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## PARADES, EXPOS, A MONSTER STORM: All Coming To A 'Theater' Near You!

### It's Coming To Lake Havasu City This Fall: Sixth Annual Sand/Water/RV Expo

*Motorsports recreation enthusiasts will see it all: Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18-19.*

Lake Havasu City, Ariz., a recognized mecca for outdoor motorsports enthusiasts of off-roading, RVing and boating, is about to add another accolade to its resume with the return of the 6th Annual "Sand - Water - RV Expo" presented by Jet Renu, at Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4 special event venue, Saturday and Sunday, Nov.18-19, 2017.

"We couldn't be more pleased to have the opportunity to bring this level of event to Lake Havasu City for the sixth consecutive year," commented Bob Brown, president of



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### ON THE COVER Calendars Fill With Great Events

CAROL L. ALLEN

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**MARK YOUR MARCH CALENDAR** — The Southwest's largest fishing, hunting, boating and travel consumer show, the International Sportsmen's Exposition and Arizona Boat Show® (ISE), will fill WestWorld's North Hall, giant Multi-Use Tent and the 10 acres of outside space. Show dates are March 22-25, 2018. All the Valley's top marine dealers have signed on to present more than 100 sport, pleasure and fishing boats, plus a houseboat at the Valley's only boat show. Marinas and marine-accessory exhibitors will expand the products and services offered at show prices.

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Current Arizona Boat Show® marine dealer, marina and accessory exhibitors include —

- Action Water Sports

- Arizona Boat Top
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- Century Marine
- Complete Marine
- Desert Autoplex
- Lake Powell Resorts &
- Marina
- Pleasant Harbor Boat Club
- Riverbound Sports
- SC Wake SeaDek

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## Brightly Lit Boats Celebrate The Holidays

*The Christmas season is made just a little more special each year by three of our favorite Southwest lighted-boat parades.*

### LAKE HAVASU CITY

(Fri. Dec. 1 & Sat., Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m.)

### Up To 50 Boats Will Delight Spectators

The Annual Boat Parade of Lights is in its 35th year and has been the must-see event of the holiday season. Lake Havasu City's Boat Parade of Lights has been repeatedly selected as one of the top 100 events in the United States by the American Bus Association.

Up to 50 boats brightly decorated in their holiday best will delight children and adults alike. Watch the boats cruise through the Bridgewater Channel beginning in Thompson Bay and continuing under the London Bridge to the north end of the Channel, with a turnaround at Windsor Beach and back.

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We sincerely thank all the first responders, military personnel, law-enforcement officers, and brave civilians throughout the country who have been called upon to perform heroic and challenging tasks of fighting wildfire infernos, conducting search/rescue and recovery missions under some of the most dangerous conditions this nation has known.

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## DOWNSTREAM: October 2017 Events Calendar

### BOATING

**1-8 LAKE HAVASU CITY:** 36th Annual IJSBA World Finals — Crazy Horse Campgrounds. Invitation-only event with more than 750 competitors from more than 30 countries who churn the waters at the world's largest and most prestigious personal watercraft race, vendor row, food, beer stands, stadium seating, Parade of Nations, Pro-Freestyle Expo, free entry to spectators. 928-764-2210 ext 615 or <https://golakehavasu.com/event/ijsba-world-finals/>

**3 LAKE HAVASU CITY:** 11th Annual IJSBA Parade of Nations — Under the London Bridge. Celebration honoring the IJSBA World Finals participants and their respective countries flags. 7-10 pm. Free to spectators. 928-486-4347 or <http://golakehavasu.com/events/ijsba-parade-of-nations/>

**Nov. 3-5 PHOENIX:** Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing — Professional drag boat racing, some of the fastest runs ever in the Top Fuel Hydro category where speeds have already surpassed the 260 mph mark in as few as 3.3 seconds on a 1,000-foot race course. <http://www.lucasoildragboats.com>

**12/1-2 LAKE HAVASU CITY:** Annual Boat Parade of Lights; see story on page 1

**12/9 TEMPE TOWN LAKE:** Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade; see story on page 1

**12/10 and 17 SAN DIEGO BAY:** Parade of Lights; see story on page 1

**2/3/2018 CORONA DEL MAR, CALIF.:** The Sailing Convention for Women — See story on page 4.

**LEARN TO SAIL:** Current — If you know someone who would like to learn to sail, turn them on to the Arizona Sailing Foundation's Adult Beginning Sailing class.

**AZ YACHT CLUB MEETINGS:** Second Tuesday of every month 7 p.m. — in the Caddy Shack at Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., Tempe; [www.arizonayachtclub.org](http://www.arizonayachtclub.org)

**US SAILING/ RED CROSS ONLINE TRAINING:** Ongoing — To make it easier for prospective US SAILING-certified instructors to fulfill course requirements for CPR and First Aid certification, US SAILING teams up with the American Red Cross to provide an online training program. Participants can sign up by visiting [www.us-sailing.org/training](http://www.us-sailing.org/training) and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

### CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

**7 ORACLE: GLOW:** Spirited Away — Triangle L Ranch. Come venture into another world under the moon and stars for a night of illumination and imagination set in the lush, high desert. Experience GLOWing artwork and multi-media installations, theatrical performances and live music along five acres of lighted trails. Food available for purchase. Wear a glowing costume and join the celebration. \$15, 13 and under is \$8. 7-11 pm. <http://www.trianglelranh.com>

**7 PINETOP:** 22nd Annual Tour of the White Mountains — Choose from a 9-mile singletrack fun ride, 30-mile forest road fun ride, both ideal for the novice to intermediate mountain biker, as well as 30-mile or 50-mile singletrack challenge categories for those looking for something more arduous, benefits Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center. 520-623-1584 or <http://www.epicrides.com>

**PROTECT-A-PARK:** Ongoing — Boaters, anglers, divers needed to adopt Lake Pleasant's shoreline areas and coves for regular litter removal in 2009; (602) 372-7460, ext. 200

### CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

### COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

For a complete list of Oktoberfests, Halloween, and Dia de los Muertos Arizona events, visit <http://www.visitarizona.com/events>.

**1-31 GILBERT:** Halloween Pumpkin Patch - Mother Nature's Farm. Stocked with fresh pumpkins daily from 1 ounce to 500 pounds, Maneau's Market for fall decorations and pumpkin accessories, entrance fee is \$10/child includes an OZ pumpkin, a bag of stickers, decorating your pumpkin, air bounce, a hayride, straw bounce, feeding the animals and Alexander's Adventure Maze. \$10 per child, adults \$3 to tag along. Bring a picnic lunch, food is available. <http://motheraturesfarm.com/>

**6-29 PHOENIX:** 133rd Annual Arizona State Fair - Family entertainment, animals, food, rides, top-notch concerts, exhibits, motorized events, rodeo & more. New attractions, new rides. Tue-Sun. \$5-10. <http://www.azstatefair.com>

**13-15 CAMP VERDE:** 61st Annual Fort Verde Days - Fort Verde State Historic Park & Soccer Field. Celebration of Camp Verde's historic military heritage, includes Kiwanis pancake breakfast, Lions Club Car Show, parade, carnival, quilt show, vendors, food, museums, music, lots of family fun. Free. Fri 3-9 pm, Sat. 10 am - 10 pm, Sun 11 am - 4 pm. 928-301-0922 or <http://www.visitcampverde.com> or <http://www.campverdepromotions.org/>

**13-15 TEMPE:** 45th Annual Four Peaks Oktoberfest - Tempe Town Lake. German style fare as well as food vendors offering everything from Lobster mac and cheese to street tacos to your traditional festival food. Live music, a Kinderfest for family fun and entertainment, filled with games and activities for kids and adults young at heart. \$7-12, VIP \$32-80. Fri 5 pm - midnight, Sat noon - midnight, Sun noon - 6 pm. <http://www.tempeoktoberfest.com>

### EXPOS/SHOWS

**11/18-19 LAKE HAVASU CITY:** 6th Annual Sand-Water-RV Expo — See story on page 1.

**3/22-25, 2018: SCOTTSDALE'S WEST WORLD:** International Sportsmen's Exposition and Arizona Boat Show® (ISE) — See story on page 1.

### FISHING

**26 PHOENIX:** Luke Bryan: Huntin' Fishin' & Lovin' Everyday Tour — Ak-Chin Pavilion. With Luke Bryan with Brett Eldredge and Granger Smith. <http://livenation.com>

**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

### SHOOTING SPORTS/ARCHERY

**BEN AVERY CLAY TARGET CENTER:** Ongoing — 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: [sales@saguarosports.com](mailto:sales@saguarosports.com)

**Frozen LEARN TO CURL LESSONS:** Ongoing — [learntocurl@coyotescurling.com](http://learntocurl@coyotescurling.com)

### Swimming

**1 RIO VERDE:** 13th Annual Bartlett Lake Olympic & Spring Triathlon/Duathlon — Rattlesnake Cove. Looking for a challenge, this race is ranked the toughest most beautiful triathlon in Arizona! Includes: Adult Olympic Tri: 1500 m Swim, 24.8 mi Bike, 6.2 mi Run; Adult Sprint Tri: 500 m Swim, 12.8 mi Bike; 2.2 mi Run; Adult Sprint PLUS: 1000 m swim, 12.8 mi bike, 4 mi Run; Adult Sprint Duathlon: 100 yard run, 12.8 mi. bike, 2.2 mi. run; Adult Olympic Triathlon Relay — Olympic relay distances. <http://www.trifamilyracing.com/>

**7 MESA:** 2017 Mesa Sprint Triathlon — Skyline Aquatics Center. Consists of a 400 yard swim, 12 mile bike ride and a 5k run. Intended to be a safe and fun event for seasoned and first-time triathletes alike. Top male and female finisher gets a pair of Oakley's latest sunglasses. Other top finishers have prizes as well. Every finisher gets a medal and a custom dri-fit shirt. <http://mesasprinttriathlon.com/>

**7 ORO VALLEY:** Oro Valley Sprint Triathlon and Duathlon-Trifecta — Oro Valley Aquatic Center. This is a USAT sanctioned event. 800 meter serpentine swim, 14 mi bike course (2 seven mile loops), 3 mi run. <http://trioyl.com/>

**28 PAGE:** 10th Annual Powell3 Triathlon — Wahweap Marina. This USAT sanctioned race is set in one of the best landscapes in the U.S., swim 1500 meters, bike 24 miles, run 6.2 miles or swim 750 meters, bike 12 miles, run 3.1 miles, course covers a beautiful sand stone course with a great view of Lake Powell. \$95-180 early registration. 8 am. 801-355-4940 or <http://www.powell3.com>

### WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

**4 CLARKDALE:** Raptor on the Rails — Verde Canyon Railroad, an eagle in flight is breathtaking, a face-to-face encounter with a raptor is also an astounding event, Scottsdale's Liberty Wildlife shares the majesty of a rescued bald eagle and other rescued raptors with visitors at the depot and on the train on select days, the only train who has an Eagle riding once a month, Sonora LOVES riding the train, everyone has the opportunity for personal interaction. 1 pm. <http://verdecanyonrr.com/>

**6-4/30 PHOENIX:** Dinosaurs in the Desert — Phoenix Zoo. 23 prehistoric creatures stand along the Zoo's Desert Lives Trail. The self-guided tour includes animatronic dinosaur structures which move and make various sounds including the infamous roar of the tyrannosaurus rex. A fossil dig and a photo op with a pachyrhino are also available. Educational signage and guides high-

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**HAPPY HALLOWEEN BIRTHDAY WISHES**  
To retired Firefighter/  
EMT/911 Dispatcher  
and Trainer, the late Lisa  
Brookes-Haws





# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## Update your boating safety knowledge

Our waterways are ready, but are YOU? Brush up on your boating skills by taking one of the many Boating Safety Education classes or take one online at [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating).

October 2017				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game & Fish Department	October 21 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	October 21 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Apex Arms Facility – Green Bldg. 2176 McCulloch Blvd. N. Suite 8 Lake Havasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-07	October 21 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Bell American Plaza 7121 W. Bell Road Glendale	\$30	(928) 310-4603
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-08	October 21 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shops 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(510) 386-2356
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-11	October 21 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Century Marine 3302 E. Main Street Mesa	\$25	(602) 550-8655

November 2017				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-07	November 18 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Bell American Plaza 7121 W. Bell Road Glendale	\$30	(928) 310-4603
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-08	November 18 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shops 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(510) 386-2356
Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-11	September 16 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Century Marine 3302 E. Main Street Mesa	\$25	(602) 550-8655

### Know the Rules: Learn to identify “Navi-Aids”



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



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

**Controlled**  
Circles indicate a controlled area such as speed limit, no fishing or anchoring, ski only or no skiing, or “slow, no wake.”



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



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

### Other Non-Lateral Markers

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



**Inland Water Obstruction Markers** are white with black vertical stripes and indicate an obstruction to navigation. You should not pass between these buoys and nearest shore.



### Mooring Buoy

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

Note, the following actions are illegal:

- ◆ Willfully damaging, removing, interfering with, or tying up to a navigation buoy not intended for mooring.
- ◆ Mooring, anchoring, or fastening to shore for more than 14 consecutive days any vessel on public waters.

### Need to borrow a life jacket?

Visitors to lakes Pleasant, Havasu, Saguaro or Mohave needing a life jacket can borrow one at Life Jacket Loaner Stations near each lake’s boat ramps.

Stations contain jackets for infants to adults. **Please return** the jackets so they can be used by others.

### Registration Decal



Spaces or hyphens should appear here.

### Register your watercraft

Make sure the vessel’s registration is current before heading out on the water. It’s one of the most important boating requirements needed to operate a watercraft on Arizona waterways.

The registration fee is determined by watercraft length and ranges from \$20 to \$66 for Arizona residents and \$100 to \$495 for non-residents. Skip the line and renew your watercraft registration online at [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating).

### Renew Online. It’s Easy!

The Game and Fish online watercraft registration system allows you to renew your registration and have immediate use of your watercraft. Visit: [www.azgfd.gov/boating](http://www.azgfd.gov/boating). You can also renew your registration by mail or in person at any Game and Fish office.



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## Expect A 'Monster Storm' In Lake Havasu

Monster Storm, formerly known as Monster Bash, has announced the 2017 Poker Run dates: Thursday, Oct. 12 through Saturday, Oct. 14.

The Storm Team is excited about some upcoming changes like teaming up with River Dave's Place for his 10th Anniversary Regatta. The Storm Team and RDP Team are working collectively to create an awesome event for both groups' participants. The two teams plan to collaborate to make an all-around epic

event where they can share resources and help each other gain new fan base/ participants.

LakeRacer LLC is a pioneer in the boating club and event world in the Southwest region of the U.S. Having been created out of pure love for boating, LakeRacer LLC has endeavored to produce and manage some of the most sought-after boating events in the region gathering hundreds of participants and sponsors and thousands of spectators

over the years.

As people have flocked to our events, the causes behind them have become a key component to help support those that need it. We have created such events within events as "Kruisin' for Kids" as a way to put the spotlight on children with special needs in an effort to support their cause and bring joy to those kids.

For more information on our events and what we are up to, contact Christina@StormPokerRuns.com.



## Lucas Oil Drag Boats Thunder On The Water

Imagine feeling the ground rumble when lakeside as the Top Fuel Hydro roar down the track with estimated times of 3.396 and 255-plus mph in 1000 feet.

In addition to the professional show, which consists of Top Fuel Hydro, Top Alcohol Hydro, Top Alcohol Flat and Pro Modified, we highlight four Sportsman classes ranging from 8 to 11 seconds and three bracket classes in the quarter mile — a form of racing in which nitro methane Top Fuel machines vaporize the

liquid ¼ mile in just 4.7 seconds at more than 250 mph.

It's all about 8,000 horsepower nestled in sleek composite vessels — a form of motorsport that is captivating. It is professional level, high-tech drag racing on the water.

You can be thrilled in person on Nov. 3-5 in Phoenix, Ariz.

For more information, visit <http://www.lucasoildragboats.com>.



## IJSBA 2017 World Finals Churn Lake Havasu Waters

The International Jet Sports Boating Association (IJSBA) World Finals began Saturday, Sept. 30 and continue through Sunday, Oct. 8. The excitement of these races includes International Events, Signature Events, and, of course, the World Finals.

All the action is at Crazy Horse Campground, 1534 Beachcomber Blvd., Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

For more information, there are several contacts: (928) 855-4033, <http://site.crazyhorsecampgrounds.com/>, the IJSBA phone (714) 751-8695 or email [info@ijsba.com](mailto:info@ijsba.com) or their Web site <http://ijsba.com>

## The Sailing Convention For Women Is The Place To Learn

Where do women sailors go to learn? The Sailing Convention for Women presented by Gail Hine will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Corona del Mar, Calif. The day-long ladies-only series of shore- and boat-based workshops offer beginners and experts alike a welcoming environment to learn more about all topics sailing.

"The convention gives women an opportunity to meet other women sailors, discuss options for more racing, cruising and daysailing, and find out about existing women's sailing organizations and

instructional programs available in their areas," said convention creator/director Gail Hine. "We have something meaningful for everyone."

Attendees select a combination of workshops that best fit their interests and abilities. Course instructors are top women sailors from all over Southern California, many of whom are U.S. Coast Guard-licensed captains. Workshops include Welcome Aboard for Beginners, Diesels, Going Up the Mast, Introduction to Power Boating, Race Tactics, Docking, Suddenly Singlehanded, Weather, Sail



SAILING CONVENTION FOR WOMEN UPMANSHIP — "Going Up the Mast" is just one workshop of many valuable ones at the Sailing Convention for Women on Feb. 3, 2018 at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Corona del Mar, Calif.



## AZGFD Exchanges More Than 700 Old Life Jackets For New Ones In 2017

*The events aim to ensure everyone has a fully functioning life jacket in the appropriate size.*

More than 700 old life jackets were replaced with new ones during life jacket-exchange events held throughout Arizona this year. The Arizona Game and Fish Department's Boating Safety Education program worked with volunteers and partners at Lake Havasu, Lake Mohave, Lake Pleasant, Lake Powell, Canyon Lake and Saguaro Lake during eight events to swap 734 old or incorrectly sized life jackets for brand new, fully functioning life jackets in the person's appropriate size.

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To top off the event, the featured dinner speaker is Deneen Taylor, an aerospace engineer for NASA's International Space Station Program. A lifelong sailor and certified scuba diver, she owns a Hobie Cat and crews on J-boats in Galveston

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# Boating



## Going Out On The Water?

*Wear a life jacket whether your plans involve boating or paddling, and stay safe and sober.*

If your weekend plans involve heading out on the water, stay safe and boat or paddle responsibly by wearing a life jacket. It's a simple step, but one that can be life-saving.

"Putting on a life jacket is the easiest step you can take to stay safe," said Josh Hoffman, boating safety education coordinator for the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD). "Whether you're boating, kayaking or on a standup paddleboard, take the important step of wearing a life jacket."

Wearing a life jacket not only provides immediate protection for the boater, but also may save an operator from receiving a citation. State law requires all passengers 12 years old and younger to wear a life jacket while on board, and each passenger must have a properly fitting, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket available.

Are paddlesports more your thing? Kayaks, canoes and paddleboards are considered watercraft, and users are legally required to have a wearable personal flotation device on board.

To increase safety for everyone on Arizona's waterways, AZGFD officers are often on the lookout for reckless operators, passengers 12 and under who are not wearing a life jacket, and people operating a boat or watercraft while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Although the legal limit for operating a boat in Arizona is a .08 blood-alcohol concentration, an operator is in violation of the law and may be prosecuted for operating a watercraft while impaired to the slightest degree by alcohol and/or drugs.

So far in 2017 there have been eight fatalities on Arizona's waterways, and alcohol was a contributing factor in half of them.

"The impact that being impaired by drugs and/or alcohol has on operating a boat cannot be overstated," said Tim Baumgarten, AZGFD's boating law administrator. "If alcohol is being consumed on your boat, designate a sober operator. This will help keep you safe and create a safer atmosphere for everyone enjoying a day out on the lake or river."

Get more information about staying safe as well as instruction on trailering

your vessel, navigational rules and legal requirements by taking a free boater or paddlesports education course from the AZGFD. Signup online at [www.azgfd.com/Education/Boating/](http://www.azgfd.com/Education/Boating/).

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## Boat Explosions Highlight Crucial Role Of Proper Ventilation Systems

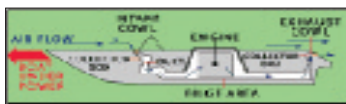
The occurrence of two boat explosions two days in a row at Lake Havasu is an important reminder of the crucial role of ventilation systems, which work to remove flammable gases. Properly installed ventilation systems greatly reduce the chance of a life-threatening explosion.

A properly functioning ventilation system circulates air through the engine and fuel tank compartments to remove fuel vapors from the bilge. A best practice to follow is to always open an inboard engine compartment and let it air out before starting an engine — this allows you to smell for gasoline fumes.

### Before Going Out On The Water

Before going out on the water, check your ventilation hoses in the engine compartment. In a passive system, the fresh air enters higher in the compartment to force gasoline vapor out through the lower hose.

In a powered ventilation system, the blower should be on the exhaust hose so any gasoline vapors are drawn away from the engine rather than introducing fresh



air to the engine compartment if the blower was on the intake side.

“When considering repairs on your boat, remember that marine-rated parts like starters, alternators or generators are designed to limit spark exposure, that’s why they are more expensive than standard automotive parts,” said Tim Baumgarten, boating-law administrator for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. “Resist the urge to replace engine parts with automotive parts because they are cheaper.”

### According To The Boater’s Guide of Arizona

All gasoline-powered vessels constructed in a way that would entrap fumes must be properly and efficiently vented to remove the fumes. It is recommended that at least one intake duct extend from

a point midway to the bilge or below the level of the carburetor air intake, and at least one exhaust duct extend from the open atmosphere to the lower bilge.

If your vessel is equipped with a power ventilation system, turn it on for at least four minutes in either of these situations: after fueling and/or before starting the engine.

If your vessel is not equipped with a power ventilation system (for example, a personal watercraft), open the engine compartment and sniff for gasoline fumes before starting the engine.

Regularly check the ventilation ducts for obstructions, such as birds’ nests. Make sure you can feel air coming out of the cowel when the ventilation system is turned on.

### Another Great Resource

A great resource for information is the Arizona Game and Fish Department’s Boating Safety Education program. The department’s free courses include instruction on the basic skills required to safely operate a boat or personal watercraft,

trailing your vessel, navigational rules, buoys, anchoring, legal requirements and boating emergencies. Upcoming courses and information can be found online at [www.azgfd.com/Education/Boating/](http://www.azgfd.com/Education/Boating/).



**PFDs FOR KIDS** — Who can blame a child for struggling and refusing to put on a PFD? Too often, they’re bulky and uncomfortable. Full Throttle’s new Little Dipper line of USCG-approved life jackets are uniquely different. With bright colors, all-day comfort, fun designs and a great range of movement in or out of the water, they’re made so kids are excited and eager to wear them.

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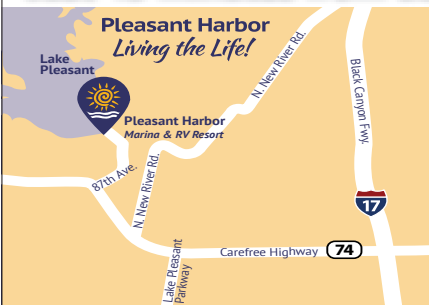
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## Firearms Industry Economic Impact Rises 168 percent

According to a report released in April by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the total economic impact of the firearms and ammunition industry in the United States increased from \$19.1 billion in 2008 to \$51.3 billion in 2016, a 168 percent increase, while the total number of full-time equivalent jobs increased from approximately 166,000 to more than 300,000, an 81 percent increase in that period.

On a year over year basis, the industry's economic impact rose from \$49.3 billion in 2015 to \$51.3 billion in 2016, a nearly 15 percent increase.

"Our industry is proud of its strong contribution to our economy as a growing number of Americans have chosen to exercise their fundamental right to keep and bear arms and to safely enjoy the shooting sports," said Stephen L. Sanetti, NSSF President and Chief Executive Officer. "In response to that growing market, we have increased our direct workforce dramatically over the last decade, adding jobs that pay an average of more than \$50,000 in wages and benefits. In addition, since

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### ARIZONA LAKES, ARIZONA PROS

## Clifford Pirch Fishes The Big Tournaments

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Clifford Pirch is a Payson boy, so when the Wild West Bass Team Championship was held in Payson recently, crowds turned out to cheer him on at the big weigh-in. We've known Clifford for years, and he's taken us out on Roosevelt many times. We always learn something from him.

Now Clifford fishes the big tournaments like Wild West and the Bassmasters Elite series. He's been the U.S. Open Champ three times! The guy is a stick.

This time of year all the lakes are falling because we all use so much water in the summer. Pirch says that fishing falling water is a "freak deal" — you can't always go textbook and catch fish. Falling water, says Pirch, backs the fish out to the nearest deep hole — like they're going down the drain.

Look for the river channel, the dip between two points, etc. They're not harder to catch, but they are deeper. What he uses depends on the water itself. If deep water really means deep, he'll use a jig or a worm. But, on a lake where deep means five or six feet, he'll throw a crankbait or flip a jig to any cover with a hole.

A shaky head jig or a jig with a worm is great for working on the bottom or as a falling bait on dock poles, bridge pilings, etc. But most of the time he just drags and



Clifford Pirch

shakes it on the bottom through cover.

Once at Roosevelt the water was dropping, leaving behind a flat covered with rocks. Craws were in those rocks, so as the water dropped, he saw birds all over the exposed flat, eating the craws that were high tailing it to the water.

If the craws escaped the birds, they ran right into the hungry bass who were

hanging out right next to the water's edge. Instead of being driven deep, those bass were right on the edge. That taught Pirch not to get too locked into ideas — now he tries to keep an open mind.

A Westy Worm is a great bait for summer, and Clifford is a heck of a Westy fisherman. A Westy Worm is a worm that is pre-rigged with two hooks — one on a jighead at the front, and one further down with no weight. Traditionally, Westies were made with super floater worms and soft hooks, but now you can get them in all kinds of styles. The key is the two hooks.

To fish a Westy effectively, Pirch recommends a 6-1/2 foot rod with a soft tip and good backbone. He looks for good points with deep water on both sides and a nice flat spot somewhere. He'll hop that Westy right out to where the channels on either side of the point come together.

You don't have to set the hook really hard with a Westy — just put a lot of pressure on it, and don't give him any slack. Also, it's a good idea to get a net — swinging them in over the side on those light hooks can be a heart break in the making.

Clifford is an avid outdoorsman and loves hunting in addition to fishing. He also does guide trips in Arizona, specializing in bass, trout, Coues whitetail deer,

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## U.S. Rep. Gosar Leads U.S. House Committee Passage Of Bi-Partisan Grand Canyon Bison Management Act

The Arizona Game and Fish Department applauds the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee for approving a bi-partisan bill that will allow the Department to better manage and conserve the bison population within Grand Canyon National Park.

The Committee passed the Grand Canyon Bison Management Act, attaching it as an amendment to the larger Sportsman's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Act. The Bison Management Act, introduced in June by U.S. Rep. Paul Gosar, requires the U.S. Department of Interior and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to coordinate on a plan that would allow sportsmen holding a valid state-issued hunting license to assist in management of the bison population within the park.

### Allows Assistance From Public Volunteers

The amendment follows the release of a National Park Service plan that allows public volunteers to assist in culling an overpopulation of bison on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. Wildlife surveys estimate that about 600 bison

have migrated into the park, where hunting is prohibited and bison are impacting both natural and cultural resources.

Left unclear with the current National Park Service plan is whether a licensed, skilled volunteer would be allowed to harvest and keep the entire animal. The Service stated previously that it was legally prohibited from conveying the harvested animal to a private hunter. Approval of the Bison Management Act will provide clear legal direction that allows skilled volunteers to keep the entire animal when leaving the park.

### Comments From Ammons, Gosar

"While the National Park Service plan has some components that move in the right direction, it will surely face endless litigation while a bison herd continues growing unabated on the Grand Canyon National Park," Arizona Game and Fish Commission Chairman Jim Ammons said.

"This federal legislation will allow Arizona Game and Fish Department and Park Service to apply the best wildlife-management practices to manage the

bison herd effectively and immediately. Right now, Grand Canyon National Park simply cannot properly manage the unhealthy growth of the herd without this legislative fix."

Rep. Gosar stated that the Bison Management Act provides a direct, cost-effective solution that strives to protect Grand Canyon resources.

"This is another important step in the legislative process to provide local wildlife managers the authority to utilize state-licensed skilled volunteers to provide a timely solution, with no cost to taxpayers, to address the exploding bison population problem in Grand Canyon National Park," Rep. Gosar said.

### The Bottom (Bison) Line

Biologists predict that the herd could grow to nearly 800 in the next three years and be as large as 1,200 to 1,500 animals within 10 years without further management actions to control the size of the herd. AZGFD continues to collaborate with the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and the InterTribal Buffalo Council on bison management guide-



American Bison

lines for herd reduction.

### Thank You, Dr. Gosar

"The Arizona Game and Fish Commission and Department thank Dr. Gosar for continuing to pursue this issue for the conservationists who appreciate the Park's historic landmarks and want to protect them and prevent undue degradation to habitat and native species by managing the bison herd at sustainable levels," Ammons said.

The bipartisan House bill is co-sponsored by U.S. Reps. Tom O'Halleran, David Schweikert and Trent Franks.

Operational details of herd reduction under the National Park Service plan are still being worked out and more information, including potential volunteer opportunities, will be announced at a later date by the National Park Service.

### LAKE POWELL FISH REPORT

## Fishing Success Is Heading For An Autumn Peak At Lake Powell

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

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON  
WWW.WAYNESWORDS.COM

I had the pleasure of fishing with Adam Eakle who hosts hunting and fishing videos for KSL TV (Channel 5) in Salt Lake City. He wanted to make a Lake Powell video of striper boil fishing. We agreed to fish in the northern lake in early September. The preparation for the event was simple.

Stripers were not boiling well in the southern lake so I asked those fishing in the northern lake on [Wayneswords.com](http://Wayneswords.com) to give quick fish reports. I received this information:

*Boils were consistently seen in the northern lake from Good Hope Bay to White Canyon. The best time to see surfacing fish was from 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. After the boils ceased, stripers could still be caught on spoons in the vicinity of the boil.*

With this information to guide us, we launched from Bullfrog at dawn and headed uplake, scanning for boils as we cruised. We saw a nice sunrise at Buoy 110. A few minutes later near Buoy 113 we saw our first boil. It was small and widespread but the first stripers were caught.

### Caught Fish Constantly

Around the next corner (Buoy 114), we found the first big boil and caught stripers on top for the next 40 minutes. We cruised uplake looking for more and saw them near the left-hand wall just past the floating restroom. We caught boiling fish constantly for the next 45 minutes.

When they went down, five anglers quickly filleted over 100 stripers with electric knives on the boat. With the fillets cooling in the ice chest, we resumed our trip to White Canyon. We were not disappointed to see a quick boil as we neared Battleship Rock. These fish did not stay up long so we used spoons to catch a few more.

Then we turned around to head back down lake and ran right into another boil at 10:20 AM. Total count from White



**LAKE-WIDE BOILS** — Lake Powell stripers are boiling lake wide. Witnessing the event is incredible, but to catch fish from boils is an experience that will never be forgotten.

Canyon was 30 more stripers bringing the morning striper total to 130 fish. Not a bad day. The breeze increased so we headed in.

The Lake Powell striper boil video aired on [KSL.com](http://KSL.com) on September 30 at 6:30 p.m.

### Stripers Jump Into The Boat

In mid-September, we launched at Wahweap Stateline and passed through the Castle Rock Cut. Stripers were reportedly caught on the Warm Creek side of Castle Rock the previous day on spoons with a few hitting the surface. We saw a few fish come up behind Castle Rock, so we headed for the splash rings but no more fish surfaced. A quick look at the graph changed our attitude from surface to deep water spoons.

Spoons were deployed and the stripers jumped into the boat for the next half hour. When the sonar screen went blank, we saw stripers breaking the surface near shore. We grabbed the surface lures and rushed toward shore where another 10 fish were caught in wide spread boils.

With 30 fish in the cooler, we headed toward the back of Warm Creek but were delayed near the floating restroom by a bigger and tighter boil. Twenty more stripers were caught on surface lures. The surface action quit by 9 a.m. At the fish cleaning station, we counted 55 stripers caught in less than three hours.

### This Report Is Simple

This week's report is simple. Look for surface action for the first three hours in the morning. Cast surface lures to boiling fish. After they go down, find them on the graph and drop spoons to the bot-

tom to catch many more.

Striper fishing is hot. Expect this to continue through the rest of September and into October. Boil time is the first three hours after daylight and then the last two hours before dark. They also come up randomly during the day.

Smallmouth bass have been reportedly boiling with stripers on the San Juan. Stripers chase shad that run toward the shore where they can hide in the brush line. Bass wait in the brush for shad to

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MARTINI, ANYONE?

## The Gunsmiths Give Us A History Lesson

BY MIKE BERGER AND PAT KNIGHT

These Martinis are neither shaken nor stirred. Instead they are made to be shot. Of course I am referring to the Martini-Henry Rifle... So where did these Martini rifles come from?

In learning about firearms prior to working on them, it is important to understand what was going on in the world at the time. Early progress in firearms design was usually motivated by the world situation, or at least the situation in the country of origin. It is also true that the genealogy of the firearm is also important to its development.

Many times the clue as to how a gun is disassembled comes from this source. The improvement of firearms throughout history usually involves building on the ideas of others. A frequent result is found in the name of the resulting firearm such as the Martini-Henry in this article.

### During The American Civil War

During the American Civil War, there were some cartridge rifles used alongside the numerous muzzle loaders — rifles that fired cartridges, including the Henry, the Spencer, The Burnside and others paved the way to the transition from muzzle loaders after the war.

Although there were a number of repeaters (the Henry was referred to as... "that damned Yankee rifle you load on Sunday and shoot all week!"), military establishment was notoriously slow at adopting such repeating-rifle systems, to the extent of having magazine cutoffs on the 1903 series Springfield rifles, so the soldiers would not waste bullets.

Also factored in were the huge numbers of muzzle loaders in inventory.



Mark I With Case Partially In Chamber

Many of these muzzle loaders were converted to breach-loading systems.

In America, the huge stocks of .58 Caliber Muzzle Loaders were converted to "Trap Door" rifles. This system, developed by Erskine S. Allin of the famous Springfield Armory, became the model 1865, using a .58 caliber cartridge. In this system, the breech "door" flipped forward. The caliber of these rifles was first reduced to .50-70 and later .45-70.

### In England, A Similar System

In England, a similar system was used to perform the same function. An American named Jacob Snider designed a way to convert the English .58 Caliber muzzle loaders using a side-swinging breech door hinged on the right side of the action, with a manual extraction system. This modification used a cartridge that was called the .577 Snider (a .58 caliber round). These

rifles are occasionally available, as they were in service from 1867 through 1901 throughout the British Empire.

### If You Are Lucky

If you are lucky enough to find one, do not expect to go down to the local Wal-Mart to pick up a box of ammo, but they can be fired inexpensively (after being checked by a gunsmith for safety). Although an oddball in itself, primed 24-gauge shotgun shells are available from several sources. Cut them off at 2 inches long, put in a 70 grain charge of black powder slide in a .577 caliber Minnie ball, seal with Wonder Lube and have a blast. The thick cloud of smoke and the relatively mild recoil make it a fun rifle to shoot.

Depending on the origin, condition and individual barrel, accuracy may not be that great. Early models made for ex-



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Snider Enfield With Breech Opened

port to the Colonial forces used smooth bore muskets as their basis. Tactics of the time were volley fire by ranks, and individual accuracy was not important. Rest assured: this does not take away either historical interest or the fun factor.

### During This Time Period

During this time period, rifle development proceeded, and service life of rifles in front line service was relatively brief. In the English system, the rifles that were replaced by new models filtered down through reserves, constabularies and then Colonial forces.

Henry Peabody developed a falling-block action. In a falling block, the breech slides down to expose the chamber. Peabody's system was significantly improved by a Swiss designer named Friedrich von Martini, which the British combined with a polygonal type of rifling that had been developed by Alexander Henry. This rifle was placed into service starting in 1871,

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FISHING HUNTING CONSERVATION POLITICS VETERANS



## Local Sportsmen's Groups Are Awarded Almost \$70,000 In Grants

*AZGFD invests in retention programs for new hunters, anglers.*

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has awarded \$68,357 in grant funding for local sportsmen's organizations to provide public, hands-on, mentored projects focused on the retention of new hunters and anglers.

Of 20 proposals submitted in this latest grant cycle, 18 were rated by a three-member panel. The grants were approved and awarded through a competitive application process that closed July 30.

"We continue to hone the Local Sportsmen's Group grant program using the latest science for developing — and, more importantly — retaining new hunters," said Doug Burt, hunting and shooting sports program manager. "It's only through the network of dedicated groups who do the boots-on-the-ground work of sharing the knowledge, skills and passion of ethical, legal hunting and fishing to assure the next generation of conservationist."

The department is committed to developing and retaining the next generation of hunter-angler conservationists. A growing body of science points to the need for multiple experiences, social support and the mentoring required to develop hunter-angler conservationists. The 18 projects approved meet those objectives.

"While we provide this critical funding to groups, it represents only a fraction of the events and programs that are open each year to the public interested in learning about the great outdoors," Burt said.



The following projects have been awarded:

- **Arizona Deer Association**, "ADA Unit 23 Youth Deer / Cow Elk Camp," awarded \$5,000.
- **Arizona Elk Society**, "AES Junior Elk C • amp Units 6A/5BS," awarded \$3,900.
- **Arizona Predator Callers**, "37B Small Game and Youth Javelina Camp APC," awarded \$6,500.
- **Ben Avery Clay Busters**, "Upland Bird Hunting for Women and Youth," awarded \$2,622.
- **Christian Hunters of America**, "CHA Mentored Javelina Hunt," awarded \$5,800.
- **Mule Deer Foundation**, "Unit 22/23 MDF Youth Deer Camp," awarded \$3,000.

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# RV Land Cruising



## Head Out, Helmet On! Stay Safe On Your OHV

*A helmet is the most important piece of equipment you can wear.*

As you're gearing up to spend a weekend or a few days riding on forest roads and trails, we have one message for you: Head out, helmet on!

Helmets are required for all off-highway vehicle (OHV) operators and passengers who are under 18 — but they are strongly recommended for everyone. A U.S. Department of Transportation-rated helmet is the most important piece of equipment you can wear. Case in point: In the event of an accident, a helmet is your only protection against head injuries.

"Arizona is a great place for OHV recreation, and the state's different re-

gions allow people to go out riding year-round," said Josh Hurst, OHV law enforcement coordinator for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "We want everyone to safely enjoy all that Arizona has to offer. As you're preparing to head out, make sure to put on a helmet."

Keep in mind that eye protection also is required. Motorcycle goggles or a full-face shield will help keep you protected against eye injuries from flying debris.

Additional protective gear that's recommended for all OHV operators and passengers includes a long-sleeved riding jersey, riding boots, elbow guards, gloves, riding pants, hip pads and knee

pads. The more prepared you are for the ride, the safer and more enjoyable your trip will be.

And, while you're out exploring different roads and trails, remember that OHVs and alcohol don't mix. Drugs and alcohol can impair a person's skill and judgment, which are both essential when operating an OHV.

The same driving under the influence (DUI) laws that apply to operating automobiles apply to OHVs. You can be arrested if you're driving under the influence even while on a backcountry trail, and the penalties are the same as an automobile DUI — including jail time and the



loss of a driver's license.

"Join the thousands of responsible OHV enthusiasts in Arizona and stay sober when you're out operating on roads and trails," said Hurst. "It keeps you safe and sets a good example for the entire OHV community."

For more information about OHV regulations or to find information about safety education courses visit [www.azgfd.com/OHV/](http://www.azgfd.com/OHV/).



**AN ERA ENDS** — The Pioneer Cemetery on the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park is closing because of a lack of space. The National Park Service is encouraging anyone with plot reservations to contact the park.

## Historic Cemetery Has Closed

After nearly 100 years since its opening, Grand Canyon Pioneer Cemetery has closed to new burials due to lack of space. Although the cemetery is closed to new plots, some burials may continue for individuals with a spouse or immediate family already interred in the cemetery.

Anyone who believes they have a reservation for burial at Grand Canyon Pioneer Cemetery should contact the park's permitting office at 928-638-7707 or email a copy of the reservation to [gcrca\\_permits\\_mail@nps.gov](mailto:gcrca_permits_mail@nps.gov) as soon as possible.

An important part of park history that will continue to be protected and preserved into the future, the cemetery will

remain open to public visitation.

First used before the establishment of the national park but not formally dedicated until 1928, the cemetery serves as a resting place for many early Grand Canyon families and pioneers. The cemetery-part of the Grand Canyon Village National Historic District-has more than 390 individual graves, several of which date back to before the establishment of the park and the dedication of the cemetery.

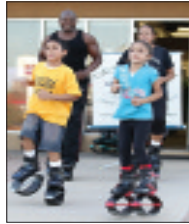
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## Put Simply: Just Get Out And Go!

Here are six secrets to a great road trip.

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

Last month, when I was writing about Grandparents' Day, I mentioned that we take our granddaughters on a big road trip/hiking trip every year. In between, we take a day now and then and just go to a small town or great place nearby.

Since we've been doing these trips, small and big, for nearly two decades now, we've discovered some secrets to making every trip memorable and fun.

### Know Your Audience

What is fun to a 5-year-old is not necessarily fun for an 18-year-old. What is safe for an 18-year-old may be dangerous or even impossible for a 3-year-old. For instance, one year we took the girls to Flagstaff Extreme, which is a huge obstacle course just south of Flagstaff.

You get to swing on ropes, climb through obstacles, tight-rope walk, zipline, climb — and all up in the trees about 20 feet off the ground. It's a blast, and even Grandma and Grandpa did it, but we wouldn't have taken the girls there when they were little. In fact, you have to be a certain age to be allowed to do it.

### Some Things Fine At Any Age

Other exciting things may be fine for any age — the Lava Tube Cave near Flagstaff, for example, or Karchner Caverns, Tombstone, or Colossal Cave. Knowing what your kids like is important too.

We spend so much time with ours (we have always been daycare for them) that we know what they like to do, and it's pretty much what we like to do because we started taking them with us when they were little.

We all love outdoor stuff, so we plan

trips that feature great hikes or other outdoor adventures.

### Do Some Research

Thanks to the internet, finding fun things to do is a lot easier than it used to be. Now that our granddaughters are older, one of the things we like to do is find coffee shops with plenty of charm and atmosphere. Posting photos of cool coffee places is something they really enjoy.



Coffee making supplies for on the road are so handy.

### Apply The Apps

So, whenever we are planning a road trip, even just a one-day-er, I use an app like *Trip Advisor* or *Yelp* to find coffee shops where we are headed, and along the way. We have found some really cool places that way, and we probably wouldn't have even known they were there without doing a search.

All you have to do is download the *Yelp* and/or *TripAdvisor* apps, or go to *tripadvisor.com* or *yelp.com* and search for the place you're headed. They both allow you to search nearby for restaurants, things to do, hotels, etc, and you can see reviews from people who have been there.

### Good Advice

You'll get advice on things you need to know before you go (like bring water, no dogs allowed, pack a jacket, etc.), and you



If you see something fun, stop and look. These dinosaurs are just outside Prescott near the turnout for Granite Basin Lake.

can also find out what days and hours they are open. This is important! Make sure you search for things along the way as well, and that leads us to our third secret.

### Don't Be In A Hurry

We took five days to do an 892-mile road trip this summer. If you do the math, you can see that we didn't cover a lot of miles each day. But, we did have a lot of fun each day. Be ready to pull over and look at stuff along the way.



Take time to stop along the way and climb the ducks.

We've walked out to things like boulders painted to look like a duck and the World's Largest Arizona Cypress Tree. If we pass a sign for something that looks interesting, we go look. That's how we found Granite Basin Lake!

### Plan To Have Fun

If you've done your research, you should already know a few places to stop along the way. On our way down to Sierra Vista year before last, we took a tour of Biosphere 2 on the way down, and stopped at Colossal Cave on the way back. Plan to have time to have a good time. Getting there really is half the fun.

John is always willing to pull over and let us hop out and walk down a creek or out on a bridge for a cool photo. He knows that the girls get a kick out of showing off

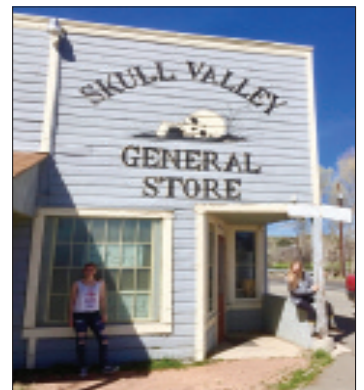


Sometimes the things that interest us are also interested in us.

their adventures on *Instagram* and *Snap-Chat*.

### Frequent Stops Add Pleasure

Historical markers, ruins, any natural water, kitschy coffee shops, lakes, nature trails — all of these are things we make time for when we're on the road. Frequent stops to stretch your legs and get refreshments make the day go faster and add to the pleasure of the trip.



The girls love to get photos in cool places.

### Make Reservations

There is nothing fun about pulling into town and searching for a place to stay. You'll get the best deals if you go online and make reservations ahead of time. Once we've decided the dates and the area of the state for our yearly trip, I start searching for places to stay in each city we'll be spending a night.

### Enlist The Web

Websites like *Trivago*, *TripAdvisor*, *Expedia*, etc., are great places to start. You can sort by price if you like, but I always like to sort by how many stars people give them. Nothing ruins a trip as fast as a crummy motel.

I admit I've booked us into a few dives, but in general, I don't do too badly, and

# RV/Land Cruising



I saw a tank on the map that was just off the road, and when we went to it, we found these ibis. You just never know what you'll see. We will stop for just about any water.

## ROAD TRIP

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the girls are very forgiving. After all, it's usually just one night per town, so what the heck. If we are staying in one place for several days, though, it's a bit more important.

Now that they are older, we usually book the girls their own room. I've discovered that the best way to go about getting the exact reservations you want is to go to *Trivago* first, and find the best place at the best price, then call that place yourself. Don't book through the website.

## Make The Call

Every time I do that, I have problems. They have a place for you to leave a message for the motel, but don't bother. Call them. I've avoided lots of problems and gotten even better prices that way.

For instance, if you book online and ask for adjoining rooms, you may get there and find out that you and your kids or grandkids are on opposite sides of the hotel. *No bueno!* Call and speak to them in person and you can get exactly what you need, or you can say no thanks and find a place that suits.

When you are planning where to stay and what to do, be sure to check sites like *Groupon.com* to see if there are deals to be had. I've gotten us fantastic deals on things like the big zipline at Goldfield, Biosphere 2, Tombstone, and lots of other fun places by checking *Groupon*. You can save a ton of money.

## Be A Prepper

When the girls were little, I got them clipboards with storage, and packed crayons and colored pencils and paper inside to keep them busy. I also had a soft-sided cooler that I'd fill with water and snacks. One of our favorites is my homemade trail mix — Emily has a peanut allergy so I make my own, and the girls love it!

Nowadays, they have their phones to keep them busy, but I make sure I have charging cords and a way for both of them to charge their phones at the same time if they need to. I still pack snacks and water, too.

## Backpack Basics

Since we do so much hiking, I always have a backpack with the basics: first aid, sunscreen, bandanas, lip balm, blister band-aids, insulated water bottles, and more trail mix. I also have a tote bag full of maps of the area we are visiting, including road maps, forest maps, trail maps, and detailed topo maps if I have them. I can take the trail map and stick it in my hiking pack before we set out on the trail.

## Hotel Room Aids

I also prepare for the hotel room by bringing headache remedies, ear drops for after swimming, good hair brushes, decent shampoo and conditioner in case the stuff in the hotel isn't so great, and coffee-making supplies. I know that most hotels have those tiny little pots, but they usually



This is a place that Trinity and her boyfriend Jonathon found — Two Guns, on I-40 east of Flagstaff.

only give you one packet each of regular and decaf, and it makes pretty weak coffee.

I have an electric kettle and some Stanley metal cups I found at Fry's, along with some mesh bags that hang over the cups. I spoon coffee into the bags, pour the boiling water over it, and let it steep for fabulous coffee. When there are four of you gulping it down, having your own coffee making supplies is important.

I also make sure I have plenty of snacks for them to eat in their room, and plenty of their favorite flavors of powdered creamer.

## Make A List

Finally, how do you decide where you want to go? I keep a list on my phone. Whenever we hear of cool place, read about something interesting, or even drive past a road and wonder where it goes, I put it on my list. Sort of like a bucket list, but for places to go.

If a friend tells us about a great time they had somewhere, it goes on the list. John and I have a separate list for roads that we'd like to explore four-wheeling. If the girls hear about someplace that sounds awesome, they'll tell me and I can put it on the list.

## Mark A Map

Along the same lines of making a list is marking a map. In my office, we have a big map of Arizona on the wall, and we put a pin in it for every place we visit. It's awesome to look at that map and reminisce. You can even find 1/8" dot stickers online if you don't want to use pins.

My map is mounted on a bulletin board so pins work just fine, but for the girls' own maps I bought them the stickers. Their friends are so impressed!

You don't have to go far, spend a ton of money, or stay away for days to have a successful road trip. Some of our favorite trips were one-day trips to Jerome, Bagdad, Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Goldfield Ghost Town, etc.

Just get out and go!

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stored in a drawer or toolbox.

A great holiday gift, Beckson Marine's Shipmate Stainless Steel Pick has a suggested retail price of \$18.10. It's also available in a gift box with mounting clip and hardware for \$28.50. Custom colored handles and logos for production run minimums can be quoted on request.

Contact local dealers or Beckson Marine, 165 Holland Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06605. Email: sales@beckson.com; Visit www.beckson.com.

### Now's The Time To Get Rid Of Mold, Mildew

Warm weather is when boat and RV owners notice nature taking its toll — inside and out. Between the mold, algae and dirt, things start looking dingy. Iosso Products' Mold & Mildew Stain Remover Cleaner does all the hard work to remove the toughest stains and leave fabrics looking like new.

Mold & Mildew Stain Remover Cleaner is ideal for cleaning boat covers, awnings, tents and tarps, indoor and outdoor furniture cushions, carpeting and patio umbrellas. It doesn't contain bleach or chlorine, so it won't harm fabrics or alter their colors.

The product removes algae, bird and insect droppings, leaf tannins, dirt, grease, oil, and even many food and drink stains. And nothing comes close to the job it does on mold and mildew. Unlike harsh chemical cleaning agents, Mold & Mildew Stain Remover Cleaner is gentle on the skin and has no harsh vapors. It's biodegradable and environmentally friendly.

The powder is easy to mix with water and use. Simply wet down the surface with fresh water, sponge or spray on the



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solution and wait 15 minutes. Then, rinse. Extra soiled areas may require a longer soak time.

One small jar of Iosso Products' Mold & Mildew Stain Remover Cleaner makes three gal. of solution, enough to cover 150 sq. ft. and costs \$15.25. The 65 oz. tub makes 16 gal., covers 2,400 sq. ft. and runs \$75.

Contact local dealers or Iosso Products, 1485 Lively Blvd., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. Toll-free 888-747-4332. iossoproducts@iosso.com; www.iosso.com.

### The Easy Way To A Perfect, Long-Lasting RV Shine

The single best way to protect an RV's finish is to wax it. Shurhold Industries, the global leader in RV care and maintenance products, offers simple tips for creating a perfect, long-lasting shine—without the sore muscles and long hours the task is known for.

As an RV is exposed to sunlight and UV rays, oxidation occurs, leaving the surface porous. Dirt and road grime get trapped in the clear coat, creating a faded, chalky appearance. Traditional wax works for a while, but is only a thin shell layer that's quickly weathered away. A polymer alternative, such as Shurhold's Pro Polish, makes a chemical bond with the finish, filling in the pores to leave a harder, longer-lasting shine.

The key to saving time and labor during this process is to use a quality polisher. Dual action models have oscillating heads that eliminate swirl marks and potential burning. Multiple ergonomic handles allow users to move the tool to



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avoid repetitive motion and to get into tight areas.

It's a good idea to wear eye protection; sunglasses are perfect. Remove belts that may scratch and jewelry that could get caught in the polisher.

Start by adding three dollops of the polymer wax to the outer edge of the polisher pad. It's highly concentrated, so a little goes a long way.

Place the pad on the RV's surface. Only then turn the machine on. This will avoid slinging the product and making a mess.

Work on a slower speed in 2' sections. Use an overlapping grid pattern: up-and-down, then left-and-right. Continue until a haze develops, leaving the machine touching the surface when it's turned off.

Take a clean microfiber towel or polisher bonnet, and buff the surface using the same pattern as before. When smudges and leftover wax are gone, a mirror-like finish will remain, proof of a job well done. A video of the process is at bit.ly/2kTuKB.

Multiple coats aren't necessary. Somewhat like sunscreen, a single coat of polymer is sufficient. In the southern states, most owners wax their RVs 3-4 times a year. In the north where winter storage is common, it's usually twice a year.

Shurhold's Dual Action Polisher has a price of \$279; a 16 oz. bottle of Pro Polish is \$22.98.

Shurhold is dedicated to educating owners on RV value preservation. Inventor of the One Handle Does It All system, Shurhold manufactures specialty care items and accessories to clean, polish and detail.

Contact local dealers or Shurhold, 3119 SW 42nd Ave., Palm City, FL 34990. 800-962-6241; Fax: 772-286-9620. www.shurhold.com/tv.

### Short Film Teaches Visitors About 'Living With Fire In The Grand Canyon'

Visitors to Grand Canyon National Park can now learn more about the role wildland fire plays at Grand Canyon. The short film "Living with Fire in the Grand Canyon" highlights the importance of returning fire to Grand Canyon's fire-adapted ecosystem.

"Grand Canyon National Park has one of the most active fire management programs in the National Park Service," said Grand Canyon Chief of Fire and Aviation Jay Lusher, "and this film helps us tell our visitors the story of fire at Grand Canyon."

Grand Canyon fire managers worked with the Northern Arizona University College of Communications to produce the four minute film. Students interviewed fire personnel and shot footage of a prescribed fire in Grand Canyon Village to demonstrate the role fire plays in creating and maintaining a healthy forest and protecting values at risk.

"Living with Fire in the Grand Can-



Prescribed Fire On Grand Canyon's North Rim

yon" will play in the Grand Canyon Visitor Center theater every day between showings of the park's orientation film, "Grand Canyon: a Journey of Wonder." Both films are free. The visitor center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the orientation film plays on the hour and half-hour.

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## Arizona Wildlife Views TV Show Now Available On YouTube

*If you missed any programs from the 2016 season, catch up online.*

From highlighting the Sonoran pronghorn recovery to an in-depth look at the making of a wildlife manager, the *Arizona Wildlife Views* TV show covered a diverse range of wildlife and topics in the last season. And, there's good news if you missed any of the shows from 2016: You can watch them all now on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's YouTube channel.

The Emmy-award winning program is produced by the department's Information Branch and airs on PBS and city cable channels. It was recently announced that the TV show has been nominated for four Rocky Mountain Emmy Awards for



segments from 2016.

Wildlife featured throughout the season includes bald eagles, narrow-headed garter snakes, desert tortoises, bison, Chiricahua leopard frogs, sandhill cranes

and catfish.

The new season of *Arizona Wildlife Views* will be starting this fall on Arizona PBS (channel 8.1 or channel 1008 on Cox Cable) and city cable channels statewide. The opening show is focused on bald eagles and covers the work of biologists who build nests to support a growing population as well as volunteers who monitor the species throughout Arizona.

In addition, new recurring segments in 2017 include features about cooking game meat. In one episode, Hank Shaw, whose *Hunter Angler Gardener Cook* website has been named Best Food Blog by the

James Beard Foundation, shows viewers how he cooks elk tenderloin. The "Take Me Somewhere" segment tours some of Arizona's outdoor gems like Chiricahua National Monument and Saguaro National Park.

Created by the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Audio-Visual section — comprised of Diana Rodriguez, Ben Avechuo and David Majure — *Arizona Wildlife Views* gives the public a behind-the-scenes view of the conservation work taking place throughout the state. Check out the show's seasons going back to 2005 on *YouTube*.

## Arizona's Bald Eagles Expand Breeding Sites In 2017

Arizona's bald eagle population continues to soar as the number of breeding areas expanded statewide and a record 82 young hatched during the 2017 breeding season, according to an annual Arizona Game and Fish Department survey.

While the number of hatchlings rose from the previous high of 79 in 2016, the number of young that actually fledged dipped slightly to 63 birds that made the important milestone of their first flight. In Arizona, at least 95 eggs were laid, which was slightly less than the 97 laid in 2016, and a record 85 breeding areas were identified, including two new areas.

"We continue to see phenomenal growth of Arizona's bald eagle population," said Kenneth Jacobson, AZGFD bald eagle management coordinator. "An increase in breeding areas and increasing numbers of hatchlings is a testament to the resiliency of these magnificent ani-

mals and our ongoing efforts to help recover bald eagles in Arizona."

Arizona's bald eagle populations have flourished since 1978, when 11 pairs were counted within the state and the species was listed as endangered. Today there are an estimated 67 adult breeding pairs.

Bald eagles in Arizona were removed from the federal Endangered Species Act in 2011. The department's conservation efforts contributed to the species recovery. Nationally, the birds remain protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

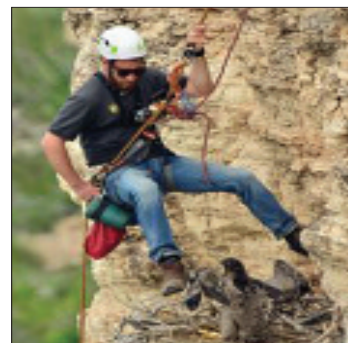
The impressive growth of the population is attributed to the continued efforts of the Southwestern Bald Eagle Management Committee — a coalition of AZGFD and 25 other government agencies, private organizations and Native American tribes — and its years of cooperative conservation efforts, including extensive monitor-

ing by the nationally-awarded Bald Eagle Nestwatch Program.

The breeding season for bald eagles in Arizona runs from December through June, although eagle pairs at higher elevations nest later than those in the rest of the state.

Continued support from the committee, State Wildlife Grants and the Heritage Fund (Arizona Lottery ticket sales), will help ensure that Arizona's bald eagles continue to thrive.

For more information on bald eagles in Arizona, visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov) (click on "wildlife") or [www.swbemc.org](http://www.swbemc.org).



## Volunteers Can Help Spotlight Endangered Black-Footed Ferrets

*Survey results shine light on recovery effort in Aubrey Valley, on Double O Ranch.*

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is seeking volunteers to assist with fall spotlighting efforts to help document the population of endangered black-footed ferrets in Aubrey Valley and on the Double O Ranch, both near Seligman.



As part of the recovery effort, the department has scheduled one more five-night spotlighting event on Oct. 5-9 — and a three-night spotlighting event Nov. 9-11.

The spotlighting method involves using high-powered lights to locate and identify black-footed ferrets. Their eyeshine is reflected by the spotlight and helps surveyors with identifying and locating these elusive, nocturnal carnivores.

Volunteers must have the ability to stay attentive from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while spotlighting for black-footed ferrets and use, or learn how to use, a Global Positioning System (GPS). Volunteers can sign up by

e-mailing [azferret@azgfd.gov](mailto:azferret@azgfd.gov) -- with "fall spotlighting" in the subject line — by Sept. 30 for the October event, and Nov. 3 for the November event. Space is limited.

Volunteers are reminded to include their full name, a contact phone number, month(s) and night(s) available to spotlight, and full names of others who also will be attending (a parent or guardian must accompany any youth under 18). Volunteers also should note any equipment they can bring, such as GPS, clipboard, headlamp, pen, binoculars, walkie-talkies, compass, cordless rechargeable spotlight, backpack or 4X4 vehicle.

These events will be conducted to assess the black-footed ferret population before winter. The objectives include trap-

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## AZGFD Accepting Applications For 2017 Heritage Fund grants

*Deadline is Oct. 31 for more than \$400,000 in grants.*



### Funded Through Arizona Lottery Ticket Sales

The Heritage Fund was created after voters approved an initiative in 1990 and is funded through Arizona Lottery ticket sales. Heritage funding goes toward conservation efforts such as protecting endangered species, educating students and the general public about wildlife and the outdoors, and creating new opportunities for outdoor recreation.

The grant program was established by AZGFD in 1992 as part of the overall Heritage Fund program. The grants were initially developed as a way to promote outreach to enhance important partnerships and generate fresh approaches in support of the department's mission.

Since the grant program's inception, the department has awarded more than \$16 million and supported more than 800 projects throughout the state.

### Qualifying For Grant Consideration

Applicants for this year's grants should refer to the documents on our Heritage Grant web page for guidance on applying. The documents include the Heritage Grant application manual, the grant application form and the various "Heritage Grant Funding Window" documents, which describe eligibility information and provide specific eligibility criteria listed within each grant sub-category.

Potential grant recipients must have a project that is either located in Arizona or its habitat is located in the state and meets the requirements in the funding windows.

Proposals and applications for these grants can be submitted either by e-mail to [rbeck@azgfd.gov](mailto:rbeck@azgfd.gov) or mailed to Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Wildlife Grant Administrator, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086. No faxed applications will be accepted.

Applicants can submit grant applications up until the application deadline of 5 p.m. (MST) Tuesday, Oct. 31.



tion and coordination with federal agencies in Mexico, independent and university wolf experts, as well as state, federal and tribal agencies in the U.S.," AZGFD Assistant Director Jim deVos wrote in a letter to the FWS.

"The Arizona Game and Fish Department is committed to continue our long-standing cooperation in recovering the Mexican wolf and this plan, based on the most current and best available science."

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The Arizona Game and Fish Department is accepting applications for more than \$400,000 in Heritage Fund grants.

The deadline to submit an application is Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017 to be eligible for grant funding, which will be available through a competitive application process in the following categories: environmental education, outdoor education, schoolyard habitat, urban wildlife/habitat, public access; and Identification, Inventory, Acquisition, Protection and Management (IIAPM).

In addition to government agencies, the department welcomes non-profit organizations to apply for a Heritage Grant as eligible applicants. This eligibility applies to any non-profit group which meets the internal revenue service definition of a 501(c) organization.

## AZGFD Submits Comments On Draft Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan

*Plan builds on successful, science-based efforts to restore wolves to historical range.*

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) has submitted its official comments on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) draft Mexican wolf recovery plan which, when finalized, will outline a science-based strategy for continuing the successful reintroduction of Mexican wolves in its historic range.

The FWS developed the draft recovery plan to replace the outdated 1982 plan. The updated plan was done in collaboration with state wildlife agencies in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado; independent scientists from universities

in the U.S. and Mexico; nongovernmental organizations and members of the 2010-13 Science and Planning Team.

### Builds On Successful Recovery Program

The updated draft plan released this summer continues to build upon the successful recovery program, which has seen the Mexican wolf population more than double since 2009 to at least 113 wolves in the wild.

"This draft Mexican wolf recovery plan is the product of years of collabora-

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only four years after the Snider Enfield. The Martini-Henry rifles were designed from the start as cartridge-firing rifles, and boasted improved accuracy and a higher rate of fire at about 12 rounds per minute. For a cartridge, the .577 Snider round was tapered into a bottle neck using a .45 caliber bullet. This round was called the .577-450.

It should be noted that these rifles can be found in other calibers, to include a smooth-bore shotgun variant. The rifles were later even chambered in the .303 British service round (these rifles were

referred to as Martini-Enfield's) which far exceeded the original design specifications.

### Used During Zulu Wars

Perhaps one of the most famous uses of these rifles came during the Zulu wars at a battle at a place called Rorke's Drift, where 139 British soldiers fought off several thousand Zulu warriors. This battle was well depicted in the movie titled "Zulu". The Martini soldiered on until withdrawn from service in 1904. That is not to say that it was not still used. It was reported that soldiers of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division recovered one in 2011.

After being withdrawn from service,

W.W. Greener converted rifles to .22 long rifle caliber for target shooting, and Birmingham Small Arms (B.S.A.) also made rifles for this purpose. Today, these rifles can be found on full-sized standard actions, and on small frame "Cadet" actions. While there is nothing wrong with the .22 long rifle cartridge, something different is usually a more interesting build.

To me an interesting cartridge was the recent .17 caliber cartridges. The .17 Mach 2 started strong, but seemed to kind of fizzle out in popularity when Hornady came out with the .17 HMR (Hornady Magnum Rimfire).

While this cartridge was going strong, the very new .17 WSM (Winchester Super Magnum) had some very interesting ballistics, but also presented a problem. When the original rifles were converted to .22 long rifle, it was necessary to modify the breech to fire a rimfire instead of a center fire cartridge. The .17 WSM is not based on the .22 caliber line, but instead was developed from what was reported to be a .27 caliber nail gun casing.

### The Question/Bad News

The question was, would the firing pin reliably be able to fire the larger diameter rim, or not. There was only one way to find out, and so a .17 caliber heavy contour barrel was obtained, threaded, cham-

## GRANTS

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- **Mule Deer Foundation**, "Unit 17B-20A Prescott MDF Youth Deer Camp," awarded \$3,000.
- **Mule Deer Foundation**, "Unit 34A MDF Youth Deer Camp," awarded \$3,000.
- **Mule Deer Foundation**, "Unit 42 MDF Youth Deer Camp," awarded \$3,000.
- **Mule Deer Foundation**, "Unit 21 MDF Youth Deer Camp," awarded \$2,000.
- **Mule Deer Foundation**, "Unit 8 MDF Youth Deer Camp," awarded \$2,500.
- **Southern Arizona Quail Forever**, "Southern Arizona Quail Forever Youth Quail Camp," awarded \$3,590.
- **Southwest Fur Harvesters**, "SWFH November Youth Trappers Education and Camp," awarded \$4,470.
- **Youth Outdoors Unlimited**, "Wal-low Fire Turkey Science and Hunting Camp Unit 1 and Unit 27," awarded \$6,575.
- **Youth Outdoors Unlimited**, "Junior Javelina, Small Game and Predator Camp Unit 20C, Unit 18B and Unit 16A," awarded \$3,900.
- **Youth Outdoors Unlimited**, "Youth Deer, Javelina and Small Game Camp in Unit 18B, Unit 20C and Unit 17B," awarded \$2,500.
- **Youth Outdoors Unlimited**, "Unit 1 Squirrel Camp," awarded \$2,000.
- **Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club**, "Youth Small Game Camp," awarded \$5,000.

To learn more about the annual Local Sportsmen's Group grant program, visit [www.azgfd.gov/LSG](http://www.azgfd.gov/LSG). For a listing of Outdoor Skills Network recruitment and retention events, visit [www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills](http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills).

There is no cost to Arizona taxpayers for the Local Sportsmen's Group grant program. The program is funded through the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, hunt permit-tags and stamps, and is an investment in the continuance of wildlife conservation efforts and outdoor recreation participation in Arizona. Game and Fish does not receive any of the state's general funds and operates on a user-pay, public-benefit model.

bered and tested.

Bad news: The firing pin hit 64 thousandths in from the rim, and would not work with this caliber cartridge. That left the .17 HMR, which was derived from the .22 Magnum case. The chamber area was cut off the barrel, behind the taper of the case neck, and the barrel was rethreaded and chambered in .17 HMR.

### The Real Work Started

After confirming the round would reliably fire, the real work started. The breach (chamber) end of the barrel required a bevel on the bottom to allow the breach bolt to rise in the action and close as the lever was operated. This bevel could not reach the chamber area of the barrel.

Next was the extractor to remove fired cases. This type of extractor was tripped by the falling breach block, and levered a case from the chamber by fingers that fit under the rim of the fired case on each side. These fingers fit into areas removed from the breach end of the barrel above the bevel and at 3 and 9 o'clock positions relative to the chamber.

Removal of metal must be precise, and accurate as to position. Testing fit by repeated trial and error insured both fit and reliable function. The barreled action was test fired and functioned properly.

*To be continued ...*

## FERRETS

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ping those animals that were not caught in the spring, to trap older ones that need a canine distemper or plague booster, and to trap juveniles (or "kits") to administer

vaccinations.

For more information about the black-footed ferret recovery effort, visit the department's website at [www.azgfd.com/wildlife](http://www.azgfd.com/wildlife) and click on "Nongame and Endangered Wildlife."



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## DOWNSTREAM

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light size and interesting facts. <http://www.phoenixzoo.org/event-items/dinosaurs-in-the-desert/>

**7-8 TUCSON:** 16th Annual Tucson Reptile & Amphibian Show & Sale — Tucson Expo Center. 50,000 square feet of reptiles for sale and display, petting zoos with alligators, giant tortoises, Monitor Lizards, snakes, reptile keeping supplies, reptile art, books, clothing, anything reptilian. More exotic venomous snakes on display (in very secure locked cages)

## LIFE JACKETS

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“Arizona’s climate is harsh on life jackets. It’s important to check them for wear and tear every season,” said Josh Hoffman, boating safety education coordinator for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. “In addition, the exchange events give everyone a chance to ensure that they have life jackets that are the correct size and fit — just because it fit last season, doesn’t mean it will the next.”

To make sure a life jacket is worn properly, keep in mind:

than the San Diego Zoo, reptile photography symposium, with Bill Love, world renowned photographer, will be ongoing throughout the show. \$5-10. Sat 9:30 am - 5 pm, Sun 10 am - 4 pm. <http://tucson-reptileshow.com>

**Through 11/19 PHOENIX:** Fall Butterfly Exhibit — Desert Botanical Garden. Mighty monarch butterflies return on Sept. 30, and they are bringing friends! The exhibit invites visitors to take a closer look at the insects that care for and protect our desert environment. From pollinators to predators, insects have amazing powers and play a variety of roles in the desert.

- A life jacket should fit snugly.
  - Have a child lift his or her arms overhead while you lift up on the life jacket by the shoulder straps; if the jacket rides up above the ear lobes, it is too big.
  - Adults can self-check by hooking their thumbs under the shoulder straps and pulling up; if the jacket rides up over their ear lobes, it is too big.
  - You should be able to fit your fingers in the back of the life jacket on a child. If you can’t, then it’s likely too tight.
- The exchange events, which began in 2008, aim to encourage everyone to stay safe out on the water by always wear-

ing a life jacket — whether on a boat, paddleboard, kayak or canoe. All boats in Arizona must have a life jacket aboard for every passenger, and those 12 years old and younger must wear a life jacket at all times, under state law.

**EMPTY PET FOOD BANK IN TEMPE:** Ongoing — A unique food bank which serves cats and dogs needs your help. Lost Our Home Pet Foundation has been providing food and pet supplies to the pets of family in need since 2009, all through community donations. Donations can be made at the shelter location at 2323 S. Hardy Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282; Jodi Polanski, [Jodi@lostourhome.org](mailto:Jodi@lostourhome.org).

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## CONVENTION

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Bay, Texas. Six years ago, she co-founded Mantus Anchors, a fast-growing marine-supply company bringing innovative solutions to boaters.

The \$200 (early bird) registration fee includes workshops, three meals, souvenirs and handouts. Prepaid registration is required as space is limited to approximately 250. To obtain a reservation form, email [gail@sailingconventionforwomen.com](mailto:gail@sailingconventionforwomen.com) or call 951-677-8121. Bookings can be made online at [sailingconventionforwomen.com](http://sailingconventionforwomen.com) beginning Dec. 10, 2017.

## BOAT PARADES

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Bundle up and take a stroll through the Channel — the only time you’ll see the Channel packed full of boats and boaters in winter gear at night. Come cozy up with family and friends and create treasured memories of a favorite holiday tradition!

## TIME

Want to enter your boat in the parade? Anyone is welcome and prizes are given for Grand Marshal’s Award, Commodore’s Award, Best Family/Individual Award, Best Corporate Entry Award, Best First-Time Entry Award, Best Service Club/Organization Award, Judge’s Choice Award, and Best Sparkle Award.

Boat parade participants and sponsors invite you to visit the docks in front of the London Bridge Resort where parade floats will be lit up nightly beginning at dusk.

Bonfires will be permitted throughout the Channel on the island-side beach areas but must be contained in a portable, self-contained fire pit. All ashes must be removed entirely and the area left clean. Absolutely no digging of fire pits in the sand and no dumping of ashes in the water. The area will be patrolled throughout the evening. (Bon fires are not permitted on the new white-sand beaches at the north end of the channel.)

There will be great viewing at the Nautical Beachfront Resort (the starting point of the Parade of Lights), Rotary Beach, throughout the Channel on both sides between Rotary Beach and Windsor Beach, the English Village, across the London Bridge, and at any of the restaurants along the Channel.\*

\*If you plan on watching from the Channel restaurants, early reservations are recommended.

There is no charge to view The 35th Annual Boat Parade. Plenty of free parking is available at the English Village and in the parking areas on the island near the Channel. Plan to get there early as traffic around the London Bridge can become congested.

Event categories include Boating, Channel District, Family Fun, and Top-25 District.

For more information, visit [lbyboatparadeoflights.com](http://lbyboatparadeoflights.com), call or email Organizer Tammy Kastelz: (928) 486-4159, [tkastelz@gmail.com](mailto:tkastelz@gmail.com).

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(Saturday, Dec. 9)

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## SAN DIEGO BAY

(Sundays, Dec. 10 and 17)

### San Diego Bay Parade Of Lights Announces 2017 Theme

One of San Diego’s most popular holiday events is scheduled for two December Sundays, the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup>. Recently, the San Diego Bay Parade of Lights announced the theme for this year’s holiday boat parade: “Arrgh! A Pirate’s Christmas.” This year marks the 46th anniversary for the Parade of Lights.

“The San Diego Bay Parade of Lights gives boat enthusiasts and owners an opportunity to demonstrate their creativity in a fun way and we can’t wait to see what they come up with to celebrate a pirate’s Christmas this year,” said Parade Chairman Larry Baumann. “I’m sure the thousands of spectators who visit the bay to view the dazzling lighted boats will get a kick out of this year’s theme.”

Presented by the Port of San Diego, the San Diego Bay Parade of Lights brings more than 100,000 San Diego residents and visitors to the San Diego Bay waterfront each year. The procession of about 80 lavishly decorated boats has become one of our region’s most iconic holiday events.

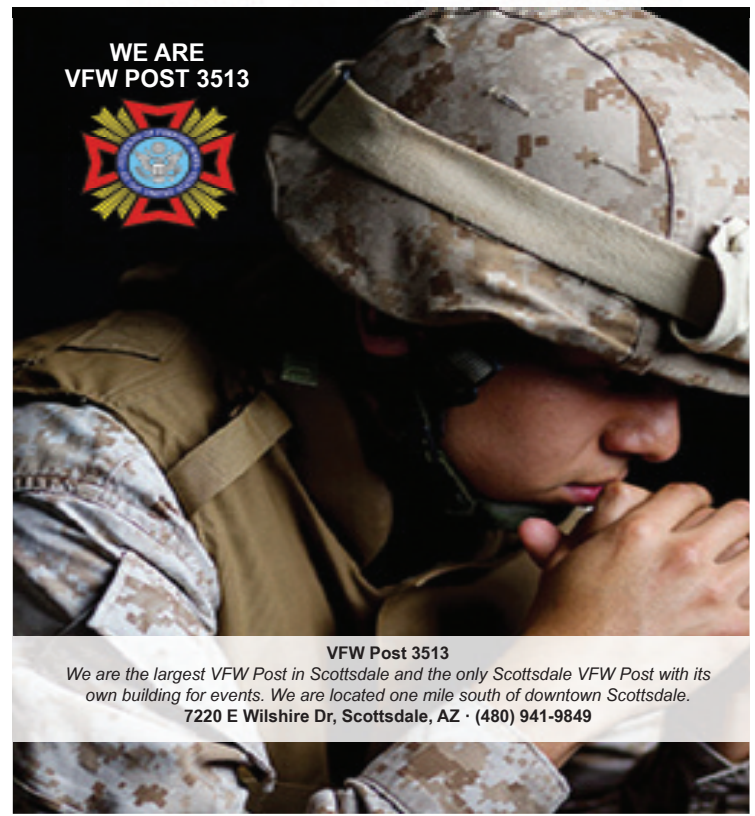
The parade route starts at Shelter Island and travels west past Harbor Island, then south along the Embarcadero, Seaport Village, and Cesar Chavez Park before turning parallel with the Coronado Bridge to the west side of the bay. The parade then proceeds past Peoche’s to the finish line in front of the Ferry Landing. It takes about two hours to complete the



trip and there are many comfortable waterfront viewpoints along the route.

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### HAVASU EXPO

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Media Direction, also the producer of the record-breaking 2017 Lake Havasu Boat Show every April in conjunction with the Lake Havasu Marine Association.

### A Close Relationship

“There has always been a close relationship among individuals who enjoy off-roading, RVing, boating, fishing, hunting and camping; it’s just a matter of the time of year. Southwest off-roading and RVing are the recreations of choice in fall and winter that give-way to boating and watersports in spring and summer and no-where in the country is that fact more evident than Lake Havasu City.

“Motorsports and outdoor recreation are a natural cross-over blend of similar interests. Because of that, we plan to capture the spirit of these complementary markets by offering an opportunity to browse, compare, and shop for the latest and greatest in off-road vehicles, trucks, Jeeps, sand cars, ATVs, UTVs, 4 X 4s, buggies, rock crawlers, motorcycles, electric vehicles, RVs, toy haulers, travel trailers, boats, pontoons, kayaks, paddleboards, fishing gear, bicycles, mobility scooters, golf cars, camping equipment,



and all related accessory products and services in one convenient place.

### There’s Room For Everybody

“We expect our exhibitor list to represent a mixture of local, regional and national brands,” continued Brown. “There’s room for everybody at this Expo, no matter how big or small. And what’s so appealing about the Windsor 4 venue is that it affords an enormous space to properly display these extraordinary products, and in some cases, even demo them. It’s the perfect environment at the right time of year for an outdoor recreation Expo of this kind.”

### Additions/Renewals This Year

Making it even better in 2017 is the recent renovation and expansion of the Windsor 4 special-event area with a brand new seven-lane launch ramp and additional parking lot. “We have plenty of room to expand the Expo and accommodate more RVs and boats than ever be-

fore,” said Brown.

“We’re also adding a couple of new dimensions to the Expo this year, which all guests should enjoy — boats in-water at the demo dock ready to take prospective customers for a ride before they make a final buying decision. There will also be a ‘Hot Wheels’ racetrack where kids and adults can choose their favorite cars and enter the competition to win great prizes.

“And, thanks to the renewed participation of the Lake Havasu Hobbie kayak dealer, Southwest Kayaks, the popular Lake Havasu Paddlefest is returning to the event agenda on the white-sand beach of Windsor 4 on Saturday and Sunday. Paddlefest is open to everything with a paddle: kayaks, paddleboards, outriggers and canoes. It is a great opportunity for people of all ages to share their passion of non-motorized water sports. Paddlefest will include a kayak fishing tournament, poker run, games, activities, tips from paddling experts and demo opportunities to try the latest products.



### Come By Boat

“Boaters are also encouraged to come to the Expo by boat. The new Windsor 4 London Bridge Channel Beach adjacent to the Kings View condos is now open and available for boaters to beach their boats. The beach will accommodate over 50 boats and is less than a two-minute walk into the Expo. There’s no charge for beach parking; normal Expo admission prices will prevail.”

### More Details/Information

The Sand - Water - RV Expo will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18 and on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 9 p.m. to 3 p.m. Adult admission is only \$5.00, children 6 and under are free and on-site parking is also free. Food, beverage and beer garden concessions are on-site; dogs are okay on leash. The Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4 venue is located on London Bridge Road approximately one-half mile north of the London Bridge directly behind the Hampton Inn.

For additional information and the latest updates on Expo exhibitors and special attractions/entertainment, please visit <http://www.sandandwaterexpo.com> or email [info@sandandwaterexpo.com](mailto:info@sandandwaterexpo.com).

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ready filling our calendars.

Just ahead is “Monster Storm” in October, then the November “Sixth Annual

Sand/Water/RV Expo (cover photo), and before we know it, the beautiful lighted boats will be playing the waters in Christmas parades. And, as 2018 gets underway, one of the Southwest favorites, the International Sportsmen’s Exposition and Arizona Boat Show®, will highlight March.

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