidates have made to the business community and to the Tempe Chamber of Commerce. Their hard work and dedication have made an admirable and positive impact that we are proud to recognize," said Mary Ann Miller, presi-



Jodi Polanski

dent and CEO of the Tempe Chamber.

For more information on Lost Our Home, call (602) 445-7393 or visit info@lostourhome.org.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Western Outdoor Times Now Distributed In Downtown Tempe

Modular newsracks are in place in a pilot area along Mill Avenue

The City of Tempe, in partnership with the Downtown Tempe Authority (DTA), solicited bids and awarded a contract to City Solutions Inc (CSI). for the placement of modular newsracks in a pilot area from Rio Salado to University along Mill Avenue.

And, we are happy to announce that Western Outdoor Times/Arizona Boating & Watersports is now proudly displayed in these upbeat newsracks along Mill Avenue in Tempe, Ariz.

The goals of this program are to reduce the clutter of individual newsracks previously scattered along Mill Avenue, ensure consistent maintenance of the newsracks and eliminate newsracks that have been abandoned.

City Newracks LLC is a privately held corporation based in Santa Barbara, Calif.



With regional management operations based in Indianapolis, Ind. The company was founded in 1997 by a small group of individuals with experience in publishing, public works, politics and manufacturing. This rather unusual com-

bination of experiences enabled City Solutions to create something truly new in the market place — the modular newsrack.

Many cities were growing frustrated by the spreading proliferation of the hodgepodge of individual publication newsracks in areas of urban centers that attract both locals and visitors

Over the past decade, more cities' points of view and publishers' understanding that the streetscape of urban centers are the heart of economic growth and vitality (and of readership) prevailed - hence, the idea for



and implementation of the modular units. For more information and history, www.citvsolutions.com.

The program is designed to preserve publishers' access to the public rights-of-way while contributing to a measured effort by the City of Tempe and the DTA to maintain a quality environment on this main street. There will be no advertisements on these newsracks.

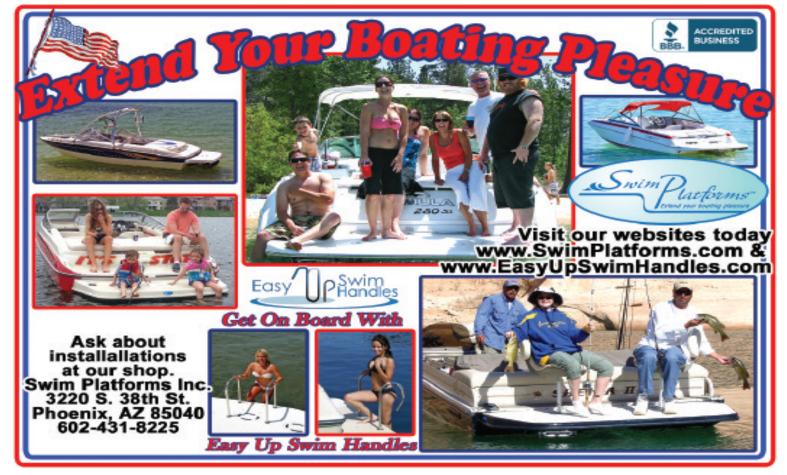
This program is free to the publishers and will not impact their other locations through-

has installed modular newsracks at key locations along Mill Avenue that are currently popular or have a history of use by publishers for distribution of newspapers and mag-azines. Once installed, the DTA will maintain these units and ensure that all publishers have access

Publishers interested in participating must have thoroughly reviewed and returned details of application documents to CSI offices. All of the information requested has the intention of guaranteeing the fairness of the program based on historical data and existing

usage.

There have been several surveys of all newsracks in the pilot area over the past year by the DTA. These surveys have established that there are a specific number of publication titles that currently maintain an individual newsrack (or participate in a larger multi-publication box) at a location that has been targeted for installation of a modular newsrack. The placement of these modular newsracks is based on these surveys.

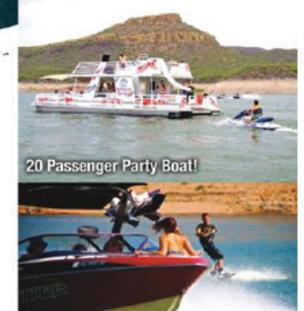




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