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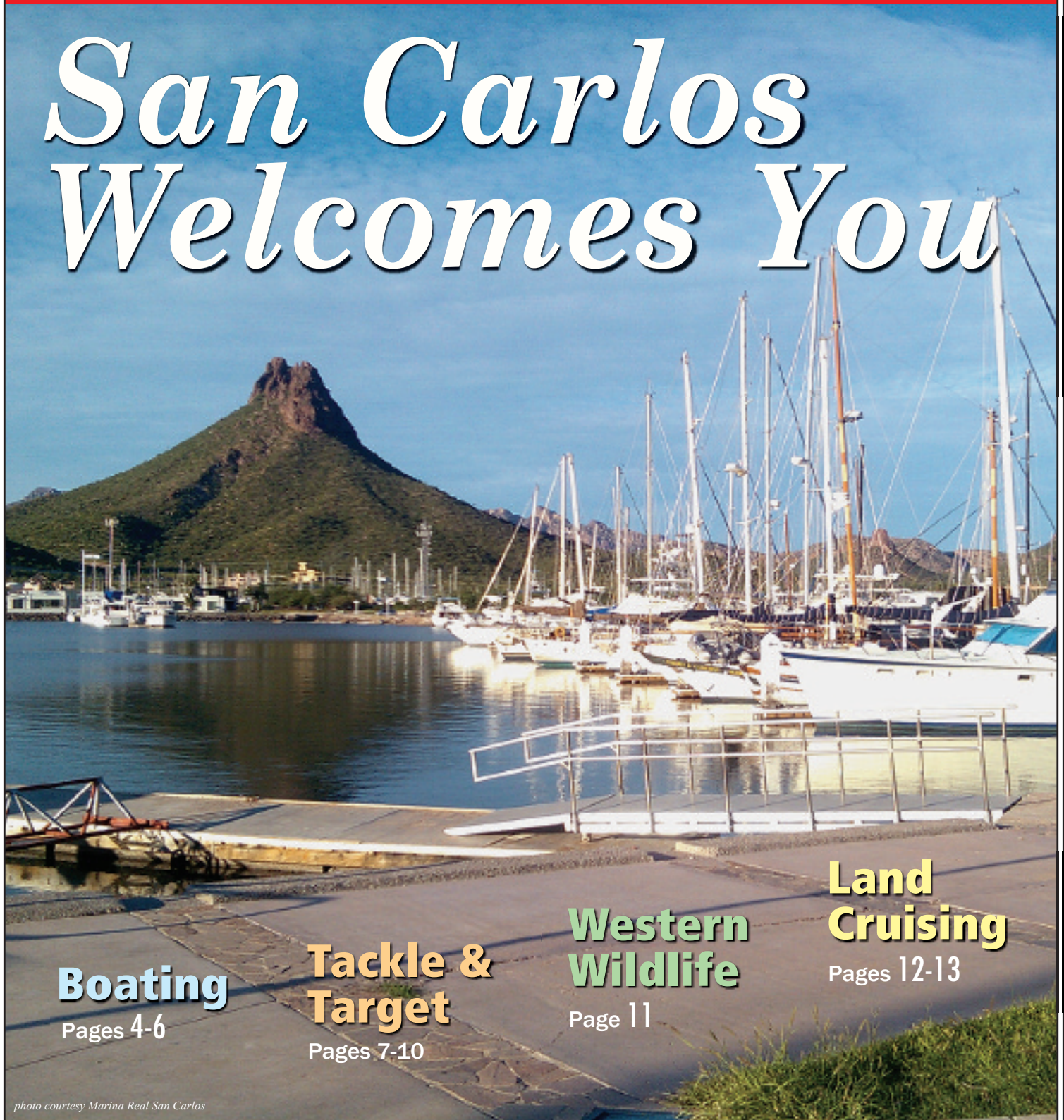


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As Summer Sets, Autumn Activities Begin San Carlos, Sonora, Is Calling Again!

BY FRANK JACKSON
PARADISE SANDS & SONORA BAY ESTATES
SAN CARLOS, SONORA, MEXICO

As the season turns from summer to fall and on into winter with Mexico beginning to look better and better on the weather map, imagine actually being here and getting/having to live it. Cooler (low 80s) morning temperatures and mild (high 80s) daytime temperatures bring the “Gringos” and Canadians in their RVs and vehicles packed for the winter. Milder temperatures also signify good fishing, although at the end of the game fish season, the “good eating” fish flourish during this time!



As we wander down to the marina in the early morning dawn, we notice the water is as flat as a lake, not even a ripple until those little flying fish hurl themselves up in mid-

air and soar as far as they can till they dip back down in the salty sea. Pelicans and seagulls watch our every move as we ready our gear, load in beverages and snacks and set out to claim what they wish for each day — fresh fish!

The ocean is as blue as the sky that has only a few cloud dots in the distance; the fresh ocean breeze brushes my face with a hint of coolness. The mountains are glistening with the reflection of the sun and the desert is alive with color and beauty. Once in our launch, we look about and join others venturing out into the channel to find the sol-



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ON THE COVER

This ‘Paradise’ Is All About The Water

Cabo San Lucas, Cancun, and Acapulco need no introduction as Mexican destinations as they are well-known and traveled by foreigners. The slice of paradise south of the border called San Carlos in the State of Sonora is slightly off the beaten tourism path compared to those aforementioned.

Once you find it, you will understand why San Carlos has taken the road less traveled and catered to foreigners as part-time or full-time residents rather than going after the “weekend warrior” crowd.

Beautiful land/seascape, perfect weather, great food and relaxation are keys to creating our signature “lifestyle” but here it is all about the water. There are over 6,000 watercraft — from small sailboats to minimegayachts — pleasure boating, whale/dolphin watching and, of course, awesome fishing that rules the day.

— Frank Jackson, Paradise Sands, San Carlos, Sonora, Mexico

For Paddlers, It’s High Season For Safety

It may be sunny outside with blue skies above, but waters are deceptively cold and unforgiving in the fall. For paddlers with just a few inches of freeboard to spare, getting wet this time of year can have serious consequences, so the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water has these seven tips for fall paddlecraft safety.

Know How To Re-Board

All paddlecraft are different, so before you hit a lonely, remote stretch of river or lake or bay, learn (in a safe place) how to get back in the boat quickly and efficiently as hyperthermia is a threat that increases by the minute.

Some paddlers add extra flotation inside the boat as it can help reboarding. (Tip: this can be accomplished simply by inflating a



HEADS UP FOR KAYAKERS — Even as summer sets and temperatures seem warm, that can change quickly. Dressed warmly and ready for any foul weather, these paddlers are prepared for a safe day on the water.

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On Sand And Water: It’s All Here At Lake Havasu City



THE LATEST AND GREATEST — The 2014 Sand-Water-RV Expo intends to capture the spirit and passion of these complementary markets, providing motivated consumers the opportunity to browse, compare and shop for the latest and greatest in off-road vehicles, trucks, sand rails, ATVs, UTVs, 4x4s, buggies, motorcycles, electric vehicles, RVs, toy haulers, travel trailers, boats and all related accessory products and services.

Welcome to the 3rd Annual Sand-Water-RV Expo in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., a mecca for outdoor enthusiasts of off-roading, RVing and boating.

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Additional special attractions include the following:

Saturday — “Free-For-All” Chili Cook-off with an individual cook category and a restaurant/bar category. Entry fee is \$40 per team (only \$35 if you pre-enter). You cook on-site 9 a.m.-12 p.m., and then serve to the public. Tasting kits are available to the public. There is fantastic prize money for the winners.

Saturday — FAB 40 Classic Hot Boat Show & Shine featuring beautifully restored vintage speedboats from the ‘50s, ‘60s and ‘70s.

Sunday — FAB 50 Motorcycle Show & Shine displaying some of Havasu’s most customized motorcycles and three-wheelers.

Saturday and Sunday — 3rd Annual Lake Havasu Paddlefest fea-

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Tackle & Target

Considering A Concealed-Carry Permit?



It’s important to take a CCW course if you plan to carry a concealed weapon/**Page 10**

Land Cruising

Spend An Evening Under The Stars

Just in time for Halloween, come to Lake Pleasant’s Desert Outdoor Center Oct. 25 for a “spooky” star-gazing event/**Page 12**



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DOWNSTREAM Events Calendar Beginning Mid Oct.



Halloween: Oct. 31

BOATING

PARKER: Nov. 9 — BWRC Another Dam Race - Stand Up Paddle Board Race - <http://parkeraz.org>

TEMPE: Oct. 30 — Halloween Paddle - Tempe Town Lake Marina, enjoy an evening out on the water paddling, as well as spine-chilling stories told by a professional story teller, no experience is necessary (youth ages 10-17 must be accompanied by an adult), costumes are welcomed and encouraged, pre-register, \$15-30, 6-8 pm, <http://www.tempe.gov/boating>

PARKER: Oct. 25 — 10th Annual Blue Water Resort & Casino 336 Enduro - BlueWater Resort, speed boat race, fifty six-mile laps will test the mettle and will power of the racers and their equipment, modeled after the original 1964 Parker Enduro, 10 am, 928-669-6511 or 310-318-4012 or <http://www.bluewaterfun.com> or <http://www.enduro300.com>

LAKE HAVASU CITY: Nov. 1-2 — 3rd Annual Sand and Water Expo - Lake Havasu State Park, browse, compare and shop for the latest and greatest in off-road vehicles, trucks, sand rails, ATVs, UTVs, 4 x 4s, buggies, motorcycles, electric vehicles, RVs, toy haulers, travel trailers, boats and related accessory products and services, food, and beer, \$3, children 6 & under free, Sat. 9 am - 6 pm, Sun 9 am - 3 pm, <http://sandandwaterexpo.com> or <http://www.golakehavasu.com/events/details/763/3rd-annual-sand-and-water-expo/>

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

FLAGSTAFF: Oct. 22-23 — Orionid Meteor Shower - Lowell Observatory, a fun and educational meteor shower night, learn about the origins of meteor showers, learn how to differentiate between meteorites, and participate in many science-based, exciting hands-on activities, observe breathtaking objects through telescopes and enjoy multimedia programs, 7 pm, <http://www.lowell.edu>

KITT PEAK: Oct. 22 — Meteor Mania-Orionids - view a meteor shower under pristine dark skies of Kitt Peak, see one of nature's most spectacular cosmic shows, learn about meteors, comets, meteor showers, touch an actual piece of an asteroid, a steady, reliable shower, with a respectable Zenith Hourly Rate (ZHR), these come

from Halley's Comet, but from the more recent past than the Eta Aquarids, pre-register, \$25-45, 10 pm - 3 am, 520-318-8726 or <http://www.noao.edu/outreach/kpvc/classes.html>

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

COMMUNITY & SEASONAL

PHOENIX: Nov. 1-2 — 12th Annual Dia de los Muertos Celebration - Desert Botanical Garden, this colorful tradition celebrated throughout the American Southwest, Latin America and Mexico, honors and celebrates departed loved ones in a festival setting, \$8-18, 10 am - 5 pm, 480-941-1225 or <http://www.dbg.org>



In Memory of Lisa Brookes-Haw's Birthday: Oct. 31, 1964

TEMPE: Oct. 31 — ASU Student & Faculty Halloween Spooktacular - Katzin Concert Hall, musicians from the ASU School of Music present spooky favorites - wear your costume and come join the fun, free, 7:30 pm, <http://herbergerinstitute.asu.edu/>

TEMPE: Oct. 25 — 37th Annual Family Halloween Carnival - Kiwanis Community Park, ghoulish goodies for the goblins, entertainment, costume contest, carnival games, food, free, .25 carnival tickets, 5:30-9 pm, 480-350-5185 or <http://www.tempe.gov/>

PHOENIX: Oct. 24-Nov. 2 — *Ofrenda* Exhibition - Phoenix Botanical Garden, *Ofrenda*, or Offering, part of the traditional Mexican celebration of Dia de los Muertos, a spot is selected to put photographs, flowers, decorations, lit candles and favorite food of those who have passed, preparing an altar of offerings to the dead helps transform grief into acceptance, view original *Ofrenda* installations by local AZ artists that have been created specifically for this exhibition, <http://www.dbg.org/>

PHOENIX: Oct. 23-26 — 13th Annual Great Pumpkin Festival - Desert Botanical Garden, one of the Valley's favorite places to find that special pumpkin, take an authentic hayride out to the Garden's pumpkin patch, where each day children 12 and under can choose their own free pumpkin, \$6-15, Th-Fri 8:30 am - noon, Sat-Sun 8:30 am - 3 pm, 480-941-1225 or <http://www.dbg.org>

HOMELESS PROGRAM NEEDS: Ongoing — new underwear, socks, sun screen, razors, feminine hygiene products,

hats and backpacks; e-mail I-Help for more details: ihelp@tempeaction.org.

FISHING

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

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

HUNTING/SHOOTING/ARCHERY

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

Diving:

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

Swimming:

TEMPE: Nov. 16 — Ford Ironman Arizona - Tempe Beach Park, features a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike and a complete marathon 26.2 miles in succession, 888-280-9097 or <http://www.ironmanarizona.com>

TEMPE: Nov. 8 — Ironcare Splash & Dash + Swim Only - Race 3 - Tempe Town Lake, presented by Triple Sports, splash 1000m or 2000m/dash 5km; swim only 1000m or 2000m, enjoy an evening of fun and racing with your friends, a unique event with a relaxed atmosphere that is suitable for all levels of athlete, whether fine tuning for that big race or getting your feet wet at your first multisport event, 7:30 am, <http://www.4peaksracing.com/>

TUCSON: Oct. 19 — Holualoa Tinfoilman Triathlon - final race of the series, 825 yd pool swim, 12 mi bike, 3 mi run through UA campus, a USA Triathlon sanctioned event, \$60, 6:30 am, 520-670-0223 or <http://www.tritucson.com>

TEMPE: Oct. 19 — 12th Annual SOMA Half Iron Man Arizona - Tempe Town Lake, swim 1.2 miles, bike 56 miles, run 13.1 miles, awards, medals, aid stations, relays, 6:30 am, 480-226-4729 or <http://redrockco.com/>

HITS TRIATHLON & FITNESS FESTIVAL: Nov. 7-9 — A triathlon race series designed for seasoned triathletes as well as novices - 'A Distance for Everyone' assures a challenging course geared towards each person's individual goals. Five distances in one weekend - choose the one that's right for you. Swim/Bike/Run; London Bridge Beach Park; Mark Wilson; 845-246-8833; info@hitstriathlonseries.com; www.hitstriathlonseries.com

WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

LOST OUR HOME PET FOUNDATION: Ongoing — Rescues, foster, has adoptions for dogs and cats whose owners have had to leave them behind: www.LostOurHome.org, (602) 445-7387; info@LostOurHome.org. Volunteers and adopting "parents" needed.

PHOENIX: Through Nov. 23 — Mariposa Monarca-Monarch Butterfly Exhibit - Desert Botanical Garden, features hundreds of live monarch butterflies in a beautiful and lush habitat, guests can view these delicate creatures in the Marshall Butterfly Pavilion, a 2,400-square-foot walk-through butterfly pavilion where visitors learn about the magical metamorphosis of the monarch life cycle, 480-941-1225 or <http://www.dbg.org>

Editor's Note: Please submit announcements for AZBW/WOT's calendar of events — "Downstream" — to editor@azbw.com. To guarantee placement, as room allows, items must be received by the 8th 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.



Veteran's Day: Nov. 27



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Update your boating safety knowledge

Five Reasons why Fall is a great time for boating in Arizona:

- 5 It's cool enough that you can sit on your vinyl boat seat without getting burned.
- 4 With fewer boaters on the water, there's more room for you!
- 3 Monsoon rains have raised water levels (OK, maybe just a little).
- 2 Sunshine and warm days keep the water temperatures great for swimming and skiing.
- 1 Your boat's been FUN all summer...why stop now?

Enjoy Your Boat This Fall, Arizona!

Be a Better Boater: Take a Boating Safety Education Class.

October 2014				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Coast Guard Auxiliary	October 18 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Cabela's 9380 W. Glendale Ave. Glendale	\$25	(623) 293-1637
Coast Guard Auxiliary	October 18 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Rd. Mesa	\$30	(623) 293-1637

November 2014				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	November 8 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 E. Boradway Rd. Tempe	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary	November 15 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Cabela's 9380 W. Glendale Ave. Glendale	\$25	(623) 293-1637
Coast Guard Auxiliary	November 15 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Rd. Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076

Remember to "Clean, Drain and Dry." It's the Law.

Together, we're working to stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species because boaters like you are the first line of defense!

CLEAN YOUR BOAT by wiping down all surfaces to remove water and microscopic hitchhikers.

PULL THE PLUG AND DRAIN all water from your boat. Make sure to drain the bilge and live well, and pump out the ballast tank. Leave the plug OUT when you drive home.

DRY YOUR BOAT and keep it out of other lakes for at least five days. Drying your boat thoroughly is the best way to prevent the spread of quagga mussels and other invasive species.



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

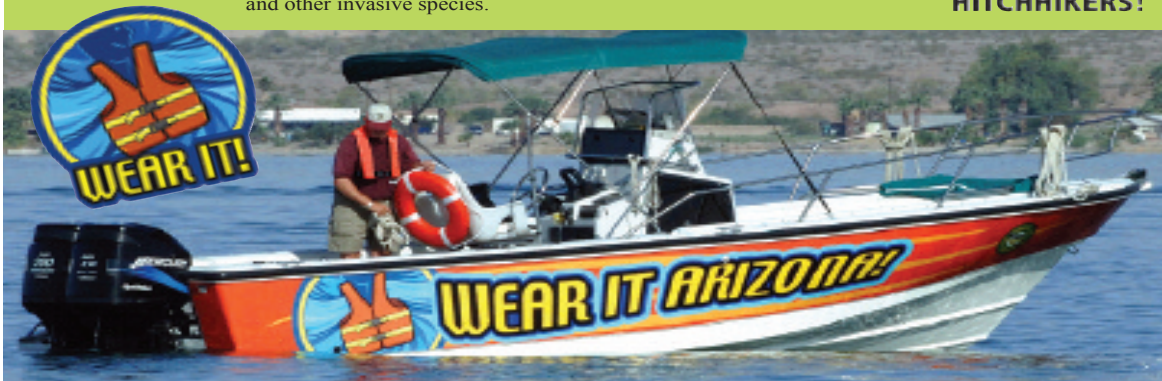
Renew Your Watercraft Registration Online!

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

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Boating



US Sailing Accepting Nominations For Rolex Awards



HONOR ROLL — Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year Jody Starck with (from left) US Sailing President Tom Hubbell; Justin Hogbin, Rolex Watch U.S.A.'s Vice-President, Communications; Rolex Yachtsman of the Year Brian Porter; and Peter Nicholson, Rolex Watch U.S.A.'s Senior Advisor, Communications (Photo Credit Rolex/Tom O'Neal) - US Sailing's Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year Awards Ceremony © Rolex/Tom O'Neal

US Sailing has announced that it is now accepting nominations for its **2014 Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year Awards**, widely acknowledged as the foremost individual sailing honors in the nation.

Through Nov. 30, each member of US Sailing may nominate the one male and one female sailor they believe has turned in the most outstanding on-the-water performance during the 2014 calendar year. Nominations can be made online through US Sailing's Web site at rolex.ussailing.org.

Established in 1961 by US Sailing and sponsored by Rolex Watch, U.S.A. since 1980, the annual presentation of US Sailing's Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year awards recognize the individual male and female U.S. sailor who has demonstrated on-the-water excellence at international and/or national events to earn their place in the history of the sport.

For the 2013 competitive season, Sperry-Top Sider Melges 24 World Champion Brian Porter (Fontana, Wis.) and

Lightning Atlantic Coast Champion Jody Starck (Amherst, N.Y.) were awarded the prestigious distinction.

For Stark, it was the third time she had earned the honor; Porter, a first-time winner, joins 73 previous recipients, including those who have earned the honor multiple times: Ed Adams, Betsy Alison, Sally Barkow, Dennis Conner, JJ Fetter (Isler), Allison Jolly, John Kostecki, Buddy Melges, Ken Read, Cory Sertl, Lynne Shore, Anna Tunnicliffe and Ted Turner.

At the conclusion of the nomination period, a shortlist of nominees will be presented to a panel of accomplished sailing journalists who discuss the merits of each and vote by secret ballot to determine the individual award winners.

The winners will be honored on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, during a luncheon at New York Yacht Club in Manhattan, when they will be presented with specially engraved Rolex timepieces.

Who is your choice for US Sailing's

2014 Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year? Submit your nomination at rolex.ussailing.org.

About US Sailing

The United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), the national governing body for sailing, provides leadership, integrity, and growth for the sport in the United States. Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, US Sailing is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization.

US Sailing offers training and education programs for instructors and race officials, supports a wide range of sailing organizations and communities, issues offshore rating certificates, and provides administration and oversight of competitive sailing across the country, including National Championships and the US Sailing Team Sperry Top-Sider. For more information, please visit www.ussailing.org.

Ten Thousand Bucks Available For Best Safe And Clean Boating-Outreach Projects

Like the name implies, the goal of the boater-funded BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is to educate boaters about **safe and clean boating**. The Foundation is looking to fund Grassroots Grant projects that utilize new, innovative approaches that encourage safe and clean boating among the boating public.

Organizations with the best ideas will be awarded grants of up to \$10,000 to implement their project. However, applications need to be submitted by Jan. 15,

2015, and public online voting on the applications will take place in early spring 2015.

The Foundation's Grassroots Grants Program has funded over \$1.3 million in boating safety and clean water projects over the past 25 years. "The program is still for small local groups, organizations and non-profits, but we're getting away from awarding funds for items like signs, brochures, or boat show giveaway items," said BoatUS Foundation Outreach Man-



MAKING A DIFFERENCE — Residents team up to make a difference at a cleanup event organized by the One Million Stewards Program at White Bear Lake, Minn. The program is offered by Recycled Fish, a former BoatUS Foundation Grassroots Grant winner.

ager Alanna Keating.

"Now, we're looking to tap into the many exciting interactive and innovative ways to encourage behavior changes, including social media, the Web or unique hands-on activities."

Groups wishing to apply for one or more Grassroots Grants may go to www.BoatUS.org/grants to view the guidelines and begin their application. Grant application submissions may in-

clude videos, photos or graphics or anything to potentially help increase the chances of funding.

The applications that best meet guidelines will be posted to the Foundation's Web site, BoatUS.org, as well as its Facebook page for public voting in the spring. Projects with the most votes will receive funding and will have one year to com-

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CAPTAINS CORNER

Coast Guard Members Value 'Fellowship' Times

BY CAPT. DAVE ESPARZA

In the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary we have a cornerstone activity called "Fellowship." Fellowship is when we all get together, relax and have a good time doing non-Coast Guard missions.

This past weekend we had our Inland Rendezvous in Laughlin, Nev. We had a great time riding PWCs on the Colorado River, a Friday night hospitality suite, a tour of Oatman, Ariz. with a historical poker run, talking to old friends, and we finished the weekend with a great banquet dinner at the Colorado Belle.

We work very hard as volunteers in many different fields; this is our way of

relaxing, kicking back and enjoying each others' company.

We have another fellowship event coming up in a few weeks which is the Cactus Coast Guard League fall brunch. This is one great feed for \$15.00 — all you can eat brunch at the Oakwood CC, 24218 S Oakwood Blvd., Sun Lakes Ariz. This brunch is open to anyone who is in the Coast Guard, has been in the Coast Guard, associated with the Coast Guard, or wants to be in the Coast Guard.

For more information go to www.tucsoncoastguardcommunity.org. Hope to see you there (just don't stand in front of me in line).



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Life Jacket Type Code Labels Go Away: Clarification

Dear Editor:

A **press release** issued Sept. 30, 2014, "Life Jacket Type Code Labels Goes Away" discusses the US Coast Guard's recent move to eliminate on Oct. 22 the familiar Type I-V code labeling requirements for recreational boat life jackets.

Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) supports this move. We would like to provide some clarification and additional information to our original release:

Type coding is being removed as a USCG requirement as of October 22nd. However, manufacturers will continue to use Type I-V coding until newer labels are designed and approved, and new standards are adopted.

Removing type coding is simply the first step in a multi-year process, which includes designing new labels and develop-

ing new, 'harmonized' standards. Once that is accomplished, manufacturers will then be able to get jackets approved under the new standards. It's at that point that we'll see life jackets without the current type coding on their labels.

Our friends in the life jacket manufacturing community further advise that 2017 is likely the earliest they could potentially see any new life jacket standards on production lines.

Current life jackets that have Type I-V coding on their labels will be legal to sell and wear for the useful life of the jacket.

The original press release is at: BoatUS.com/lifejackettypecode

Thank you,

D. Scott Croft

Vice President Public Affairs
Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS)k



Boating

At Lake Pleasant It's 'Living the Life!'

Pleasant Harbor is open to the public 365 days a year.

Forty-five minutes from Phoenix, Pleasant Harbor, located on the southeastern shores of Lake Pleasant, serves as a one-stop recreation spot for lakeside fun for Phoenix-area residents.

And for many Phoenicians, it's also the closest opportunity to escape city life and be at a lake in just minutes. Pleasant Harbor is open to the public 365 days a year and features a lakeside restaurant, boat, sailing and Jet Ski rentals, kayak and paddle boards, fishing guides, slip rentals and storage, as well as a full service RV resort with 254 spaces, featuring a clubhouse, store, heated pool and Jacuzzi.

"There is no shortage of fun at Pleasant Harbor," said Glen Vortherms, general manager of Maricopa Water District (MWD), owner and operator of Pleasant Harbor. "With our close proximity to Phoenix, and seven-day-a-week public access, we are one of the hidden gems of the Valley."

New: Cruise Ship

New to Lake Pleasant this year is *The Phoenix*, a 150-person cruise ship. Leaving from the shores of Pleasant Harbor each day, *The Phoenix* offers a 1-1/2 hour scenic cruise, narration of the lake's history and wildlife. Before or after the mid-day cruise, many visitors enjoy a meal at the Waterfront Bar and Grille, including dining at the water's edge.

For more active visitors, fly boarding, Jet Ski's, kayaks, paddle boarding and boat rentals are all available. Fly boarding, one of the hottest new extreme watersports, allows lake visitors the opportunity to propel up to 50 feet off the water with the assistance of horse power, a fire hose and infused water propulsion.

Located Nearby

From the Phoenix area, Pleasant Harbor is the closest destination and entrance to Lake Pleasant, conveniently located off Carefree Highway and 87th Avenue (8708 W. Harbor Boulevard, Peoria, AZ 85383). Visitors exiting I-17, travel west on Carefree Highway, or take North 99th Avenue/North Lake Pleasant Parkway from Bell Road to Carefree Highway and then west to 87th Avenue and then onto Harbor Boulevard. Pleasant Harbor admission fee is \$6.00 per vehicle.

"We have the best spot on the lake with the most amenities to offer," said Chad Case, Pleasant Harbor Marina manager. "Whether its boat rentals, kayaks, paddleboards, boat cruise or lakeside dining, we've got it all."

For more information about the Pleasant Harbor, please call 928-501-LAKE (5253) or visit www.pleasantharbor.com.

More Information On These Sites

Pleasant Harbor:
www.pleasantharbor.com

Lake Pleasant Cruises:
www.lakepleasantcruises.com

Go Paddle AZ
www.gopaddleaz.com

Pleasant Harbor Boat Rentals
<http://boats4rent.com/lake-pleasant/>
Go Sail AZ
www.gosailaz.com

The Hook Up Outfitters
www.TheHookUpOutfitters.com



PLEASANT AMENITIES — Pleasant Harbor is open to the public 365 days a year and features a lakeside restaurant, boat, sailing and Jet Ski rentals, kayak and paddle boards, fishing guides, slip rentals and storage, as well as a full service RV resort with 254 spaces, featuring a clubhouse, store, heated pool and Jacuzzi.

Pleasant Harbor Summary

Pleasant Harbor is located on the southeastern shores of Lake Pleasant, conveniently adjacent to the metropolitan Phoenix area and open to the public 365 days a year. The full-service marina, features a lakeside restaurant open seven days a week, boat and slip rentals, as well as Jet Ski, kayak, paddle boat, sail boat rentals.

As well, *The Phoenix*, a 150 passenger boat cruise departs daily, touring majestic Lake Pleasant. Pleasant Harbor is also home to an RV Resort with 254 sites with a variety of amenities including club house, pool and Jacuzzi, bocce ball, basketball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, laundry

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HAUNTED TALES
on the Star of India

SPOOKY TALES
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Boating

Boater's Ten Safe And Clean Refueling Tips

Unlike an automobile, recreational boats have special safety needs when it comes to **refueling**. Stern drive or inboard powered boats have closed engine compartments where volatile gasoline vapors don't easily dissipate, and older gasoline-powered boats are the riskiest to refuel as their brittle fuel hoses can crack, leaving gas in the bilge after a fill-up.

Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has these ten tips to ensure a non-eventful refueling:

Disembark: As soon as you're safely tied up to the fuel dock, everyone should

hop off the boat.

Turn off everything: Shut down all engines, electric motors and galley stoves and turn off the battery at the main switch.

Button her up: Close all compartments, cabin doors, ports, windows and hatches.

Don't smoke: Ensure all smoking materials are fully extinguished – and don't leave a stogie smoldering up on the bridge.

No static: Keep the fuel nozzle in contact with the fuel deck fill to prevent static sparks (and don't confuse the fuel fill with



UPLIFTING – Fly boarding, one of the hottest new extreme watersports, allows lake visitors the opportunity to propel up to 50 feet off the water with the assistance of horse power, a fire hose and infused water propulsion.

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facilities, showers, convenience store and picnic grounds.

For more information about Pleasant Harbor RV Resort and Marina, visit www.pleasantharbor.com or call 1-928-501-LAKE (5253).

Maricopa Water District (MWD)

MWD, owner and operator of Pleasant Harbor Marina and RV Resort, was formally organized in 1925, as Maricopa

County Municipal Water Conservation District Number One (MWD).

Maricopa Water District (MWD) controls more than 150,000 acre feet of water storage at Lake Pleasant, managing more than 100 miles of lateral pipelines, while providing water to a 60-square-mile service area, including citrus trees, flowers, vegetables, farms and golf courses.

Additionally, MWD is the owner of Pleasant Harbor Marina and RV Resort, sitting on 225 acres of pristine desert along the banks of Lake Pleasant.



FUELING FIRE – This boat caught fire shortly after refueling. Don't let this happen to you. It does not have to if you follow at least 10 safety tips at the fuel dock.

a rod holder, water tank or holding tank fill, which happens more often than you think). Stay with your boat, and don't use the "hands-free" clip. Portable tanks should be removed and placed on the fuel dock before filling.

Don't overfill: To prevent fuel from spewing from the fuel tank vent, don't fill the tank to the very top – try to know how much fuel you need, and keep an absorbent pad handy. A tank that is overfilled can allow fuel to blowback or expand and be forced out of the tank vent as temperatures rise or seas kick up.

Clean up: Replace the tank cap, open all hatches and doors, wipe up any spills and dispose of any fuel soaked absorbents properly — hanging them on a rail to allow the gasoline to evaporate may seem

like a good idea — until a guest decides to smoke.

Use the blower: Operate the bilge blower (if equipped) for at least four minutes.

Sniff test: Smell the bilge and engine compartment before starting the engine. Note that a bilge blower won't remove vapors from spilled gasoline, so use your nose first before you turn the key.

Investigate any issues: If the engine won't start right up after refueling, stop cranking and investigate. In most cases of refueling-related accidents, the operator tried multiple times to start the engine before an explosion occurred.

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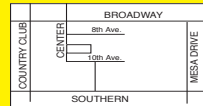
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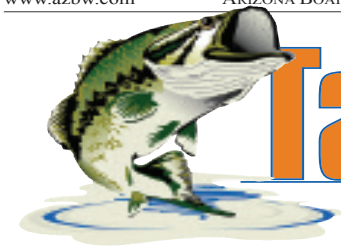
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AZGFD REPORT

Fall Ensures Fishing Fun

Tip Of The Week

Fishing for largemouth bass is excellent at Bartlett Lake. Crankbaits are hot, and here's a tried-and-true bass-snatcher: the Rapala Shad Rap.

Get a 3-inch version. Then tie it to 8-pound test line, fish islands, points and rocky shorelines, and if conditions are favorable, anglers could have a good shot at some bass strikes.

Have fun!

The Reel Deal

In the desert impoundments, predatory fish have become more active. Crankbaits and buzzbaits and jigs are drawing increasingly more largemouth bass strikes. But, when there is a full moon (as there was on Oct. 8), using submersible lights to attract the plankton-shad-bass food-chain links is not as viable — for now. Another possibility is that the best fishing could be at first and last light, which isn't all that abnormal.

Regardless, this weather makes it pretty nice to be outside. Grab a final slice of summer, or the first nibble of fall, and take advantage of one of many fishing options. This is the time for flathead catfish.

At Bartlett Lake, in particular, they're roaming the waters looking for meals to add some winter fat. It's that time!

Our winter trout stocking program is slowly but surely ramping up! See the schedule. In early October, Fain and Lynn lakes in the Prescott area were stocked, and following that, Goldwater Lake got a load of rainbows.

After you catch some rainbows at one of these lakes, be sure to visit the Sharlot Hall Museum just a block away from the Prescott Town Square (<http://sharlot.org/>). It's really an interesting place the whole family will enjoy. There is even an old one-room school house from the Territorial Days of Arizona's colorful past.



Sharlot Hall Museum/Schoolhouse

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.

Catch A License

Good luck fishing, and remember that buying a license online helps conserve wildlife and outdoor recreation opportunities for current and future generations. Help yourself and your future loved ones.

Angler Reports

Willow Springs Lake

Shane V.: Saturday, Oct. 4 — Fishing from shore was hit and miss. Seems yellow/green PowerBait was the ticket. Got the boat out about 1 p.m. [We're trolling] where the main part of the lake enters the two arms and we're catching pretty regular up until around 5 p.m.

While trolling, we caught fish on all of the following: bright green rooster tails, dark green and silver rooster tails, trout

nic basket — take the family to the park to make some memories!

New Stocking Schedule

We've overhauled our stocking schedule so that anglers can see all CFP waters at a glance. If you go to the Department's website (www.azgfd.gov) and download the PDF version of the schedule, you can click on any CFP water and a map will be displayed to help you find all of our stocked waters. Good luck fishing!

Water Ranch Lake To Become Special Regulation Water

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The regulations take effect Jan. 1, and single barbless hooks will be required. Fish stockings will remain the same through December, and then revert to once-per-month. Also Jan. 1, daily bag



Silverbell Lake, Tucson

pattern rooster tails, yellow and red panther martins, [and] rainbow trout pattern floating Rapalas.

Crescent Lake/Big Lake

Ann M.: I took my family to the White Mountains; we fished four days at Crescent Lake and a couple days at Big Lake. My wife caught this 20-inch rainbow trout on Oct. 1 at Big Lake. A friend we fished with also caught an 18-inch rainbow trout the same day. Overall, the fishing was slow. They were both caught using mice



Crescent Lake/Big Lake

tails fished off bottom.

Rose Canyon Lake, Tucson

Mary S.: My son, daughter, and I went fishing at Rose Canyon Lake yesterday. It is not closed yet, as reported in your newsletter. I talked with the forest ranger. It closes on Oct. 26. We ended up catching five fish, but we saw others catching much more. Considering it was stocked last week, we were not surprised. It was a beautiful day there yesterday. Couldn't have asked for better!

Silverbell Lake, Tucson

Jared H.: Spent Saturday and Sunday



First Of Fall Colors

morning (Oct. 4-5) at Silverbell Lake in Tucson. The stocked cats were biting both mornings, especially Saturday. All four fish caught Saturday were pushing, or more than, 2 pounds. Sunday was the kicker with a 24-inch channel cat. It was most likely more than 5 pounds and was a big surprise — so much fun to fight and land ... Really appreciate the urban stocking system.

Kevin G.: We used worms and light tackle for bluegill. My technique is to be patient, but sometimes I'm not. We go around to weed beds where fish are, but mostly near the stocking-fish gate.

Canyon Lake

I took the family fishing on Oct. 7 at Canyon Lake. I was lucky enough to land a 20-inch bass.

Kinnikinick Lake

Jeff G.: Just wanted to share our experience from Kinnikinick Lake yesterday. My fishing buddy Joe and I had never been to Kinnikinick nor had we ever caught brown trout before. Fishing mainly lures, we managed to land seven browns and three rainbows and we were off the water by 2:30 p.m.

One of the browns was just under 3 pounds. We hooked up with many other fish but the browns proved to be tricky to land as we lost several inches from the shore. The lure of choice was a green rooster tail. All but two of the fish we wrangled took the green rooster tail with a welcome aggressiveness.

Your Reports Welcome

Send your fishing reports and photos to Bfishing@AZGFD.gov.

Community Fishing Program Stockings Resume

FROM AZGFD

The Community Fishing Program resumed stocking catfish in the core waters in mid-September. Two trucks serviced the Phoenix and Tucson areas from two separate ponds in Arkansas. Unfortunately, one of those ponds had weaker-than-normal fish, and following the stocking, we had reports of mortalities from almost all of the Phoenix-area waters at various levels.

Rest assured we're working with our municipal partners to remove the dead fish and get them replaced as we continue October catfish stockings.

Kiwanis Lake in Tempe and Lakeside Lake in Tucson were not stocked due to poor water quality conditions. Stockings will resume at both locations when water quality returns to acceptable levels.

Trout Stocking To Resume In The Green Valley Lakes

Rainbow trout were being returned to Payson's Green Valley lakes through Oct. 19. Grab the fishing poles and pack a pic-

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limits for catfish and trout will be reduced to two each. All bass and sunfish will need to be immediately released unharmed.

Granada Ponds, McKellips Pond Removed; Freestone Pond Added

Two CFP waters have been officially withdrawn from the CFP and will not be stocked anymore: Granada Ponds in Phoenix and McKellips Pond in Scottsdale. Freestone Pond in Gilbert will be added to the program, and we're working to get Friendship Park in Avondale added to the program later this autumn.

Freestone Pond in Gilbert received the first catfish in early October.

Turn In Poachers!

You may notice some additional Law Enforcement Officers at CFP waters as



we're working to improve compliance at CFP waters. Please help us by reporting known or suspected violations.

Although the Department may not be able to send an officer to each reported violation, simply reporting the incident to the Department helps establish where and when we have poaching problems. Every call is logged into a database and will be used to direct enforcement activities on your Community Fishing waters.

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Willow Beach

Northern Colorado River To Receive Trout

FROM AZGFD

BULLHEAD CITY, Ariz. — Trout stocking south of Davis Dam has been on hiatus for nearly a year, but that changed on Oct. 1.

Trout from Arizona Game and Fish hatcheries, and raised by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery, comprised the first stocking south of Davis Dam since late 2013.

Great News

"This is great news and a fantastic opportunity for anglers on the Colorado River," said Matt Chmiel, the Fisheries Program manager for the Game and Fish Region 3 office in Kingman. "While fishing in the area has remained strong, trout have been recognizably absent for nearly a year."

On Nov. 21, 2013, the Willow Beach hatchery conducted an emergency stocking of 11,000 rainbow trout when the low lake level made it impossible to draw in water due to a damaged lower-level pipeline. This fact, along with additional federal budget cuts, resulted in the closing of the sport fish part of the hatchery.

In early 2014, Game and Fish provided the national hatchery with 22,000 sub-catchable rainbow trout to raise to a catchable size while lake levels were high enough for the one functioning pipeline to draw in water.

The Time Has Come

"However, the lake level will soon be dropping and the time has come to stock the fish," Chmiel said. "The timing is critical. All 22,000 fish must enter the river before water levels drop below the intake valve."

Chmiel explained stockings will continue for several weeks in October at Rotary Park and Davis Camp.

"But there's no need to focus on just those two locations," he said. "Trout disperse quickly and many areas along that stretch of the river will work."

For rainbow trout, Chmiel said small spinners and PowerBait are often effective, although marshmallows can work.

Great Relaxation And Family Time

"Fishing is just a great way to relax and spend some time with the family with few interruptions," Chmiel said. "Getting kids outside and away from the computers helps create an important connection with the outdoors."

A fishing license is \$37 for in-state residents and \$5 for all youth ages 10-17. The license is good for trout and is valid for 12 months.

For a statewide fishing report, log on to the Game and Fish Department's Web site at azgfd.gov. Licenses are available at the any of the Game and Fish regional offices or headquarters as well as at license dealers throughout the state and online at

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LAKE POWELL FISHING REPORT

It's More Like Hunting Than Fishing

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON
WWW.WAYNESWORDS.COM

October is hunting season. It's time to put on the blaze-orange sweatshirt, load some weapons and get in the boat. The weapons should be transported fully loaded because the game appears quickly and then runs off even faster.

If fully ready and very observant, there is time to get one shot off before the game slips out of range. This is not a road hunt but rather a very exciting fishing trip.

The critters being pursued are surface-feeding striped bass and smallmouth bass. The weapons are fishing reels fine tuned to cast very far with great accuracy and they are loaded with heavy, long-casting lures that resemble shad.

Yes — Fishing striper boils in the fall is more like hunting than fishing.

Some Subtle Difference

Our quarry this morning was found in the same range as reported last week but there were some subtle differences. Early morning fishing during the full moon is not as productive as it is under dark night skies.

We headed out at first light but did not see any surface action until we reached Rock Creek. Even then, the action included only a few stripers jumping here and a couple over there. We eased over to the spots where the last splash was seen. If another fish or two came up they were easy to catch when the boat was in casting range.

Stripers in pursuit of shad are single minded and will bite just about anything that wiggles. But, once they dive and start looking for another school, they are hard to catch.

For two hours, we chased single splashes and rolling turbulent waters, which were big stripers feeding just under the surface. These fish were working individually since shad numbers are high enough to allow stripers this luxury.

Stripers A Bit More Challenging

Usually the striper school has to surround shad and hold them in place before feeding. Not now! Shad are numerous, making stripers a bit more challenging to capture.



IN THEIR PRIME — Striped bass caught now are as healthy as they have ever been due to a bumper crop of shad. Stripers are selecting threadfin shad in the main channel and saving gizzard shad next to shore until later in the year. Fishing is challenging in these high forage conditions but very rewarding when catching these beautiful prime young fish.

Gustaveson

After 8 a.m., surface boils began holding more fish and the action persisted a little longer. We caught stripers at the mouth of Rock Creek by running a circle around the big bay looking for splashes. Big splashes usually mean stripers are feeding but we also caught smallmouth as they boiled in two locations.

Next we headed down lake to look at Last Chance again. It had been calm and quiet early in the morning but this time through there were more aggressive small boils with an exciting climax of one big boil that stayed up for five minutes. The big boil came up at 10 a.m.

That's a good summary of how to catch stripers now. They are easy to snare when hitting the surface and hard to find when not on top. The very best way to catch fish now is to find a school on the graph and drop spoons to catch a lot of fish in a short time.

But, the schools holding on the bottom are just as hard to find as the fish boiling on the surface. Trolling is the last resort as both chasing boils and spooning are more productive.

The Best Time To Fish Now

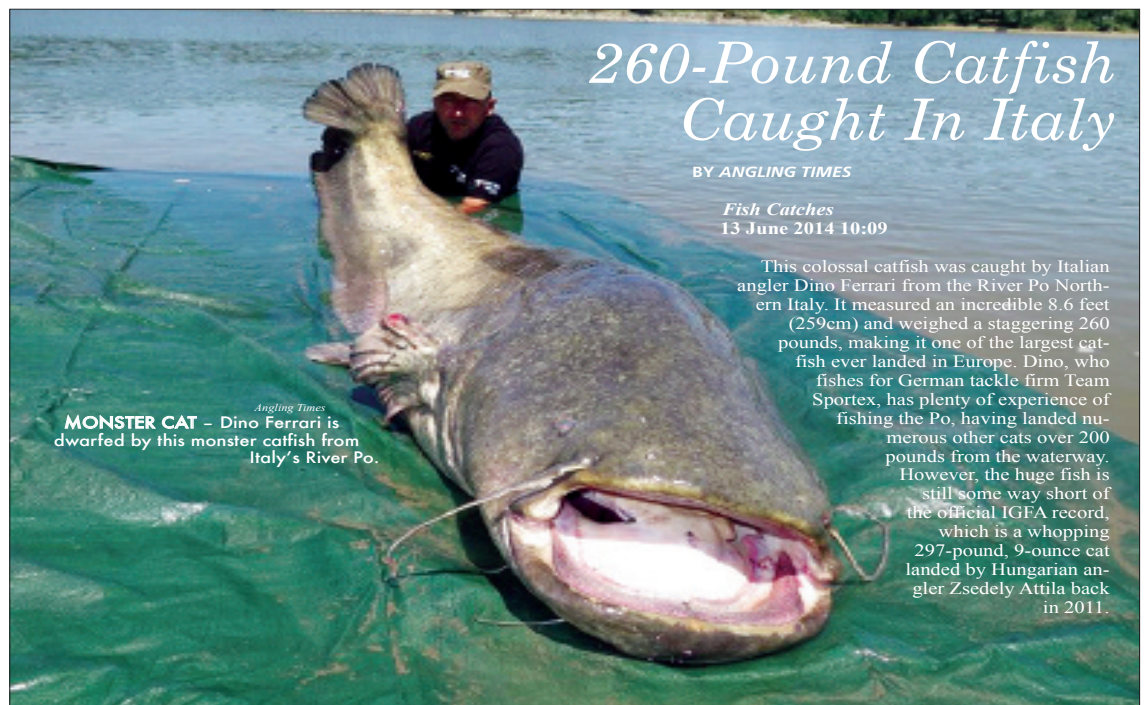
The best time to fish now is the last few hours in the evening. The best location is in the main channel from Padre Bay to Trachyte. The best recent report came from the main channel just upstream from the mouth of the San Juan.

All of the stripers caught had threadfin shad in their stomachs. These shad are open-water fish while small gizzard shad are found close to shore. I suspect that stripers are selectively pursuing threadfin shad in open water and will save the gizzard shad in coves and backs of canyons for later in the year.

Fishing in these high forage conditions is more challenging than when stripers are really hungry. But, catching fish now is more rewarding as these fish are in abnormally prime physical condition seldom seen on Lake Powell.

Catching 10 stripers now makes a successful trip. Catching 20 or more is like fishing in Shangri-La.

At press time, lake elevation was 3,606 and water temperature was 72-74F.



260-Pound Catfish Caught In Italy

BY ANGLING TIMES

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MONSTER CAT — Dino Ferrari is dwarfed by this monster catfish from Italy's River Po.

This colossal catfish was caught by Italian angler Dino Ferrari from the River Po North-ern Italy. It measured an incredible 8.6 feet (259cm) and weighed a staggering 260 pounds, making it one of the largest catfish ever landed in Europe. Dino, who fishes for German tackle firm Team Sportex, has plenty of experience of fishing the Po, having landed numerous other cats over 200 pounds from the waterway. However, the huge fish is still some way short of the official IGFA record, which is a whopping 297-pound, 9-ounce cat landed by Hungarian angler Zsedely Attila back in 2011.



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AZGFD Host Forums On Elk/Pronghorn Hunt Recommendations

The Arizona Game and Fish Department will host three remaining public forums to meet with constituents about developing the 2015 hunt recommendations for pronghorn antelope, elk, and population management seasons. (The first forum was held Oct. 16 in the Flagstaff regional office.)

The remaining meetings will be held at these Game and Fish regional offices:

Monday, Oct. 20, from 6-8 p.m. at the Kingman regional office, 5325 N. Stockton Hill Road,

Thursday, Oct. 23, from 6-8 p.m. at the Mesa regional office, 7200 E. University Drive, and

Thursday, Oct. 23, from 6-8 p.m. at the Pinetop regional office, 2878 E. White Mountain Blvd.

Constituents who are interested in particular game management units within



Bull Elk

those regions will have the opportunity to discuss management direction.

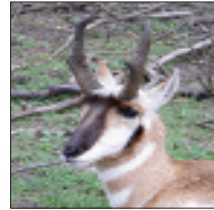
"The meetings allow us to meet with sportsmen and other members of the public and discuss the direction for the recommendations based on survey data, harvest

rates and the hunt guidelines," said Big Game Management Supervisor Amber Munig.

"We won't be proposing permit numbers at this point, but we will generally discuss where permit numbers might be headed. It's a great way for people to stay informed and provide input into development of the recommendations."

After the public forums have been completed, the final proposed draft hunt recommendations will be made available for public review at several regional open houses and posted on the department's Web site at www.azgfd.gov/huntguidelines by Nov. 21.

Each year, the department makes recommendations to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission regarding the management of game species for the annual hunt-



Pronghorn Antelope

ing and trapping regulations, which establish the seasons, dates, bag limits, open areas, and hunt permit-tag allocations based on the framework of the hunt guidelines set by the commission

every two years.

The final pronghorn antelope and elk hunt recommendations will be presented to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission for consideration during its Dec. 6 meeting in Phoenix.

Small Game Season Is Here

Have you been in the field yet?

Cooler temperatures signal the arrival of fall, and Oct. 3 marked the season opener for many of Arizona's wild pursuits. From quail and rabbit in the desert to squirrels and ducks in the high country, fall hunting represents outdoor recreation at its best.

Quail and rabbit can be hunted in the open spaces of the lower desert up to the rolling hills of scrub oaks and manzanita bush of the mid-level desert. Squirrel hunting provides the perfect reason to escape to the crisp air of the ponderosa pine forests in the mountain region during the beautiful fall colors.

For Waterfowl Hunters

And, if you're a waterfowl hunter, look for above-average duck numbers this year. The general waterfowl season in the mountain zone started on Oct. 3; the season in the desert zone started on Oct. 17.

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Best yet, the equipment needed to hunt small game is minimal, requiring a general Arizona hunting license (for waterfowl hunting, you'll also need an Arizona migratory bird stamp and a federal duck stamp), shotgun (.410- to 12-gauge), plenty of No. 7 1/2 or 6's upland shot shells, or No. 2's, 3's or 4's for waterfowl hunting, and a good pair of boots.

New, Simplified Licensing

With the Arizona Game and Fish Department's new simplified license offerings, buying a license is easy and a great value. Hunting licenses are now good for 365 days from the time of purchase rather than just for the calendar year, offering small game hunters more flexibility in timing their license purchase.

Youth licenses for ages 10-17 are only



Gambel's Quail

\$5 and include the Arizona migratory bird stamp (although youths age 16 and older still must buy the federal duck stamp if they want to hunt waterfowl).

Each species is a challenging quarry and hunting them will take you to just about anywhere you would like to go in Arizona — a great excuse for exploring and enjoying the outdoors.

Want to get great hunting tips, seasonal outlooks, hunting dates, recipes and more? Visit www.azgfd.gov/hunting and choose "small game outlook."



Mallards

For regulations on small game, visit www.azgfd.gov/regs/mainregs.pdf. For regulations on waterfowl, visit www.azgfd.gov/regs/waterfowlregs.pdf.

Did You Know?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has trust responsibility for managing more than 800 native wildlife species — the most of any inland state — for current and future generations of Arizona citizens. www.azgfd.gov/h_f/northamerican-model.shtml

Berry Road Near Mormon Lake Open For Waterfowl Hunters

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is advising migratory waterfowl hunters that access at Berry Road, on the southeast end of Mormon Lake off FH 3 or Lake Mary Road, will be open for this year's waterfowl hunting season. Although the road is open for this year's hunting season, its seasonal use in the future will be under review by the Forest Service.

To gain access to Berry Road, hunters must first contact, by phone or in person, the Flagstaff Game and Fish office or the department's dispatch center and provide the following information: name, hunting license number, state migratory bird stamp number, date they plan to hunt, phone number, and email address.

Once the department has received a hunter's information, a combination to unlock the gate will be provided.

All hunters are reminded to lock the gate when entering and leaving the area and to keep track of dates and times the road is used. Please do not drive on the road in wet weather conditions or in situations when it is unsafe, and please don't drive off road or litter.

As a follow-up effort, the department



Mormon Lake

will contact all hunters to gather post-hunt information.

"We appreciate the Forest Service allowing hunters access to this area. It's another example of the Forest Service's support for our hunting constituents," said Game and Fish Flagstaff Regional Supervisor Craig McMullen.

"The department continues to manage wildlife in Arizona in cooperation with the Forest Service and all other land management agencies."

The Flagstaff office is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It can be reached at (928) 774-5045. After hours, hunters may call the department's central

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The general migratory waterfowl season began Oct. 3. Waterfowl regulations and all other hunting and fishing regulations are found on the Game and Fish Web site at www.azgfd.gov/h_f/hunting_rules.shtml

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Tackle & Target

Thinking of Getting a Concealed Carry Permit?

Even in Arizona, there are many restrictions when you do not have a permit.

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

You may wonder why you would even need a CCW permit in Arizona, since we have Constitutional Carry. CCW stands for Concealed Carry or Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

What's the difference between Constitutional Carry and having a CCW? Well, in Arizona you are allowed to carry a concealed weapon without a permit. However, there are many more restrictions when you do *not* have a permit.

There are all kinds of laws about how close to a school you can be, whether you can enter a bar or a restaurant that serves alcohol, etc.

Without A CCW

Without a CCW, it may not be legal for you to carry a concealed weapon if you leave the state. *With* a CCW, there are many states that honor your right. Also, if you want to carry a weapon to protect yourself while hiking in, say, the Grand Canyon National Park, you can't carry concealed unless you have a CCW permit.



TARGETS — To continue on with the course, you are required to get ten shots inside the bottle-shaped line on the target. You shoot ten times, then they mark the targets to show how many, if any, you missed. If you missed three, you load three rounds in your gun and you need to get those three inside the ring to pass.

Even with a CCW permit, there are many places that you are not allowed to carry a concealed weapon. Those places include schools and any place where a "no guns" sign is posted.

You will learn a lot about the legal ramifications about carrying a concealed weapon if you take a class. You will also learn about places that you can't carry whether you have a permit or not, and there are plenty of those places in Arizona — Indian reservations, for instance.

The Mental Side

Something that many people don't think about is the mental side of carrying a concealed weapon. We took a CCW course with FAST (www.fast-az.com) and it was an eye-opening experience. Before the course, which took most of a day, I spoke with Sam at FAST on the phone.

He explained that the first couple of hours would be at Ben Avery at a private range, after which we would all meet at Cabelas for the rest of the class. He told me that we would need to be able to get 10 rounds within a certain area on a target at 10 yards or we would not be allowed to complete the course.

Well, I've been shooting since I was a kid, so the prospect of the shooting qualifier didn't bother me one little bit — until I got there. Turns out that I've not only been shooting all my life, I've been forming bad habits as well.

I learned proper stance, grip, control — even breathing. Sam, Samuel, and Zachary

were awesome instructors. Sam Palmer is an active police officer, and his dad Sam is an NRA instructor. Son Zachary was helping out, and it was he who helped me calm down and shoot straight enough to qualify. Thank goodness for the practice sessions!

Intense In The Classroom

The classroom part of the course was intense. There are a lot of things to think about before you decide whether to carry a concealed weapon, and the FAST instructors make sure you understand exactly what you may be getting into.

A major focus was gun safety, both at the shooting range and after we got to the classroom. Maintaining control of the firearm is crucial. The two hours at the range were enough to convince me that I need a *lot* of practice if I'm ever going to be able to shoot straight under duress.

Sam told us that you *will* jerk and pull the trigger if someone throws or drops their weapon, so he taught us to keep our finger off the trigger until the moment we decide to shoot. You need to be able to



MENTAL PREP — John Anderson psyching himself up for the shooting qualifier

shoot well enough to take out the bad guy without shooting innocent people behind or around him.

After taking the FAST course, we went out and bought a membership at an indoor shooting range so we can practice — *a lot*.

No Such Thing

Too many people talk about "accidental discharge" of a firearm, Sam said. There is no such thing — you have to pull a trigger on purpose, and you are responsible if someone else picks up your gun and uses it.

This brought up the subject of *how* to carry concealed, especially for women. There are a lot of handbags made to conceal a weapon, but what if your bag is stolen? Now a bad guy has your gun —



FAST — Zachary and Sam are shown demonstrating how fast an attacker with a knife can get to you. On average, an attacker can be before you can draw and shoot if he within 21 feet.

again, a lot to think about.

Colors Of Awareness

One of my favorite parts of the class was when Sam was telling us how *not* to need to use our weapons. He explained the color codes of awareness.

White, he says, is like wearing rose-colored glasses. People in **code white** are totally unaware of their surroundings. They assume that there are no bad guys and everyone is nice. You shouldn't even be in code white in your own house, he told us. People who live in the white walk around with their earbuds in, playing with their phones or focused on their companions, blissfully unaware of who or what is

around them.

The place to be is **code yellow**. This means you are relaxed, but aware. You are alert and paying attention to everything around you, but nothing has piqued your interest.

This is something I had learned in martial arts classes, but it's way too easy to get out of the habit of being aware. It's something you have to make a conscious effort to do.

Code orange means escalated awareness. Something has alerted you — maybe a person who looks suspicious, and you can't see his or her hands.

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AT BEN AVERY — After a safety briefing, students get ready for the shooting practice at Ben Avery. Far right is Sam, NRA instructor, second from right is Sam, police officer.



Western Wildlife



Black-Footed Ferrets Have Recovery Chances Renewed

New Espee Ranch population will help achieve Arizona's recovery goals.

FROM AZGFD

Arizona's endangered black-footed ferret population accomplished several steps towards recovery today with the release of 25 animals on the private Espee Ranch, a working, northern Arizona cattle ranch owned by Babbitt Ranches.

Officials from a variety of partner organizations including Babbitt Ranches, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Department of Agriculture (APHIS Wildlife Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture), Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Hualapai Nation, released ferrets to an area with a robust prairie dog population.

Significant Accomplishments

"Milestones like this release of endangered ferrets onto private land are significant accomplishments on the road to meeting Arizona — and national — recovery goals," said Larry Voyles, director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

"It's a true demonstration of the power of cooperative wildlife conservation because ferret recovery would never have been possible without our partners at Babbitt Ranches, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Phoenix Zoo, Navajo Nation and others."

Ferrets Depend on Prairie Dogs

Successful ferret recovery depends on the presence of healthy prairie dog colonies, a ferret's primary prey. To help



ensure that the Espee Ranch maintains a robust prairie dog population, a new vaccine field trial was also initiated in conjunction with the ferret release.

Vaccine-laden bait developed in part by U.S. Geological Survey is being studied as a potential means for reducing the incidence of sylvatic plague in prairie dogs. Sylvatic plague can decimate entire prairie dog colonies. The new vaccine being field tested may also prove to have human health benefits if it is effective.

Safe Harbor Agreement

This release of ferrets onto private land in Arizona was made possible through a

Safe Harbor Agreement, a special tool under the Endangered Species Act that encourages private landowners to conserve endangered species on their property with minimal land-use restrictions.

Espee Ranch is the first landowner in Arizona to use a Safe Harbor Agreement for black-footed ferret conservation. Safe Harbor Agreements have been used in Arizona with other species like the threatened Chiricahua leopard frog.

"Many ranchers accommodate endangered species needs into their livestock operations," said Steve Spangle, Fish and Wildlife Service's Arizona field supervisor. "A Safe Harbor Agreement allows them to participate in species recovery while simplifying and guaranteeing certainty for their business options in the future."

Recovery Guidelines

Arizona's first population of black-footed ferrets in the Aubrey Valley is doing well since being reintroduced in 1996 and is now self-sustaining, meaning it no longer requires the supplemental release of ferrets to keep the population healthy and growing. Establishing a second self-sustaining ferret population on the Espee Ranch would help Arizona achieve one of its recovery goals for conserving the species.

All states with black-footed ferret populations are given state-specific recovery guidelines that lead to a larger national recovery effort. The national recovery guidelines must be met before "delisting" the species can be considered.

Babbitt Ranches

Babbitt Ranches has been involved in the discussions and efforts of the reintroduction of the black-footed ferret since the early 2000s.

As a landowner, developing our awareness, responsibility and obligation to landscape conservation, science and the health of wildlife and wildlife habitat, the owners and employees are committed to Babbitt Ranches' values of accountability to the land community," said Babbitt Ranches President Bill Cordasco.

"Additionally, the effort involving the vaccination of prairie dogs against plague is particularly significant as it may prove to have human health implications on a global level. This is particularly timely as communities east of Flagstaff have been made aware of a recent plague outbreak in prairie dogs."

Species Saved

In the late 1970s, the species was thought to be extinct until a small colony of approximately 120 ferrets was discovered near Meeteetse, Wyo. on Sept. 26, 1981. Disease outbreaks reduced that population to 18 individuals, which were captured in 1985 to begin a captive breeding program to save the species.

The descendants of the original 18 ferrets have now been introduced into reintroduction sites nationwide, including the Aubrey Valley. Before reintroduction, the

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Director Of AZGFD To Head North American Wildlife Group

The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA), the professional association that serves as the collective voice of North America's state, provincial and territorial fish and wildlife agencies, is proud to announce that Arizona Game and Fish Department Director Larry D. Voyles has been selected as the organization's incoming President for 2014-2015.

Voyles has served in other posts within AFWA, including a term as the Association's Vice President. Outgoing President Dan Forster, director of the Georgia Wildlife Resources Division, had high praise for his successor.

High Praise For Voyles

"Larry Voyles is a true leader and a conservation visionary who will leave a lasting imprint on our organization," said Forster. "He understands the vital role played by state and provincial wildlife officials in the conservation of North American species and habitats, and we expect President Voyles will excel at representing both wildlife conservation professionals and the North American species we hold in trust."

Incoming President Voyles said, "North America is truly blessed to have the directors of the state and provincial wildlife agencies delivering conservation on a continental scale.

"These dedicated conservation professionals are able to deliver nearly \$4.5 billion of conservation in the US alone because of amazing coordinating capabilities of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and the regional associations with which we're affiliated."



Larry D. Voyles

AFWA Advocates

AFWA represents its state agency members on Capitol Hill and before the Administration to advance favorable fish and wildlife conservation policy and funding, and works collaboratively on important national and international wildlife issues.

The Association also provides member agencies with coordination services on programs and policies on topics such as birds, fish habitat, energy development, climate change, wildlife action plans, conservation education, leadership training and international relations.

Arizona Game and Fish Commission Chairman Robert Mansell is pleased that Voyles has been elected AFWA president. "Director Voyles is most adept at bringing diverse groups to the table in the interests of advancing wildlife conservation," said Chairman Mansell. "We are proud of his achievement and look forward to the benefits that this year will bring to Arizona's wildlife."

President Voyles commented, "The public's goodwill can ultimately guarantee our continent's wildlife legacy, so we absolutely must tell those we serve the story of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation because it explains who we are, where we come from, how we do business, and why."

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WENIMA WILDLIFE AREA

This Is One Of Arizona's Best-Kept Secrets

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Just a bit north of Springerville is an amazingly cool place that you may never even have heard of. It's the Wenima Wildlife Area and it consists of 357 acres of habitat along the Little Colorado River.

We visited in late September and the days were still a bit warm, but cloud cover and rain cooled things off considerably. There are two great, easy hikes at Wenima, both of which are very kid-friendly.

The day we were there, we met only one other group of hikers during the entire morning. It was like having paradise all to yourself!

Easy To Overlook

Unless you know about it, the Wenima Wildlife Area would be very easy to overlook. The turn-off is about a quarter of a mile north of the junction of Highways 60 and 180/191. Go north on 180/191 and watch for a graded dirt road going north-



TRAILS FOLLOW — This is the Little Colorado River. The trails follow the river and they are awesome.



FUN TO EXPLORE — This is the flagstone patio of the cabin at the end of Beavertail Trail. No one lives there, and it was fun to explore.

east.

After a mile and a half, the road drops down into the Little Colorado River canyon corridor. There is a designated parking area with a restroom and an information kiosk, but the tables and trailheads are down the road a bit.

There is a map at the kiosk, but we still didn't realize that the trailheads were down the road, so we started out across the field on the north side of the road. There were mule deer munching peacefully in the tall grass, and the remains of an old jeep trail that we assumed was the hiking trail.

After following this old road for a

while, I suddenly noticed an information sign off to our right, so we went over there and —surprise! — there was a very nice, wide graveled hiking trail there that followed the river. Talk about feeling silly.

Birds And More To See

There are lots of beautiful birds to see, and plenty of places along the trail to sit and watch for them. Strategically placed benches make it easy to wait quietly, which makes it much more likely that you will see something.

We are also pretty sure we saw a

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CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN

Spend An Evening Under The Stars At Lake Pleasant

Join local astronomy experts, Tony and Carole La Conte, from Stargazing for Everyone, on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant as they bring the universe to you!

Learn about the constellations, planets, star clusters and nebulas as you peer through large telescopes and binoculars and enjoy stories about the night sky. The two-hour stargazing event is a great way to learn about the galaxy while taking advantage of the beautiful weather.

Halloween Theme

In addition to the stargazing program, this family friendly event will feature a kids' costume contest, spook-tacular crafts, and the centers creepy, crawly deserts critters. Park visitors are invited to get into the Halloween spirit by dressing in costume, or coming as they are.

For guests who don't have time to grab a bite to eat before the event, staff will be grilling up, and selling hamburgers, hot dogs and chilled beverages so everyone can focus on the festivities rather than loud belly growls.

Family Event

"This is a great family event, one where the kids can have fun, get in the Halloween spirit and learn about the skies above. How the stars are aligned, how they form constellations, how the nighttime darkness is not something to be feared, but to be explored," said Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Clint Hickman, District 4.

Attendees are encouraged to bring binoculars, digital cameras, lawn chairs and blankets for comfort. The park entrance opens at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. There is a \$6 per vehicle park entry fee for the event and reservations are not required.

At Lake Pleasant

The Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant is located at 41402 N. 87th Avenue in Peoria (just east of Lake Pleasant Regional Park). For additional information, visit www.maricopa.gov/parks/doc or phone (602) 372-7470 ext. 208.â

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beaver, but it was a fleeting moment and mostly splash, not fur. We also noticed old ruins of walls on the other side of the river in a couple of places.

Beavertail Trail

The trail that we were on is the Beavertail Trail, the one that goes north from the road. If you walk down the road from the parking area toward the river, you will see the Beavertail trail off to the left just before the river.

The other trail, the Powerhouse Trail, begins closer to the bridge that crosses over the Little Colorado. Past the bridge is private property and you are not allowed to go there.

The Beavertrail trail is flat and mostly level, and at first it seems as if you are in a tunnel of vegetation. Every now and then the branches part to give you a glimpse of the river. Later on, you see the river much more, and the surrounding country is absolutely beautiful.

You get to maneuver through three of those little v-shaped openings in fences as you hike along toward the end of the trail. I can't find out what they are called, so if



A SPOTTED SPOTTED — This is a rufous-sided or spotted towhee we saw at the Wenima Wildlife Area.

you know, I would appreciate your telling me!

They are like a narrow V, with the fence going deep into the v. So you walk in toward the inside point of the v, then turn and go the opposite way out and you're on the other side. It's fun, but a bit of a squeeze if you are wearing a backpack!

At the end of the Beavertail Trail is a reward — it's a cabin with a windmill and a pretty stone wall. By the time we reached it, it was raining pretty hard so we were happy to duck under the tin roof of the open-walled shed and take cover.

What a fun place to explore. The trail is out-and-back and it's about 2-1/2 miles to the cabin. But, it's an easy walk.



LITTLE C — This is a view of the Little Colorado River from the Beavertail Trail in Wenima Wildlife Area.

Powerhouse Trail

The Powerhouse Trail is about half that length at 1-1/4 miles long. It's an out-and-back trail also, and it ends at an abandoned shed. We also took a stroll through the fields that were south of the parking area and we saw a lot of gorgeous birds there, including a spotted towhee and kestrels.

The fields were covered in yellow flowers and the whole place was just incredibly lovely. Take your kids there for a day trip sometime — you can picnic under the trees by the Beavertail Trailhead, let them burn off energy on the trails, and see some glorious country.

All the rain we've had this year has made the wildflowers amazing, so this is a wonderful time to hike.



NAME? — This is a photo of one of those little gate things in the fence. I really wish I knew what they are called!(If a reader knows, please email editor@azbw.com. Thank you!)

Spending Time In This Area

If you want to spend more time in the area, there are plenty of hotels and motels in Springerville and Eagar, plus many beautiful campgrounds in the National Forests nearby. Greer isn't far away, either. There are lots of places to park an RV or pitch a tent, and lots more to do in the area

as well — fishing, hunting, biking — you name it. I'll be telling you about some more special places in this area next month.



AT TRAIL'S END — This is a cabin that is at the end of one of the trails at Wenima Wildlife Area.

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Do Your Fall Outings With Rover Include Some Hiking?

Here are top tips for hiking with your dog.

Fall is here, so why not turn that daily walk into an interesting and fun hike? It's no secret that exercise is a necessity for both you and your dog. We often forget that our dogs are pack animals and their origins are rooted in hunting, playing, and roaming all day long with their pack family.

If you are already in the habit of walking your four-legged friend, you know that it's a special time for the two of you to bond as well as establish yourself as the leader of your domestic pack. Why not shake up your routine a bit and kick your workout into high gear by taking your best friend for a hike?

Follow these 5 tips and your hikes will surely be a wonderful experience that you'll both enjoy together.

Know Your Limits (Yours And Your Dog's)

Does your current exercise endeavor consist of walking around the block a couple times? Then you may want to rethink that 10-mile hike you're mapping out. Not only do you need to be able to hike without difficulty, so does your furry companion.

Start intensifying your walks by making them longer and include hills if possible so the two of you can build up your stamina. It's also advisable to take your dog to the vet just to ensure that he will be able to accompany you comfortably when you're ready to hike.

Dogs are people pleasers and they never want to let on that they are injured or in pain, so they will endure it for as long as they can.

Be Prepared

Once you've determined to go on that hike, whether it's a long or a short trip, make sure you have the following items:

Proper ID tags — The tags must be legible and specify your dog's name and your current contact information. It's also a good idea to have a current photo with you just in case you get separated.

Collar and leash — Bring these just as you would when you're going for your regular walks.

First Aid Kit — Human first aid kits can come in handy in the event of a cut or scrape (for either of you). Throw some tweezers in it for easy tick removal.

Vet's Phone Number — In the event that something unexpected happens, keep your vet's phone number with you so you can quickly find out how to best take care of your dog. You can never be too careful.

Sunscreen — You both need sunscreen and they make sunscreen specifically for dogs. Light-colored noses are very susceptible to sunburns and dogs can get skin cancer just like you.

Orange vests — Know whether or not you are taking your hike during a hunting season. Orange vests for you and your dog will make sure you both stand out.

Appropriate Dress — When hiking during cooler weather, bring along an extra layer of clothes if your dog tolerates them. For summer hikes, keep a cool, moist scarf or bandana that he can wear to take a bite out of the heat.

Bring Water And Food

Just as you need to fuel up and hydrate for a workout, the same holds true for your canine companion. Bring plenty of water and a dish that he can drink from (there are collapsible bowls for traveling ease) and offer it often along the way.

A good rule of thumb is to bring 8 ounces of water for every hour you plan to hike (and don't forget to bring water for yourself!). It's best to keep him from drinking the water in streams or other natural sources, as these could contain nasty

bacteria that will make him sick.

Bottles of water that are frozen are also great to pack in case the weather is hot and can offer immediate relief to your pooch. Food should be given on rest breaks or during bouts of less intense activity to ensure that you don't upset his tummy or cause bloating.

Be Aware Of Your Surroundings

Plan your hikes on trails that are used often and provide a clear path; now is not the time to forge a new one through the wilderness. In most cases, you'll likely encounter the usual suspects of the wildlife world, such as squirrels and maybe a deer or two.

Keep your eyes open for common canine offenders, including porcupines and skunks. These animals are not as easily scared off by your dog and may become agitated.

Familiarize yourself with what poison



ivy and other unpleasant plants look like. Although your dog can't get poison ivy, she can pass it on to you, so it's best to keep her away from anything suspicious.

Mind Your Manners

The same rules you follow on your routine walks apply to your hikes. Have a carry-in, carry-out mentality, which includes cleaning up after your dog on the trail. Using a leash will ensure that other hikers, other dogs, as well as the flora and fauna around you will remain undisturbed. If you're both on a more leisurely hike, let others moving at a faster pace pass you easily.

Hiking with your dog is a wonderful way to spend quality time together and enjoy the outdoors all while getting a great workout. You're guaranteed to have a fun

and safe hike just by taking a bit of extra time to plan and prepare. Happy hiking!

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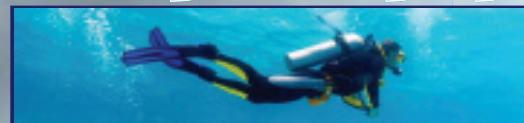
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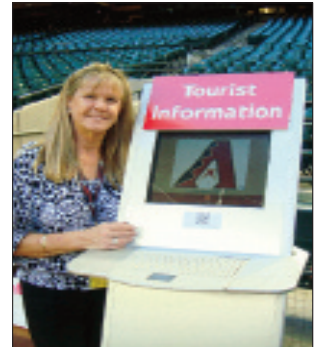
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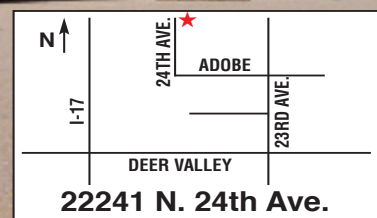
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If You Choose To Carry

If you have made the decision to carry a weapon, you need to live in the yellow and if you go to code orange you need to Observe, Orientate, Decide, and Act. Sam says when you are out and about, make a habit of observing exits, and have a family code word.

If trouble looks as if it's starting, the code word should have the entire family heading immediately for the nearest safe way out. You are not obligated to hang around and shoot bad guys.

If you do ever feel as if you have no other choice, you need to be prepared for

the legal consequences. A CCW course with FAST will teach you what to do if you have used your weapon: what to say (and not to say) to the police, how to act, what to say on the phone with 911, etc.

You will learn what the law says about Use of Force. Hint: It can be very subjective and a bit ambiguous.

As The Course Ends

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It's very intense. I waited too long and a jewelry clerk died. I wasn't obligated to save her, but I could have. That's the kind

of stuff you need to think about before you stick a gun in your waistband.

After the scenarios, the instructors were the police, asking what the suspects looked like, what happened, where they went, etc. It's amazing how much you don't see even when you are really focused on an event.

Past Deadly Force Cases

The FAST instructors also went over many past cases where citizens had used deadly force to protect themselves and explained to us what happened. They went into great detail to help us prepare ourselves in case we ever have to make that decision. Nobody can do it for you, but at least they can help you prepare.

They explained about the physical things that happen when you are under extreme stress and fear — motor skills deteriorate, etc. They went over how to react in home invasions, what to say and do

when you call the police, and talked about various holsters and even tactical flashlights and their uses.

Importance Of Taking Course

The instructors mentioned my note taking several times (I didn't tell them I'm an outdoor writer), but I'm really glad I wrote so much stuff down. There was way too much info to absorb all at once, and I've re-read my notes and the information I downloaded from them many times. I can't over-emphasize the importance of taking a CCW course if you are going to carry a concealed weapon.

Even if you decide not to get the permit, you need the information. As Sam says, FAST isn't the shortest course or the cheapest, but in my opinion, they are one of the best. If you do decide you want to carry, carry responsibly.

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last black-footed ferret in Arizona was found in 1931 in an area between Williams and Flagstaff. The last survey of the Aubrey Valley ferret population showed a population of at least 100 adult ferrets.

Only Native North American Ferret

Because not all ferrets were captured and included in the survey count, the number of animals identified during the survey is a minimum population estimate, and the actual population could be larger. Arizona's potential contribution to ferret recovery is 148 adult ferrets.

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rets, black-footed ferrets are a different species and are the only ferret native to North America. They can grow to be up to 2 feet long and can weigh up to 2.5 pounds. One ferret can give birth to three to five kits each year.

Additional Partners

Additional partners in the Arizona black-footed ferret reintroduction program include the Hualapai Tribe, Havasupai Tribe, Hopi Tribe, Arizona State Land Department, Kaibab National Forest, and the Cholla Cattle Company.

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beach ball or purchasing aftermarket float bags). If you do ever fall out and can't get back in, stay with the kayak or canoe – it's a bigger target for rescuers to see.

Don't Keep It A Secret

Tell people where you're going by filing a float plan. It could be as simple as telling your spouse, in writing, where you are going and what time you plan to return. Writing it down makes it become a habit. Be as specific as you can – this isn't the time to forget to mention you're heading to your hidden fishing hole, two miles off the beaten channel.

Understand The Basic Rules Of Navigation

You may not be out there with icebreakers just yet, but there may still be some recreational boating traffic and potential ship traffic. The simple challenge is the smallest boats are hardest to see. One simple tip to help visibility is to spray the tips of your paddles a bright color. Paddlers also can help themselves by understanding some basic rules of navigation.

Don't Leave Without A Bailer

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Thermal Up Or Down

Neoprene gloves, a drysuit or wetsuit tops and hats are the ultimate protection in retaining body heat this time of year. However, have outdoor gear that offers versatility by being able to cool down or warm up when appropriate.

Even if it may feel like summer, never leave shore in just a t-shirt and shorts. It only takes just a short change of weather or a dunking to drench you and the hypothermia clock starts ticking. A brightly-colored rain parka can also be seen at great distances.

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