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**Huge Rebranding** 

**Event!** 



## Wild And Wonderful Watersports Fill Fall Calendar IJSBA Hosts 2016 'Quackysense' World Finals



**DRAGONS ON THE LAKE** 

Hot news from Havasu is that the 2016 'Quackysense' World Finals will thrill participants and spectators alike from Saturday, Oct. 1 through Sunday, Oct. 9

The International Jet Sports Boating Association (IJSBA) has announced that at press time, they have received notices from racers in 37 nations that they will

be competing in Lake Havasu City. The 36th Annual IJSBA World Finals is the most venerable and prestigious single personal watercraft event in the world. With an invitation-only policy attracting over 750 of the world's best personal watercraft racers, the World Finals have been the cornerstone of IJSBA racing. Racers from around the world make the pilgrimage to Lake Havasu City every October for the opportunity to vie for the world champion title on the international stage.

Crazy Horse Campgrounds and Resort (1534 Beachcomber Blvd., Lake

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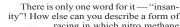


## **ON THE COVER** The World Will Watch

from nearly 40 countries Fans around the world will be watching as more than 750 competitors vie for titles in the 35th Annual International Jet Sports Boating Association (IJS-BA) World Finals at Lake Havasu City. Included in the many competitions and events will be vendors with food and beer stands, a Parade of Nations that honors the participants and their respective countries' flags, and

a Pro-Freestyle Expo. This is just one of several excit-ing Watersports events taking place in Arizona this fall: the Dragon Boat Festival, LakeRacer LLC's Monster Bash poker run, a major Wake Board competition, Lucas Oil Drag Boat competitions, and the Enduro speedboat races.





Top Fuel machines vaporize

DRAGON BOAT RACING IN HONG KONG BY ATMHK

like the Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing Series. This now-united sport allows more than 900 teams to run for one national championship; each national event spotlights several pro classes highlighted by the Top Fuel Hydro class. It's all about 8,000 horsepower nestled in sleek, com-

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**WAKE UP!** – Coming to Parker, Ariz., on Friday, Sept. 16 and Saturday, 17 is the exciting Nautique Boat Regatta and Wakeboard Competition. Near BlueWater Resort & Casino, this regat-ta and wakeboard competition draws crowds and fans every year to watch the top wake boarders from all over compete. (More information at http:// www.Parkeraz.org.)

www.Parkeraz.org.)

## Let's Get 'On The Road Again'

Margie Anderson describes an excellent day trip - to Bagdad and Granite Basin. both cool destinations with great scenery/Page 11



#### **Tackle & Target**

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## WATCH THE WATER SIZZLE! Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing Series 2016 Will Sear Arizona Waters This Fall

www.azdba.com

There is only one word for it --- "insan-

Are You Ready For The Arizona Dragon Boat Festival?

racing in which nitro methane

the liquid <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile in just 4.7 seconds at over 250 mph? For racing fans around

the country, nothing satisfies their urge for speed and raw horsepower

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#### **DOWNSTREAM:** September 2016 Events Calendar

#### BOATING

**16, 17 PARKER:** Nautique Boat Regatta and Wakeboard Competition – BlueWater Resort & Casino, this regatta and wakeboard competition draws crowds and fans every year to watch the top wake boarders from all over compete. http://www.Parkeraz.org

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10/1-10/9 QUACKYSENSE WORLD FI-NALS: See story on page 1.

10/14 and 10/15: MONSTER BASH: See story on page

10/14-10/16; 11/4-11/6: LUCAS OIL DRAG BOAT RACES: See story on page 1

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

US SAILING/ RED CROSS ONLINE TRAINING: Ongoing – To make it easier for prospective US SAILING-certified instructors to 4060 account 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.ussailing.org/training and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

#### CAMPING/RVING/AZ **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

2-4 PRESCOTT: Second Highlands Nature - Highlands Center features three Festival days of inspiration, discovery and celebration, local and regional naturalists and partner organizations lead interactive hands-on field trips and workshops. Field trips explore many areas of our natural surroundings, including Central Highlands geology, our plant and mammal neighbors, our many species of birds, butter-flies and other insects, our precious watersheds and riparian areas, and more, http://highlandscenter.org

**9-11 PRESCOTT:** Becoming an Outdoors Woman – Camp Friendly Pines, offers adventure and life skills, for women age 18 and older to learn to camp, fish, rappel, hike, cook with Dutch overs, photograph wildlife & a range of outdoor recreation skills, "hawk talks" and na-ture hikes, \$270, includes meals, lodging and classes, 480-644-0077 or http://www.azwildlife.org

30 WINSLOW: Star Night Party -- Homolovi State Park, park staff and Homolovi's community partners in a night of community outreach and education in the field of observational astronomy, cosmology and astrophysics, telescopes from local astronomy club in the museum circle, picnic tables and BBQ grills, bring a flashlight, light jacket and lawn chair, \$7 day use fee per car with up to 4 adults, 7 pm, 928-289-4106 or http://www.azstateparks.com

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

#### Google calendar

**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**

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

#### COMMUNITY



The Flagstaff CVB publishes Flagstaff 365 Happenings on a week-ly basis to highlight local events happening in and around Flagstaff. It is distributed through-

out Downtown Flagstaff, displayed in kiosks and storefronts, and also available at the Flagstaff Visitor Center.

#### **FISHING**

#### Sept. 24: NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

SRT BASS PHOENIX CHAPTER MEET-INGS: 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 Certifica-tion Dives, Private Class & Pool, Private Lake Open Water Certification Dives, San Carlos, Mexico; Lake Pleasant, and more; Saguaro can plan your diving vacation for small groups or just one person. How about Grand Cayman, Curarco, Cozumel, Belize, Roatan, Bonaire, Turks & Caicos Contact Saguaro Diving & Sports, 908 E. Impala Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204; (480) 507-3988 or sales@saguarosports.com

Swimmin 11 PEORIA: 5th Annual "First Responders" Adult & Youth Sprint Triathlon & Duathlon – Sunrise Pool, adult mini triathlon, adult maxi and relay triathlon, youth triathlon, adult maxi duathlon, 6:15 am, http://www.trifamilyracing. com/ or https://www.getsetusa.com/arizona/ calendar.php

15 TEMPE: Ironcare Splash & Dash + Swim Only - Race 4 – Tempe Town Lake, presented by Triple Sports, Splash 750m or 1500m/Dash 5km; swim only 750m or 1500m, a unique event with a relaxed atmosphere that is suitable for all levels of athlete, \$35-40, 6 pm, http:// www.4peaksracing.com/

**23-25 SCOTTSDALE:** Slide Across America – Salt River Fields, boasts the largest inflatable water park in the U.S., consists of more than 40 waterslides, 60 total attractions, live



entertainment and more, offers a wide range of activities for the whole family including 42 ft. Drop Kick Water Slide: World's tallest water slide, 40 ft. Hippo Water Slide, mechanical bull, rock climbing and more, \$15-20, 4-10 pm, http://www.SaltRiverFields.com

25 GOODYEAR: The YMCA Strong Kids Tri-Family Racing Reverse Triathlon & Du-athlon - Southwest Valley Family YMCA, Includes a mini tri: 2mi run, 8 mi bike, **200m** swim; Maxi tri: 2 mi run 12 mi bike, **400**m swim; Maxi tri plus: 4 mi run, 16 mi bike 800m swim; Maxi du adults: 2 mi run, 12 mi bike, 2 mi run; youth tri: .5 mi run 4 mi bike, 100m swim, two or three person Maxi Tri plus relay and adult relay teams, http://www.trifamilyrac-

#### **ANIMAL-RELATED**

2-3, 9-10, 15, 17, 23-24, 30-10/1 SIERRA VISTA: Hummingbird Banding Session – San Pedro House, up to ten species of humming-birds use the San Pedro River as a freeway between tropical winter retreats and northern nesting grounds, get a close-up look as staff and volunteers from the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory capture, band, measure, and release them as part of long-term studies of this internationally important migration route, free donations gratefully accepted, 4-6 pm, http:// www.sabo.org

10 TEMPE: Tutus & Pooches - Kiwanis Park. 5K Run/Walk, get on your tutu and run, ben-efits Maggie's Place, four legged friends are bring a donation item for Maggie's welcome, Place and enter raffle, also a Tiny Tutu Dash, a free non-timed 1 mile run for the kids, \$30-40, http://4peaksracing.com/events/the-tutuhttp://4peaksracing.com/events/the-tuturun-2016

**10-11 GRAND CANYON:** Talking Birds Radio – Celebrating NPS 100th, the 20th Anniversary of the Condor Reintroduction and 100th Anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty. 9/10, the Peregrine Fund, AZ Audu-bon Society, Hawk Watch International and other wildlife organizations provide informa-tion about the importance of birds. Park rangers will provide bird walks, citizen science activities and share the importance of Grand Canyon for migratory bird populations. On 9/11, Talkin' Birds Radio will broadcast live and feature expert guests and contests for prizes. 928-638-7779 or vanessa\_cejacervantes@nps.gov

10-16 PORTAL: Monsoon Birding and Natural History Tour - Southwestern Research Station, Chiricahua Mountains, and surrounding areas, this tour, in ad-dition to birds, will attempt to capitalize on the abundant flora and fauna as a re-sult of the summer monsoon rains, many plants and insects can only be seen dur-ing this time of year, 520-558-2396 or

http://research.amnh.org/swrs/visitor/package-tours

16 PRESCOTT: Zoo By Moonlight - Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, bring a flash-light and see the nocturnal animals, 8 pm, http://www.heritageparkzoo.org

20 PINETOP-LAKESIDE: White Mountain Wildlife & Nature Center – Learn about the vi-tal role pollinators play in agriculture and local ecosystems, and how to attract them to your garden and landscaping, with a local Farmer's Market on site, 10 am, 928-358-3069 or http:// www.wmnature.org

**21-10/5 TUCSON:** What is That Bird? –Tuc-son Botanical Gardens, Join Cynthia Pruett, past president of Tucson Audubon Society, as you learn about and appreciate these incred-ible flyers in this three-part class. Learn how to identify our Tucsor residents, where to find them, how to attract them, and, best of all, en-joy them! Wednesdays, 10 am - noon, https:// www.tucsonbotanical.org/event/storytimegardens-nina-duckett/

23-25 PRESCOTT VALLEY: Prescott Ari-zona Kennel Club Dog Show – Prescott Val-ley Event Center, specialty clubs, all breed dog shows, Barn Hunt & Rally/Obedience events, 928-606-6846 or http://www.pvchamber.org/

30-10/2 KINGMAN: 12th Annual Celebration of National Alpaca Farm Days – Alpacas of the Southwest Farm. Get up close and personal with these cute, cuddly animals. Fun for the kids with face painting and creating a hand-made item to take home. The Rock and Gem Club will have rocks and gems for purchase, learn about telescopes from the Astronomy Club, arts and craft vendors, food, 928-225-1450 or http://www.gokingman.com/

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. Do-nations can be made at the shelter location at 2323 S. Hardy Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282; Jodi Polanski, Jodi@lostourhome.org

RAISING MONEY FOR ANIMALS: Ongoing - Heather L. Weaver: www.azanimalassis-tance.com

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## **OW BEFORE**

## 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.azqfd.gov/boating.

September 2016						
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration		
Arizona Game & Fish Department	September 10 10 a.m 2:30 p.m.	Arizona Paddle Sports Education Biscuit Tank at Ben Avery Shooting Facility 4044 W Black Canyon Blvd. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219		
U.S. Power Squadron	September 10 9:30 a.m 5:30 p.m.	Sportsman's Warehouse 19205 N. 27th Ave. Phoenix	\$25	(623) 465-2647		
Arizona Game & Fish Department	September 17 9 a.m 4 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219		
Arizona Game & Fish Department	September 17 9 a.m 4 p.m.	Apex Arms Facility – Green Building 2176 McCulloch Blvd., Suite 8 Lake Haasu City	\$0	(623) 236-7219		
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla	September 17 9 a.m 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 374-7312		

October 2016						
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#### Riding a personal watercraft? Pledge to be a S.A.F.E.R.I.D.E.R.

Nationally, one in five accidents on the water involve a personal watercraft (PWC) and for that reason, the Arizona Game and Fish Department encourages everyone using such craft to use caution and constantly be alert to their surroundings while on the water. PWC operators should consider the acronym "S.A.F.E. R.I.D.E.R." and the following tips from the Personal Watercraft Industry Association

- · Scan the water for hazards and other boats
- Avoid aggressive maneuvers · Follow local boating laws, including rules to prevent
- the transfer of invasive species
- Examine your equipment
- React to conditions
- · Insist on a safe distance from other boats, swimmers



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and fixed objects

- Drive sober · Evaluate weather
- and waterways • Respect the environment by avoiding fuel spills and operating close

to marine life Those heading out on standup paddle boards, kayaks and canoes are also reminded that each are legally considered watercraft. Users are required to have a wearable PFD on board while on the water and must follow the same navigation laws pertaining to all watercraft

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

Arizona law enforcement agencies write many citations for "failure to obey naviga-tion 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 anchoraing, 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, con-struction, 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 navagation 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.



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#### **Monsters To Bash At Havasu** There are five card stops along Lake

With headquarters at the Nautical Beachfront Resort in Lake Havasu City, the 9th Annual Monster Bash Charity Poker Run 2016 is set for Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 15

This boating poker run is designed for those interested in a smaller and easiergoing event than LakeRacerLLC's Desert Storm in April. Monster Bash is themed so costumes are encouraged during the poker run, there is a \$250 per boat entry, but the event free to spectators.

Last year brought more than 90 registered boats and 200+ participants. This is Monster Bash's 8th year and it's become a favorite for the long-time participants and grows bigger every year.

#### NEED FOR SPEED -On their fall bucket lists,

boaters might want to include the 12th annual Blue Water Resport & Casino 336 Enduro set Casino 336 Enduro set for Friday, Oct. 28 and Saturday, Oct. 29 at 10 a.m. This speed-boat race of 56 mile laps will test the mettle and will power of the racers and their equipment. It is modeled after the original 1964 Parker Enduro. For more information, call 928-669-6511 or 310-318-4012 or visit www.bluewaterfun.com



information

Havasu: Havasu Springs, Black Meadow

Landing, Havasu Landing, Crazy Horse

pot will be donated to the Lake Havasu

Food Bank, as well as any non-perishable

food that's donated for the event. Detailed schedule and registration information is

Event dates, times and/or details are

subject to change. Please contact event

coordinator Jim Nichols (602-578-5975.

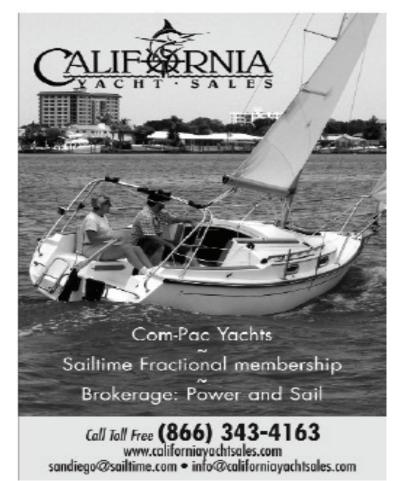
jimn@lakeracerllc.com) or check event

Web site (www.lakeracer.com) to verify

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Station, and Thompson Bay.







## **Boaters, PWC Users Urged To Use Safety On The Water** AZGFD offers tips for PWC operators to avoid dangerous collisions.

Nationally, one in five accidents on the water involve a personal watercraft (PWC) and for that reason, the Arizona Game and Fish Department encourages everyone using such craft to use caution and constantly be alert to their surroundings while on the water.



#### Sad Statistics

The reminder comes after two people died this summer in separate incidents on the Colorado River. In one, a Bullhead City school teacher was riding a PWC when it collided with a bridge pillar and another occurred when a boat crashed into a PWC carrying three passengers, killing a 13-year-old girl.

"Our hearts go out to these families who are forever altered by these separate incidents, but the sad reality is that most deadly incidents on the water are avoidable," said AZGFD Boating Law Administrator Tim Baumgarten. Some of these watercraft have upwards of 300

> \$25/hour (4 hour minimum)

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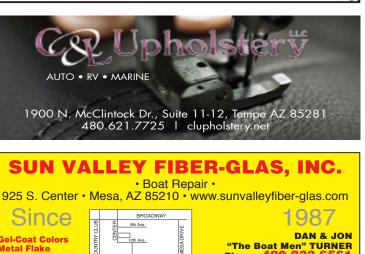
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## **Boating Monsoons Bring Unpredictable Storms**

#### OHV and boaters are urged to use great caution.

Monsoon is in full swing and the Arizona Game and Fish Department warns boating and off-highway vehicle (OHV) users that weather conditions can change quickly and could be dangerous for those who aren't prepared.

The severity of monsoon storms varies greatly from a minor dust storm to a violent thunderstorm capable of producing hail, deadly lightning and/or flash flood-

ing. "While Arizona is known for our often unbearable summer heat, it's also known for great places to get outdoors, whether it's on an OHV in the high country or one of our many lakes," said Matt Eberhart, AZGFD OHV Safety Education coordinator

"However, it's important for people to keep the day's weather in mind. If severe weather is likely or storms are starting to



pile up around you, it's likely a good time to safely get off the water or trails and head indoors.

#### Some Safety Tips

In addition, the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Boating and OHV Safety Education programs offer users the following tips to protect themselves and passengers during the monsoon season:

#### When On A Boat Or PWC

· While life jackets are legally required for everyone under 12 years old, everyone should wear a life jacket at all times while on the water. Storms can create large waves that could knock a passenger from the boat.

· Monitor the weather around you and

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## **Sailboat Shop Is Moving To Scorpion Bay**

Sailboat Shop is moving to Scorpi-on Bay! After 17 years serving Arizona sailors at Pleasant Harbor, our lease has been terminated. Our time to vacate has been extended from 10 to 30 days so we have a little more time to figure out what is next.

The response to our announcement The response to our announcement has been overwhelming support, Thank you to all our customers, friends, and sailing club members that have offered to help with the move. We really ap-preciate your business and value your friendship. This relocation is nothing new. Scorpion Bay will be the sixth location Sailboat Shop staff have had the privi-lege to serve Arizona sailors at over the last 30 years. It gets better every time! Our rental boats will continue to be available at Scorpion Bay to our certi-

available at Scorpion Bay to our certithe check out. Reservations required. ASA classes will sail from Scorpion Bay most weekends; call for a sched-

ule. Your service needs can be met at the lake and in town. Our service priority currently is to complete the jobs in process and not leave anyone high and dry. New facilities will develop at Scorpion Bay over time. Minor repairs, rigging, and routine maintenance needs will

continue to be available at the lake. We will stock a supply of parts for your sailing needs at the lake. Just let us know how we can help you enjoy sailing by keeping you on the water.

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## Ready, Set, Race!

FROM MIKE FERRING ARIZONA YACHT CLUB

Tempe Town Lake and Lake Pleasant racing are about to begin. If you haven't raced before and want to learn, we'll have a free Introduction to Sailboat Racing class on Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Tempe Police Apache Substation, 1855 E Apache Parkway

Racing a sailboat is a kick. It combines the fun of sailing with the raw com**petition** of trying to beat someone else in a similar boat. Racing also teaches you boat handling and sail trim in a way that no amount of cruising could.

The first time you see a sailboat race, you may think it's too **complicated and** chaotic (it can be both). But like anything else new, you can grow into it step-by-step. This is designed to let you take a bunch of steps all at once.

Who should take the class: Anyone who would like to sharpen sailing skills or sink your teeth into the excitement of sailboat racing. Even if you've raced before, you'll probably learn new things about rules, tactics and procedures. Even if you only intend to crew or simply want to understand the game, you're welcome in this class.

For more information, contact Mike@

Ferrings.com. Arizona Sailing Foundation classes are also about to get underway, with high school beginning in mid-September and the kids and adults classes following soon after that. We already have a nice number of registrations and expect to have full sessions for Optis and the adult Beginning Sailing class. For more information, visit http://arizonayachtclub.org/education/



## What Size Pistol Should You Get?

#### BY JOHN ANDERSON

Here is a counter-intuitive truth: Small pistols are more difficult to handle, require a better (stronger) grip, and have a lot more recoil (kick) than larger pistols. Many smaller people make the mistake of thinking that since their hands are small, a smaller pistol is ideal.In many cases, the opposite is true. The same goes for buying that first pistol for your child — just because she has smaller hands doesn't mean you should buy her a small pistol.

#### Single-Stack Semis

My granddaughters both have fullsize pistols and they both have small hands. If you're worried about recoil, go to a smaller caliber. My granddaughters' guns are .22 caliber, which is ideal for a beginner since the recoil is negligible and the ammo is fairly inexpensive so they can practice a lot without getting worn out or breaking the bank.

One of the reasons why my granddaughters' .22 pistols are the right size for them to hold is that they are "single stack" semi-automatics. A semi-automatic means that one trigger pull equals one shot. A single stack means that the ammunition is stacked one on top of the



These are both full-sized semi auto pistols in .22 caliber. The smaller caliber makes them easy to shoot and handle, and they both hold a full 10 rounds of ammo. They kick less and the ammunition is much less expensive than larger caliber ammo. These are my granddaughters' pistols and they both love them.



This is a full-size semi-automatic pistol. If you look closely, you can see that the back of the grip has a removable panel that can be changed for different-size hands.

other in the magazine, which means the magazine is thinner, and therefore, the grip of the gun can be thinner as well.

#### **Double-Stack Magazine**

A double stack magazine has two rows of shells inside. This means that it can hold a lot more rounds, which means that you don't have to reload as often, but it also means that the grip needs to be wider to accommodate the magazines. The size of the ammo also makes a difference. Obviously, .22 ammo is much smaller in diameter than a 44 mag or even a 9 mm. So, you can still have a full-size pistol, just ask to see singlestack models or smaller calibers if your hands are small.

#### Hand Size, Grip Are Factors

The size of your hands is not the only reason that you may have trouble with certain pistols. A weak grip makes it very hard for a semi automatic pistol to cycle, which means that spent shells may not eject properly, so the new round can't chamber. In other words, the gun will jam. A lot.

Margie bought a little Glock 42, which is a small pistol — pretty much a



This is a medium-sized 9mm pistol. It is slightly smaller and easier to carry (and isn't as finicky) as a pocket pistol.



This small pocket pistol is a .380 caliber and is equipped with a laser sight. It is small and easy to carry, but it requires a firmer grip.

pocket pistol. The darn thing jammed on her constantly. In fact, it was so bad that she took it to the gunsmith at Shooters World to have him check it out.

Turns out he couldn't get it to jam unless he held it with two fingers. In other words, even though she has been shooting since she was a kid, Margie was gripping that gun all wrong. Once she started to squeeze it with both hands and hold it out strongly, her jamming problems were completely gone. The lesson here is this: If you have a weak grip or weak arms



from arthritis, a muscle problem, whatever — you will be much better off with a full size pistol or a revolver. Revolvers solve the problem com-

Revolvers solve the problem completely, but you have to reload after every six shots, and even though you can get speed loaders, you still have to load them six shots at a time. (Wheel guns are actually available in 5-9 shot models, but most are still 6.) Revolvers also solve the problem of magazine releases that can be hard for smaller hands to reach, and difficult for weak hands to manipulate.

#### To Make Things Easier

There are many things you can do to make a gun easier for you to grip and manipulate, even if you want a full size double stack and you have smaller hands. Some pistols (particularly 1911's), come with different sized grip panels to help you fit the gun to your hand. On some guns you can change the back panel to make the grip bigger or smaller. On a gun like a Glock which is what it is, you can always get magazine release extensions if you have a hard time reaching the catch, but it isn't very easy to change the grip itself — you'd have to hire someone to do that for you.

Although smaller guns are more unforgiving about a weak grip, even with a full-size semi auto, you need to make sure you have the proper grip and stance. If you have never shot before, go out to Ben Avery or go to Shooter's World or a place like that, and ask them to help you. Look up places near you that have classes for beginners. You will learn how to hold the gun, how to stand, proper grip, how to reload, etc. You should also learn



Shown at the top is a Glock 19 full-size semi-auto double stack in 9mm; in the middle is a Ruger medium-sized 9mm single stack, and at the bottom is a Ruger pocket pistol in .380. single stack.

how to safely clear a jam.

#### Ben Avery Free Beginning Shooter Classes

Ben Avery has both a Sure Shots introductory program and the Annie Oakley program. Ben Avery Sure Shots program open to all 16+ novice shooters and is held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evening of each month. To register, contact: Kathryn Watson at kwatson@azgfd.gov. The Annie Oakley Sure Shots program was designed by women and is hosted by women. It is held on the second Thursday evening of each month. To register, contact Kathryn Watson at kwatson@ **azgfd.gov**. These classes are totally free and you don't even need to own a gun the Game and Fish handguns are used. You do need to pre-register because you use their guns and because the coaching is one-on-one.

#### Shooters World First Shots Seminars

At Shooters World, they have what they call "First Shots" seminars. The price is \$10, and the class is three hours. You'll learn the requirements for purchasing and owning a gun and you'll be introduced to safe recreational use of guns. Then you'll get to put about 20 rounds through a .22 pistol. They even provide the eye and ear protection. You can register by calling either location. The Phoenix location at 28<sup>th</sup> Ave near Indian School is 602-266-2600. The Peoria location at 8966 W Cactus is 623-776-7200. Both locations have indoor ranges and super instructors.

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## Tackle & Target

## From 1906 To 2016, This Old Rifle Lives On

With the care of two experts, the Model 1899 is now ready for the range.

#### BY MIKE BERGER AND PAT KNIGHT

Editor's Note: The beginning, middle, and end of this restoration saga areal included as we feel it is important to tell the whole story of the remarkable skill and commitment these two men have shown to a once-abandoned antique rifle.

#### Part 1: 'Rescued' From The Corner

It sat quietly in the corner of the shop, behind a group of other rifles. This was the corner where trade-in rifles that were not in the best shape were placed. This particular rifle had begun its life back in 1906, at the Savage Arms factory. It was a Model 1899, with a 24-inch-long barrel in 30-30. This was a very popular combination for a deer rifle in its day.

I don't know why it attracted attention that day, yet it came out of its corner for examination. The condition could best be described as neglected, and I don't mean short term. The stock had sections missing on both sides from the top tang, back over an inch. The finish was almost nonexistent on the receiver, and very poor on the barrel, and yet still, there was something there.

#### The Project Just Seemed Like The Thing To Do

I am sure that there are similar rifles in the corners of any gunsmith's shop. Trade-ins, broken-parts guns, guns tooexpensive-to-repair, and thus unwanted. Every now and then comes a time when a project seems like the thing to do. So it was destined to be with the Savage.

was destined to be with the Savage. So, what to do? How to resurrect this old hunting companion of a time long ago? Its original iteration did not seem like the way to go. As we talked about the project, some pieces seemed to come together. Criteria included compact, fast handling medium big bore, powerful and a mix of old and new seemed to blend well.

And So It Was That We Began Caliber was the first component we explored. What would work in that action without a large amount of work (this idea would later present challenges). The medium large bores contained a mix of old and new, and during the perusal of the loading manuals, Gunsmith Pat Knight found a very interesting anomaly. The dimensions of the old (1876) .38-55 Winchester were amazingly close to those of the much more recent (1978) and more powerful .375 Winchester. Power levels precluded mixing them in old Winchesters as the design would not handle the pressure (except for the heavily reinforced "Big Bore 94" which was introduced with the .375 Winchester cartridge). And so it was that the project began.

#### Part 2: The Operation Begins

Daniel "Pat" Knight retired as a Sergeant from the Pinal County Sheriff Department, with experience as a firearms instructor, and a member of the SWAT Team. He is also a retired gunsmith, who has attended factory sponsored armorer schools, as well as Gunsmith classes as close as Yavapai College, and as far away as Oklahoma.

The first phase of the project was the disassembly and inspection phase. Prior to disassembly, it is important to have a good understanding of the particular firearm. It had been a couple of years since we had worked on a much more recent vintage Savage Model 99, and through the approximately one hundred years (over 100 if you include the Model 1895, its predecessor) of production there were some minor changes made. I needed to review some diagrams to be sure I was ready to keep up with Pat.

This rifle does not appear to have been apart in probably a half century or more. With many rifles, they are carried much more than fired, but not this one. The mechanism showed some very clear signs of use. Of the ravages of time inflicted on this 100 year old specimen was the afore mentioned brakes in the upper tang area of the stock. This opened a way for dirt and debris to get into the mechanism. Fortunately, there was no serious rust and corrosion as a result.

#### Cleaning And Inspecting

As the rifle was disassembled, each part was cleaned and inspected. Any part that showed excessive wear was slated for replacement. A major part of the plan was the caliber change, which necessitated the locating and obtaining those caliber specific parts. The internet is an amazing tool for these searches, mostly replacing those weighty tomes of parts catalogs.

Locating parts was fairly simple with the exception of the cartridge spool of the internal rotary magazine. The part had undergone a couple of minor dimension revisions, and the newer parts for a Model 99 would not fit the earlier Model 1899. The only choices were to modify new parts to fit the gun or old parts to fit the cartridge. After careful measurements, we decided to modify the original spool. This had the advantage of mixing the old with the new. In that the new cartridges were larger in diameter in the areas to be modified, careful removal of metal and several trial fits were completed before the new rounds would fit inside the confines of the receiver, and function properly.

#### Something Unusual In Modern Rifles

Removal of the old barrel revealed a flat topped thread which was something unusual in modern rifles. Fortunately, it presented no problems for Knight, who would do some extensive re-contour work on the new barrel. A fairly heavy .375 bore was selected. These days, barrels of this caliber are mostly fitted to either .375 Holland & Holland or .375 Ruger caliber rifles, but not this one. In addition to sights and a barrel band sling swivel, it would also be fitted with a mount for a scout type scope. For those readers not familiar with the term, this provides a mounting area on the barrel, in front of the receiver for either a long eye relief scope or a variety of red dot type sighting systems. A primary advantage of these systems is the ability to keep both eyes open and maintain superior peripheral vision

#### Part 3: Success And Ready For The Range

An XS Sight Systems Scout rail was obtained from Brownell's, a gun parts supplier. This system involves a tube with steps on the inside for a tight fit on the barrel. It is secured using set screws and a two-part epoxy compound. We selected the model with an initial inside diameter of 1.08" due to the heavy contour of the barrel.

One of the advantages of working with Pat on the lathe was to turn the diameter of the barrel to match the front of the





receiver, as well as each of the steps in the scout rail, to make it a perfect match. The rail was an extremely close fit, but was still secured with epoxy to ensure stability of any future sighting systems. The barrel was also cut with a recessed target crown for accuracy. Headspace was checked and the barreled action test fired with both rounds, which were then examined.

#### Combining Old And New Parts

In trying to combine new and old parts, we would have liked to use the original fore end wood. It was in good enough condition, but with the new barrel and scout rail, it was just too narrow to make it fit. I still had the desire to use old wood for the forend, so I compromised by cutting an old salvaged bolt action stock. The forend, forward of the magazine well, was long enough to provide some nice figured wood that would look good on the rifle.

While modification looked involved, it was actually very straight forward, and reshaping went smoothly. The most difficult part was the cutting of a dovetail to attach the forend to the barrel. This forend was also glass bedded to the receiver, again to maximize accuracy potential.

Also fitted to the new barrel was a barrel-band-type sling swivel. This had two purposes. First, it keeps the sling swivel away from the hand in recoil. Second, and far more important, it looks cool. For the same cool factor, a barrel-band front sight was selected. Both of these items were from New England Custom Gun and obtained through Brownells.

A rear stock was obtained from Numrich Arms, and fitted to the receiver. This was also glass bedded to prevent any potential for cracking. It was also fitted with a one-inch recoil pad for shooting comfort. I considered the beautiful curved metal butt plate, with its classic looks for almost a full second before logic took hold. The wood was finished with a hand-rubbed Tung Oil based finish, in more coats than I care to remember. The

## Tackle & Target

## Joint Project Identifies Valued Hunting, Angling Destinations

Color-coded maps will help sportsmen, state and federal agencies.

#### FROM AZGFD

When it comes to telling others about their "secret" spots, hunters and anglers are famous for holding their cards close to their game or fishing vests.

Yet, more than 1,200 Arizona sportsmen have willingly tipped their hands, circling their favorite destinations on a map, as part of a national initiative to conserve fish and wildlife habitat while protecting and improving public access for hunting and angling.

#### **EXCERPTS FROM AZGFD FISHING REPORT**

The statewide effort recently was completed by the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) and the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP), in cooperation with Arizona sportsmen's groups. Maps from the Sportsmen's Values Mapping Project are available to the public, as well as state and federal agencies. "Some of the most valued public hunt-

ing and fishing areas in Arizona are at risk because of deteriorating habitat conditions, limited access and increased de-velopment pressures," said John Hamill, TRCP's field representative in Arizona. "With the help of sportsmen, we've been able to pinpoint lands that are cherished for their hunting and fishing values, so that land managers can prioritize habi-tat conservation and the enhancement of public access in these areas.

#### Wildlife Maps Available Here

Maps are available on AZGFD's Web site at www.azgfd.com/recreation/value-mapping (click on "Open the Map"). The site features maps for 15 species, or species groups, in the following order: elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, javelina, tur-key, cold-water fish, quail, dove, warmwater fish, predators, pronghorn, squirrel, waterfowl, other small game, and bighorn sheep.

The species tabs at the top of the Web page are ranked by the number of survey - for example, areas valued responses for elk hunting opportunities received the most responses, making it the first tab. The map for each species is color-coded: The most highly valued areas are red and orange; moderately high-valued areas are yellow, and less highly valued areas are green. The maps allow the user to view, pan, and zoom in or out to explore the most highly valued hunting and angling locations in Arizona.

While the maps will be useful to sportsmen, they largely were developed to guide conservation efforts. The maps have been assembled in a geographic in-formation system (GIS), where they can be overlaid with maps of critical habitat, land ownership and other data. The resulting maps will provide important and pre-viously unavailable data to state and federal agencies for the following purposes:

• Balance other land uses with the needs of fish, wildlife, hunters and anglers.

· Identify areas where public access needs to be maintained or improved. · Identify areas needing stronger con-

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#### 'Gone Fishin

schools can vary, so anglers may need to find another school if the bite in one area begins to slow

#### Bartlett Lake

. For flatties, it's hard to beat Bartlett this time of the year. Try live bluegill or

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**Hot Spots For Various Species Are Noted** 

#### Tip Of The Week

Night fishing at many desert bass lakes has been excellent, and in the morning,



many will be chas-ing bait. Try top-water lures and swim baits in the mornings. As the morning progresses, throw dropshot-rigged Ro-

dawn with a chartreuse tip and red crawler are typically good colors). Anglers can target humps, points, boulders, reef signs and grass bottoms. Of course, locate the food source (shad, for example) and you've found the fish.

#### The Reel Deal

Let's get right to some weekend Reel Deal hot spots

#### Kinnikinick Lake

It's being stocked with thousands of rainbow trout. This excellent fishery 38 miles southeast of Flagstaff is usually just stocked with brown trout in the fall. So far, thousands of rainbows have been stocked. More are coming

#### Wet Beaver Creek

An angler reported fishing to be "unbe-lievably good" with consistent action on smaller bass



Show Low Lake/Show Low Creek Families can get some crayfish and stocked trout from the creek, just downstream of the lake, and then some of the large "supercatchable" trout from the lake. Fish 10-15 feet below the surface.

#### Lake Mead, Lake Powell, Lake Pleasant

It's still a decent moon phase to drop submersible lights (and anchovies) at night. At Powell, an angler reported drop-ping spoons for shad in 40-80 feet of depth and hooking up with smallmouth bass, walleye and catfish, too. Top-water boil action is good, too.

Saguaro, Apache, Canyon Lakes Go get some big largemouth bass. Marissa Mandigo this week caught a 7-pound, 15-ounce bass at Saguaro on a

## **Outdoor Channel To Sponsor National Hunting And Fishing Day**

This annual celebration of conservation efforts is set to take place on Sept. 24.

Outdoor Channel will once again serve as the title sponsor of National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHF Day) on September 24. Across the nation, sportsmen and women are fighting to preserve our national heritage. Through their efforts fu-ture generations are able to thrive.

NHF Day is set-aside for sportsmen and women to celebrate those conservation efforts. Each year, NHF Day is set to take place on the fourth Saturday in September. This year NHF Day falls on September 24.

"Supporting and promoting conservation in our country is a cornerstone of what we advocate at Outdoor Sportsman Group," said Outdoor Sportsman Group Networks CEO and President Jim Liberatore. "I can't think of any other place I would rather be on September 24 other than in the outdoors celebrating National



Hunting and Fishing Day in America."

#### Contributions **Benefit Every State**

The contributions - in the form of excise taxes paid on sporting firearms, ammunition and archery equipment benefit every state and have generated approximately \$5.6 billion for wildlife conservation since 1939. It is support like this that deserves to be celebrated and brought to the forefront to show how much sports-

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nightcrawler. Most anglers try deep diving crankbaits, or plastic worms Texasrigged or with a dropshot.

#### Roosevelt Lake

Additional water has boosted action for these speckled crappie beauties. Jim Goughnour of Rim Country Custom Rods reported: "Most crappie anglers are fishing vertically using a John-Deere colored grub-tail in 20 to 25 feet deep water. A 1/8 ounce jig-head hook creates a slow fall rate which crappie like. Crappie will be in schools during this time of year near brush or rock structure. The size of the

Striped Bass

## Am Wondering What The World Is Coming To! BY JOHN (JK) KOLESZAR

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As the sweltering heat oppresses most of us in the Valley of the Sun, news items have come across my desk that bear repeating. I will not champion any particular item, but merely report (sometimes tongue in cheek) the news as it has come down

#### Gift Triggers Edible, **Fiscal Thoughts**

A gift was presented to me at the Shake Rattle & Troll radio show last Sunday. The gift was a canned tin of - horsemeat! Despite the feelings of many in the United States, horse meat is a delicacy in many countries. Obviously, the gift to me will be tasted at an appropriate time and place, probably with a glass of a good red wine

I inquired as to the cost of the can of horse meat and was told it sold for \$15.00 per can. The really interesting tidbit was that it is sold in butcher shops in Germany for \$25.00 per pound.

Being the fiscally sound person I am, did some rough figuring on the Wild Horse and Burro pens across the United

## WAKE ZONE 📐 Op/Ed

States, where every year we pay in excess of \$70 million dollars in our taxes for their upkeep. There are roughly 40,000 horses and burros that are held in these pens. The adoption for free of these animals has fallen on hard times as most who wanted a horse did so early on in the program.

So, from an edible standpoint, there are 40,000 horses / burros that we "keep" in holding pens. Each horse represents about 400 pounds of "saleable" meat. At \$25.00 per pound for 400 pounds, that horse is going to represent \$10,000 of table fare. Now, multiply that number by the 40,000 animals we are "holding" and the figure comes to \$400,000,000.00. That, my friends, is a serious amount of cash.

If we were even able to make a quarter of that from the sale of these animals to countries that would consume them we could earn in excess of \$100,000,000.00 rather than spending \$79,000,000.00 in perpetuity to hold them in facilities.



Grav Wolf

#### **Only One True Wolf**

"Best Available Science!" How often do court proceedings regarding Endan-gered Species use this little gem in their decisions? Well, try all the time!

This little blurb came hot off the press last week, as recent DNA tests show that there really are no varying "sub-species "of gray wolves. In fact, according to this new study, there is only one wolf --- the gray wolf from Canada that is a "true" wolf. The subspecies that folks from the





California Condor

STACY FROM SAN DIEG

CBD, Sierra Club, Defenders of Wildlife etc., all go to court to protect have now been shown to be - hybrid coyotes with wolf strains! Or, hybrid wolves with coyote strains.

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## AZGFD Wants To Remind The Public To Leave Baby Wildlife Alone

Reminder comes as public turns in several 'abandoned' deer fawns.

Within the past several weeks, wellintentioned people have delivered several deer fawns to Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) offices believing that the animals were abandoned by their parents

While the department understands the public's desire to help, in reality they're often taking a newborn or juvenile animal from its parents, who likely "parked" the baby in one location while they foraged for food and water for long periods of time. If the fawn appears alert and healthy, it is best to leave the animal alone and to walk away



Sad Results Of 'Rescuing' "Picking up or

Demlong, Arizona Game and Fish De-partment Wildlife Education program manager. "The mother is often left searching for her young and baby wildlife raised by humans are less likely to survive when they are released back into the wild. Deer fawns and elk calves cannot be returned to the wild.

AZGFD reminds those who come across young or baby wildlife to leave them alone. Some species of baby animals, such as elk calves or deer fawns, may be euthanized because they cannot be released back into the wild due to disease concerns and the fact that zoos and sanctuaries have limited space to hold them.

Fortunately, AZGFD was able to recently place five deer fawns that were recently picked up, but that is not usually the case

The department's Wildlife Center and others around the state are inundated every year with baby birds, rabbits and other wildlife that were unnecessarily taken from the wild.

#### Instead, Help In Other Ways

The public should contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator or their nearest AZGFD office if they encounter an animal that is clearly sick or injured with wounds or broken bones, is unresponsive or lethargic, has been attacked by a cat or dog, or there is strong evidence that the mother is dead.

Young wildlife found in your yard or in the field are rarely abandoned. Typi-cally, once the perceived predator (you, or your cat or dog) leaves the area, one or both parents will return and continue to

care for the young. Baby birds are the most common wildlife species encountered by the public and removed from the wild. Young birds that have fallen from the nest can be placed back in the nest or as close as possible, preferably in an artificial nest. Those birds that are partially flighted should be left alone or in some cases, moved nearby

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IONORED – Arizona Game and Fish video producer David Majure recently received ree Excellence in Craft Awards from the Outdoor Writers Association of America DWAA), Majure was recognized for his work on the department's Arizona Wildlife jews TV show.



FREE TO FLY – The Arizona Game and Fish Department and Liberty Wildlife released four orphaned baby great horned owls Aug. 3. The owls were rescued after their mother was shot in March by a homeowner in Tolleson. The owlets were raised with the aid of a foster female great horned owl at Liberty Wildlife with the goal of preparing them for releasing. The owls were released at Robbins Butte Wildlife Area, a remote area about seven miles southwest of Buckeye.

Land Cruising

## **BAGDAD, GRANITE BASIN LAKE** *This Day Trip Was Full Of* Beauty And – Surprises

#### **BY MARGIE ANDERSON**

Bagdad, Ariz., is one of only two company towns in Arizona. It's a copper mining town in the hills north of Wickenburg, about 60 miles west of Prescott. The townsite and the mine are owned by Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold. Bagdad is a small town with a population of about 2500 people, including the mine employees and their families, and school and local business people. I've seen it on the map every time we were headed to Vegas on

Highway 93, and always wanted to go there. So the other day we decided to head up there for breakfast.

#### An Interesting Drive

It's always an interesting drive up through Wickenburg and along the Joshua Tree Highway, which is the name given to part of Highway 93. Joshua trees are amazing plants, and this area makes me remember a science fiction story I read when I was a kid, where the main char-acter found himself in a house built like a point-down tetrahedron. He got lost inside, finally found a door, and went outside. He found himself in the Joshua Tree Forest, but he didn't know what they were and thought he was on another planet! Yes, they're that weird.

#### **Granite Basin Lake**

This is the first time either of us had ever approached Prescott from the "back" side, so when we passed a sign that said "Granite Basin Lake", we were really surprised. I thought I had been to every lake in Arizona. The turn-off to the lake is just west of Prescott on the Iron Springs Road, which is also called the Skull Valley Kirkland road, the Bagdad Road, etc. Basically, if you follow highway 96 past Hillside and into Prescott, that's the road you're on. Before we found a place to turn around, we passed a nice green area with a bunch of trees and big herd of metal di-



Think Happy Days From Highway 93, take Highway 96 east, then follow the signs. The town is clean and neat, and the Diner on Main is a great place to have breakfast. It's easy to find, since Highway 96 turns into Main Street. The Diner looks like a silver Airstream trailer, and inside it's like a 50's diner. Think Happy Days. The people are awesome — everyone seems to know everyone, and the waitresses treat you like a neighbor. The food was delicious, too — good American food and plenty of it! After we ate, we crossed the street to look at the old mining equipment next to the parking lot of a building. There is an empty lot next to it, and we spotted a roadrunner with a small snake in his beak

All Beautiful Country From Bagdad we decided to head toward Prescott via Kirkland and Skull Valley. This is all beautiful country - high desert with lots of huge boulders and an abundance of vegetation. Somewhere between Hillside and Kirland, someone painted a big boulder a ways from the highway with white and red paint, emphasizing the fact that it bears an uncanny resemblance to a duck. The drive along this highway is great — the scenery is gorgeous, and what's not to love about a town called Skull Valley?



nosaurs. This drive was getting better all the time

#### Through The Woods

The road in to the lake is very nice, paved, and goes through the woods. The lake itself and the areas close to it are day use only, and there is a \$5 fee. There is also a campground along the road in, as well as an area for horse riding. The lake itself is absolutely beautiful, and even more so because it is set against the







backdrop of rugged mountains whose sides are covered with granite boulders. The lake is surrounded by pine forest and there are trails that go from the parking lot in both directions around the lake. They don't quite make it all the way around, but they are very nice little hikes nonetheless

#### Fish, Birds, Deer

The parking lot has a very nice restroom, and from there you take steps down to the lake itself. It isn't stocked, but they say you can catch bluegills, largemouth bass, and catfish. We headed left for the first walk, and were almost immediately in the forest and out of sight of anyone. It was awesome. We saw lots of colorful birds, and even a big mule deer who just stood still and looked at us with no apparent fear at all. The only people we saw on the trail were a man and woman who were fishing. They hadn't caught anything, but they looked happy anyway. Shortly after the spot where they were fishing the trail ended, so we headed back.

#### Lush, Shady Oasis

This time we took the trail the other way around the lake, which would be to your right as you came down the steps by the restroom. This trail went through tall grasses and past a bunch of concrete ta-



bles that seemed completely out of place. We then crossed a big sandy area and found ourselves at the boat launch site, which also has a restroom. Passing the restroom, we went through one of those little zig-zag things in the fence, and came to the dam. To our disappointment, you're not allowed to walk on the dam, but you are allowed to go down below the dam, and it is awesome down there. There isn't what I'd call a creek down there, but there is enough water to turn this place into a lush, shady oasis full of green plants and trees. It's really cool because the wall of the dam stretches up quite a ways past your head, and when we were there it was casting a shadow that made the whole area look like a secret garden. I wish I had come here when I was a kid!

On the way back to the other parking lot, we walked along the shore of the lake there by the boat launch. There is a lovely little beach there. The whole place is loaded with tables, some in the shade. some not, which makes it a great place for a picnic or for birding.

#### Lots Of Trails

There are a lot of trails here, but un-fortunately it was getting too late for us to start a hike, plus I wasn't wearing my hiking shoes. This was a road trip, after all. But we definitely plan to come back here and hike and I'll let you know all about the trails after that. Meantime, if you'd like to check them out yourself, go to http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/ prescott/recarea/?recid=75174 to learn all about this little gem of a spot.

#### **Definitely Worth The Drive**

We left reluctantly and headed home via Yarnell. The highway down that hill is an adventure in itself. It is beautiful country, and there are a couple of places where you can pull off and enjoy some spectacular views. No matter where you live, this drive is worth taking. If you have to spend the night at a hotel nearby, that just makes it even better. Be sure to plan enough time to visit some of the small towns, do some shopping maybe, and for sure, include a side trip to Gran-ite Basin Lake. You'll love it.

## **RV/Land Cruising**

#### TRAIL AND FUN RUNS' REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

## Don't Miss The Guano Happens 5K Trail Run & Kids Fun Run At Kartchner Caverns State Park

Experience the 3rd Annual Guano Happens 5K Trail Run & Kids Fun Run at Kartchner Caverns State Park on Saturday, Oct. 8. Bring the whole family out for a great run, then stay to learn about local outdoor recreation opportunities, explore the Discovery Center and the fascinating underground world of bats. This event is sponsored by the Arizona State Parks Foundation.

#### **Enjoy Majestic Views**

The 5K Trail Run is a unique course that will travel through the rugged desert terrain of the Sonoran/ Chihuahuan Deserts. The run includes multiple sets of stairs and allows participants to run along areas that are normally closed to the public. Runners will enjoy majestic views of the entire San Pedro River Valley and beautiful mountain ranges that surround the park. The entire course is

#### In A Nut Shell –

**WHAT:** Guano Happens 5K Trail Run & Kids Fun Run - Registration is Now Open! - Participants and spectators should expect to pay the \$7 park entrance fee, carpooling is recommended. Guided cave tours and camping will also be available but should be reserved in advance for an additional cost.

**WHERE:** Kartchner Caverns State Park - Located on Highway 90, nine miles south of I-10 near Benson. Find out more at AZStateParks.com/parks/KACA.

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016 - Registration Open Now! at RunSignUp.com

#### above ground.

Go to RunSignUp.com to register. The early registration fee is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. For more information visit AZ-StateParks.com/parks/KACA or call (520) 586-2283. The Kids Fun Run is free to kids aged 12 and younger. Registration for the Kids Run will be on the day of the event only.

Parents must sign a waiver for kids to participate. There will also be a post-race festival complete with awards ceremony and lots of fun activities for the entire family.



Walking Trails Above Kartchner Caverns State Park



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## Nominate Your Favorite Trail

New Arizona Premier Trails System is accepting nominations for the 100 Best Trails in Arizona.

When it comes to epic beauty and dramatic diversity, no state compares to Arizona. And trails are the key to unlocking that treasure chest of scenic wonders.

Trails in Arizona cross wild desert where the cactus grow tall as office buildings. Trails weave among towering red rock formations, ramble through sprawling pine forests and circle high country lakes sparkling like jewels. Trails clamber into the depths of a canyon so immense and breathtaking it's simply called Grand.

#### Will Your Favorite Make The List?

Now for the first time, the 100 best trails in the state will be named as part of the new Arizona Premier Trails System. Will your favorite trail make the list?

"This is not going to be just another best trails list," said Sue Black, Executive Director of Arizona State Parks. "Arizona Premier Trails will set a new standard by recognizing the most exceptional trails throughout the state."

Trails being considered for the Arizona Premier Trails System program will need a comprehensive list of attributes and features to become eligible for the statewide Arizona Premier Trails System designation. This list will be unveiled in 2017 and will include all types of non-motorized



trails from hiking, biking and equestrian trails to river and riparian trails.

What's more, the group behind the new trail system, Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT), is looking for public input on which trails should be considered for this prestigious designation. ASCOT will use public input to encourage land management agencies and trails groups to submit official nominations for supported trails.

#### Need To Hear From The 'Trail Savvy'

"It is a huge undertaking to choose the best 100 best trails in this remarkable state, so we need to hear from folks that are out there exploring and who are the most trail savvy," said Roger Naylor, author, and member of the Arizona Premier Trail System nomination review committee.

Individuals, clubs, organizations and communities throughout Arizona who support, and recreate on, the state's vast network of trails are invited to become involved in the selection process. So if you'd like to hike it, hoof it, bike it or paddle it, go to Facebook.com/AZ100BestTrails and nominate it for consideration as an Arizona Premier Trail. Nominate as many trails as you deem worthy of this distinguished honor.

#### Stay Connected

To stay connected with news and information about the progress on the new Arizona Premier Trails System, Like Arizona Premier Trails on Facebook at Facebook.com/AZ100BestTrails. Share the page with your friends and get them in on the conversation. Who doesn't like to talk about trails and adventure?

ASCOT serves in an advisory capacity to Arizona State Parks. The overall mission of the State Trails Program is to promote, develop, and preserve non-motorized trail opportunities throughout the state for mountain bikers, hikers, equestrian, and water trail users.

WHAT: Arizona Premier Trails System - 100 Best Trails in Arizona - Nominate Your Favorite Trail

WHERE: Like us at Facebok.com/ AZ100BestTrails

WHEN: Taking nominations now through 2017

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Kannally Ranch

## Oracle State Park Weekend Programs Appeal To Nature Lovers

Programs exploring the natural world and sky are featured during September at Oracle State Park Center for Environmental Education. The park is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Except as noted, programs are free with park admission of \$7 per car at the main gate on Mt. Lemmon Rd. in Oracle. Call the park office at 520-896-2425 for reservations.

Oracle State Park is a 4,000-acre wildlife refuge with over 15 miles of maintained trails for use by hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians. It is located in the northern foothills of the Catalina Mountains, northeast of Tucson.

Saturday, Sept. 3: Prickly Pear

## **RV/Land Cruising**

## **Arizona State Parks Approves 29 Grants To Enhance Trails**

Three volunteer advisory committees

Arizona State Parks approved grant funding for 29 trail related projects to-

taling \$3,079,377. Funds will be used to improve the state of existing trails and trail facilities and also to develop new trail systems. These motorized and non- motorized

projects are funded through the federal Recreational Trails Program and the State's Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation Fund



on the team

A Phoenix Resident

Projects that will be funded range from maintaining and en-

A Phoenix resident, Leonard is a pro-

fessional archaeologist and historian

with over 20 years experience in his-toric preservation and cultural resources

management. She most recently served

as Operations Director for North Wind

Resource Consulting, an Alaskan Native

Corporation-owned environmental firm. She served on the State's Historic Sites

Review Committee for three years and

most currently as Vice-Chair of the City

of Phoenix Historic Preservation Com-

hancing current trails such as the nonmotorized Maricopa Trail to developing 75+ miles of new OHV trails in Apache County. "As leaders of trails across the state, we are proud to be in the position of seeing these projects hit the ground," says Executive Director Sue Black.

To find out more about the projects near you, check out the Arizona State Parks Grants Web site or contact Grants Coordinator, Mickey Rogers (602) 542-6942



t last month's Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Awards Banquet, Arizona

Banquet, Arizona State Parks received three awards. Kelly Moffitt, Deputy Director, received the Outstanding Professional Award, the Arizona Site Steward Program received the Outstanding Cultural Awareness Program, and the Arizona State Com-mittee on Trails (ASCOT), received the Citation of Merit.

#### Gov. Ducey Appoints Kathryn Leonard State Historic Preservation Officer its future. We are thrilled to have her Governor



Doug Ducey appointed has Kathryn Leonard to the position of State Historic Preser-vation Officer. Leonard's term of service will

become effective Sept. 6.

"Historic preservation plays a key role in Arizona's development," said Sue Black, Executive Director of Arizona State Parks. "Kathryn Leonard knows how to work with the private sector to preserve Arizona's past while enriching

#### **ORACLE STATE PARK** Continued from page 12

Walk and Talk continues Ethnobotany Programs. Join Sonoran herbalist, John Slattery 8 to 10:30 a.m. With blender and straining equipment, John will demonstrate a relatively quick and simple method to process prickly pear fruits at home. Enjoy a freshly made juice drink at the end. Botanical products and books for sale on the ranch house patio. Space is limited; reservation is required. Workshop fee is \$3 with park entry. The event is sponsored by Friends of Oracle State Park.

Saturday, Sept. 10: Star Party and Guest Speaker. From 5:30 to 7 p.m., Dr. Thomas A. Fleming will give a presentation on the history of the Steward Observatory. The Steward Observatory is the research arm of the Department of Astronomy at the University of Arizona in Tucson. This year marks its centennial celebration. In 1916, Mrs. Lavinia Steward of Oracle, AZ, was a wealthy widow with an interest in astronomy. She memorialized her husband's name with a generous donation to the university to be used to purchase "a telescope of huge size ... Following the talk, from 7 to 9 p.m., telescopes by Tucson Amateur Astronomer's Association will be set up for public night time sky viewing at the ranch house. A reservation is suggested for the 5:30 p.m. presentation.

Sunday, Sept. 18: Pollinators Plus: Phenology and Making Connections, mission Join Hilary Cox for a presentation at the ranch house at **5 p.m. for an hour**, fol-lowed by a short guided trail walk ending about 7:15 p.m. Park gates will close to the public late, by 8 p.m. Pollinators positively affect all of our lives, supporting wildlife, healthy watershed and more. Let's appreciate the valuable ecosystem services provided by bees, birds, butter-flies, bats and beetles. Reservation is sug-

Saturday, Sept. 24: Plant Walk on the Trail continues Ethnobotany Programs. Sonoran herbalist, John Slattery, from 9 to 11 a.m., and discussion about what is seen. Botanical products and books for sale on the ranch house patio. Space is limited; reservation is required. Workshop fee is \$3 with park entry. The event is sponsored by Friends of Oracle State Park

Sunday, Sept. 25: Live Music Con-cert in the Park. Heather "Lil Mama" Hardy, described as a soulful female electronic blues violinist, performs on the upper patio of the Kannally Ranch House from 4 to 6 p.m. Park gates will remain open after dark for star-viewing with telescopes. The concert is Free with park entrance fee. Event is supported by Friends of Oracle State Park and Oracle Dark Skies Committee

Guided tours of the historic Kannally Ranch House are scheduled for 11 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday for 45 minutes. The multi-level Mediterranean-Revival style house, built in 1929-33 by



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Her recent professional work as a consultant in the private sector focused on working with federal agencies and tribes in Arizona and throughout the west to facilitate consultation on complex infrastructure projects.

#### She Follows James Garrison

Leonard previously worked at the State Historic Preservation Office, where she served as National Register Coordinator from 2003-2008. Her appointment as State Historic Preservation Officer follows James Garrison who retired after 24 years of service.

The Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, a division of Arizona State

one of the earliest cattle ranching families in Oracle, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. An exhibit of impressionistic-style cowboy paintings by self-taught artist Lee Kannally is on display in the living room and dining room.

The American Avenue trailhead parking lot is open every day to access Parks, assists private citizens, private institutions, local governments, tribes, and state and federal agencies in the identification, evaluation, protection, and enhancement of historic and archaeological properties that have significance for local communities, the State of Arizona, or the Nation.

The role and function of the SHPO is defined in both state law (Arizona Historic Preservation Act) and federal law (National Historic Preservation Act, as amended).

For more information, call the State Historic Preservation Office at (602) 542-4009 or visit AZStateParks.com/SHPO.

the National Scenic Arizona Trail, and to accommodate use by night-time stargazers. The park is an International Dark Sky Park, designated in 2014 by the International Dark Sky Association.

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## **Good Company**

### BOATING SAFETY FOR YOU AND YOUR PET Your Best Friend Can Enjoy Being On Board Too

With boating season in high gear, it's a good time for a little refresher on petfriendly boating to ensure your little one is safe. Before hitting the high seas with your pet, it's important to plan ahead and always keep the best interests of your four-legged friend in mind. Boating with your pet can be a wonderful and bonding experience or a not so pleasant one. It's all a function of proper planning and preparation.

#### For Pet-Happy And Pet-Safe Boating

Be sure to take these necessary provisions to ensure that your pet's boat cruise is a happy and safe one.

· Identification Tag: Make sure your pet has a collar with an identification tag. Include contact information, marina address and slip number.

• Familiarization with the Boat: It is best to gradually introduce your pet to your boat and the water. Let your pet explore the boat while it is docked before going out on the water. Turn on the engine and let them get used to its sound, smell, and feel while the boat is docked. Then, take your pet out on small cruises and gradually build up to longer cruise.

• Safe, Easy Boat Access: Provide a special pet ramp for your pet to get on and off the boat. This not only includes from the dock to the boat but also from the water to the boat. Pets weigh much more wet than dry and it can be very difficult to lift them back into your boat after a swim. • *Flotation Device:* A personal flota-

tion device (a.k.a. pet life jacket) can also ensure safety while on the water. Not all pets can swim (including some dogs). Even if your pet is a good swimmer, get-



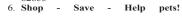
#### Do you shop at Fry's Food Stores?

Did you know that you can earn donations for Lost Our Home Pet Rescue by shopping at Fry's Food Stores? By designating Lost Our Home Pet Rescue as the organization you'd like to support, Fry's will donate to the shelter every time you shop and use your VIP card.

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#### **To Enroll in Fry's Community Rewards Program**

- Get your VIP Card at your local Fry's store!
- 2 Go to the Fry's Community Rewards page at www.frysfood.com/topic/newcommunity-rewards-program
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- Click Enrol Now Enter your Fry's VIP card information Select Lost Our Home Pet Foundation or enter our organization number: 5.
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into a panic. In addition, your pet could suffer from exhaustion or hypothermia. Many pets also fall into the water from the dock or while trying to get from the dock to the boat. Having your pet equipped with a flotation device with a lifting handle makes retrieving your pet much easier and safer. Help your pet get used to the PFD by first practicing at home for short periods of time. Start by putting the PFD on your pet and let them walk around with it on. The next step is to let your pet swim with it on for a short period. It's a new experience for your pet so it's important for them to get used to it before the boat trip.

ting tossed overboard can put any animal

Proper Hydration And Staying Cool: Pets do not sweat, so keep an eye out for heavy panting or drool and a rapid heart beat. Protect pets from heat by pro-viding some shade on the boat, providing plenty of water and keeping the deck cool to protect paw pads. Bring along a pet travel bowl and fresh water. It is critical to hydrate pets before they get into the wa-ter. Otherwise, they will drink the natural water and may get sick.

· Going Potty: A big challenge of boating with your pet is making provisions so that they can go to the bathroom. Bring-ing along your cat's litter box and securing it inside the cabin is a good solution for your feline friends. Dogs, however, are a bigger challenge. If your boat trip does not allow for regular land stops for



your dog to do their business, then provisions must be made so that they can relieve themselves on the boat. A portable dog potty that simulates grass is an excellent solution.

• Health Records: If your boating destination is a marina or place that you're not familiar with be sure to bring along a copy of vaccination and health records. Some places may require proof of immunization before letting pets explore on land

• Call Ahead: While most marinas and parks welcome pets, there are some that aren't pet friendly. Be sure to call ahead before arriving on shore. Wishing you and your pet safe and happy travels on the water this season!

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#### 'Mutts' Are A 'Mixed' Blessing And, they not only live longer but also you get the best of both (or more) worlds.

Two Lost Our Home pets were recently featured on local television to raise awareness about National Mutt Day. Kim Scott, a dedicated, committed and all around wonderful LOH Volunteer, escorted Gunner, a Dalmation and cattledog mix and mix-breed Rae to Channel 3 and Fox 10 TV to talk about the benefits of loving and adopting a 'mutt''

According to research, there are several good reasons to owning a mixed-breed dog. They include the following:

· You get the best of both worlds since you get the best qualities out of multiple breeds, making mixed breeds some of the smartest, and well-behaved dogs.

· Mix breeds on average, live 14 years, while pure breeds usually make it



to 10 years

· Mutts and mixed breed dogs are usually less expensive than pure breeds, and you often save the life of an animal at a shelter.

So celebrate mutts and adopt today!



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#### MAPS

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servation efforts, or expansion of hunting and angling opportunities.

· Identify key high-use areas warranting special conservation strategies, because of their value to sportsmen.

· Justify actions and funding requests aimed at conserving highly valued wildlife habitat, and hunting and fishing areas.

#### **Random Sampling**

A random sampling of 7,500 Arizona residents who had purchased state hunting and fishing licenses were mailed a postcard last fall, inviting them to participate in the survey. Those who received a postcard were directed to a specially designed website where they could highlight on a map their most valued hunting and fishing destinations.

The survey included questions about why sportsmen identified a particular area as being important. The highest valued areas usually were those that offered the greatest chance of harvesting game. Other primary factors included whether a particular area was close to home, or was someone's "traditional" spot, or that it provided the opportunity to harvest a trophy fish or game species. The results demonstrate the importance of maintaining quality fish and wildlife habitat and for hunting and angling.

The Sportsmen's Values Mapping Project is a national initiative that was launched in 2007 by TRCP. The project has been endorsed by the Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation, an alliance of more than two dozen Arizona sportsmen's groups. For more information about TRCP, visit http://www.trcp. org/. For updates, follow TRCP on Facebook or Twitter.

#### WATER SAFETY

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Of the 623 people who were injured while operating a PWC, 33 died from injuries sustained in a collision. Nearly 25 percent of those who died drowned, according to U.S. Coast Guard data. Ev-eryone riding a PWC in Arizona is legally required to wear a life jacket.

"Every watercraft user – whether they're piloting a boat or PWC – must constantly be on the lookout for other vessels, in addition to knowing how to properly maneuver and control their craft.

There are 25,682 PWCs registered in Arizona. In 2015, there were 4,158 accidents on the water nationwide -20 percent of which involved a personal water-

#### **HOT SPOTS** Continued from page 9

small carp as bait. Look for the deeper holes, especially up-lake where there is a little current. For bluegills, try the backs of rocky coves using nightcrawlers or meal worms on light tackle.

Parker Canyon Lake Bluegill, anybody? Reports now say

#### **OLD RIFLE**

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finish was then rubbed out, polished and final waxed.

#### In The Old Days

In the old days, before scopes, many rifles were fitted with rear tang mounted peep sights, to improve their precision. The rear tang of this rifle was so drilled and tapped. I was very lucky to locate an old "Marble" brand peep sight that fitted

#### STORMS

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use a weather radio for updates from the National Weather Service. If storms are predicted or are building, pull your boat out of the water or consider postponing your outing.

Secure all gear above and below decks.

· Keep everyone aboard away from electrical and ungrounded components, and remain as low in the boat as possible.

· If there is lightning, disconnect all electrical equipment. Stay as clear of met-

al objects as possible.Slow down, but keep enough power to maintain headway and steering.

Turn on your navigation lights.

craft, according to the U.S. Coast Guard. Of all the accidents involving a PWC, operator inexperience was the most common factor.

#### About Control

The ability to control the watercraft is based on the amount of water thrust. An experienced operator knows it's critical to use the throttle to properly maneuver the watercraft and avoid danger. When an operator kills the engine or stops using the throttle, the craft will continue on its course and speed, and the operator will lose any ability to control the watercraft.

"While these watercraft can be great fun on the water, it is absolutely critical that they know how to properly pilot a PWC," said AZGFD Boating Safety Education coordinator Josh Hoffman. "One

#### **OUTDOOR CHANNEL**

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men and women contribute for conservation of our great country.

"Outdoor Channel always looks for ways to better the experience for the American angler and one way is through conservation." said Misty Mitchell, director of Conservation for Wonders of Wildlife. "Their continued support of NHF Day and conservation efforts never fails. It is our pleasure to have them sign on once again.

#### First To Suggest NHF Day

The first to suggest an official day of thanks to sportsmen and women was Ira Joffe, owner of Joffe's Gun Shop in Upper Darby, Pa. In 1970, Pennsylvania Gov. Raymond Shafer adopted Joffe's idea and created "Outdoor Sportsman's

Day" in the state. With determined prompting from the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the concept soon emerged on the floor of the U.S. Senate. In June 1971, Sen. Thomas McIntyre, N.H., introduced Joint Resolution 117 authorizing National Hunting and Fishing Day on the fourth

catching this tasty sunfish is excellent. The lake is 6 06 feet below the spillway so boaters should use caution on the ramp. Maybe you'll stake out your own hot spot this next weekend.

#### Grab A License

Grab a license online (that helps conserve all species of wildlife, not to mention provides funding that goes back into fishing opportunities) and go.

#### almost like it grew there.

Metal finish was again a blend of old and new. The new was the matte black and new. The new was the matte black aluminum of the scout rail tastefully en-graved with a silver ".38-55 Win." for the historic caliber. Old was a little more difficult. Many old rifle receivers were color case hardened. This process involves high heat, bone and charcoal, and special jigs to keep the metal from disvas able to simulate most of the effect on the receiver and lever. I just wish I could

· If possible, head for the nearest shore that is safe to approach. It may be best to ride it out in open water rather than try to approach the shore in heavy wind and waves.

· Boats should head the bow into the waves at a 45-degree angle. Personal watercrafts (PWCs) should head directly into the waves.

#### When On An OHV

· Always wear proper safety gear, including a helmet, eye protection, long sleeves, pants, over-the-ankle boots and gloves.

· Carefully seek shelter indoors as storms are developing or are nearby

· Never cross running water. While it

of the best ways for people to prevent future accidents is to learn how to boat safely and responsibly by taking a boating safety course, where they will learn critical navigation rules and to be mindful of other people on the water."

AZGFD offers free boating and paddlesports safety courses in Phoenix and Lake Havasu City. Those interested in taking a course can visit www.azgfd.gov/ boating and click "Boating Safety Education."

To further prevent future collisions, PWC operators should consider the acronym "S.A.F.E. R.I.D.E.R." and the following tips from the Personal Watercraft Industry Association:

· Scan the water for hazards and other boats.

· Avoid aggressive maneuvers.

#### Spreading The Word

Generating more awareness for conservation, NHF Day is dedicated to spreading the word through any avenue possible and social media is one of the largest stages to do this. Hashtag #1conservationist will help accomplish this goal

Visitors are encouraged to visit https://www.facebook.com/nhfday for a wide variety of information including a comprehensive overview of NHF Day, sponsor information and event planning details.

#### NHF Day Sponsors

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#### SAILBOAT SHOP

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find a way to get the bright blue (maybe someday). The remainder of the rifle was blued, in a traditional appearance. The rifle was then reassembled and it cycled perfectly, using dummy ammunition (always work safely).

#### Project Complete!

Next, a red dot sight was fitted, and both sighting systems were aligned with a laser bore sight device. It is now ready for the range.

may look shallow, it may be deep enough that it could push the vehicle downstream or you may get stuck in loose sediment.

· Drive slowly to not lose control on muddied trails. · To avoid being struck by lightning,

avoid open fields, high land, trees, poles or other tall objects and standing bodies of water.

· Be aware of and avoid flash-flood zones.

For more information on boating in Arizona, visit www.azgfd.gov/boating. For more information on riding an OHV in Arizona, visit www.azgfd.gov/OHV.

Note: Video footage of a monsoon storm in July 2015 at Roosevelt Lake. (YouTube video credit: bkwelty11)

· Follow local boating laws, including rules to prevent the transfer of invasive species.

- Examine your equipment.
- · React to conditions.

· Insist on a safe distance from other boats, swimmers and fixed objects. • Drive sober.

· Evaluate weather and waterways.

· Respect the environment by avoiding fuel spills and operating close to marine life

#### These Too Are Watercraft

Those heading out on standup paddle boards kavaks and canoes are also reminded that each are legally considered watercraft. Users are required to have a wearable PFD on board while on the water and must follow the same navigation laws pertaining to all watercraft.





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which necessitated professional profiles. Then e-commerce came around, where shopping carts were added to Web sites, and the Internet started to make money for people!

Soon after, companies realized the Internet was an untapped tool for marketing. Then *Facebook* and *Instagram* came along. Every day brought more changes.

along. Every day brought more changes. As the digital world has changed, so have the offerings and strategies at *FindingWhatsup*. We are nerds on the inside — with marketing and sales expertise. We understand the old-school 4 P's of marketing and sales, combined with an unmatched record of digital experience. Whether it is designing, creating and coding mobile apps, building simple-to-complex Web sites, piecing together social-media marketing strategies, executing sales and marketing consulting, *FWU* has the digital solution of your business needs covered.

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and publication. Our digital strategies, accompanied with their past efforts, dedication to the outdoor community, and strong network will bring their publication into the digital age.

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#### WAKE ZONE

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This new revelation will have the whole Endangered Species Act thrown into a tizzy. I can't wait to hear the twisted logic from the Envirolitgants on how we have to protect these ..... things ...... because they sure aren't wolves!

Quoted below is the blurb from the New York Times -

"The first large study of North American wolf genomes has found that there is only one species on the continent: the gray wolf. Two other purported species, the Eastern wolf and the red wolf, are mixes of gray wolf and coyote DNA, the scientists behind the study concluded. The finding, announced Wednesday, highlights the shortcomings of laws intended to protect endangered species, as such laws lag far behind scientific research into the evolution of species.

For those interested in reading the whole article, this is the site to go to: http://mobile.nytimes.com/2016/07/28/

#### **BABY WILDLIFE** Continued from page 10

#### out of harm's way.

Contrary to popular belief, human scent will not prevent the parents from returning to care for their young. Eggs of ground-nesting birds like quail should be left in place when discovered.

"It's reassuring to know our society values wildlife and is passionate about caring for wild animals," Demlong said. "But, people need to do what is best for the baby wildlife and often that is to just leave them alone even if it's difficult to accept.

If you have questions about a specific situation, please contact one of the wildlife rehabilitators listed on the department's Web site at: www.azgfd.gov/ urbanwildlife or contact your local Game and Fish office.

science/red-eastern-gray-wolves.html?\_ r=1&referer=#story-continues-1

#### 'Best Available Science', Round II

A recent disclosure that is destined to have widespread repercussions is in regard to a report from the office of the Inspector General of the United States. The report details how the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) laboratory had "a chronic pattern of scientific misconduct" and that "Data produced by the Inorganic Section were intentionally manipulated by the line-chemist in charge." The identified issues predominantly affected were coal and water-quality research and related assessments.

Look up the report titled "Scientific Integrity Incident at USGS Energy Geochemistry Laboratory". Report # 2016-EAU-010

What does that mean to us here in Arizona? Plenty!

Current President Barack Obama is said to be contemplating declaring vast

#### QUACKYSENSE

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Havasu City, Ariz. 86403) will be the site of this exciting event. A custom stadium environment is purposely built on the shoreline of the park to create a unique watercraft experience. Competitors must hold an IJSBA

Competition License from their country of citizenship and participate in a required number of events, in the 2016 season, to be eligible to participate in the World Finals. The minimum number of events, for United States license holders is two. Competition Classes range from Pro to several offerings for the hobbyist sportsman

A detailed schedule will be offered when the comprehensive 2016 World Finals page is published. In the meantime, here is a schedule at-a-glance: • Saturday, Oct. 1 — Registration

areas north and south of the Grand Canvon as a national monument because of fears of how uranium mining (on which there is a 20-year ban) could affect water qualities. With the unearthing (pun intended) of the fraud being perpetrated by the USGS, it makes us all wonder how much we can trust any reports from the government.

What were the intentions of the line chemist who misrepresented the facts? That does not show in the report, but I am sure it would be interesting reading if we can ever get a copy of the total report. Certainly the envirolitigant community has proclaimed that the protection of the Grand Canyon is necessary so 1.7 million acres need to be declared a national monument. Really?

There is no danger of uranium poisoning the water. The testing has proven that, but the folks who want humans off the landscape will still use their political clout to get what they want. Best available fraud? Bet on the government!

#### Opens, Pits Open • Sunday, Oct. 2 — Registration

- Opens, Pits Open
- Monday, Oct. 3 Novice/Amateur Practice
- Tuesday, Oct. 4 Novice/Amateur Racing
- Wednesday, Oct. 5 Amateur/Expert Racing
- Thursday, Oct. 6 Amateur/Expert/ Pro-Am Racing

 Friday, Oct. 7 — Amateur/Expert/ Pro-Am Racing, Awards For All Completed Classes

· Saturday, Oct. 8 - Pro Racing, Night Show. Hall of Fame Ceremony Sunday, Oct. 9 - Pro Racing,

Awards For All Completed Classes For more information, visit IJSBA [enews@ijsba.com] or contact Jim Rus-sell via phone at (928) 764-2210 ext. 615 or Email: jvrussell.jr@gmail.com

#### Condor Info Misleading

Last but not least, kudos to the Arizona Game & Fish Department for calling out the Sierra Club for misleading information about Condors while trying to drum up donations. The Sierra Club sent out a fund plea to the thousands of people who regularly blindly contribute to this envirolitigant group.

The Arizona Game and fish Department got wind of the letter and investigated it. They then wrote a lengthy letter that detailed that not one single Condor has ever been tested with uranium issues and there is also no indication that they ever will be.

The Sierra Club was simply trying to hype the fear mongering regarding uranium and the Grand Canyon. It all ties nicely into a big package where they get monument designation; a few suckers will give money for a cause that is non existent and they will continue to use lessthan-truthful methods to secure their vision of what the West should look like!

#### **RACING SERIES**

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that's as visceral as it is captivating.

Arizona fans get to watch this spectac-ular watersport in Parker on Friday, Oct. 14 through Sunday, Oct. 16 and at Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park in Phoenix on Friday, Nov. 4 through Sunday, Nov. 6. For more information please visit www.LucasOilDragBoats.com.





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