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thusiast or a novice wanting to learn, be sure to come on out to the Arizona Game and Fish Department Outdoor Expo on Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1.

Arizona's largest hands-on outdoor expo is held at the world-renowned Ben Avery Shooting Facility in north Phoenix and offers loads of fun activities, exhibits and educa-tional presentations for the entire family

Adults and kids will get a chance to see live wildlife, including hawks, owls, snakes, small mammals, and more.

Shoot And Fish

Want to learn target archery? You can learn through organized classes, or you can walk a desert course with 3D targets and in-

Kids will get a thrill from catch-and-release fishing at two huge family fishing tanks. Adults can pick up fishing tips from experts at the casting tank.

Target shooters can try out firearms from different manufacturers on the range, or learn specialty shooting disciplines (such as cow-boy action, practical pistol, trap/skeet and



more) from different shooting organizations.

Boating enthusiasts can see a variety of boats on display from different dealers and can learn about safe, responsible watercraft use. Century Marine, Complete Marine, and Marine Max will have both new and used pontoon/sport/fishing/wakeboard boats and cruisers.

Off-road vehicle enthusiasts can see exciting demos while picking up tips about safe, responsible riding.

There's lots more to do at the Expo: see camping demos, watch thrilling cowboy mounted shooting competitions, hike a nature/hunter education field course, attend wildlife presentations, or visit with more than 150 exhibitors, including outdoor organizations, government agencies, and vendors of outdoor products and services.

Best of all, admission and parking are free! You might want to bring a little cash to purchase food and beverages from the variety of concessionaires who will be on the Expo grounds. For those wanting to try out firearms on the range, there is a nominal fee for ammunition at some of the shooting venues.

Helpful Details

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday,

Gold sponsors of the Arizona Game and Fish Department Outdoor Expo are Cabela's and Airpark Dodge/Ram/Chrysler/Jeep.

The Ben Avery Shooting Facility is located at 4044 W. Black Canyon Blvd. in Phoenix (located on Carefree Highway, about 1/2 mile west of I-17 – just follow the

For more information, visit www.azgfd.



New Model Roll-Outs To Highlight Lake Havasu Boat Show

The Miami International Boat Show is considered by many to be the granddaddy of all boat shows, but for Southwest boaters, the 2012 Lake Havasu Boat Show. April 20-22 at Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4, runs a close second.

Thanks to repositioning annual boat show dates to run concurrently with Desert Storm, the Lake Havasu Boat Show, spon-

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April 'Storm' Predicted For The Desert

Popular annual LakeRacer, LLC performance-boat event runs concurrently with the Lake Havasu Boat Show.

From Jim Nichols

LakeRacer, LLC

We're only weeks away from Desert Storm 2012: April 23-28.

After Desert Storm 2011, ideas of incorporating the Lake Havasu Boat Show into the same timeframe as Desert Storm were popping up as a way to keep growing the Lake Havasu boat show.

For boating manufacturers and vendors, who normally wouldn't display in a West Coast event, but do attend Desert Storm, it would be a great incentive to attend both and get more exposure than ever before. Plus it really puts the Desert Storm Performance Boat Week (nine days) as one of the biggest events in the country.

With Teague Custom Marine as Title Sponsor of both events, I think we've got a home run" here.

Positive Reactions From The Industry

Recently, I have attended both the Los Angeles Boat Show and the Miami International Boat Show, and I must say adding the two events together has been the buzz of the entire industry. Everyone in the performance marine industry to whom I spoke was nothing but positive about the plan.

The Lake Havasu Marine Association

who has put on the boat show for last 20 years, picked Bob Brown to produce this year's event. And Brown, with deep connections in the entire performance-boating industry, has filled the show to overflowing.

Activities For Everyone

So, the week has activities for everyone, with water ski racing, offshore powerboat racing, a classic car show and a fantastic display of boats during the boat show weekend April 20-22

Then, we have on-the-water demo rides and Performance Boat Magazine's boat tests taking place on the 23rd and 24th, leading us into the Desert Storm activities.

Tuesday afternoon, April 24, we host an industry gathering with our invitational fun run and lunch at Pirate Cove Resort for our sponsors and the manufacturers who have attended the boat show.

On Wednesday, April 25, we kick off the first annual Desert Storm "Krusin' for Kids" event. Organized by our own Christina Crane and Cherilyn Teague and hosted by the Nautical Resort, special-needs children and adults will be coming from all over Arizona to have their DREAMS come true one KRUSE at a time.

Volunteer boat drivers will take our guests out on beautiful Lake Havasu for a "Kruise" and back into the Nautical Resort where they will enjoy a fun-filled day created just for them at Nautical's new infinity edge pool,

Three Organizations To Benefit

We have teamed up with three different organizations — Havasu for Youth, New Horizons and Civitan Foundation; the three organizations are bringing their clients and families to enjoy the festivities.

LakeRacer will be hosting a silent and live auction at the Desert Storm open house on Wednesday night. The proceeds from the auction will be divided equally among the three organizations, so they can continue the amazing work they do for families in

The open house will be hosted by Oregon Custom Marine, the newest performance boat dealership in Lake Havasu. Join us for "Beer and Brats" provided by Romer Beverage and the Lake Havasu Marine As-

More Information, Registration

Online registration for the 2012 event is available on the LakeRacer Online Store and is required for reserving your rooms at the Nautical Resort. A sponsor list has been provided to the hotel for those wanting to reserve their rooms. Please contact Jim Nichols at jimn@lakeracerllc.com for sponsorship and advertising information.

The 2012 event magazine will include the Lake Havasu Boat Show as well as all



the Official Desert Storm Activities. Magazine ad space is available for sponsors and advertisers.

And, A Thanks From Jim

"I would like to thank all of my staff and volunteers who gave so much of their personal time and effort, as well as our sponsors, who believe in this event and make it so much more than just another poker run!"

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Bigger Than Ever!

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Life Jackets

When preparing to go out on a boat, the operator should check that the safety quipment is on board.

- All boats, except sailboards and certain racing shells or rowing skulls, must have at least one wearable Type I, II, III, or V life jacket (PFD) that is U.S. Coast Guard-approved and of the proper size for each person on board. Sizing for life jackets (PFDs) is based on body weight and chest size.
- All life jackets (PFDs) must be in good and serviceable condition and must be readily accessible.
- In addition to the above requirements, vessels 16 feet in length or longer, except a canoe or kayak, must have one Type IV U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket (PFD) on board and readily
- ◆ All children 12 years of age and younger *must wear* a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type I, II, or III life jacket (PFD) while underway on any veseel. The life jacket (PFD) must be fastened according to the manufacturer's recommended use and must fit the child
- Each person on a PWC must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type I, II, or III life jacket; and all closures must be fastened according to the manufacturer's design or recommended use and must be adjusted for a snug fit.
- Each person being towed behind a boat on water skis or a similar device must wear a USCG-approved life jacket (PFD) or buoyant belt. Note, however, that buoyant belts are not aproved by the U.S. Coast Guard.

TYPE I: Offshore Life Jackets



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TYPE II: Near-Shore Vests

These vests are good for calm waters when quick rescue is likely. A Type II may not turn some unconscious wearers face up in the water.



TYPE III: Flotation Aids These vests or full-sleeved jackets are good for calm

waters when quick rescue is likely. They are not for rough waters since they will not turn most unconscious persons face up



TYPE IV: Throwable Devices

These cushions and ring buoys are designed to be thrown to someone in trouble. Since a Type IV is not designesd to be worn, it is neither for rough waters nor for persons who are unable to hold onto it.

TYPE V: Special-Use Devices These vests, deck suits, hybrid PFDs, and others are designed for specific activities such as windsurfing, kayaking, or water-skiing. To be acceptable, Type V PFDs must be used in accordance with

Inflatable Life Jackets must have a full cylinder, green status indicators, and an accessible and intact lanyard or lever. Non-hybrid inflatable lifejackets (no foam) are only for persons at least 16 years old

Statewide Boating Safety Education Classes

March 2012							
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration			
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	March 17 9 a.m 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076			
Arizona Game and Fish Department	March 19 8 a.m 5 p.m.	Phoenix Fire Station #32 7620 S. 42nd Place Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219			
Arizona Game and Fish Department	March 21 8 a.m 5 p.m.	Phoenix Fire Station #32 7620 S. 42nd Place Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219			
Arizona Game and Fish Department	March 24 8 a.m 5 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219			
Arizona Game and Fish Department	March 24 8 a.m 5 p.m.	Water Safety Center at Contact Point 1801 Hwy 95 Lake Havasu City	\$5 per family	(928) 916-2004			

April 2012				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
United States Power Squadron	April 4 6:30 p.m 8:30 p.m.	Sportsman's Werehouse 19205 N. 27th Ave. Phoenix	\$40	(602) 361-3932
Arizona Game and Fish Department	April 7 9 a.m 5 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Regional Office 555 N. Greasewood Rd. Tucson	\$0	(520) 429-6106
United States Power Squadron	April 11 6:30 p.m 8:30 p.m.	Sportsman's Werehouse 19205 N. 27th Ave. Phoenix	\$40	(602) 361-3932
Arizona Game and Fish Department	April 14 8 a.m 5 p.m.	Water Safety Center at Contact Point 1801 Hwy 95 Lake Havasu City	\$5 per family	(928) 916-2004
United States Power Squadron	April 14 9 a.m 2 p.m.	Los Lagos Club House 6102 Lago Grande Drive Mort Mohave	\$30 per family	(928) 768-1522
United States Power Squadron	April 18 6:30 p.m 8:30 p.m.	Sportsman's Werehouse 19205 N. 27th Ave. Phoenix	\$40	(602) 361-3932
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	April 21 9 a.m 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 490-8076
United States Power Squadron	April 25 6:30 p.m 8:30 p.m.	Sportsman's Werehouse 19205 N. 27th Ave. Phoenix	\$40	(602) 361-3932
United States Power Squadron	April 28 9 a.m 2 p.m.	Los Lagos Club House 6102 Lago Grande Drive Mort Mohave	\$30 per family	(928) 768-1522



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Boat Maintenance: Spring Commissioning Part II

Jack Innis

By Sandy Lindsey

The Exterior

The exterior of your boat needs to be thoroughly cleaned at least twice a year, if not more often, or you'll find yourself with a seasoned mess with stains that are more difficult to get out than they'd been if you hadn't skipped this simple step.

First, close all the windows and hatches so the cleaning and rinse water only goes where you want it to, and remove any seat cushions, etc., that you didn't take off the deck during winterizing like you should

Think Shipshape Condition

Next, get out your brush collection, you're going to need them all — the soft polyester bristle brush for fiberglass gel coat, bottom paint and other painted areas and varnished wood, and the polypropy-

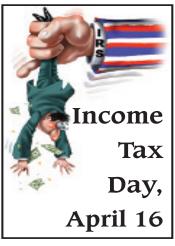


lene brush with its stiff bristles is perfect for cleaning tough-to-clean non-skid decking and uncoated teak.

Remember, when cleaning teak, rub against the grain or you may remove the soft wood fibers between the grain as you

With proper winterizing, an extremely snug boat cover, and a little bit of luck, you may only need to use a general purpose cleaner such as Star brite's Super Green or their Super Orange Citrus Cleaner/Degreaser (800-327-8583.

You can also go the wash-and-wax route, but we prefer to take the time at the beginning of the season to apply a more heavy-duty polymer-based polish such as Star brite PTEF with which we've had good results for a full season.



Every Three To Six Months

Apply a coat of polish every six months for best results — although waxing every three months is best to keep the boat in shipshape condition and combat the setting of future stains.

If, however, you find yourself with some stains that either weren't cleaned off properly during winterizing or, more likely, just happened over the winter, consider West Marine Pure Oceans Fiberglass Stain Remover (800-BOATING, www.westmarine.com), simply spray on, follow directions, and repeat as needed.

It's even gotten off tree sap stains from our deck, though two applications were necessary. General goop and stickiness, such as from changing out your registration sticker, can be removed quickly and easily with Release from BoatLife (800-382-9706; www.boatlife.com). Just spray on, let sit as directed and scrape off the softened adhesive or caulk. If you spray it in the wrong area, simply leave the area alone, and it will reharden just as if it had never been sprayed in the first place.

Start Scrubbing

Once you've worked on any particularly difficult stains, start scrubbing at the highest point on your boat and follow the washwater down. This will eliminate the chance of having to clean an area twice due to dirty washwater runoff. If the boat cleaner is drying on as you work, clean and rinse the boat in sections. A synthetic chamois will help you get the most out of your work, by drying the fiberglass to a high shine.

Once the boat deck and hull are in shipshape conditions, take out your docklines, cushions, etc. Wash them down with a boat wash and allow them to air dry. Coat cushion snaps with Vaseline for a season of easy on-and-off use.

Lubricate the zippers of your clear plastic enclosures and canvas boat cover zippers with a snap-and-zipper lubricant made for the marine environment, yes, Chapstick will work, but the results won't last all that long. Use a product designed for the marine environment, such as Star brite's PTEF Snap & Zipper lube.

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BON VOYAGE — It is hard to say goodbye to one of our most loyal supporters of and contributors to the safety of Arizona outdoor recreationists, both on the water and on land. However, congratulations are definitely in order for Ed Huntsman, leaving the Arizona Game & Fish Department on March 19 where he has served as Boating and OHV Safety Education administrator and program manager since November 2004. Effective March 26, Huntsman begins his new position in New Orleans, La., at the helm of the Recreational Boating Safety section for the Coast Guard D-8. He and his wife recognize the good fit of Ed's new position and welcome the opportunities there in Louisiana. However, Huntsman has stated that the difficult part of this move is leaving the many wonderful friends in Arizona. And, for all of us at Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times, the difficult part is saying goodbye. So, instead, we simply say, "Best wishes always, Ed."



CATALINA, HERE WE COME! — Although not all the details were in place at press time, according to Debbie Huntsman, commodore of Lake Pleasant Salling Club (LPSC), it is a done deal that the Arizona Yacht Club (AYC) and LPSC will be sailing together (possibly along with the Tucson Sailing Club) to Catalina Island in early July. They hope to have a large flotilla invasion of "Zonies" on Catalina. For the first time in decades, the two clubs will do a sail together, so many are excited by this co-cruise. John Pendleton is LPSC's Cruising Director and he is pushing to get 35 (+) boats (or sailors) to make the crossing to celebrate Lake Pleasant Sailing Club's 35th anniversary. Mike Parker is the organizer for AYC. For more information, huntsmand@me.com.

BoatUS: 22nd Annual List Of Top 10 Boat Names

Making the decision to buy a boat comes easy for some people. Picking out a name for the boat, however, can prove to be much harder, according to Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS).

"A boat name reflects the life and loves of the owner," says Occoless Trotter of the BoatUS Boat Graphics department, which helps boaters design their own boat names "But, it's hard to sum it all up with just a few words." The half-million-member boat owners group has been tallying the Top Ten Boat Names List for over two decades.

The 22nd Annual List Top Ten Boat Names are — 1. Seas the Day, 2. Nauti Buoy, 3. Aquaholic, 4. Dream Weaver, 5. Pegasus, 6. Serenity Now, 7. Second Wind, 8. Liquid Asset, 9. Miss Behavin', and 10. Blew ByYou "When you get a boat, there are certain

"When you get a boat, there are certain things you have to do, such as registering it and buying insurance or towing coverage," added Trotter "However, picking a boat name opens up a creative side." This year's list included three newcom-

ers: Nauti Buoy, Serenity Now, and Blew ByYou, a popular racing sailboat moniker and clever word play on an old Roy Orbison song made famous by <u>Linda Ronstadt</u>. Two other boat names made the list for the second time: Dream Weaver and Pegasus. All others are multi-year repeats.

Some names that did not make the top 10 list but appeared more than once include Pandora, a reference to the planetoid at the center of the film Avatar, as well as boat names that invoke favorite songs—with Margaritaville and Dream Weaver resonating strongly among boat owners of all types.

To see the BoatUS Annual List of Top Ten Boat Names for the last 22 years as well as a list of over 8,000 boat names, or to try designing your own boat name graphic at no cost, go to http://www.BoatUS.com/boatgraphics.



THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON — To celebrate 2012 as the "Year of the Dragon," what better way than to come see the Arizona Dragon Boat Festival, Saturday, March 31-Sunday, April 1 on Tempe Town Lake? This is a free boat festival with entertainment and food vendors. The Arizona Dragon Boat Association is a non-profit 501c(3) organization whose vision is to spread the sport of Dragon Boat racing in Arizona. Founded in 2002, their paddlers have competed in races in the United States and around the world, and they offer all members the chance to join them and their teams on their travels. For more information, visit www.azdba.com/festival/.





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Spend This Weekend At Bill Luke Bass Days

Bill Luke Chrysler Jeep Dodge RAM

One of the biggest and best fishing and family events of Arizona's Centennial year is coming soon to Pleasant Harbor, Lake Pleasant, Ariz. Save March 16 through 18 for three fun-packed days of fishing, outdoor competitions, and activities for everyone, young and old (and in between).

The list for this event (no, make it these events) just keeps growing and growing, thanks to Kim Carter, general manager of Bill Luke Chrysler Jeep Dodge RAM; Don McDowell, event director of Bill Luke Bass Days and host of Shake, Rattle & Troll radio, and his large range of sponsors and participants.

Of course, there is fishing, fishing,

fishing! There are IGFA seminars, bass competitions, kids' fishing and casting events, fishing with military vets and their kids, crawfish fishing, striper an-gling, and bow-fishing for Carp.

And, the kids will be front and center during Bill Luke Bass Days. Besides their own fishing events, for them there are pedal cars, mountain-climbing wall, sawdust piles and prizes, hot-dog races, wildlife classes, and some boat rides, just to name a few.

McDowell provided Western Outdoor Times/Arizona Boating & Watersports with a bullet-points listing of all aspects



of Bill Luke Bass Days, as they stood at press time. There may be some changes and additions, but the following are currently in the works:

- Big Bass (Large and Small Mouth) hourly weigh-ins and \$30,000 in cash prizes; big bass and T-shirt option cash; Biggest Bass overall takes home \$10,000.00; \$5,000.00 in Bonus Cash,
- Striper and bow fishing competition,Fishing and IGFA seminars: John
- Campbell, IGFA; Jerry Tate, JT's Guide
- Kids' fishing and mountain bike races, saw dust piles and prizes,
 • Kids' hot-dog races,
- · Adult mountain bike races over our brand new 3.5-mile course, Endurance Race, Beginners', Intermediate and Expert classes.
- · Desert "Runners" competition over the desert terrain,

- Bow hunters' Hidden Target and Smoker Round courses.
 - · Kids' casting events.
 - · Sport-fishing education,
 - Boating safety,

 - Invasive species education,US Coast Guard boat inspections,
- · FLW National Guard kids' rockclimbing wall, pedal cars, Hum Vee, various other military displays,
- USS Arizona scale-model exhibits
 Fishing with military veterans and
- AZGFD geo-caching course,
- · Kids' crawfish fishing, use and consumption,
- Western Outdoor Times/Arizona Boating & Watersports 501 C 3 project: "Rock The Boat"
- Wildlife watching with Sandy Cates dobe Mountain Wildlife Center) (Adobe around Lake Pleasant. Cates will conduct a short class to identify different animals and birds found in the area; the kids earn a patch and a boat ride to find the wildlife about which they have just learned
- · Food, beverages, snacks and products vendors,
- 12,000-square-foot vendors' tent,
- · Advertised on KNIX 102.5 FM, updates, tips and interviews on Shake, Rattle & Troll Radio KFNX 1100 AM and Voice of Veterans Radio NBC 1260 AM
- · Lots of serious fun, competition and

It's All About San Diego Sportfishing

A San Diego sportfishing tradition, The Port Of San Diego's Day At The Docks is the West Coast's largest public celebration of sportfishing. Signaling the official start of Southern California's spring saltwater fishing season, Day At The Docks takes place on Sunday, April 15 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. against the colorful and dynamic backdrop of the world-renowned sportfishing fleet on San Diego Bay.

This annual event provides marine attractions for the whole family, and especially the sportfishing enthusiast.

The serious fisherman can explore the latest fishing tackle presented by the industry's leading manufacturers. Historical displays underscore how far saltwater tackle design has come. How-to seminars by expert fishermen reveal secrets on improving both technique and results.

Anglers can test their skills at casting contests held throughout the day. Actionpacked videos capture the excitement of local and long range adventures. Sportfishing captains will showcase their vessels and stand ready to discuss plans for the upcoming season.

Boat rides on San Diego Bay, displays by marine artists and fishing tackle ex-perts, great food, entertainment, fishing seminars, open house aboard sportfishing boats, kid's fishing, contests, prizes and

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Tight Lines

LAKE POWELL REPORT

As Water Warms, Some Patterns For Success Work Now

By Wayne Gustaveson

Lake Powell water temperature still hovers between 49 and 54. Not much change will occur in fishing conditions until significant warming of air and water comes toward the end of March.

The good news is that stripers, walleye, largemouth and crappie can be caught now with specific effort directed in the small areas of vulnerability these species exhibit.

Here is the pattern for success. Look for water that is murky green instead of blue and clear. Most fish are holding in the back of canyons near brush where water depth is 25 feet.

To Catch The Stripers

Stripers are loosely associated with brush as they have become accustomed to chasing food in and around the tree branches. Roving schools suspend near the edge of brush usually along a drop off where water depth changes quickly from 20 to 40 feet. Stripers will now respond to lures trolled over and through the trees.

For best results, troll in a circular or zigzag pattern where bottom depth is 25 feet. Try to bring lures close to big trees without dragging them into unforgiving snags. Lures that dive to 8-12 feet may be the best while trolling the brush line.

Best fishing success is found at the warmest part of the day. If water temperature exceeds 54 degrees, fishing will improve dramatically on warm afternoons.

Stripers are curious and respond to feeding actions of their school mates. A hooked fish is often trailed by interested onlookers.

Take advantage of this behavior by jigging spoons or casting lures to the general area of the hooked fish. Let the lucky angler net his own fish while others in the boat try to duplicate that success and keep the flighty school under the boat for maximum hookups.

Bass, Walleye Are Here Too Bass and walleye are in the same gen-

Bass and walleye are in the same general vicinity. Park the boat in 25 feet of water and cast to the brushy shoreline where water depth is 8 feet. Shallow flats

do not hold as many fish as the trough between two points. Run a swimbait slowly along the bottom from 8 to 25 feet. Bump bottom occasionally and fish slowly.

Sometimes bass will be hugging bottom while at other times they will be suspended in the trees. Best fishing is found during the warmest part of the afternoon.

Walleye will begin spawning next week with reduced fishing success. This will be the best week to catch a prespawn trophy walleye.

Crappie Like Slow And Steady

Crappie are best caught in the thickest trees where bottom depth is 12 feet. They often suspend in open water, making them hard to locate. Fish small (1/16th ounce) plastic or marabou jigs straight up and down in brush to attract fish and prevent snags. Crappie like slow, steadymoving lures better than fast-moving lures

Note: At press time, lake elevation was 3,635 and water temperature was 49-54F.



Wayne Gustave

BANNER FOR BIG — Mike Crowther, Page, Ariz., shows off one of the trophy largemouth bass caught at Lake Powell this spring. This one came from the San Juan Arm. The better news is that there are many of more of these waiting to be caught in the next three months. This will be a banner year for big fish.

Imagine Getting A Rebate For Buying A Fishing License

Imagine getting a rebate for fishing? Well, guess what? You can now get a rebate for having or buying a 2012 Arizona Fishing License, thanks to a promotion by Shakespeare.

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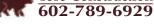
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"We are already stocking trout weeks early in the high country lakes, plus there are plenty of larger holdover trout from last year, the largemouth bass are in the spawn, and we just stocked a bonus 3,000 rainbows into the Lower Salt River.

"This is shaping up to be a super fishing year. Don't miss out," said Rory Aikens, the fishing report editor for the Arizona Game and Fish Department







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GETTING READY TO FISH ARIZONA

nis Should Be An Awesome Year For Anglers

Just recently, we just stocked a bonus 3,000 rainbow trout into the Lower Salt River below Saguaro Lake near Phoenix at the Waters Users (where the tubers put in) and Blue Point Bridge.

Despite our late winter temperatures soaring up just as spring approaches, the water in the Lower Salt comes from the bottom of Saguaro Lake, so it is in the low 50s, making it a superb riverine trout fishery in the Upper Sonoran Desert. Basi-

Cally, it's a one-of-a-kind fishery.
So, give it a try. Be sure to get your
Tonto Pass — the Forest Service sells them online and at various vendors, such as Circle K stores, but you can't buy one on site.

Also, we have stocked Kaibab Lake near Williams about six weeks or so early, and Kaibab has had a second stocking now. The campground isn't open yet, but there are plenty of motels etc., in Williams

just a few minutes away. Plus, the Grand Canyon is only about a 45-minute drive away. Or better yet, hop onto the Grand Canyon Railway.

Here's another tip — every morning they have a shoot out at the old Western TV set adjacent to the Grand Canyon Railway Station. No kidding! So, catch some fish at first light, then go catch a shootout between the local marshal and a bunch of train-robbing desperadoes who cheat at

Good News For Anglers

Both Show Low Lake and Fool Hollow Lake near Show Low are ice-free. This is the time of year when you just might reel in a new state walleye record at one of these two lakes.

Here's some other good news: This is leading edge of the largemouth bass spawn in our fabulous desert lakes. You can ex-



pect to find bass staging for the spawn or on beds at most warm-water lakes. Expect to have lots of bass heading to beds or staging, especially with the Vernal Equi-

nox just around the corner.
Crappie are getting into the spawning mode as well (see crappie report below).

Keep in mind that only a small segment of the bass population will spawn at any one time, so besides the bedding or staging bass, you can also find bass still holding deep in their winter patterns, so plan your strategies accordingly.

Often Early At Martinez

A couple of our officers patrolling the Martinez Lake area (Colorado River backwater near Yuma) talked with anglers who were doing well catching nice-sized crap-pie on jigs, largemouth bass, and striped bass. A popular method for catching stripers was trolling. Martinez is often one of our early-bird spawning lakes.

It's an adventuresome world of cattails and bullrushes with hidden pools and

backwaters often interspersed with rugged desert mountains and other Mohave desert landscapes. Some call this whole area of the Colorado River "Arizona's Ever-

It's all heating up, literally. Go catch some great memories. Maybe I'll see you

Crappie Report

By Bill (Piscolli) Eveland Arizona Crappie Association

Pre-spawn crappie are here and fishing has been pretty good lately at a several different lakes. This is the time of year that the waters warm and crappie laden with eggs and milt start to gather and feed heavy. This is to prepare to move into the shallows and make spawning beds.

There has been a lot of talk over the years about what water temperature triggers the spawn. Most agree that 61 to 63 degrees is the proper temp range for crappie. In most parts of the country, this is common

But, in my experience, Arizona crappie will usually spawn with water temps from 64 and up, all the way to 70 degrees. Why do I say this? Because that's when 90 percent of the bedding crappie I've seen were

It could be my style as I prefer open-water fishing and I'm not much for bed fishing at all. But, we all agree that all crappie do not spawn at the same time. It may take three or four moon phases for the majority to so.

The Time I Most Enjoy

That said, this is the time that I enjoy the sport the most. I like short-line trolling and covering lots of water. Chasing aggressive pre-spawn crappie that move and feed just under the surface is a blast!

And, it doesn't take expensive gear or complicated rigs to be successful. A 12-volt trolling motor on your boat with a couple of 10-foot rods and 4 or 5 colors of 2-inch grubs can be all you need for a great

Try different things, but keep in mind that the depth of your bait is the #1 most important fact in crappie fishing.

Protect Out Sport

To protect the future of our sport, the Arizona Crappie Association practices and promotes the immediate release of all crappie under 10" in length. For more information on the Arizona Crappie Associincluding tips, reports, and membership - go to www.azcrappie.com.







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Write On Target

Tony Stewart To Chair NHF Day Celebration

Leading NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver/owner Tony Stewart knows a thing or two about winning championships. As the driver of the No. 14 Office Depot/Mobil I Chevrolet in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, Stewart has won 12 driving championships, including three Sprint Cup Series titles, in a career spanning more than three decades.

Stewart is a champion off the racetrack as much as he is on, and has been recognized for his philanthropic efforts via his Tony Stewart Foundation, which raises funds for distribution to three specific groups chronically ill children, drivers injured in motorsports activities, and organizations dedicated to the protection of various animal species. This year, Stewart is a champion for another cause as he has been named honorary chairman of National Hunting and Fishing Day 2012.

NHF DAY Launched In 1971

Congress established National Hunting and Fishing Day to recognize hunters and anglers for their leadership in fish and wildlife conservation. Since launching in 1971, the day has been formally pro-claimed by every U.S. President, countless governors and mayors.

Stewart joins an elite fraternity of entertainment and sports figures who have served as honorary chairs, including Hank Williams Jr., Travis Tritt, Tracy Byrd, Jeff Foxworthy, Jay Novacek, Robert Urich, Wade Boggs, Ward Burton, Arnold Palmer, Terry Bradshaw, the USA Olympic Shooting Team and many others. The annual celebration is set for Saturday,

"It's a pleasure to be this year's hon-orary chairman of National Hunting and Fishing Day," Stewart said. "I love the outdoors and everything that goes into maintaining the outdoors. Nurturing the land is as satisfying for me as hunting and fish-



Tony Stewart

Destined For Success

Stewart seemed destined for racing success at an early age when the Columbus, Ind., native won his first championship at age 8 — a 4-cycle rookie junior class championship at the Columbus Fairgrounds. After two more karting championships —this time on a national level —

the rest, as they say, was history. Stewart came to NASCAR in 1999 via the IZOD IndyCar Series where he was series champion in 1997. Prior to IndyCar, he had four USAC (United States Auto Club) championships, including an unprecedented win of USAC's "Triple Crown." He is the first and only driver to have won championships in stock cars, Indy cars and open-wheel Midget, Sprint and Silver Crown cars.

He has won some of the biggest races in motorsports, including being a two-time winner of the Brickyard 400, a six-time winner of the season-opening NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Daytona International Speedway, and a two-time winner of the famed Chili Bowl - an all-star Midget race at Tulsa (Okla.) Expo Race-

In 2008, Stewart became driver/owner in the Sprint Cup Series with Stewart/Haas Racing, but he had already proven himself a successful team owner with the formation as Tony Stewart Racing (TSR) in

TSR has earned 15 owner championships and Stewart is passionate about providing cars and equipment for racing's future stars. It's his way of giving back to the grassroots racing series that enabled him to become a motorsports icon.

Giving Back

'Giving back is something that drives me, be it in racing or with the outdoors,' Stewart said. "In order for racing to be sustainable, we have to have younger generations get involved.

"It's the same with the outdoors. In order for hunting and fishing to be sustainable, our land and wildlife needs to be managed and maintained, and that knowledge has to be passed on from one generation to the next.'

Wonders of Wildlife coordinates public education and awareness campaigns to promote traditional outdoor sports. The museum recently opened the newly constructed Conservation Education Center. The museum itself has also undergone extensive renovations and will open in 2013.

Hunters, Anglers Contribute Greatly

Stewart is one of America's 34 million hunters and anglers. Together, their licenses, permits and special taxes contribute more than \$4.7 million each day for fish, wildlife and habitat programs. No one contributes more for conservation.

For more information, visit www.nhf-

Important First Meeting Of Sportsmen's Constituent Group To Be Held March 22

You're invited to discuss the future of hunting, fishing and shooting sports in Arizona.

A most important first meeting of the newly created Sportsmen's Constituent Group (working title at this point) will be held on Thursday, March 22, from 6-9 p.m., at the Arizona Game and Fish Department headquarters at 5000 W. Carefree Highway in Phoenix.

The meeting will discuss how to best unite constituents (sportsmen/women and other wildlife enthusiasts, whether affiliated with an organized group or not) on immediate issues and challenges affecting the future of hunting, fishing and shooting sports, as well as Arizona's wildlife future.

Any member of the public is welcome to attend.

The meeting was called for by action of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission at its Jan. 25 meeting and will be hosted/chaired by Kurt Davis a member of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

The meeting will also be webcast at www.azgfd.gov/webcast. A detailed agenda will be posted prior to the meeting.

The Top Five Outdoor Films — Ever!

Excerpted From American Hunter

It's hard to define what qualifies a motion picture as an "outdoor" film. To make this list the film must center on hunting and/or the outdoors. One of these two elements must be central to the plot, theme, tone and overall narrative of the flick. Feel free to add your top five or even 20 and your candid opinions on the choices

- 1. Jeremiah Johnson (1972) Director Sydney Pollack's take on jaded army vet Jeremiah Johnson's battle with an unforgiving Colorado Territory in the 1840s is the ultimate expression of a man's thirst to test his limits against the wild.
- 2. Dances with Wolves (1990) With a plot quite similar to our top outdoor film, Dances with Wolves" has become possibly the greatest outdoor film of what can be labeled the "modern era."
- 3. The Ghost and the Darkness (1996) If Jeremiah Johnson met his ultimate challenge against a mountain, the hunters in this film met their challenge against a pair of bloodthirsty lions.
- This film, as 4. Deliverance (1972) many others on this list do, centers on



man's ability to survive against primitive challenges while alone in the wilderness.

5. A River Runs Through It (1992) - As Mr. Olmsted stated above, this film has no match when it comes to depicting what we love about the outdoors.

Honorable Mention: The Deer Hunter (1978), Open Range (2003), Legends of the Fall (1994), Where the Red Fern Grows (1974), Into the Wild (2007)

Worst Hunting Movie — Ever!

Bambi (1942) — Need I say more? Note: But, wait. There's more! This story, excerpted from American Hunter, will be continued.

Online Draw Applicants Should Ensure Credit Card Info Is Current

Were you one of the many hunters who used the Arizona Game and Fish Department's online application service for the 2012 Pronghorn Antelope and Elk Draw? Has your credit or debit card information recently changed?

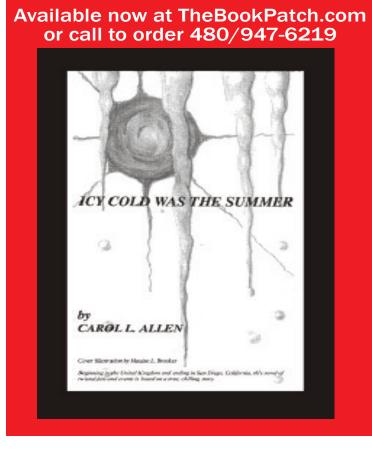
If the answer to both of those questions is yes, you will want to make sure that the credit or debit card you used to apply for the draw is still valid, and if not, then up-date your information. Be advised that if your card is invalid at the time the random drawing is run, it will result in rejection of your application (regardless of posted re-

You can make sure your credit/debit

card payment information is up to date simply by logging on to https://az.gov/app/huntdraw/home.xhtml, selecting the "Update My Payment Information" button at the bottom of the page, and following the prompts.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the draw section by calling (602) 942-3000, then select option 2. then option 3.

An announcement will be posted on the department's Web site at www.azgfd.gov and sent out via e-news when draw results are available. Hunt permit-tags are anticipated to be mailed out by April 20.



Vestern Arizonans Can Help Wildlife At Tax Time

Taxpayers can help conserve bald eagles, wolves, tortoises, others.

Did you know that your state taxes do not support the conservation of Arizona's wildlife, but your donations do? Taxpayers can help the state's wildlife at tax time by "making a mark" on their state income tax

The Arizona Wildlife Fund is a voluntary program that allows Arizona taxpayers to make a donation to help imperiled and endangered wildlife, including majestic bald eagles, black-footed ferrets, California condors, Apache trout, Mexican wolves and desert tortoises, among other non-game species

"Since Game and Fish does not receive any general fund dollars, the Arizona Wildlife Fund provides important support for managing and conserving some of the state's most iconic native species," says Eric Gardner, nongame branch chief for the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

"The fund has a tremendous impact on

conserving one of Arizona's greatest natural treasures — its wildlife — that provide a variety of low-cost recreational opportunities for residents to enjoy and real economic benefits to local communities."

Arizona is one of 41 states that allow taxpayers to make a contribution to worthwhile causes. Since Arizona started the program more than 25 years ago, taxpayers have donated more than \$5 million to the conservation of nongame animals. Non-game are

wildlife species that are neither hunted nor fished in a traditional sense.

In 2011, the average donation was nearly

The Arizona Wildlife Fund box can be found on line "44" of the state's long income tax form, or line "40" of the short tax form.

For more information on the Arizona Wildlife Fund, visit www.azgfd.gov/ makeamark. To learn more about the conservation and reintroduction efforts the fund supports. visit http://www.azgfd. gov/w c/nongame

Native Arizona ot Pets

Laws are in place for good reasons.

From AZGFD

There's no denving the fact that some wildlife might appear to make for a nice pet, especially the youngsters one might believe can be domesticated. But, Arizona Game and Fish officials advise otherwise.

'There's no such thing," said Zen Mocarski, public information officer for the Game and Fish Region 3 office in Kingman. "Yes, wild animals may sometimes appear comfortable around people and some have been taught tricks, but they are never domesticated.

Where Do You Draw The Line?

In a recent case, a Bullhead City man cited for possession of restricted live wildlife led to a barrage of e-mails, phone calls, and Web site postings. Many of the comments suggested the individual be allowed to keep his "pet" raccoon.
"I suppose the first question I'd have to

ask would be: 'Where do you then draw the line?' Mocarski stated. "Next case will be a person with a bobcat or mountain lion kitten, then a bear cub, or coyote pups. They are native wildlife, not pets, and should never be treated as such.

Mocarski said there are a number of reasons people should not possess live

They want a better understanding of why it is not legal.

"I know people don't want to simply hear, 'It's against the law,'" Mocarski said.

Not Just One Reason "There isn't just one reason. Unpre-dictable behavior can be an issue with wildlife, especially after reaching sexual maturity. Instinct is difficult to overcome. The most famous case, of course, would be Roy Horn, who was attacked by a tiger he had worked with for years in Las Vegas. Of course there was the case of the chimpanzee that attacked a woman in Connecticut

"You can go weeks, months, or years without an incident. You just don't know when or if a wild animal's natural instinct will surface.

As for disease, there's no research on whether vaccines used for domestic animals would be effective for wildlife, whether it be a coyote, bobcat, or raccoon

'Rabies is nearly 100 percent fatal and a vaccine that works on a domestic dog may not work on a coyote. And, let's not forget it isn't just how an animal impacts the one individual, but the surrounding neighbors and nets

Mocarski added that animals people try to domesticate often end up in zoos because as an animal gets older, it becomes clear its needs can't be met.

Perhaps The Biggest Challenge

However, the biggest challenge to hold-

ing wildlife may be meeting an animal's dietary needs, which can be varied.

"There are elk in the Hualapai Mountains that will walk toward you if you shake a bag of chips," he said. "Through years of being fed by people, the elk have been conditioned to eat such things. My question is simple: If chips aren't particularly [healthful] for humans, what would make people think [they are] a good dietary choice for elk?

Sad Stories

In 1995, 13 deer were killed at the Grand Canyon after becoming hooked on snack food and candy. They lost their nat-ural ability to digest vegetation. Their muscles atrophied and they were starving

"As for the recent raccoon," Mocarski said, "It was low on calcium and phosphorous, mildly anemic, and was slightly underweight. Dog food and sweet treats should not be a staple of a raccoon's diet."

Mocarski said the raccoon was tested at the Adobe Mountain Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Phoenix, where it has been given a more natural diet of various fruits, raw meat, and fish.

"Apparently it has already developed a taste for bluegill," Mocarski said. "The raccoon will likely reach its natural weight as it receives a more balanced diet.'

Mocarski - who has seen the thin. malnourished elk in the Hualapais - remains adamant the laws exist not only for public safety, but also for the health of Arizona's wildlife.

"We have desert tortoises brought to our office every year that have either lumpy or soft shells," he said. "It comes down to understanding the needs of wildlife. Lumpy shells are often the result of a high-protein diet and a soft shell can result from a lack of ultra-violet light.'

'Keep Wildlife Wild'

Game and Fish would prefer the public comply with the law so the department is not placed into a position of seizing an an-

"But, we'll continue to do so for the safety of the public and the health of the animal," Mocarski said. "Seasoned biologists with years of experience have a unique understanding of wildlife. The basic message is simple: Keep wildlife

Audubon Society Names Bill Williams River NWR 'Global Important Bird Area'

For birdwatchers everywhere, the sharp weeep call of a Nutting's Flycatcher makes the heart skip a beat, especially for socalled "listers" who try to see as many of the world's 10,000 species as they can in one year. It's a passion popularized in the recent Hollywood movie The Big Year.

News that a Nutting's was spotted early in 2012 near Lake Havasu City in the Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge has spread worldwide. Since then, flocks of birders descended upon this Colorado River town, home for 40 years to the historic London Bridge. In fact, Birdfind-ers, one of Britain's most successful birdwatching holiday companies, ran a trip to Lake Havasu City in mid-January.

The blogosphere was all a-twitter. PioneerBirding.blogspot.com raves, was a bird to enjoy in a completely beau-tiful place — the Bill Williams River NWR (www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/ arizona/billwill.html), right on the fringe of a major riparian area in the middle of some fairly harsh desert. All in all, a glorious morning and one to remember.

Birding is becoming big business for the Lake Havasu area. "We host hundreds of birders here a week," reports Kathleen B., Blair, Ph.D., an ecologist for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

"By emphasizing that wildlife conservation is good for business, we hope more

Nutting's Flycatcher

people will support wildlife conservation," said Blair from the visitors' center of the 6,105-acre refuge near Parker Dam.

Adding to the allure of the Bill iams, which hosts 366 different Williams, which hosts 366 different species of birds, is its recent designation by the National Audubon Society as a Globally Significant Important Bird Area, its highest level of recognition. The riparian (riverside) zone, 23 miles from Lake Havasu City, is a desert haven for plants and animals alike.

The rare desert marshland of the Bill Williams River NWR harbors species of global conservation concern, supports assemblages of range- and biome-restricted species, and represents a bottleneck which populations of migratory waterfowl and terrestrial birds pass through seasonally.

"The refuge is a vital stopover for neotropical migrant birds using the Colorado River flyway. It provides nesting habitat for endangered and threatened species, including the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher and Yuma Clapper Rail," said Tice Supplee, director of Bird Conservation for Audubon Arizona.

The Important Bird Areas program is a global effort to identify and conserve areas that are vital to birds and other biodiversity. By working with Audubon chapters (www.audubon.org), landowners, public agencies, community groups, and other non-profits, Audubon endeavors to interest and activate a broad network of supporters to ensure that all Important Bird Areas are properly managed and conserved.



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DEAD HORSE RANCH STATE PARK

Here's The Place For Hikes And Bikes!

Park Rangers at Dead Horse Ranch Staare Park in Cottonwood ranger-guided hikes on Sundays will offer guided ranger-led hikes on Sundays and mountain bike ride/clinics on Saturdays. The hikes will be charged as part of the \$7 park car entrance fee; however, the mountain bike clinic/rides require an additional program fee of \$5.00 per person. "Nature Walks" will start every Sunday

"Nature Walks" will start every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. from March 24 through May 5, and last for one to two hours. The guided hikes will meander along riparian areas or stroll through the high desert trails within the park.

Hikers need to bring plenty of water, sunscreen and wear appropriate clothing: sturdy shoes, and a hat. Ranger Margie Sanchez says, "You might want to bring binoculars and a camera, too. These hikes are a great opportunity for wildlife sightings and photos." Most hikes will start at the Quail Loop Campground so inquire at the gate when you come in for Nature Walk starting points.

'Mountain Bike Basics" will take place

every Saturday afternoon from March 24 through May 5, starting at noon, and go until 4 p.m., or when everyone gets tired," according to Park Ranger Randy Victory. "These will be beginner trail rides on the dirt, with some instruction on the pavement."

Victory, a certified cycling instructor, will offer everything from basic riding techniques to trail etiquette. Although the rides are oriented towards adult beginners, the minimum age is 15. "There's always a certain amount of interaction [among] riders," explains Victory.

"Group rides — where the beginners are supportive of each other, and more experienced riders can offer their insight — are an excellent way to build skills, and have a great time doing it. The focus is on fun!"

Riders will be REQUIRED to wear a helmet and complete an acknowledgment of risk form (parents must sign for riders under 18 years old.) They should also bring water and make sure their bike is in good working order. Flat protection (Slime tire sealant, for example) and riding



Dead Horse Ranch State Park

gloves are recommended.

The rides will start at the Raptor Trailhead at the top of Roadrunner Road in the park. There will be a program fee of \$5.00 per rider collected at the time of the ride/class.

The Dead Horse Ranch State Park day use Entrance Fee is \$7.00 or Annual Passes are \$75 for a family. For more information about these types of park programs, call Dead Horse Ranch State Park at 928-634-5283 or email rvictory@azstateparks.gov.

For more information about the 30 State Parks, call (602) 542-4174 (outside of the Phoenix metro area call toll-free (800) 285-3703) or visit AZStateParks.com.

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the 29th annual celebration Archaeology and Heritage flonth. For a free listing of and activities, call (602) 542-AZStateParks.com. Colorado River District has scheduled tours of archaeological and historic sites in Parker and Kingman, Ariz., during March. For more information, please contact Dr. George Shannon, BLM archaeologist, at

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

2723, mriddle@blm.gov.

Glen Canyon will host a series of events in March to honor Arizona Archeology and Heritage Awareness Month. For more information, contact the Carl Hayden Visitor Center at (928) 608-6404 or visit www.nps.gov/glea.

Grand Canyon National Park

March 24, Grand Canyon National Park will host its 5th annual Archaeology Day in honor of Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month. For more information (including a full schedule of events) and on March special park programs. visit http://www.nps.gov/grea/planyourvisit/arch_day.htm, or call Supervisory Park Ranger Libby Schaaf at (928) 638-7641.







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Mountain Gear Announces Red Rock Rendezvous

nual "Mountain Gear Presents: Red Rock Rendezvous" (RRR) rock-climbing festi-val, title sponsored by The North Face, returns to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area near Las Vegas on March 30 through April 1.

This year's event is limited to the first 1,000 registrants; early registration is recommended. To register, visit <u>www.Re-</u> dRockRendezvous.com.

For the 2012 RRR, Mountain Gear is adding Special Friday Clinics to the threeday event that include a range of outdoor activities and classes, including UClimb's Learn to Climb Clinic.

Special Friday clinics include the fol-





- · Multiple pitch climbing for intermediate climbers
- · Wilderness first aid an eight-hour
- course to earn certification card
 Warrior's Way with author and climber Arno Ilgner

 - Map and compass classSelf-rescue rock rescue class
 - · Intensive trail running
- Half-day mountain biking clinicUClimb's Learn to Climb Clinic for less-experienced climbers and those who have never attempted the difficulty levels of the Red Rock Canyon.

UClimb is designed to teach all ages how to rock climb in small-group settings with other amateur climbers. The full-day introduction clinics will teach climbing fundamentals to succeed at Red Rocks and other outdoor settings.

The festival also will offer clinics for

advanced and intermediate climbers on Saturday and Sunday. For a complete list of registration packages and prices, visit www.RedRockRendezvous.com.

Event proceeds will benefit the Access Fund, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to keeping climbing areas open and conserving the climbing environment. Other benefiting organizations include the American Safe Climbing Association, the American Alpine Club, Friends of Red Rocks and the Las Vegas Climbers Liaison Council.

For more information, call (800) 829-2009 or visit www.RedRockRendezvous. com



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DESERT STORM: April 23-29 - LakeRacer LLC, jimn@lakeracerllc.com

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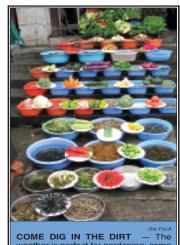
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24TH ANNUAL ARIZONA'S ANNUAL RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL: Through April 1 — Apache Junction; (12601 E. Highway 60, 85118); weekends, 10 am - 6 pm, 520-463-2700 or http://www.renfestinfo, com

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sored by Teague Custom Marine of Valencia, Calif., will be 2-1/2 times larger than last year, and is jam-packed with muchawaited new model offerings.

DCB's New M41

One of the most awaited new intros slated for the Havasu show is the debut of DCB's new M41, a much-talked-about widebody catamaran that will be the largest model in the current DCB fleet. It is also reported that DCB is feverishly working on a new M285 smaller version that, when complete, will be powered by one of Mercury Racing's new 565EFI packages.

No word on whether an M285 will be ready in time for Desert Storm or not. We'll just have to wait and see.

Doug Wright Poker Run Edition

A boat that has been burning up the Internet boating forum boards is the new Doug Wright Poker Run Edition from Florida, a close cousin to the highly successful 32 Doug Wright cat which has been dominate on the offshore outboard racing circuit for the past decade.

The new Poker Run Edition is said to be a five-passenger beauty, powered by a pair of 300XS Merc outboards with a completely restyled deck and larger cockpit.

Lots of eves will be on this one at the boat show.

West Coast Builders West Coast builders, Nordic, Hallett, and Howard are also looking to grab plenty of attention with new models of their own. Nordic has a brand new 39-foot vee-bottom that will be unveiled at the boat show, plus another possible surprise in the smaller (under 25-foot) cat category.

Hallett has a newly styled deckboat in its line-up for 2012 called the 285 Party Cruiser 2.0 which has already caught the attention of several buyers.

Howard Boats is putting the finishing touches on its new 28 SDS model, a modified 28 Sportdeck with a total deck re-design and a family-friendly cockpit reconfiguration.

East Coast Manufacturers

East coast manufacturers like Mystic, Frisini and MTI are also coming to the Havasu show with ample new product ammunition. Mystic will dazzle the crowd with a new 50-foot cat build sporting a pair

of Mercury Racing 1350s.

Frisini Motorsports, who opted to pass on the Miami Show, is bringing at least four and possibly five boats out West including a 43 Cat, a 38 Hypersonic vee, a 39 center console, a 32 Spectre cat and a 30 Vendetta open bow as part of the Oregon Custom Marine display.

MTI will not be outdone, thanks to a new catamaran which is making its out-

Something For Everyone

With just weeks left before the boat show official opening, the exhibitor count has passed the 120 mark with more than 50 major boat brands represented on the show grounds. In addition to the high-performance boat bling, show visitors will have plenty to see in the way of new affordable family runabouts, fishing boats, pontoons, wakeboard/ski boats, personal watercraft and even some Hobie Kayaks.

For those who are fuel conscious, several of the newest models in electric boats will be shown too.

Make It A Full Day

When you attend the boat show, better plan on making a full day of it. In addition to the boats, there's also a "Legends by the Lake" car show on Saturday and Sunday with immaculate street rods and muscle cars of the past plus a display of vintage "hot boats" that were responsible for building the Colorado River's reputation as the recreational boating capital of the Southwest.

Speed Indeed!

If you enjoy boat racing, the world's fastest water skiers hit the water at 9 a.m. sharp on Saturday and Sunday for three rounds of marathon speed ski competition conducted by the National Water Ski Racing Association. Races will last up to an hour long each and reach speeds in excess of 100 miles an hour in the expert classes.

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Then, at 2 p.m., the race course is turned over to the offshore racers. Threetime world offshore champion, Bob Teague in his 36-foot AMSOIL Skater catamaran, will be out to defend his 2011 Havasu Championship against a field of outstanding competitors.

Details

Boat show hours are Friday, April 20 from noon to dusk; Saturday, 9 a.m. to dusk and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$2.00 for adults; kids 12 and under are free. Parking is also free. Food courts and two beer gardens will also be open to serve visitors

For those interested in buying a new boat, boat demos are available on a by-appointment basis immediately following the boat show on Sunday afternoon and all day on Monday, April 23.

For additional boat show information and a complete directory listing of exhibitors, please log on to www.lakehavasuboatshow.com.



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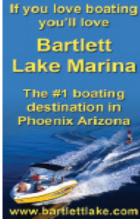
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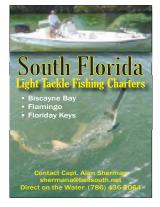


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Her Sister-In-Law

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With a smile, she did just that, confident that she was going to be re-united with her beloved husband of 62 years, Don Lemon, who passed away on Dec. 4, 2011.



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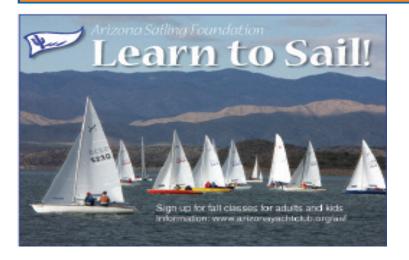
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