



Lighten Your Spirit

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

During this frustrating (to say the least!) time of virus-terror and frightening unrest in our country, this issue is trying to stay optimistic, while urging you to get outdoors and enjoy venues that are open.

The cover photo from Wayne Gustavson pictures one of the most-welcoming activities at this time: fishing! Two writers, Margie Anderson and Jim Allen, present refreshing destinations that can take your mind off the worries that are pressing on all of us.

Closer to home, Tempe Town Lake is a great place for some on-the-water activities. If kayaking and paddle boarding can't take your mind to a happier place, what can?

And, Bob Brown of Media Direction looks forward to an-always popular event at Lake Havasu: the Sand & Water Expo in November.

Yes, be safe; be careful. But, don't forget the options that can make even the toughest quarantine seem lighter on your spirit. I join you in holding hope for our future.



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With cooler Arizona temperatures on the way in a few months, recreation enthusiasts begin the seasonal transition from summer to fall and winter outdoor activities like camping, fishing, boating, RVing, travel and off-roading. This means Southwest residents and vacationing visitors alike anxiously await the opportunity to enjoy everything that local deserts, mountains, rivers and lakes have to offer.

Bigger, Better

As it has for the past eight years, the official kick-off of approaching fall and winter recreational sports is the 9th Annual Sand-Water-RV Expo, the premier motorsports show in Arizona. The Expo returns to Lake Havasu City, Nov. 20-21 for its ninth consecutive year.

And again for 2020, the Expo is growing bigger and better than ever with over 140 exhibitors and vendors eager to display everything for the coming season including the newest and greatest in off-road vehicles, UTVs, trucks, Jeeps, RVs, travel trailers, fifth wheels, toy haulers, boats, pontoons, fishing boats, wakesport boats, motorcycles, electric bicycles, kayaks, paddleboards and all related accessories and services.

Friday And Saturday Instead

One thing visitors to the 2020 Expo will immediately notice is the show is now being held on Friday and Saturday, instead of the traditional Saturday and Sunday weekend format. "The change was prompted after studying the attendance patterns of previous years," said Expo organizer, Bob Brown.

"It was becoming obvious that people liked the opportunity to see large shows like this on Friday afternoons rather than on Sundays when they had more family obligations to attend to. We're very optimistic that this format change will enhance our overall attendance numbers and keep our vendor aisles busy every hour of the Expo."

Poker Run

Making a welcome return to the 2020 Expo is the popular free "poker run" where visitors have an opportunity to enter at no additional charge once they've purchased an admission ticket. Scattered throughout the Expo area easy to locate vendor/exhibitor card stops. Player gather up a poker hand and at the end of the day, collected

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Crown King 28-Miles Across The Desert

BY JIM ALLEN

28-Miles Across The Desert And Up Crown King adventure is waiting for you, Crown King, the top of the mountain, adventure, adventure, adventure....



TRIP ADVISER

Carol and I just returned from a few days in Crown King, Ariz. This was not our first trip but as always it was an adventure. And, not only an adventure because of the 28-miles of rough and winding road.

Part of the adventure for us was in going just a few miles north west of the valley with its' several million people and finding this very small place in the pines with very few people. The attitudes were much different than what we are experiencing in the valley now. People were laid back, friendly and enjoying themselves.

What, Where is Crown King Arizona?

(Information Courtesy of crownking.com)

Crown King is an "Old Ghost Mining

Town" located in the Majestic Southern Bradshaw Mountains. We are just an hour and 15 minutes from North Phoenix. After leaving the I-17 you will travel on an old historic road, formerly a railroad bed for the Famous "Murphy's Impossible Railroad." The steam engine ran during the mining era from 1904 to 1926 only to be discontinued at the beginning or the first World War. Now left behind is the charming drive through the Sonoran Desert, on the dusty washboard road for 28 miles. The closest Cool Pines and Snow Enjoyment to Phoenix.

Our temperatures are 15-20 degrees cooler during the day and up to 30 degrees cooler at night. Magically you will cross over the famous "Magic Bridge" and go from the spectacular Sonoran Desert into the Cool Majestic Pines. The Town has several attractions and events year round. Many visitors ride trails with quads and UTV's then enjoy live music and drinks at the Famous Crown King Saloon, The Mill Restaurant, and The Prospector Smokehouse and Grill. When your day is done make sure you have the best lodging and cabin rentals to rest and relax. Come visit us at the Crown King Cabins, Suites, (formerly named "Bradshaw Mountain Guest Ranch"), and for larger groups The Crown King Bunkhouse. Crown King host's 2 Novelty Stores and several Eating Establishments. Don't forget an excursion to Horse Thief Basin, a man-made lake with fishing

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LAKE POWELL REPORT

2020 Will Be Remembered For Many 'Unusual' Events

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Lake Powell water temperature in the morning remains at 72F. It will get warmer but now the wind is still mixing the warm surface layers with cool deep layers of water. The lake remains very busy with lots of boats over the length of the lake. Get to the launch ramp early to head out for a morning fishing trip.

Run Uplake

I followed that advice recently and

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July 2020 Events Calendar



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CANADA DAY: JULY 1

Canada Day (French: Fête du Canada) is the national day of Canada. A federal statutory holiday, it celebrates the anniversary of July 1, 1867, the effective date of the Constitution Act, 1867 (then called the British North America Act, 1867), which united the three separate colonies of the Province of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick into a single Dominion within the British Empire called Canada. Originally called Dominion Day (French: Le Jour de la Confédération), the holiday was renamed in 1982, the year the Canada Act was passed. Canada Day celebrations take place throughout the country, as well as in various locations around the world, attended by Canadians living abroad.

Background

Canada became a "kingdom in its own right" within the British Empire commonly known as the Dominion of Canada. Although still a British colony, Canada gained an increased level of political control and governance over its own affairs, the British parliament and Cabinet maintaining political control over certain areas, such as foreign affairs, national defense, and constitutional changes.

Canada gradually gained increasing independence over the years, notably with the passage of the Statute of Westminster in 1931, until finally becoming completely independent with the passing of the Constitution Act, 1982 which served to fully patriate the Canadian constitution.

Canada's centennial in 1967 is often seen as an important milestone in the history of Canadian nationalism and in Canada's maturing as a distinct, independent country, after which Dominion Day became more popular with average Canadians. Into the late 1960s, nationally televised, multi-cultural concerts held in Ottawa were added and the fête became known as Festival Canada. After 1980, the Canadian government began to promote celebrating Dominion Day beyond the national capital, giving grants and aid to cities across the country to help fund local activities.

INDEPENDENCE DAY: JULY 4

Independence Day (colloquially the Fourth of July or July 4th) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States, on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen

American colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress had voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2, but it was not declared until July 4.

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, political speeches, and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the national day of the United States.



Background

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the thirteen colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain's rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it two days later on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

"The second day of July 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized

Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Historians have long disputed whether members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed.

By a remarkable coincidence, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the only two signatories of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as presidents of the United States, both died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration, Jefferson even mentioning the fact. (Only one other signatory, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, survived them, dying in 1832.) Although not a signatory of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another Founding Father who was elected as president, also died on July 4, 1831. He was the third President who died on the anniversary of independence. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th president, was born on July 4, 1872; so far he is the only U.S. president to have been born on Independence Day.

Observance

In 1777, thirteen gunshots were fired in salute, once at morning and once again as evening fell, on July 4 in Bristol, R.I.. An article in July 18, 1777 issue of The Virginia Gazette noted a celebration in Philadelphia in a manner a modern American would find familiar: an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships in port were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.

In 1778, from his headquarters at Ross Hall, near New Brunswick, N.J., General George Washington marked July 4 with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute (feu de joie). Across the Atlantic Ocean, ambassadors John Adams and Benjamin Franklin held a dinner for their fellow Americans in Paris, France.

In 1779, July 4 fell on a Sunday. The holiday was celebrated on Monday, July 5.

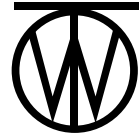
In 1781, the Massachusetts General Court became the first state legislature to recognize July 4 as a state celebration.

In 1783, Salem, N.C., held a celebration with a challenging music program assembled by Johann Friedrich Peter entitled The Psalm of Joy. The town claims to be the first public July 4 event, as it was carefully documented by the Moravian Church, and there are no government records of any earlier celebrations.

In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees.

In 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.

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BoatUS Says FCC's Message To Boaters And Those Relying On GPS: 'Tough Luck'

Controversial order threatens reliability of hundreds of millions of GPS units.

SPRINGFIELD, Va., June 25, 2020 – The nation's largest advocacy, services and safety group for recreational boaters, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), says an April 22 decision by the Federal Communications Commission to give mobile satellite services operator Ligado Networks, a private-equity company, the green light to build and operate a land-based industrial 5G (fifth generation) wireless network will negatively impact the reliability of the nation's Global Positioning System and harm boating safety.

Ligado's slice of licensed "L-Band" spectrum designated for space-based navigation and communications is located near lower frequency bands used by hundreds of millions of GPS units used in public safety, health, government, transportation, military, commerce, agriculture and more. A founding member of the recently launched Keep GPS Working Coalition, BoatUS believes that as the Ligado network is rolled out, instances of signal interference will increase. This will give current GPS users no choice but to either purchase new GPS units or potentially suffer continued interference. The loss of a GPS signal at a critical moment is a significant safety concern for any vessel operator relying on this popular and widely used technology.



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The coalition said that FCC's decision disregarded mountains of evidence highlighting the interference issue, ignored established technical standards, relied only on limited studies with vague and impractical criteria to access interference, and was made during the COVID-19 pandemic when a final decision was circulated only among the five FCC commissioners as stakeholders were dealing with the health crisis.

The commission also ignored serious concerns from the federal government as well as agencies including the departments of Defense, Transportation, Commerce, Interior, Justice and Homeland

Security, as well as NASA, the National Science Foundation, Federal Aviation Administration and U.S. Coast Guard.



A SAFETY CONCERN — The loss of a GPS signal while navigating, especially when precision counts, is a safety concern for all recreational boaters.

Security, as well as NASA, the National Science Foundation, Federal Aviation Administration and U.S. Coast Guard.

"As a recreational boater, I must have a reliable navigation system," said BoatUS Manager of Government Affairs David Kennedy. "With this decision, FCC is permitting one private company to upend the entire reliability of GPS. It's unfathomable that the lone federal caretaker of our national radio spectrum shows such disregard, even after admitting there are cases where federal and private GPS users will suffer harmful interference. It's a message that in essence says 'tough luck' – you are on your own."

Boaters may remember Ligado's former name, LightSquared. In 2010, FCC suspended consideration of its prior proposal to use its licensed spectrum for a 4G LTE network also citing unresolved concerns over radio spectrum interference with GPS, forcing the company into bankruptcy. In May of this year, Ligado announced \$100 million in new funding from unnamed sources. ■

It's A New Boating Safety Concern This July 4

BoatUS Foundation: Don't try to have your own fireworks show.

Celebrating America's birthday, thousands of boaters are expected to hit the water this Fourth of July holiday weekend, recreational boating's traditional

busiest time of the year. With COVID-19, it certainly won't be the same. The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water has a few boating safety reminders just in time for the holiday.

While boaters will need to follow social distancing guidelines, that's not the only COVID-19 concern, according to the Foundation. While many local community fireworks displays have been canceled this year, some boaters may wish to offer their own fireworks show and take to the water with pyrotechnics.

"With gallons of fuel aboard and other flammable materials – your boat – you would be truly risking lives," said BoatUS Foundation Assistant Director of Boating Safety Ted Sensenbrenner. "It's not worth the risk. There is no safe place aboard a boat suitable for using fireworks."

As the captain, you can't head out without remembering that your passengers become your responsibility as soon as you pull away from the dock. Think twice about loading up the boat with a cooler full with beer, wine and other alcoholic drinks as alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents.

"Just because the captain is sober doesn't mean alcohol should be flowing aboard your boat," said Sensenbrenner. "The stressors of a hot sun, wind and waves all day when combined with alcohol can intensify the effects of inebriation, increasing the risk of a passenger slip or fall overboard or worse. Save the alcohol for celebrating after you have



'HOLD YOUR FIRE' WORKS — The Independence Day holiday weekend is expected to bring thousands of boaters to the water and having fireworks aboard your boat is definitely not a good plan.

safely returned home for the night."

Last, remember that you won't be out on the water alone. Operation Dry Water will heighten BUI awareness and enforcement during the three-day weekend of July 3–5, and law enforcement officers will be on alert for those violating boating under the influence laws. Agencies from all 50 states and are expected to participate for increased enforcement. ■

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In Memory Of Lou Gerlinger

We Send Our Condolences
To His Family And Friends

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

During my years at *The Log* newspaper in San Diego, one of my favorite mentors and friends was Lou Gerlinger, an avid boater and journalist. He had owned the publication and nurtured it during the 1970s and 1980s, selling it in 1990, but never really “retiring” from the paper. Gerlinger was still contributing stories under the byline “Log News Service”.

Gerlinger’s remarkable 98 years were shared first by his late wife Betty and later, for 38 years by his dear wife and companion Rosemarie Johnston, Bonita, Calif. His dog Daisy (Gerlinger loved dogs and had many through the years) is now with her. She said Daisy likes to sleep in the garage next to Gerlinger’s old car. Johnston added, “Hardly a day went by we weren’t together ... “Now I’m realizing how much he did for me.” Johnston said Gerlinger kept his sense of humor through his age.

There is so much more I could say about this fine man, this legend. However, a full story about his life and legacy can be found in the May issue of *The Log* https://www.thelog.com/local/a-life-of-boats-travel-former-log-owner-lou-gerlingers-work-and-life-remembered/?fbclid=IwAR0BuiV2Zu8ciNBdxRpGh41Sa2w6UaZiRNkjVJKJWPeLRTokm7n9_uTqMA.

I will simply say, thank you, Lou Gerlinger, for years of friendship and continued support for our own Arizona-based newspaper. You will be missed for many years to come. ■



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denser, it uses fresh or seawater like most traditional marine air conditioners. Easy to use, it has a simple on/off switch and three fans speed settings to optimize airflow for conditions.

A simple system for any boatbuilder to add during manufacturing, Webasto is currently working on a version for Mercruiser sterndrive engines. It's currently offered on compatible Cobalt, Four Winns and Nautique models.



"We proactively responded to the comments received from our boatbuilder partners," said David Wollard, senior director-marine climate Americas region, Webasto Group. "Breeze by Webasto 2.0 draws upon the exceptional success of original version and delivers unprecedented performance." ■

GETTING OUTDOORS NOW

Boating May Just Be 'The Ticket'

FROM TEMPE TOURISM

We have a new normal these days with the affects of the Coronavirus pandemic. What's most important is doing our best to keep everyone safe and healthy. We encourage all Tempe residents and visitors to follow the current CDC guidelines. Please note that Maricopa County has provided additional guidelines being enforced county wide, you can read the mandates and how they affect your time in Tempe.

To help cope with the new stresses that we are all facing, you may want to get outside and enjoy the Arizona sunshine. Remember to practice social distancing and stay at least six feet away from others at all times. And since the summer temps are starting to heat up, be sure to bring plenty of water when venturing outside. The best times for outdoor fun this summer is early in the morning, or later in the afternoon or early evening around dusk.

We're all in this together and everyone must make smart, informed decisions about what type of activities are safe. And, of course, if you're not feeling



well, please stay at home. To help guide your decisions, we suggest that you visit the Arizona Office of Tourism webpage with the latest updates for about COVID-19 in our state and links to local and national resources. And, visit the Tempe Tourism Office web page for additional links to local information about COVID-19.

Soak Up The Sun At Tempe Town Lake

A desert oasis in the middle of the Phoenix metropolitan area, Tempe Town Lake offers a variety of exciting events and activities to enjoy year round. Tempe Town Lake, located adjacent to Downtown Tempe, provides a recreational haven for kayaking, sailing, rowing, jogging, fishing or picnicking.

Boat Rentals of America at Tempe

Town Lake and Boat Rentals at Kiwanis Park are open for business. They are taking extra precautions during COVID-19 and sanitizing each boat and bike upon its return.

The Tempe Town Lake location is located on the south side of the lake, near the Mill Avenue bridges. They rent kayaks, pedal boats, electric boats, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards and surrey bikes.

The Kiwanis Lake location is located in South Tempe at Kiwanis Park off Baseline Rd. and Ash Ave. They rent kayaks, pedal boats and surrey bikes.

Check their websites for current hours of operation

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Learn How You Can Help Stop The Spread

Did you know that invasive quagga mussels cause millions of dollars in damage to boat motors, docks and water intake systems? Or that unwanted turtles, tortoises, and other pets illegally released into the wild can hurt our native species by introducing disease or outcompeting them for habitat and food?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) participated in National Invasive Species Awareness Week in May; the nationwide event aimed to educate the public about the harmful impact of invasive animals, plants and other organisms.

"Invasive species don't respect boundaries, which makes them a continent-wide problem that starts at home," said Sabra Tonn, Heritage Data Management System supervisor for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "The good news is that we can all play a part in helping stop their spread."

AZGFD and the North American Invasive Species Management Association encourage people to help in the following ways:

1. **Learn about invasive species**, especially those found in this region. The Arizona Game and Fish Department website and the National Invasive Species Information Center are both resources.

2. **If you're a boater** or an angler, remember to clean, drain and dry your boat

(and leave the plug out) before moving to another water. This helps stop the spread of quagga mussels and other aquatic invasive species. It's not just a good practice, it's the law. www.azgfd.gov/AIS

3. **Anglers should clean and dry** their gear. Don't forget to clean your wading boots! Never transport live fish from one waterbody to another. StopAIS.org

4. **Don't release pets** back into the wild. Every year there are some pet owners who no longer wish to care for their exotic pets and illegally release them into the wild or dump their aquariums in water bodies, potentially harming local ecosystems. DontLetItLoose.com

5. **Land recreationists** should clean their hiking boots, off-road vehicles and other gear to stop invasive species from hitching a ride to a new location. Learn more at PlayCleanGo.org

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CHOOSING A SELF-DEFENSE HANDGUN

Take Time To 'Try It On' And Practice

BY JOHN ANDERSON

We are currently in the process of buying a new handgun for our granddaughter who is soon moving out on her own. She has been shooting for years, but the only pistol that actually belongs to her is a Ruger .22 semi-automatic pistol. Now don't get me wrong – if a .22 is all you can shoot, it's better than nothing, but for self-defense I'd prefer her to have something with a little more power.

Choosing A Gun

The Fit

First off, let me emphasize that all of the advice in this article is my opinion. Take my advice or don't – so far, it's still a free country. So here goes: The most important thing to consider when buying a handgun is fit. The back of the gun should snug into the web of your hand between your thumb and forefinger, and you should be able to reach the trigger easily with the pad of your forefinger.

Our granddaughter is on the small side, so she loves grandma's Glock 48. The Glock 48 is a 9mm semi-automatic pistol that is the same size as a Glock 19, but it is narrower. This is because the Glock 19 standard magazine holds 15 rounds of ammo in a thicker magazine called a "double stack". The Glock 48 has a "single stack" magazine that holds 10 rounds, so the gun is thinner. This thinner profile means that smaller hands can easily hold the gun and reach the trigger.

The only way to know for sure if a gun fits you is to try it. You have to go to a gun shop that has a lot of different pistols and try them on. If you have a friend or family member who is a member at Shooters World or another indoor range, ask if they can take you along. Members get to rent guns for free and also get discounts on ammunition. Nothing takes the place of actually trying the gun out.

Handling

After fit, the next most important thing is your ability to operate the firearm. In a semi-automatic pistol, you need to be able to pull the top part (the slide) back after inserting the magazine, so that it can feed a round into the chamber. This is called "racking the slide" and in some guns it can be tough. The proper way to do it is to hold onto the slide (the top part), and push the body of the gun forward smartly, then let go.

If you have trouble doing this, there are all kinds of aftermarket stickers and little parts that you can put on the slide to give you a better grip. But you still need the hand strength to be able to do it. If you can't rack the slide, give that gun a pass. There are plenty of different guns to try until you find one you can handle easily.

You may think that a smaller gun is easier to operate, but that isn't necessarily true. A semi-automatic works by using the slide action to power the next round into the chamber, and for that, the gun has to be held pretty steady. If your hand moves



Practice is essential – lots of practice!



Revolvers are easy to use and easy to load and unload.

back with the gun too much, it won't have the power to feed a round and you'll be standing there with a gun that won't fire. No Bueno. You need to handle that gun with authority. The smaller the gun, the harder that is.

Revolvers

If you're an absolute beginner and the semi-autos are too intimidating, try out a few revolvers. Revolvers are super reliable and virtually never mis-fire unless the ammo is bad. With a revolver, you have fewer rounds and they take a little longer to reload, but there are speed loaders and strips for them as well. Margie and I both carry revolvers when we are in the CanAm off-roading, because even if a revolver is full of dust, it still works. You can't always say that about a semi-auto.

A single action revolver has a hammer that must be cocked back before the gun can be fired, just like in the old westerns.



Semi-automatic pistols can usually hold more rounds, but in a small one like the Ruger LCP pictured here, the magazine holds just six rounds.

A double action revolver doesn't have a hammer – you just pull the trigger. But you can also get a revolver that is SA/DA, like the smaller one in the photo – it has a hammer, but you don't have to cock it back – you can just pull the trigger good and hard and steady, and that will cock and fire it both.

Firing it that way takes a second longer, but gives you one less thing to remember. I practice both ways with mine. A small revolver is not a problem – it doesn't misfire any more than a big one, which is basically never with good ammo. Our youngest granddaughter absolutely loves even my big revolver and she's tiny.

Home-Defense Considerations

The Ammo

If you're buying a gun for home defense, a major consideration should be the ammo. If you ever have to use that gun in your home to defend yourself, it will most likely be in low-light conditions. Where

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Keep your gun, spare mags, flashlight, and phone by your bed at night. If there are kids to consider, get a lock box that you can open in the dark. There are several brands available that will unlock when you place your fingers on the pads.



Revolvers are reliable but give you lower capacity.

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A Bass Surprise Awaits In The High Country

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Willow Springs Lake isn't the only lake on the Rim with bass, but it's one of the largest, and certainly one of the most popular. A lifelong resident of Pinetop, Ariz., TV host Johnny Johnson has spent countless days on Willow Springs fishing for bass.

His television show, *Fishing With Johnny Johnson*, often features the lake as well. "My biggest bass from this lake was almost nine pounds," he says. A lot of anglers are surprised that such big largemouth are found in a lake in the high country, but both largemouth and smallmouth thrive there.

Sleek, Fat Bass

There are no shad at Willow Springs, but the bass get sleek and fat on a diet of crawdads, trout, frogs, and small fish. Johnny's favorite Willow Springs lures include Senkos, plastic craws, Robo Worms, and jigs. He also keeps a variety of reaction baits on hand, including topwater lures, Lucky Craft Pointers, spinnerbaits, and small crankbaits in crawdad colors.

"Willow Springs has some really nice bass," says Johnny, "but if you are thinking to catch fifty fish a day like you can at Roosevelt, you're going to be disappointed." In fact, Johnson says that it can be tough to even get a limit at times. His tournament strategy usually consists of running the bank quickly with a reaction bait to pull off any active fish he can find, then switching to plastics to fill out his limit, if possible.

Once The Sun Gets Up

While the sun is still low on the hori-



Johnny Johnson At Willow Springs Lake

zon, topwater baits like small poppers and floating frogs will often entice a few bites. A spinnerbait or crankbait fished along the shoreline might do the trick, too. Once the sun gets up, Johnson usually moves out to the break line and begins fishing deeper. Split-shot and drop-shot rigs are standards, but be prepared to get snagged now and then, especially if you are fishing in the right places. Those rocks and stumps hold fish, but they can hang on to a hook, too.

A 4-inch Senko is the perfect bait to drop next to those trees that stick out of the water. Rig it weedless and just let it shimmy and wiggle its way down the tree. Some of those trees are in thirty feet of water, so be patient. Johnny also catches fish on Senkos off the rip rap along the dam.

A Bass Angler's Strategy

A bass angler's strategy also has to take into account the fact that you can't use a gasoline motor over 10 horsepower on the lake. You can put your bass boat on the lake, but you'll be relying on your electric trolling motor. If you try running back and forth between spots, you'll soon run out of power. The bag limit on bass at Willow Springs is six (half that for unlicensed anglers under 14).

Although it is only 158 acres, there is a nice variety of shoreline and underwater structure to fish. Large boulders form some of the shoreline, while other parts are gently sloping mud. The earthen dam is covered with rip rap. There are two main arms that you can't really see from the ramp, and there are lots of dynamite places to fish in those areas.



Johnson And John Anderson

Johnson says that in general, he catches more largemouth bass in the arms, and more smallies in the main lake. There are hundreds of stumps and dead trees sticking out of the water in the big arms, and they provide shade and shelter for the bass.

Trout

If five bites a day isn't quite enough to keep you interested, there's always the trout. They may just be stockers, but they're tasty and willing to bite. Shore fishermen use Power Bait and night crawlers with great success. Just remember that when the weather starts getting hot you need to fish a little deeper, just like when you're fishing for bass.

Trout fishermen with boats do very well trolling small in-line spinners and spoons. Flies also catch trout at Willow Springs, just like they do anywhere. Some of the best are peacock ladies, wooly worms, wooly buggers, Yeager buggers, and nymphs in black, brown, or green.

Remember The Stamp

At times you may have to soak a night-crawler on the bottom right out in the middle of the lake to catch fish. Trout like cool water, and the coolest water will be the deepest water. Also, remember that if you are fishing for or catching trout, you need to have a trout stamp on your fishing license. The daily bag limit for trout is six. For unlicensed anglers under 14, the limit is three.

Lake Facts

Willow Springs was built by the Game and Fish Department in 1967 simply to provide recreation. Since it is at an altitude of 7500 feet and so close to Payson, the lake is an extremely popular place for locals as well as desert dwellers looking to spend some time in the cool pines. On weekends in summer the lake gets crowded fairly early in the day. If you want to be sure of a place to park your truck and trailer, get there with the dawn.

To Get There

To get to Willow Springs, take Highway 260 to Forest Road 149, which is about 23 miles east of Payson. There is a good paved boat ramp, toilets, two picnic ramadas, and two boat beaches, plus there are two campgrounds close by. As of June 15, 2020, the developed campgrounds and restrooms on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests are still closed due to COVID-19, so check with the Forest Service about that before you go if you plan to camp.

To Learn More

To learn more about fishing the high country (and the rest of Arizona, too), catch *Fishing with Johnny Johnson* on Sunday mornings on Fox Sports AZ, Direct TV Ch 686 and Dish Network Ch 415. Check your local listings. ■

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Corn Hole

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Details

The Sand-Water-RV Expo is open to the public from noon to 5p.m. on Friday, Nov.20 and on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9 p.m. to 5p.m. Adult admission is only \$6.00; children 6 and under are free and on-site parking is also free. Discount admission coupons are available at local Havasu retail stores and in the Today's News Herald and Whitesheet publications. Food, beverage and beer garden concessions are on-site, dogs okay on leash.

The Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor4 venue is located at 171 London Bridge Road approximately one-half mile north of the London Bridge between the Hampton Inn and Motel 6.

Exhibitor space applications are now being accepted. For additional information and the latest updates regarding Expo exhibitors, special attractions/entertainment, and vendor opportunities, please visit <https://www.sandandwaterexpo.com> email info@sandandwaterexpo.com.

LAKE POWELL

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headed out to Warm Creek to test fishing success. We trolled for stripers but did not catch any. Then we switched to bass lures. We caught two smallmouth bass on shallow running crankbaits and saw lots of other bass on big rocky structure. Our green plastic baits were ignored. We completed a short trip after another trolling excursion in the back of Warm Creek. The wake board boats joined us we called it a morning and headed in. Fishing success was not great in the southern lake. It

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will that bullet go if you miss? Do some research and get ammo that won't go through the walls and hit a family member or a neighbor. They make frangible ammo that is made to come apart on contact, so you might check that out.

If There's An Intruder

For home defense, you'll want to keep the gun next to your bed along with spare magazines or speed loaders, a good tactical flashlight (check the batteries now and then), and your phone. In our classes, we were taught that if you hear an intruder you stay in your room, get behind the bed (or some other cover), call the police, and leave the phone line open and on speaker. You yell for the intruder to identify himself, tell him you have a gun and that you will shoot him, and that you are on the phone with the police. Make sure you tell the police where you are and what is going on.

Use the tactical flashlight to blind him if he is dumb enough to continue on into your room. We were taught not to go chasing them around the house. The yelling and lights are also so that if it is simply a family member coming home drunk or something, you don't risk mistaking them for a home invader.

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Customs

The night before the Fourth was once the focal point of celebrations, marked by raucous gatherings often incorporating bonfires as their centerpiece. In New England, towns competed to build towering pyramids, assembled from barrels and casks. They were lit at nightfall to usher in the celebration. The highest were in Salem, Mass., with pyramids composed of as many as forty tiers of barrels. These made the tallest bonfires ever recorded. The custom flourished in the 19th and 20th centuries and is still practiced in some New England towns.

A salute of one gun for each state in the United States, called a "salute to the union," is fired on Independence Day at noon by any capable military base.

New York City has the largest fireworks display in the country, with more than 22 tons of pyrotechnics exploded in 2009. It generally holds displays in the East River. Other major displays are in Seattle on Lake Union; in San Diego over Mission Bay; in Boston on the Charles River; in Philadelphia over the Philadelphia Museum of Art; in San Francisco over the San Francisco Bay; and on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

During the annual Windsor-Detroit International Freedom Festival, Detroit, Mich., hosts one of the largest fireworks displays in North America, over the Detroit River, to celebrate Independence Day in conjunction with Windsor, Ontario's celebration of Canada Day.

is best to run uplake to catch more fish.

Later, mid lake was the better spot. Striper slurps randomly popped up in Bullfrog Bay, Moki Canyon, Rincon, and mouth of the Escalante. Surface action was quick and not as dependable as it was last week.

All About Bass

Fishing success is still all about bass. Ned rigs, double-tailed plastic grubs and green colored drop shot baits are still working well fished at 15-30 feet. Smallmouth bass are caught more often than other species. There is an occasional surprise as the plastic bait is dropped to the bottom and picked up by a walleye. Or the

For low light help, you can get lasers and flashlights that will mount right to your gun, and you can also get sights that look like tiny TV's that mount on your gun and you see a red light that shows you where it's going to shoot. A laser will actually make a red dot on the target. These take some getting used to, because they tend to magnify every little shake of your hand, so it looks like a red light dancing all over the place. This brings up another point.

Training And Practice

If you are not going to take the time to get some training and a lot of practice with a firearm, you are probably better off without one. If you are ever in a self-defense situation, you will be under a great deal of stress, probably in the dark, and maybe having just been woken up. You need to be able to pick up that gun and operate it automatically. This takes practice. Lots of practice.

Take some classes – even though Margie and I have both been shooting all our lives, we take classes as often as we can. Partly because they are fun, but also because we always learn something, even after all these years.

Keep These Things In Mind

Get to the range often, even if you only have time to empty a couple magazines. The more you fire your gun, the more



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Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

Notable Celebrations

Held since 1785, the Bristol Fourth of July Parade in Bristol, R.I., is the oldest continuous Independence Day celebration in the United States.

Since 1868, Seward, Neb., has held a celebration on the same town square. In 1979 Seward was designated "America's Official Fourth of July City-Small Town USA" by resolution of Congress. Seward has also been proclaimed "Nebraska's Official Fourth of July City" by Governor James Exon in proclamation. Seward is a town of 6,000 but swells to 40,000+ during the July 4 celebrations.

Since 1912, the Rebild Society, a Danish-American friendship organization, has held a July 4 weekend festival that serves as a homecoming for Danish-Americans in the Rebild Hills of Denmark.

Since 1959, the International Freedom Festival is jointly held in Detroit, Mich., and Windsor, Ontario, during the last week of June each year as a mutual celebration of Independence Day and Canada Day (July 1). It culminates in a large fireworks display over the Detroit River.

bait is inhaled by a 3-pound largemouth bass.

Big bluegill may surprise you. Even a catfish may appear when it is least expected. Fishing at Lake Powell is worth it even when success is less than normal.

Stripers

There is some light at the end of the striper tunnel. Adult stripers are holding at 30-60 feet. Some are starting to respond to anchovy bait fished at about 20-40 feet at the usual canyon walls near the dam, Navajo Canyon and shady walls in Last Chance and Rock Creek. Bait fishing for stripers will get better for about two to three more weeks and then col-

confidence you will have with it. With our granddaughter, we are letting her try out a lot of different guns. She tends to be shy of larger calibers and sensitive to recoil, plus she has small hands, so we are concentrating on .380 pistols until we find one she can handle easily and feels good about.

Don't be intimidated – the salesmen aren't going to be mad at you for wanting

The famous Macy's fireworks display usually held over the East River in New York City has been televised nationwide on NBC since 1976. In 2009, the fireworks display was returned to the Hudson River for the first time since 2000 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's exploration of that river.

The Boston Pops Orchestra has hosted a music and fireworks show over the Charles River Esplanade called the "Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular" annually since 1973. Canons are traditionally fired during the 1812 Overture. The event was broadcast nationally from 1991 until 2002 on A&E, and since 2002 by CBS and its Boston station WBZ-TV. WBZ/1030 and WBZ-TV broadcast the entire event locally, and from 2002 through 2012, CBS broadcast the final hour of the concert nationally in primetime.

The national broadcast was put on hiatus beginning in 2013, which Pops executive producer David G. Mugar believed was the result of decreasing viewership caused by NBC's encore presentation of the Macy's fireworks. The national broadcast was revived for 2016, and expanded to two hours. In 2017, Bloomberg Television took over coverage duty, with WHDH carrying local coverage beginning in 2018.

On the Capitol lawn in Washington, D.C., A Capitol Fourth, a free concert broadcast live by PBS, NPR and the American Forces Network, precedes the fireworks and attracts over half a million people annually.

- includes excerpts from Wikipedia

lapse as shad grow larger and boils start in July. It should be an awesome year for boils.

It will be interesting to see how many young stripers grow up. Most adult stripers spawned this year when normally only 50 percent or less of the adult population successfully spawn. Huge numbers of young stripers are now in the lake and will become more obvious as they grow larger. The year 2020 will be remembered for many unusual events such as a pandemic, being self-quarantined, and maybe the biggest striper spawn in Lake Powell in this century.

At press time, lake elevation was 3611 and water temperature was 72-78F. ■

to hold a lot of guns. Take a friend with you, preferably one who knows something about guns but won't try to convince to get the same one he or she has. Rent the gun and see how well you can operate it. It might take some time, but you'll find the perfect gun for you – that's why so many different guns are made, after all – because everyone is different. ■

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THINGS TO DO AROUND WILLIAMS (PART 1)

Maps Are Guides To So Many Cool Spots In Arizona

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Somebody asked me recently how John and I find so many cool places around Arizona. The answer is maps. I have a lot of maps. When we were planning our recent trip to Williams, I spread several maps out on the kitchen table: a *DeLorme Atlas and Gazetteer*; a *Forest Service Map of Kaibab National Forest Williams, Chalendar and Tusayan Ranger Districts*; a *National Geographic Trails Illustrated Topographic map of Sycamore Canyon and Verde Valley* (#854); and the *BLM Williams 1:100,000-scale topo map*.

Why So Many Maps?

The reason I use so many maps is simple: some are more detailed than others, and often different maps include different things. An interesting item on one map may not show up on another. *The Gazet-*



Sycamore Point, about nine miles past JD Dam, gives you a fantastic view of Sycamore Canyon. Defi nitely worth the drive!

ter is great for the big picture and major attractions, while the 1:100,000 map will have a lot more detail but show a smaller area. The *National Geographic Trails Illustrated Maps* are fantastically detailed, and even show hiking trails, but they cover an even smaller area.

You can get the Nat Geo maps at Sportsman's Warehouse and there are several for Arizona but they don't cover the whole state. The *National Forest Maps* are great because although they are not topo maps, they include the road numbers even on the bad roads. You can get *National Forest Maps* at www.store.usgs.gov (the rest of the sentence is fine as is.)

A Combination Of Maps

I use all the maps when planning a route so that we can make a big loop and see as much as possible. When we are actually on the road, I use a combination of the paper maps and the maps on my phone: the *Topo Maps* app is awesome because a blue dot shows you where you are in real time. It's invaluable for helping you make the correct turns, especially when what you want to see isn't clearly marked on any of your paper maps, and isn't even marked on the actual roads.

Case in point: Perkins Tank, which isn't even named on some of my paper

maps and not even shown on others. Also, the road that goes to it doesn't say it goes to Perkins Tank until you are half-way down it. Without the app, it would have taken us a long time to find it.



You'll pass Santa Fe Reservoir as you drive south on 4th Street in Williams. There is a place to pull off the road just before you reach the dam, and you can park there and walk down to the lake. We saw a man fishing there.



There's a charming little gate at the end of the trail that lets you get right to the sink.

Another Help: The Internet

One last thing that helps me plan our trips is the internet. If you do a search for "things to do near (place)" you will find a lot of cool stuff. If they aren't marked on your map, you can mark them on there yourself. And if directions are given, you can print those out or mark them on your map and be sure to include road names or numbers.

Once you have all the places you want to see circled on the map, you can plan your route. We had originally planned to take the Perkinsville Road all the way to Williams, but we had so many things planned that we ended up taking I-17 and I-40 to get there so we'd have more time for exploration.

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Williams, Ariz., has a lot of history and there is a lot to do around here.

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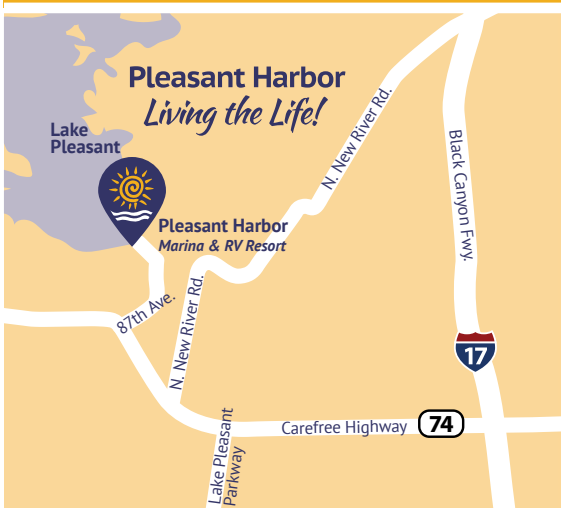
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Bald Eagle At Kaibab Lake

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Along I-40

Our first side trip was Bull Basin Scenic Drive, which takes you around behind Kendrick Peak through some very pretty forest. It takes about an hour each way, if you don't get a bit lost, which we did on the way in. When you are on I-40 headed west from Flagstaff to Williams, take exit 178 at Parks and turn north. Make a left at the T intersection and when you get to the General Store, turn right and go north on FR 141. About 11 miles north of Parks you go north on FR144 for about three miles to FR 90. Turn right on 90 and drive about five miles to FR90A.

There was supposed to be a trailhead here – Bull Basin Trailhead, but the road actually dead-ended at a nice new-looking ranch gate, which was locked and clearly marked “no trespassing”. I looked at *hikearizona.com* and they are still saying that the trailhead is there, and the trail sounds pretty cool – with an old cabin and two springs, but we didn't ever see the trailhead. We went left from the gate but it was just a spur, so we backtracked, took a little side road south, took some photos,



First stop is Bull Basin Scenic Drive for a shot of the back side of Kendrick Peak.

and headed back to 40. The last part of this route is for high-clearance vehicles only.

Next Along I-40

Next along I-40 was actually on old Route 66. Back at Parks, we turned west on Route 66 and in just a few miles we came to Oak Hill Snow Play Area. Park there, then cross the street to the trailhead for Keyhole Sink. This trail is only about a mile long and mostly flat, and it goes to a cool sink that has a horseshoe-shaped sort of cliff behind it and water. It didn't have much water when we were there, but it was pretty.

Look hard at the rock walls on the left and you'll find a whole rock covered with petroglyphs. The little fence and gate and the flowers near the sink made this a very pretty and enjoyable hike.

Two Lakes

We had planned to do Laws Spring and the Beale trail, but that drive is almost as



Keyhole Sink is about a mile long hike each way and rewards you with a beautiful little sink with towering cliffs, plus petroglyphs.



The petroglyphs at Keyhole Sink. Search the rocks to the left of the water.



Ash Fork Stone Dam has fishing.

long as the Bull Basin drive, so we saved it for next time. We next visited Kaibab Lake where we saw a beautiful bald eagle. Apparently this lake was dry a few years ago but it's full now and very pretty. There is a big campground here and it was open. Next up was Cataract Lake, which is just across the highway from Williams and has two big day-use areas, one on each side. The west side is actually a county park. No campgrounds here – both sides are day use only.

McClellan Reservoir

Just down I-40 a few more miles is McClellan Reservoir, which is actually right next to the highway. We pulled off and there really isn't much parking there – the dirt road just widens. No one was there except a family with young kids. It's a very small reservoir, but pretty, and you can tell that people sit under the trees and fish there. Between there and Ash Fork is a place called Johnson Crater, and a hiking trail that goes to an old railroad tunnel, but that's another place we saved for next time because the trail is over three miles and will take us a while. We still wanted to see Ash Fork Stone Dam and The Steel Dam nearby it, so we drove on toward Ash Fork.

Ash Fork Stone Dam

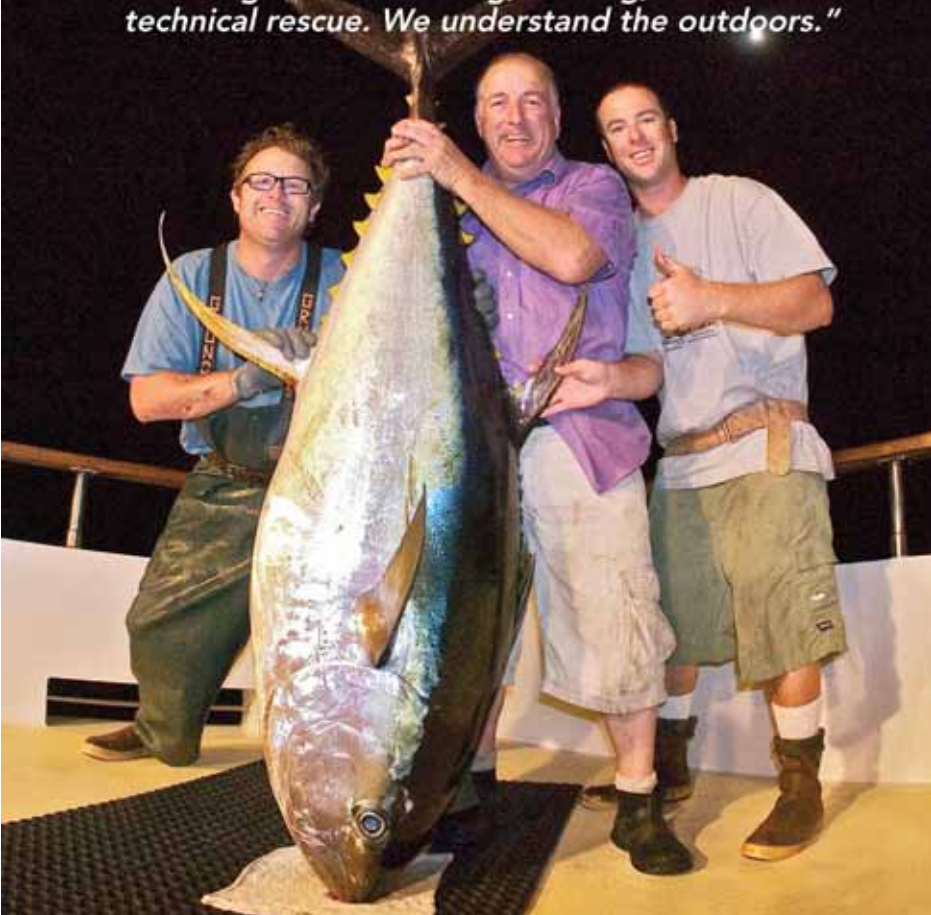
On the map, it looks like you can take the Monte Carlo interchange to Steel Dam, but there is now a truck repair place there and the road is blocked off. So take Welch interchange and go north on the dirt until you reach old Route 66, which is paved, but just barely. The pavement is in rough shape. Eventually you will find a sign that says Ash Fork Stone Dam. The road is dirt and I'd recommend high clearance vehicle. There was one family fishing and playing in the water there and the man told me that his great-great grandfather helped build the dam.

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McClellan Reservoir is right next to I-40 on the north side of the road between Williams and Ash Fork.

The Bats Are Back!

AZGFD's live-streaming camera spotlights fascinating nighttime critters.

The chatty, fuzzy, winged creatures of the night are once again the stars of the Arizona Game and Fish Department's (AZGFD) live-streaming wildlife cameras.

AZGFD installed the bat roost camera in 2018, giving wildlife enthusiasts throughout the world the chance to watch migratory Yuma myotis bats and other bat species while they roost at the Cluff Ranch Wildlife Area near Safford, in southeastern Arizona.

"Bats are truly amazing animals," said Jeff Meyers, watchable wildlife program manager. "In Arizona, we have a wonderful diversity of bats that perform pretty much all the same tasks that birds do. Some — such as the lesser long-nosed and Mexican long-tongued bats — drink nectar, while others are voracious insect predators, consuming up to 1,000 mosquito-sized insects an hour. We're really excited to offer this fascinating, real-time glimpse into an active bat roost."

View The Bat Cam

The best opportunity to view the animals is from about 8 to 10 p.m. As temperatures rise throughout the summer, the



Mexican Long-Tongued Bat

bats will move to being more visible in the morning hours until about 10 a.m.

Bats were first observed in an old barn located on the Cluff Ranch property in 1992. It soon was discovered that at least one species was using the barn to birth and raise its young. While it does not appear to serve as an active nursery site now, today it is used by pallid bats, canyon bats, Mexican free-tailed bats, cave myotis and Yuma myotis.

In keeping with AZGFD's mission to "conserve and protect" wildlife, the barn



Yuma Myotis Bat

was set aside for the bats' use, and disturbances are kept to a minimum to ensure their safety and continued use of the building.

"One of our goals at AZGFD is to connect and engage the public with their wildlife," Meyers said. "Live-streaming wildlife cameras are just one more tool to do just that."

AZGFD biologists regularly monitor the bat cam and study these fascinating mammals throughout the summer and

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Lesser Long-Nosed Bat

Do Your Part; Stay Smart About Desert Tortoises

Much-needed rain brings out desert wildlife in Arizona. Animals may wander in search of mates, moisture and, if necessary, to escape flooding. Desert tortoises are one of several amazing species that can be encountered during Arizona's monsoon.

Important Guidelines

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) urges the public to follow these important guidelines when coming across a desert tortoise:

- **Keep wild tortoises wild:** Do not remove a tortoise from the wild. Taking a wild tortoise home is illegal in Arizona. Additionally, most tortoises stay in the same small area their entire lives, so a tortoise that has been relocated will not know where to find food and shelter and likely die. For those who are interested in sharing their home with a desert tortoise, and reside within Arizona, they should do it legally and responsibly through the AZGFD Tortoise Adoption Program.

- **Keep captive tortoises captive:** Do not release a captive tortoise into the wild. "We cannot stress enough how detrimental it is to let a captive tortoise go free in the wild," said Cristina Jones, turtles proj-



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ect coordinator. "Captive desert tortoises cannot be released into the wild, as they can pass diseases to wild populations and displace wild tortoises. It is also illegal to release captive tortoises into the wild."

- **Keep dogs away from wild desert tortoises:** Even the most gentle dog can pose a serious threat to a tortoise. Keeping dogs on leashes or in fenced yards is an effective way of reducing encounters with tortoises.

- **If a desert tortoise is spotted crossing a busy road in a populated area,** call the AZGFD Tortoise Adoption Program hotline at 1-844-896-5730. AZGFD will determine if the tortoise has escaped from

captivity and needs to be reunited with its owner, or placed in the adoption program. Tortoises that have been through the adoption program often, but not always,

have small tags glued to their shell with a unique identification number.

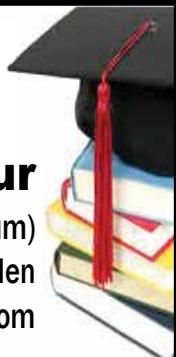
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Mexican Wolf Population Gets Genetic Boost

A record 20 captive-born pups are cross-fostered into wild packs.

The Mexican wolf recovery effort recently got a genetic boost when biologists from the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD), New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF), and Mexican Wolf Species Survival Plan (SSP), with extensive logistical support from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), worked together to cross-foster 20 genetically diverse wolf pups from captive facilities across the U.S. into litters of wild wolf packs.

Over a six-week period in April and May, 12 pups were fostered into four different packs in eastern Arizona and eight were fostered into three packs in western New Mexico.

A Proven Method

Cross-fostering is a proven method used by the Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Team (IFT) to increase genetic diversity in the wild Mexican wolf population. It involves placing genetically diverse pups less than 14 days old from captive breeding populations into wild dens with similarly aged pups to be raised as wild wolves. The IFT has documented that cross-fostered pups have the same survival rate as wild-born pups in their first year of life (about 50%), and survival rates using this technique are generally higher than other wolf release methods.

• Watch a video on cross-fostering from 2017: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6jAqNEgzQ0>

“Managing genetics is one of the biggest challenges facing Mexican wolf con-



Mexican Wolf

servation, even as constant progress is being made on numeric recovery,” said Jim deVos, Assistant Director for Wildlife Management at the Arizona Game and Fish Department. “Science has proven that cross-fostering young pups works in increasing genetic diversity.”

Seven Captive-Born Litters

A total of seven different captive-born litters provided Mexican wolf pups for fostering into the wild population. The following facilities provided pups this year:

- Endangered Wolf Center in Eureka, Mo. - three pups into Elkhorn pack in Ariz.; three pups each into Dark Canyon pack and San Mateo pack in N.M.
- Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge,

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in Socorro, N.M. - one pup into Prime Canyon pack in Ariz.

• Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita, Kan. - four pups into Hoodoo pack in Ariz.

• California Wolf Center in Julian, Calif. - four pups into Rocky Prairie pack in Ariz.

• Phoenix Zoo, Ariz. - two pups into Iron Creek pack in N.M.

Aerial Support

Aerial support of three cross-foster operations was provided by LightHawk Conservation Flying and a private jet donor associated with one transfer from the

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early fall.

The bat cam is just one of five seasonal live-streaming cameras run by AZGFD. The popular sandhill crane cam shows thousands of the migratory birds wintering in southern Arizona, while the desert pupfish cam offers a live view of the small fish’s daily life. To view all wildlife cameras, visit <https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/viewing/webcamlist/>

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AZGFD biologists want to know when and where. Email details and a photo (without handling the tortoise) to turtlesproject@azgfd.gov. “A tortoise in the road is simply trying to get to the other side, and the best thing anyone can do is to leave it in the wild,” Jones said.

More Information

There are two species of desert tortoise in Arizona — the threatened Mojave desert tortoise, found north and west of the Colorado River; and the Sonoran desert tortoise, which is protected by AZGFD.

Tortoise conservation in Arizona is supported by the Heritage Fund, a voter-passed initiative that began in 1990 to further wildlife conservation efforts in the state through Arizona Lottery ticket sales.

For additional monsoon safety information, visit the Arizona Emergency Information Network.



Now Accepting Entries For Wildlife Photo Contest

Julie Curtis’s winning photo of two Harris’s antelope squirrels was on the 2020 calendar cover.

Do you have a knack for capturing great photos of Arizona’s wildlife? Do you want to see your photo on the cover of Arizona Wildlife Views magazine? Then you won’t want to miss the Arizona Game and Fish Department’s annual wildlife photo contest.

This year we’re partnering with Arizona Highways to provide an easier way to submit photographs. Entries are being accepted from 9 a.m. Monday, June 8, until 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14.

One best in show and 11 winners will be showcased in the 2021 calendar, which is published in the November-December issue of Arizona Wildlife Views. Photos must be of wildlife species that are native to Arizona and taken in Arizona settings. The photos are evaluated on creativity, photographic quality, effectiveness in conveying the unique character of the subject, and whether or not submitted images meet the basic size and formatting requirements. Winners and honorable mentions will be announced in November.

Keep in mind that photographs are not eligible if they include people or man-made objects that are recognizable.

Want some tips and inspiration? Read the article in the May-June issue of Arizona Wildlife Views. It profiles last year’s winner, Julie Curtis, who took her winning photo of two Harris’s antelope squirrels out an open window to her front yard.

So get outdoors and get creative with different wildlife photography approaches. You never know what you’ll see in the backcountry, a city park, or even your own yard.

For more information, including the rules and a link to enter the contest, visit <https://www.arizonahighways.com/wildlife-photo-contest>. ■

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Endangered Wolf Center. Their donations made possible three early morning flights of pups from the Midwest to ensure IFT biologists had ample daylight to conduct operations.

“We are grateful to all those who contributed to the success of this year’s efforts, including the staff members at the captive facilities that provided pups and the organizations and individuals that provided flight support,” said Paul Greer, Mexican Wolf IFT Leader for Arizona Game and Fish.

Record Number

“Despite the many challenges this year has presented, staff from the captive facilities, LightHawk, and our state partners came through and placed a record number of captive-born pups into the wild,” said Brady McGee, Mexican Wolf Recovery Coordinator for the USFWS in Albuquerque, New Mexico. “The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service thanks these partners for their commitment to ensuring cross-fostering was a success in 2020.”

This is the first time the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has participated in the cross-fostering effort since rejoining the Mexican Wolf Recovery Program last year.

“The cooperation between the two state wildlife agencies was key given the challenges faced with the current pandemic,” said Stewart Liley, Chief of the Wildlife Division, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. “Working together allowed a very successful cross-fostering season and keeping pace with improving genetics in the wild.”

First In 2014

Since the first cross-foster of two pups in 2014, the IFT has documented a minimum of 10 cross-fostered wolves surviving to the end of the year and being recruited into the wild population. The IFT does not capture and collar every wolf pup that survives, so there are likely other cross-fostered wolves that have survived and are currently alive in the population that have not yet been documented.

The IFT will continue to monitor the packs through GPS and radio telemetry signals from collars placed on the wolves to avoid further disturbance. Later, through remote camera observations and efforts to capture the young of the year, the IFT plans to document survival of the cross-fostered pups.

2019 Census Showed 163

The end-of-year census for 2019 showed a minimum of 163 wild Mexican wolves in the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area (76 in Arizona and 87 in New Mexico), up from a minimum of 131 wolves counted at the end of 2018.

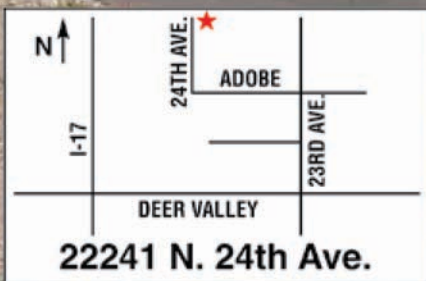
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It's a nice lake with fishing (license required), but it's at a lower elevation so it's more of a cool-weather place. The same man told us that you could get to within 100 yards of Steel Dam by taking the gasline road farther west down Route 66, but we couldn't find it. There is a hiking trail from Stone Dam to Steel Dam, but it was way too hot for us to try on this trip. Yet another thing to save for next time!

Back To Williams

We went back to Williams at this point, and visited Santa Fe Reservoir and City Reservoir before taking the Perkinsville Road (also named Coconino 73 and in Williams, 4th Street) south to visit Dogtown Lake, White Horse Lake, JD Dam, Sycamore Point, and Perkins Tank. I don't have space to tell you all about that – it will have to wait for next month, but I



Ash Fork Stone Dam is at a lower elevation and is in the junipers.

don't want to leave out Sycamore Point.

Sycamore Points

To get to Sycamore Point, take the Perkinsville Road to the White Horse Lake Road, pass by the turn to the lake and take the JD Dam road past the turn to the dam. The road becomes Sycamore Point Road. It's all dirt but it's a pretty good road. It's

about nine miles from the JD Dam turn to the end of the road, and it dead ends at Sycamore Point. Park in the loop, walk over to the edge, and you'll get the most amazing view of Sycamore Canyon.

You can walk around on the point in either direction and get even more amazing viewpoints. Red rocks, cliffs, the creek bed, hoodoos near the base of the cliff you're standing on – it's breath-taking. There are lots of hiking trails that will take you into Sycamore Canyon, but those are more of a cool-weather trip. Even the edge of the canyon at Sycamore Point is in junipers, not pines. But it is truly gorgeous and worth the drive.

Next Time

Next time I'll tell you all about the rest of our trip and the things we saw south of I-40. There are tons of things to do around Williams and some of the most beautiful country in Arizona is there. Please help keep it that way and obey fire restrictions and pick up your trash. Thanks! ■

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Crown King History

(An excerpt from Bruce M Wilson's "Crown King and the Southern Bradshaws: A Complete History")

The largest mine in the Bradshaws, and the one that gave its name to the local settlement was the Crowned King Mine. Years later, the name was shortened to its current form, Crown King. The first claim located in the Crown King group was the Buckeye, by Rod McKinnon on July 1, 1875.

O. F. Place had been developing his claims in the area of the future Crowned King Mine for some years, using contracted miners. He and a man named Moody were working the Buckeye claim in 1882 with six men. Local legend maintains that the first claim in the Crowned King group was discovered by a Walnut Grove schoolteacher named John L. Taylor who traded it to Place for a saddle (or saddle horse, depending on the version).

Place then gave Bradshaw City storekeeper, Noah Shekels, a half interest in the claim in payment for a debt at the store. In any case, the vein continued to show promise, and in June, 1887, Place was visited by an eastern capitalist, George P. Harrington. Harrington had originally come to Arizona to investigate placer claims on Lynx Creek for a brother of Governor N. Oakes Murphy and railroad tycoon Frank Murphy. He came back to Arizona that fall, and in November returned to his home in Edinburg, Illinois, after spending a month in the Bradshaws with Place.

He was said to have developed a very high opinion of the mines in the Bradshaws. Harrington, Place and Shekels went on to form the Crowned King Mining Company on the basis of the work



CROWN KING CABINS

that Place and Shekels had done on their claims. They began filing applications for patents on mining claims in the area of the Crowned King in late 1887. Articles of Incorporation for the Crowned King Mining Company were filed in January, 1888.

Carol and I stayed in one of the Crown King Cabins (Cottage By The Creek). What a delight to hear the wind in the pines and not the normal traffic and sound of the city. Do you remember stars in the sky? You can actually see them in Crown King.

The Crown King Experience

(From Crown King Cabins)

The Crown King Cabins, Suites, and Bunkhouse, (formerly Bradshaw Mountain Guest Ranch) is the vision of The Woodward and Paccioni Families. My father, the late Pastor Dan Woodward of the Chapel of the Crowned King, began venturing to Crown King in the early 1970's in our vintage jeep up the "back roads from Lake Pleasant" when the remains of the Orabelle and Tiger Mines were still evident. We were called "Jeepers".

My family loved the Southern Bradshaw's and the majestic pines so much they bought and built a cabin in the "Acres" and we upgraded to "Sloper's", (a term Crown King locals use to describe "Summer Cabin Owners"). We spent every weekend here and eventually my parents bought the Crown King General Store.

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Located just 55 minutes from Tempe Town Lake on beautiful Bartlett Lake in the heart of the Tonto National Forest, Bartlett Lake Marina's family atmosphere and beautiful surroundings makes it a wonderful location for your friends and family to enjoy an unforgettable Arizona day on the water.

2,815 ACRES OF FUN!

Bartlett Lake Marina has a boatable surface area of 2,815 acres - more than Canyon Lake and Saguaro Lake, combined. Fed by the pristine waters of the Verde River, Indians of this valley spoke descriptively in their legends of the river's "sweet waters."

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



BOAT RENTALS

Bartlett Lake Marina we are ideally located 17 miles northeast of Carefree and only one hour from Phoenix. Our marina offers a range of well equipped comfortable pontoon rental boats. All safety gear and full instruction are included. We welcome novices! You can trust our rental boats to keep you and your family safe while exploring the surrounding bays. We have a number of different pontoon boats for your party needs. We also offer a variety of packages from full day rentals, and weekend rental packages.



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