

Autumn Offers The Amazing

ON THE COVER



Paint The Season 'Awesome'

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

We thank Rory Aikens, formerly with the Arizona Game & Fish Department as their fishing "go-to-guy", for the beautiful photo he has provided. It's of Big Lake in Arizona (at an elevation of 9,000 feet).

The fall hues in the northern areas of the state are truly magical, and especially for those in the lower parts of Arizona that seldom show the change in leaves, a trip just to view the remarkable colors is definitely worth the travel time.

And, for those from other parts of the country (e.g., New England) who are missing the fall palette for which they are famous, perhaps a visit to this state's higher elevations would ease their nostalgia – even just a bit.

So, color this season "awesome". It truly is just that.

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Arizona Is Ablaze With Color

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

As a native Arizonan, I tend to believe that Arizona is the most beautiful and amazing place on the planet – and autumn in Arizona confirms that belief. John and I and the granddaughters are out and about pretty much all year, and we especially love to see fall colors – yellow, orange, and even red light up the hillsides and the banks of our streams. It can be magical to stroll along with color above and below from leaves that have already fallen and those that are still on the trees. Here are some of our favorite places to see fall colors.

FLAGSTAFF

Of course, Flagstaff is going to be one of our favorites. Since they were toddlers, we've taken our girls up there to hike and hunt, and they love it so much that they both chose to go to Northern Arizona University. In fact, the campus is actually a great place to see lots of fall colors.

Starting in September, trees on campus start sporting red and orange leaves in spots all over the grounds. The girls love to send me pictures of the trees and leaves.

Lockett Meadow

Undoubtedly, Lockett Meadow is an iconic Arizona fall color spot. There is a campground and picnic tables here, but no drinking water. Be forewarned: the road is very narrow with twists and turns, and there are usually people who get terrified and tend to hold up traffic.

During the fall, Lockett Meadow can be really crowded. We went there last year with Trinity to see the colors and it was so crowded that hiking the trail was like trying to walk in a crowded mall. Seriously, that crowded. The colors are indeed amazing, and there is a nice little pond, and if you



▲ Trinity Anderson On FR151

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DAM CANCER!

Race At Pleasant Harbor Benefits 'Wigged Out'

Pleasant Harbor and Evofit, will be hosting the 1st Annual Pleasant Harbor Dam Cancer! 5K Run/Walk at Lake Pleasant on Saturday, Oct. 13. The race will take place on the New Waddell Dam which is 4,700 feet long and 440 feet high. Construction of the current Lake Pleasant Dam, begun in 1984, was completed in 1994. Never open to the public, runners will have a unique vantage point running high above the lake's surface.

DETAILS

Tickets for the Dam Cancer! 5K Run/Walk are \$46.00 and available online at www.evofit.net. Children, 10 years and younger, are free with parent supervision. Registration for the event begins at 8:00 a.m. and the entry fee includes a T-shirt, snacks, timed run and access to activities on the Pleasant Harbor event lawn after the race, including a DJ, vintage car show and

food trucks. The event ends at 1:00 p.m.

PROCEEDS HELP PATIENTS

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Wigged Out, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help return a sense of self and confidence to individuals who are afflicted by medically related hair loss. The organization has provided more than 500 wigs to

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▼ New Waddell Dam





BOATING

Lake Havasu City

1-7 — 37th Annual IJSBA World Finals - Crazy Horse Campgrounds. Invitation-only event with more than 750 competitors from more than 30 countries who churn the waters at the world's largest and most prestigious personal watercraft race, vendor row, food, beer stands, stadium seating, Parade of Nations, Pro-Freestyle Expo, free entry to spectators. 928-764-2210 or <https://golakehasvu.com/event/ijsba-world-finals/>



Parker

13-14 — Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing: Thunder on the River - BlueWater Resort & Casino. Professional drag boat racing, some of the fastest runs ever in the Top Fuel Hydro category where speeds have already surpassed the 260 MPH mark in as little as 3.3-seconds on a 1,000-foot race course. <http://www.lucasoildragboats.com>

27 — 14th Annual Blue Water Resort & Casino 336 Enduro – BlueWater Resort. Speed boat race, fifty six-mile laps will test the mettle and will power of the racers and their equipment, modeled after the original 1964 Parker Enduro. 10 am. 928-669-6511 or 310-318-4012 or <http://www.bluewaterfun.com>

**CAMPING/RVING/
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Grand Canyon

5-7 REI Fall Family Campout – Grand Canyon National Park. Escape the heat and revel in the autumn air. Join REI outdoor School for a two-night, three-day stay at one of Arizona's most iconic destinations. \$99-109. 480-826-9602 or <http://REI.com/learn>

Prescott

10-14 Big Sting – It's a Country Thing – Watson Lake. Escape to the Country in the Rocks for an Exclusive Music Camp out weekend with You and 3000 of your closest friends with the Shadows Foundation Concerts, Food, Beer, Camping, Horse Shoe Tournaments, Corn Hole, other games and more!. <http://www.thebigsting.com>

Tombstone

14-18 10th Annual Wyatt Earp's Vendetta Ride – Five-day ride into the Chiricahua, Dragoon and Whetstone Mountains, visiting spots where Wyatt and his posse killed Florentio Cruz, had a shoot-out with the cowboys, killed

"Curly Bill" Brocius, plus Johnny Ringo's gravesite and more, horses, tack, food, provided, reservations required. <http://great-american-adventures.com/horseback-riding-adventures/wyatt-earps-vendetta-ride-tombstone-arizona-territory/>

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

Queen Creek

4-28 — 24th Annual Schnepf Farms Pumpkin & Chili Party - Hillbilly Bob's pig races, spooky train rides, live entertainment, carousel, petting barn, 4-acre and Celebrity 10-acre maize, bon fires, pumpkin patch, hayride, Stuntmasters BMX show, Frisbee dog show, roller coaster and more, fireworks. Discount tickets at Fry's, Thu & Sun 10 am – 9 pm, Fri-Sat 10 am – 10 pm. 480-987-3100 or <http://www.Schnepffarms.com>

Phoenix

5-28 — 134th Annual Arizona State Fair – Arizona State Fairgrounds. Arizonans have been meeting and making memories at the Arizona State Fair for more than 100 years. Now with over a million guests each year, we welcome you to indulge all your senses at Arizona's original playground. Find yourself in the middle of the midway enjoying everything from crazy air food, rides and games, to an exciting event in the Grandstand and to end the night, a live concert at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum! Wed- Fri Noon-9pm | Sat-Sun 11am-10pm | Closed: Mon-Tue. \$10. 602-252-6771 or <http://www.azstatefair.com>

6 — Downtown Phoenix Oktoberfest – CityScape. Lace up your lederhosen and hit the Bavarian dance floor featuring live polka music! Then, test your skills in the wurst Oktoberfest competitions including stein hold, brat eat, pretzel eating and beer maid costume contest. \$10 online, \$15 at the gate, 21+ over event. 4-10 pm. <http://www.dtpxoktoberfest.com>

26-28— Ofrenda– Desert Botanical Garden. Ofrenda, or "offering," is part of the traditional Mexican celebration of Día de los Muertos. To honor those who have passed away, an altar is placed in the home and adorned with photographs, flowers, decorations, lit candles, food and drink. This act of preparing an altar of offerings to the dead helps transform grief into acceptance. View original Ofrenda installations by Arizona artists that have been created specifically for this exhibition. 8 am – 8 pm. <http://www.dbg.org>

Camp Verde

12-13 — 61st Annual Fort Verde Days – Fort Verde State Historic Park & Soccer Field. Fort Verde Days has served as the community's annual homecoming while also celebrating the military post around which the town of Camp Verde grew. A carnival, parade and a host of events at Fort Verde State Historic Park highlight the two-day event. Free. 9 am – 4:30 pm. <http://www.campverdepromotions.org/>

Scottsdale

26-27 — 9th Annual Halloween Balloon Spooktacular – Salt River Fields. Fun for the whole family, featuring more than 20 colorful hot air balloons to light up the sky, 4,000 pounds of candy for Trick-or-Treaters, tethered hot-air balloon rides, live music, food, drinks, kids zone, a haunted house fit for all, fireworks and more. 5-10 pm. 480-270-5000 or <http://saltriverfields.com/>

EXPOS



Lake Havasu City

Nov. 17 — 7th Annual Sand/Water/RV Expo; Windsor 4; www.sandandwaterexpo.com

FISHING



Lake Havasu City

13 — Southwest Kayaks Fishing Open – Mesquite Bay Central. Experience kayak bass fishing in this new open fishing tournament series! The tournament is free to enter, and it is open to all ages and experience levels. The tournament will launch at Mesquite Bay Central, about 50 yards from Mesquite Bay North. A sign stating, "Hand launch area only," will indicate the correct launch site. Put-in and take-out will launch at Mesquite Bay Central. Participants will have the chance to win cash. This event is free to participants and spectators. 928-680-9257 or <http://southwestkayaks.com>

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Tombstone

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Our waterways are ready, but are you?

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Boater Education Course

- October 20 in Phoenix
- October 20 in Lake Havasu City
- November 17 in Phoenix
- December 15 in Phoenix

Paddlesports Education Course

- October 13 in Phoenix
- October 13 in Lake Havasu City
- October 13 at Lake Pleasant
- November 3 at Lake Pleasant
- November 10 in Phoenix

Sign up online and get the details at www.azgfd.gov/boating or give us a call: 623-236-7258

Cold Water Safety

While firearm safety is paramount for hunters, those planning on using boats in pursuit of waterfowl also need to make water safety a top priority.

When boating in cold water, stay safe by following these tips:

1

Wear waterproof fabrics (avoid cotton), a float coat or life jacket, and a dry suit or anti-exposure coveralls.

2

Carry at least two communication devices that will work when wet.

3

Keep emergency spare blankets on board in case someone is suffering from hypothermia symptoms.

Register your Watercraft Online

Make sure your vessel's registration is current before heading out on the water! Skip the line and renew your watercraft registration online at www.azgfd.gov/boating.



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Outdoor Recreation Takes Center Stage At Sand-Water-RV Expo

The fall outdoor recreation season is just around the corner. That means Southwest residents and vacationing visitors alike are prepping to enjoy a plethora of desert, mountain and water opportunities close by.

BOATS, OF COURSE, AND MUCH MORE

To enhance the annual kick-off celebration of approaching winter, the Sand-Water-RV Expo, the premier outdoor recreation and motorsports show in Arizona, returns to Lake Havasu City, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17-18 for its seventh consecutive year. And again, the Expo will deliver over 130 exhibitors and vendors eager to display everything for the coming season including the newest and greatest in off-road vehicles, trucks, RVs, travel trailers, fifth wheels, toy haulers, boats, pontoons, motorcycles and all related accessories and services.

FOR WILDERNESS LOVERS

One new aspect of the Expo this year is the presence of multiple brands of rugged exploration camping trail-

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Operator Attention, Life Jacket Use Critical For Boating Safety

Life-saving tips offered in wake of boating fatality on Colorado River.

As Arizona's boating season continues, the Arizona Game and Fish Department reminds all watergoers to practice boating safety by always wearing a life jacket and operating your watercraft at safe speeds while on the water.

TRAGIC REMINDER

The reminder comes following a deadly head-on collision between two boats north of Lake Havasu last month. The two boats, one carrying 10 people and the other carrying six, collided between Pirates Cove and Topock Marina, sinking both boats and ejecting everyone into the water, according to the Mohave County Sheriff's Office.

None were wearing life jackets and multiple people were injured. Three people died and officers from multiple agencies, including AZGFD, continue to search for one other at press time.

UNFORTUNATE REALITY

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families impacted by this horrible incident," said AZGFD Boating Safety Education Program Coordinator Josh Hoffman. "The unfortunate reality is that incidents such as these are very much preventable. It is absolutely critical that all boat operators keep a proper lookout for nearby watercraft and travel at safe speeds. Additionally, everyone aboard should be wearing a life jacket at all times. Accidents can happen in a blink of an eye."

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C.C. Cragin Reservoir closes for season

Forest Road 751 from Rock Crossing campground to C.C. Cragin (Blue Ridge) Reservoir is closed to vehicles until April 2019 to protect the public from construction traffic. The closure will prevent access to the parking for Rock Crossing Trail as Arizona Game and Fish Department make improvements to the boat ramp. These projects are providing a safer and more efficient access to the reservoir for recreational boaters. For more information, please contact the Mogollon Rim Ranger District at 928-477-2255.

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It's Easy To Inspect An Inflatable Life Jacket

BoatUS Foundation shows you how.

FOUR SIMPLE STEPS TO PREP YOUR INFLATABLE LIFE JACKET

The autumn boating season has arrived, and with it come cooler water temperatures. A fall overboard can get serious quickly, and wearing a life jacket could give you extra time to survive.

While many boaters have traditional flotation-filled life jackets, an increasing number have switched to more modern inflatable life jackets, which require a little preparation each year. If you haven't inspected your inflatable life jacket and it's gone through a summer's worth of hard boating, now is a good time to take a close look at it.

Here's a quick four-step prep for your inflatable life jacket from the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water:

Open it up and look. Gently open the life jacket, usually by pulling apart any hook-and-loop tape covers or flaps and then unfolding. Pay close attention because repacking it is essentially the reverse of this process. Inside you will find a thin-walled bladder, which is what keeps your head above water when inflated, so take your time looking for any tears or abrasions. Are the waist strap and all buckles in working condition?



▲ EASY DOES IT
 It's easy to inspect an inflatable life jacket. BoatUS shows you how.

Remove the cartridge. Unscrew the CO2 cartridge and ensure it hasn't been discharged, sometimes indicated by a small puncture in the center of the threaded end. Some inflators will have a green ready-to-go indicator. Check the cartridge and inflation mechanism for corrosion. Some inflator mechanisms have a little "pill" or "bobbin" that dissolves in water allowing for automatic inflation. It should be in good shape. If not, purchase a re-arming kit.

Test for leaks. Using your mouth, blow up the life jacket using the manual-

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SAIL!

The Arizona Yacht Club fall race season began on September 16 at Tempe Town Lake and members report seeing lots of racing excitement. As of [press time], there are 35 boats signed up for TTL, with strong participation in C14, Laser, Portsmouth and a new Junior fleet. Also, The Arizona Sailing Foundation's kids' classes are underway. There's still space in the Adult Learn-to-Sail class, so if you know anyone interested, have them check it out: <https://arizonayachtclub.org/education/start-sailing-right/>

Five Tips To Stay Safe When Checking Up On The Boat This Winter

"Boating safety" usually means preventing injuries or accidents while on the water. Boats in winter storage have some unique safety concerns for boat owners who make periodic checkups over the winter season. Here are five tips from the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water to help boaters stay safe while visiting the boat this winter.

1. Injuries from ladder falls can be severe but are preventable. When using a ladder to climb aboard your boat, be sure it is firmly planted, secure it with a line to avoid shifting, and have someone hold the base. Never descend a ladder facing forward or with your arms full. If moving tools, supplies or other objects to and from the deck, lower or raise them in a bucket using a rope.

2. Don't trust the nonskid to do its job. Nonskid decks can be slippery when wet or, in northern areas, covered with snow or ice. Brush away any buildup

on the deck where you plan to step, and always hold onto something, just as you would if you were underway. In warmer winter climates, decaying leaves and algae can also make decks slippery.

3. In northern areas, remember that snow and ice are heavy. One square foot of dense, wet snow can weigh more than 20 pounds, so use caution when going underneath a tarp or winter cover that's loaded with snow. For even a small boat stored outside, over a ton of weight can be added after a storm, so brush off what you can before climbing aboard.

4. Check your jackstands for proper support. Jackstands or blocking can shift as the boat gets laden with snow and ice, or due to repeated freeze/thaw cycles or heavy rainfall. Never adjust jackstands yourself. Have marina personnel adjust and move supports.

5. Trailer boat frames should be supported at the rear cross beam. This



▲ DON'T SLIP — Securing the ladder at the top with a rope and using a bucket to raise and lower tools and equipment are two simple ways to reduce the risk of a ladder fall while checking up on the boat this winter.

prevents the tongue from lifting off the ground like a seesaw when climbing aboard from the stern. ■

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Thousands Of Lanterns To Illuminate Skies Above Lake Pleasant

Pleasant Harbor Christmas Lanterns event is scheduled for December 1.

After sundown on Saturday, Dec. 1, friends, family and thousands of event goers will come together to share personal thoughts, wishes, goals and participate in a new holiday tradition as they set free lanterns on the southeastern shores of Lake Pleasant.

A long-standing tradition, the lighting of (biodegradable) lanterns is a way of marking milestones, offering up wishes and goals, while celebrating in a festive, picturesque environment. This event will be the first time in the greater Phoenix area that a lantern festival will occur during the holiday season.



The event runs from 4:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. and features a live band (Faded Jeans), 40 tons of snow, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, 25 different food trucks, high school bands and free kids' bounce houses, not to mention some of the most amazing views in all of Arizona. Tickets for Pleasant Harbor Christmas Lanterns are \$30.00 per lantern and

can be purchased online at: www.pleasantharbor.com. Ticket prices *do not* include entry into Pleasant Harbor which is an additional \$10 gate fee per vehicle for this event. No coolers allowed; however, blankets and lawn chairs are welcome.

In April of this year, more than 10,000 people attended the inaugural Pleasant Harbor Lanterns at the Lake event held at Lake Pleasant. Due to the popularity of this event, tickets sold out prior to the day of the festival. In anticipation of a similar response, the general public is encouraged to buy tickets well in advance for this upcoming holiday lantern event.

Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant is less than a 45-minute drive from downtown Phoenix and the closest entry to the lake for Phoenixians. Pleasant Harbor is open to the public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For more information, please

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Argos Nautic 330 Jet Tender Wins Top Product Award

Argos Nautic's 330 JET tender was chosen as a 2018 Boating Industry Top Product of the Year from among hundreds of nominations submitted. The annual award honors the best new or updated marine products that stand out for their impact on the industry, innovation and how they advance their category or create a new segment.

"It's an honor to be chosen for a Top Product award," said Patrick Sullivan, Argos Nautic sales and marketing. "The 330 JET is such an innovative boat that solves a space issue for many yacht owners. We're pleased that Boating Industry recognized the 330 JET and all its benefits in design, performance, craftsmanship and utility."

The five-passenger 330 JET is a semi-custom 11' x 5' 8" RIB that's a graceful marriage of luxurious design and serious performance. The finest materials and meticulous craftsmanship enhance its elegant design. Powered by a Textron 850 MPE intercooled turbo four-stroke engine coupled to a waterjet, it will reach 48 mph. Designed and built to support 50'-70' yachts, it fits easily into garages and onto davits.

Searching for a high-quality tender, yacht owner Ignacio Vadillo was dissatisfied with what was offered. Instead of settling, he founded Argos Nautic. The company builds three models of innovative, semi-custom RIBs for discriminating



▲ TOP TENDER
Argos Nautic's 330 JET tender was chosen as a 2018 Boating Industry Top Product of the Year from among hundreds of nominations submitted.

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inflation tube found on the upper left front of the life jacket. This tube may also be used as a back up to fill the jacket with

LIFE JACKETS

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NOT WEARING COSTS LIVES

The U.S. Coast Guard reported that in 2017 there were 4,291 recreational boating accidents, involving 658 deaths nationwide. In cases where the cause of death was known, 76 percent of fatal boating accident victims drowned and of those, 84.5 percent were not wearing a life jacket.

REPLACE EVERY FIVE YEARS

In addition to ensuring people are wearing a life jacket, boat and watercraft

air in an emergency, so familiarize yourself with how it works. Leave the fully inflated life jacket alone for 24 hours to test for leaks.

Repack. If, after the time is up and the life jacket still holds air, deflate it and re-pack according to the instructions, which

owners should routinely check to see that their life jackets are in good condition, that they are the right size and fit for your passengers. On average in Arizona, life jackets should be replaced every five years.

MUST HAVES

Remember that state law requires that anyone 12 and under must wear a life jacket at all times when the vessel is underway and there should be one life jacket aboard for every passenger, including canoes and kayaks.

And don't forget that a throwable flotation device — usually a cushion with handles or a ring buoy — is required for

usually can be found on an inside flap. Now you're ready for fall boating season!

For more information on the care of life jackets, go to BoatUS.org/Life-Jackets/Care. To find which life jacket is right for you, check out a video here: <https://youtu.be/iPdZVQ48fuE>. ■

all watercraft longer than 16 feet, excluding canoes and kayaks.

FREE SAFETY COURSE

The Arizona Game and Fish Department also recommends that watercraft operators and their passengers take a free boating safety course in Phoenix and Lake Havasu City to learn the information and tips needed to stay safe while on the water. For more information on boating safety or to register for a hands-on or online safety course, visit www.azgfd.com/Education/Boating (and page 3 of this issue). ■

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ers. These trailers are not your ordinary hitch and go cruise the paved highways style used for conventional outdoor get-aways, not in the least.

Models from Lead Dog Motorsports, Adventure Trailers and Black Series Campers open a whole new vista of camping opportunities in the rugged outdoors where traditional trailers dare not go. Thanks to oversized tires, compact functionality, and extra sturdy construction, this new breed of trailers is an adventure-seeking wilderness lovers' delight.

ON THE WATER

On-the-water, kayakers, paddleboarders and Hobie Cat sailors will also seek their own form of adventure during the two-day Lake Havasu Paddlefest which is part of the Sand-Water-RV Expo on Windsor 4 beach. Paddlefest welcomes all non-motorized craft to join in for a weekend of games, activities, demos, and instructions.

For participant convenience, dry camping is also available on-site. Event pre-registration is strongly recommended.

CORNHOLE NOT FORGOTTEN

And let's not forget cornhole, one of the fastest-growing participant sports in the country, a game that can be enjoyed by any age and gender. KB Kornhole Games of Mesa, Arizona is organizing and presiding over the Lake Havasu Fall Cornhole Championship tournament for teams (doubles) on Saturday, Nov. 17 offering two skill levels of competition, one for "social" players and the other for "experienced" competitors. Entry registration is available at <http://www.kbkornhole.com/lakehavasu>.

SUPPORT FOR PVA

The 2018 Sand-Water-RV Expo is also partnering with Paralyzed Veterans of America, a national 501 c(3) non-profit organization helping to raise funds and support for continued rehabilitation of over 100,000 U.S. military vets suffering the effects of debilitating spinal cord injuries and amputation. A portion of Expo ticket sales will be donated to PVA.

DETAILS

The Sand-Water-RV Expo is presented by JetRenu with co-sponsorship support from Sunshine RV of Lake Havasu and Geico Insurance. The Expo will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17 and on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 9 p.m. to 3 p.m. Adult admission is only \$5.00; children 6 and under are free and on-site parking is also free.

Food, beverage and beer garden concessions are on-site; dogs are okay on a leash. The Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4 venue is located on London Bridge Road approximately one-half mile north of the London Bridge directly behind the Hampton Inn.

MORE INFORMATION

For additional information and the latest updates regarding Expo exhibitors, special attractions/entertainment, and vendor opportunities, please visit <http://www.sandandwaterexpo.com> or email info@sandandwaterexpo.com. ■

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ARIZONA LAKES, ARIZONA PROS: ROB VANDERKOOI

It's A Great Time Of The Year For Carolina Rigs

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

I've known Rob Vanderkooi for decades and he's one of the best bass fishermen I know. He's also a heck of a good hunter. Rob guides for The Arizona Fishing Guides now, so if you want to learn some great techniques and have a super good time, call them and set up a day fishing with him.

CAROLINA RIGS COME TO MIND

One thing I always think of when Vanderkooi comes to mind is Carolina Rigs. I'll never forget when he and his partner brought a 42-pound 6-fish limit to the scales in an All Star tournament years ago. They caught all those fish out of a single tree on Lake Pleasant. It blew everyone away! The big fish were all caught out of a single tree on a long point in the back of a large cove.

The time was late summer, and Rob says he thinks the fish liked that point because it gave them a huge variety of depths to move to as conditions changed: a steep area for quick escapes into deep water, and a lot of trees to choose from at different depths. The trick here was finding the right tree, which was a matter of figuring out what depth the fish were using, then fishing each tree at that depth until he hit the jackpot.

THIS IS SIMPLE FISHING

Carolina rig fishing is simple. A large weight and a glass or plastic bead are strung onto the main line. The bead protects the knot from the heavy weight. A swivel is then tied to the end of the line, and a leader, usually of slightly lighter line, is attached to the swivel.

Tie on a hook and you're rigged, Carolina style. The weight can be a big bullet sinker or an egg sinker, and a harder metal makes a more high-pitched noise when it hits rocks.



▲ This photo, taken years ago, shows Rob Vanderkooi and John Anderson at Apache Lake.

GOOD HOOKS FOR THIS RIG

Mustad, Gamakatsu, Berkley and a host of other manufacturers make good hooks for the Carolina rig. An extra-wide gap hook is best, and the hook has to be very sharp, fine, and strong. There is a lot of line between you and a fish when you set the hook, so the more easily the hook penetrates, the better.

Don't scrimp on your swivels, either. The last thing you want is to finally get a hog on, only to have your swivel break. Braid for the main line for great hooksets, with fluorocarbon for the leader is what most anglers prefer. The fluorocarbon has less stretch, and it's invisible in the water.

LEADER LENGTHS

Leader length has a great effect on the number of bites you get on a Carolina rig. Vanderkooi has several rules of thumb for determining the length of the leader.

"The slower the bite, the longer I like my leader to be," Vanderkooi states. "When fish are really sluggish, a longer leader seems to be the key to getting them to take the bait." Rob has utilized leaders up to six or even seven feet in length, and has found that under the toughest conditions, like cold fronts or for suspended fish, the longer leader meant more bites.

For very dirty water, Rob shortens the leader to make it easier for bass to locate the lure once they've homed in on the sound of the sinker. He also shortens the leader if he's using a very large lure like a 14-inch lizard or worm. "A really large bait moves a lot slower," he explains, "so by shortening the leader, you can have more control over the lure, as well as a better feel for the bite."

MOST POPULAR RIG BAITS

By far the most popular Carolina rig baits among these big-bass fishermen

are lizards and big reapers. "The whole purpose of a Carolina rig is to have the bait float up off the bottom," explains Vanderkooi. "Otherwise, you'd Texas-rig it. Lizards and big reapers have more surface area, so they float up really well, and sink more slowly."

Inactive, suspended fish can sometimes be tempted by a floating bait that stays at their level. Use a floating lure like Riverside's Air Series of plastics, or add a Carolina Floater from Betts Tackle to your regular plastic to make it float up. (The Carolina Floater looks like a sinker, but it floats the lure up instead of weighting it down. Peg it next to the hook.)

REMEMBER WHERE THE LURE IS

The key to fishing the rig is to remember where the lure is. When you feel the sinker hitting a tree or a rock, you have to keep in mind that the actual lure may be four to six feet behind it. Don't ever jerk the sinker out of a tree or a hangup — pull it loose slowly, and let it fall. That way, the lure will follow along behind and stay in the cover where the fish are.

NEED TO FEEL THE RIG

A Carolina rig should never just be dragged behind the boat. For the best results, you need to feel the rig all the time. A long rod with a long handle helps here. Rob suggests holding the rod at your side, with your hand under the reel and your fingers on the line. Pull the weight slowly, then reel up the slack.

The key is to move the rig as slowly as you can, and always move it by moving the rod. This lets you feel any pressure or "ticks" that may signal a fish on the line. If you just let the movement of the boat drag the lure, you will miss the majority of these bites.

Late summer and fall are great times of year for Carolina rigs — give it a try next time you're out. ■

LAKE POWELL FISH REPORT

Spoon Up Some Stripers

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

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON
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At press time, Lake Powell was continuing to drop about one foot per week. The Castle Rock Cut should be passable for another two months. It was recently

announced that a High Flow Experiment (HFE) will occur during the first week of November.

At that time, the outflow from the dam will increase dramatically to move sediment from the river bottom to the river banks further downstream. This event improves habitat for native fish in the river

and in backwaters. It is likely that the Castle Rock Cut will no longer be open after the HFE event occurs.

THE BIG NEWS NOW

The big news now is that striper schools are actively chasing shad schools in deep, open water. That means it is time



▲ Striped Bass

to pull out the jigging spoons and start fishing in deep water in the canyons and main channel. If you are lucky, it is still possible to see a quick striper boil. You may be able to get to the school quickly and catch some fish on top water lures.

More importantly, a surface-feeding event marks the spot where large schools of stripers are holding in deeper water. Get to the boil site as quickly as possible and if the fish have gone down, deploy spoons into the depths, let the spoon hit bottom and then speed reel the spoon back to the boat.

SPEED REELING DEFINITION

When the lure hits bottom, start reeling the spoon as fast as physically possible. If fish are seen on the graph at a certain depth, pause and jig a few times at the suspected holding depth. Then continue reeling very fast until you are sure that the spoon is above the holding depth of the school. Retrieve the spoon, cast again, then repeat the retrieval process.

SEARCH FOR LARGE STRIPER SCHOOL

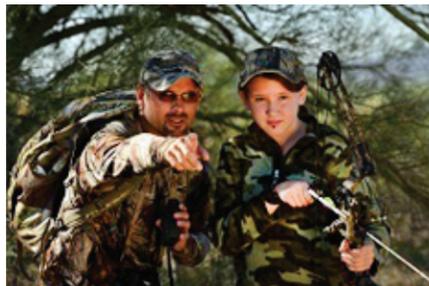
If no boils are seen, use the graph to search for a large striper school, which

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COOLER SPOT

The Autumn Equinox, or first day of fall in the northern hemisphere, was September 22, and yet, 100-plus degree air temperatures were still predicted to continue in the desert regions. Anglers can enjoy cool, high-country spots such as Kinnikinick Lake southeast of Flagstaff (shown here), where Arizona Game & Fish recently stocked about 2,700 nice-sized brown trout.



AZ Sportsmen's Groups Given \$75K In Grants

AZGFD invests in retention programs for new hunters, anglers.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) has awarded \$75,000 in grant funding for local sportsmen's organizations to provide public, hands-on, mentored projects focused on the retention of new hunters and anglers.

Of the 26 proposals that were submitted in this latest grant cycle and rated by a three-member panel, 17 were approved and awarded through a competitive application process that closed Aug. 15.

FOCUS ON NEXT GENERATION

"We continue to hone the Local Sportsmen's Group grant program using the latest science for developing – and, more importantly – retaining new hunters," said Doug Burt, the department's hunting and shoot-

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AZGFD Asks Hunters To Help Keep Chronic Wasting Disease At Bay

Arizona remains CWD-free due to surveillance efforts.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is asking hunters to continue doing their part to help keep Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a neurodegenerative wildlife disease that is fatal to deer and elk, at bay.

All successful deer and elk hunters are encouraged to bring the head of their harvested animal, especially bucks and bulls, to any department office statewide between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The preferred method for delivery is to place the head in a heavy-duty plastic trash bag, and keep it cool and out of the sun.

PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION

The department also requests hunters to provide accurate hunter information (name, telephone number), as well as hunt information (hunt number, game management unit in which the deer or elk was harvested, state and hunting license number). This information is crucial should a positive CWD sample occur.

TESTING SINCE 2017

Department officials did not find any cases of CWD in the 1,200-plus deer (mule and white-tailed) and elk that were harvested by hunters and voluntarily submitted for testing in 2017. Game and Fish has been testing for the presence of the disease in Arizona since 1998. While CWD has been found in the neighboring states of Utah, New Mexico and Colorado, the disease has not been detected in Arizona. CWD has not been documented



to cause disease in people.

AVOID TRANSMISSION

CWD is transmitted and spread by animal movement and direct contact, which means the illegal importation of a cervid carcass or parts with brain or spinal column tissue of an infected animal could introduce the disease into Arizona.

To that point, an individual is only allowed to possess, transport or import the following portions of cervids lawfully taken in another state or country:

- Boneless portions of meat, or meat that has been cut and packaged,
- Clean hides and capes with no skull or soft tissue attached,
- Antlers, clean skull plates or skulls with antlers attached with no meat or soft tissue remaining,
- Finished taxidermy mounts or products (hunters may ship their harvested animal to a taxidermist), and
- Upper canine teeth with no meat or tissue attached.

Do not bring the brain, intact skull or spinal column of a deer or elk harvested in another state back into Arizona.

INFECTED CERVIDS

It may take longer than a year before an infected deer or elk develops symptoms of CWD, which can include drastic weight loss (wasting), stumbling, listlessness and other neurological symptoms. CWD can affect deer and elk of all ages, although it's most frequently noticed in older animals. CWD is fatal, and there are no treatments or vaccines.

ATTENTION: ALL HUNTERS

All hunters are advised not to shoot, handle or consume any deer or elk that is acting abnormally or appears to be sick. Wear latex or rubber gloves when field dressing deer or elk. All hunters are asked to contact the department at 1-(800)-352-0700 if they see or harvest a deer or elk that appears to be sick. ■



2018-19 Waterfowl, Snipe Hunting Regulations Available Online

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has posted the 2018-2019 Arizona Waterfowl and Snipe Regulations at <https://www.azgfd.com/Hunting/Regulations/>.

The general waterfowl season in the "Mountain Zone" (Game Management Units 1-5, 7, 9, 11M, 12A, and those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Coconino County) begins Oct. 5, 2018, and runs through Jan. 13, 2019.

The general waterfowl season in the "Desert Zone" (Game Management Units 10 and 12B through 46B, and those portions of Units 6 and 8 within Yavapai County) begins Oct. 19, 2018, and runs through Jan. 27, 2019.

LEGAL WILDLIFE

The following (excluding scaup) are legal wildlife in both Mountain and Desert zones: ducks, including mergansers, coots and common moorhens (gallinules); white geese (snow, blue and Ross'), and dark geese (Canada and white-fronted).

Scaup can be harvested in the Mountain Zone from Oct. 20, 2018 through Jan. 13, 2019, and in the Desert Zone from Nov. 3, 2018 through Jan. 27, 2019.

REQUIRED FOR WATERFOWL HUNTERS

All waterfowl hunters 18 and older must possess a valid Arizona hunting license and state migratory bird stamp, as well as a federal migratory bird stamp. All waterfowl hunters 16 and older also must possess a federal migratory bird stamp.

Need a license? Then consider buying more than just an individual hunting license. Go online and purchase a combination hunt and fish license that will be valid for the next 365 days — and for only \$20 more (for state residents) than the price of an individual hunting or fishing license.

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State Employees' Campaign Raises Money For Charities

Public can enter raffle for a 2018 Polaris Ranger Crew XP 1000 EPS.

The State Employees Charitable Campaign (SECC) annually provides Arizona state employees with an opportunity to voluntarily contribute monetary donations that support more than 400 nonprofit agencies.

Now there's an opportunity for the public to participate as well.

The campaign recently announced that proceeds from the raffle of a 2018 Polaris Ranger Crew XP 1000 EPS will equally benefit Wildlife for Tomorrow and the Arizona Elk Society, both independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit charities that work closely with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Together, the organizations provide additional support for habitat projects, water for wildlife, education and mentored activities where traditional resources aren't adequate.

In addition, Special Olympics Arizona, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has been named one of the three designated charities to benefit from the proceeds to help assist more than 22,000 Arizona athletes who participate in the program.

RideNow Powersports has generously donated a custom camouflage 2018 Polaris Ranger Crew XP 1000 EPS (\$16,999 MSRP) to be raffled as the grand prize. The Arizona Elk Society is hosting the fundraiser on behalf of the three charities and has donated six additional prizes to

increase the number of winners.

The raffle ends at 11:59 p.m. (Arizona time) Dec. 1, with a live drawing scheduled for Dec. 8 at RideNow Powersports in Phoenix at 17202 N. Cave Creek Road. For more information, and to participate, visit <https://aesraffles.org/>.

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- 3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Few sprigs thyme or oregano
- 2 garlic cloves, smashed
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 4 fillets striped bass, skin on (about 6 ounces each)
- Coarse salt
- Fresh chives, cut into 3/4-inch lengths, for garnish (optional)
- Lemon wedges, for garnish (optional)

Directions

- Combine oil, garlic, and pepper in a large shallow bowl. Add fish to marinade, and turn to coat; cover with plastic wrap, and place in the refrigerator 30 minutes.
- Heat a grill or grill pan over medium-high heat.
- Remove fish from marinade, letting excess drip off.
- Place on grill, skin side down, and season with salt.



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- Grill until skin is lightly browned and starting to crisp. Carefully turn fillets, and cook until well browned and cooked through (center will be opaque), 5 to 6 minutes.

- Garnish with chives and lemon wedges, if desired. Serve hot or at room temperature.

Cook's Notes

We serve the fillets over our Corn and Clam Chowder Sauce, but they are also delicious on their own, with just a sprinkling of lemon juice. Striped bass is also sold as striper; you can substitute it with other firm, white-flesh fish such as black sea bass, trout, or grouper.

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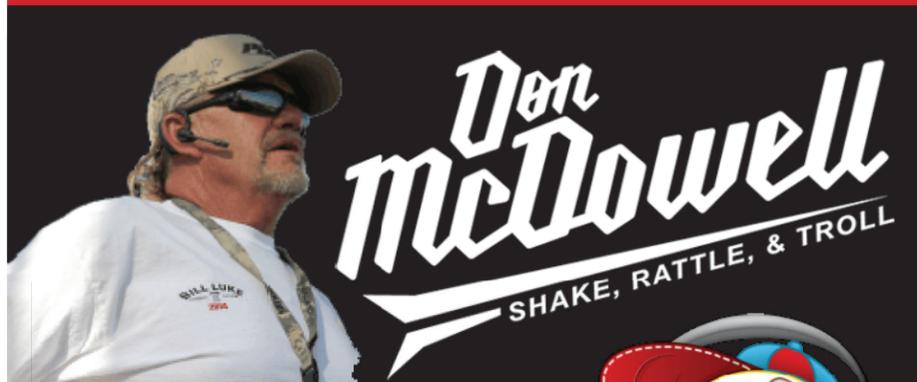
Ingredients:

- 4 pounds venison
- 2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 teaspoon Hungarian hot paprika, more if you want it hot
- 1 teaspoon liquid smoke
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup teriyaki sauce



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It's Grand In All Seasons

Rangers Strongly Urge Visitors To Hike Smart At Grand Canyon National Park

National Park Rangers at Grand Canyon National Park are strongly urging visitors to Grand Canyon, especially inner canyon hikers, mule riders, and backpackers to be prepared for hot days remaining before cooler fall weather is established.

In the summer, temperatures on exposed parts of the trail can reach over 120 F (49 C) in the shade. Hiking in extreme heat can lead to serious health risks including heat exhaustion, heat stroke, hyponatremia, and hyperthermia and death.

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS

Anyone still planning to hike into the canyon should take extra precautions to hike smart. Hikers should always check-in at the Backcountry Office to review their itineraries prior to beginning their backcountry hike. Hikers should hike before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. and rest in shade and near water during those times to avoid the worst heat of the day.

Rangers advise that anyone hiking in heat needs to balance food and water intake, drink when thirsty, and get wet to stay cool. Heat related illness strike individuals quickly.

If you or a hiking partner begin to exhibit signs of heat related illness, which include nausea, disorientation, dizziness, and hallucinations, immediately stop moving. Attempt to cool yourself or hiking companion, if possible seek shade, and stay put until the air temperature begins to cool. Continuing to hike, ignoring the symptoms of heat illness, and not tak-



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ing care of yourself or others can lead to serious if not fatal outcomes.

PREPARE TO 'SELF-RESCUE'

All visitors to Grand Canyon should ensure they are drinking plenty of fluids, resting in shade during the heat of the day, watching for signs of distress in traveling companions, and dressing appropriately for the weather, which includes light-colored and loose-fitting clothing. Visitors are also reminded they should be prepared to self-rescue while on the canyon's

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Grand Canyon National Park North Rim Operations Begin Seasonal Changes

North Rim operations will begin seasonal changes on the morning of October 16. The North Rim transitions to reduced services with the Visitor Center, gift shop, campground and entrance station remaining open for visitor use. The Grand Canyon Lodge, food services, Canyon Trail Rides and park ranger programming will no longer be available. These operations will resume on May 15, 2019.

If visiting the North Rim after October 15, please plan ahead and prepare your food and water for the day, purchasing these items will be extremely difficult on site.

After October 15, please prepare for winter travel with sudden and adverse driving conditions on Highway 67 and throughout the park. Snow, ice or rain can be encountered during this time. The self-serve gas station, with diesel, will re-

main available but will only accept credit or debit cards as long as the road is open. Please call Arizona Highway Information to check the condition of the road, 888-411-7623.

National Park Service rangers will be on the North Rim intermittently staffing the campground, entrance station and visitor center. Emergency and law enforcement services will remain available. The Backcountry Information Center is open until October 31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week and closed for lunch from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

If you are planning on camping in the North Rim Campground before October 31, please reserve your campsite on www.recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-6777. If you are planning on camping after Oc-

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County Parks Bring Back Free Camping Promotion

Beginning October 1, Maricopa County's Parks and Recreation Department will bring back the popular *Buy One, Get One* camping promotion! The promotion allows park visitors who pay the camping fee for one night, or more, at a desert mountain county park to receive one night of equal or lesser value for *free* during that same stay.

"The Board takes a lot of pride in our parks system because it showcases so beautifully what is unique about living in the Sonoran desert," said Chairman Steve Chucri, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, District 2. "A lot of families look forward to the fall camping season, and this promotion is a great way to encourage our county residents to enjoy nature."

CONTACT THE PARK

To receive the free night, park visitors must contact the park they are planning to stay at either by phone or in person. The promotion will be applied to stays booked between October 1 and November 10, 2018. Reservations booked online or before the August 1 launch of the promotion are not eligible.

"While this promotion is not valid for reservations made online, I'd like to remind park visitors that they can still book their spring visit up to six months prior



to arrival via our reservation system. The system allows visitors to take virtual tours of the campsites, view campsite specifications and reserve their favorite spots from their computers and mobile devices.

Online reservations may be made at www.maricopacountyparks.org," said R.J. Cardin, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Director.

PARTICIPATING PARKS

Cave Creek Regional Park. Located north of Phoenix, this park offers the illusion of being miles away from civilization. The campground has 55 individual developed campsites. Reservations may be booked by calling (623) 465-0431.

McDowell Mountain Regional Park. Nestled in the lower Verde River basin, this park is a desert jewel in the northeast Valley. This park has 76 developed campsites that are perfect for RV or tent camping. Reservations may be booked by calling (480) 471-0173.

Usery Mountain Regional Park. Located on the Valley's east side, this park is located at the western end of the Goldfield Mountains, adjacent to the Tonto National Forest. The park offers 74 individual developed campsites which can accommodate either an RV or tent camping. Reservations may be booked by calling (480) 984-0032.

White Tank Mountain Regional

Park. At nearly 30,000 acres, this is the largest regional park in Maricopa County. Most of the park is made up of the rugged and beautiful White Tank Mountains on the Valleys west side. The park offers 40 individual developed campsites for tent or RV camping. Reservations may be booked by calling (623) 935-2505.

At approximately 120,000 acres, Maricopa County is home to one of the largest regional park system in the United States. The parks are located throughout the county and are all within a 45-minute drive from downtown Phoenix. Some restrictions do apply. To learn more about this offer or a county park, visit www.maricopacountyparks.net or phone (602) 506-2930.

RESTRICTIONS

Visitors interested in taking advantage of this offer must contact the park directly either by phone, or in person. The call directory at (602) 506-2930, can assist in directing you to the park you are interested in, and you will be redirected to the park to book your campsite reservation.

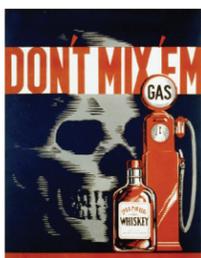
Online reservations: Any and all on-line reservations are **not** eligible for the *Buy One, Get One* offer.

Reservation extensions: Extensions

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Grand Canyon National Park Awarded State Grant To Improve Highway Safety And Stop Impaired Driving

The Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, along with the DUI Abatement Council, granted Grand Canyon National Park \$10,000 to improve



highway safety and stop impaired driving.

The grant will fund the purchase of a court-admissible breath alcohol content reading device to help the

Grand Canyon National Park, and local police agencies in Northern Arizona, prosecute DUI offenders and provide state of the art equipment to share with law enforcement partners.

In 2017, 36 percent of arrests made at Grand Canyon National Park were drivers under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The court-admissible breath alcohol content reading device will assist on working toward the goal of combating impaired driving and helping work "Towards Zero Deaths", a National Park Service and Traffic Safety Campaign.

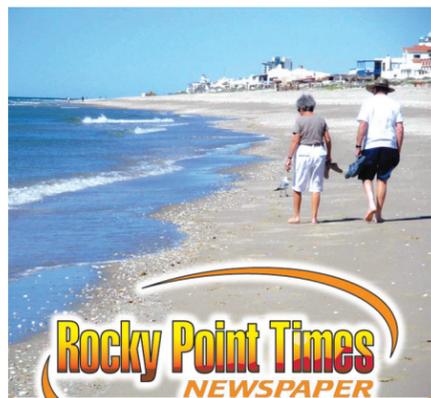
"This grant will help Grand Canyon National Park improve the safety of Northern Arizona and the park," said

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HOT STUFF!

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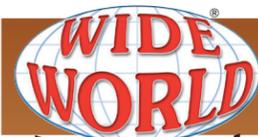
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<https://sdmaritime.org/visit/public-events/haunted-tales/> ■

If It 'Moves', It's No Doubt Featured This Fall At Havasu

If it flies, floats or rolls, you're going to see it in Lake Havasu City this fall as the resort destination on the Colorado river, just south of Las Vegas, prepares to welcome thousands of returning visitors for the winter season. The summer heat has dissipated, making the city the perfect location for people to "take a break by the lake," enjoying one of the city's four signature fall events.

• **JetSkis Race, Sept. 29 to Oct. 7, 2018** - There's a reason Lake Havasu City has been nicknamed the "Personal Watercraft Capital of the World." On Sept. 29 to Oct. 7, the International Jet Sports Boating Association (IJSBA) comes to Crazy Horse Campgrounds for the 2018 IJSBA Blowsion World Finals.

These high performance watercraft competitions are a mix of human athleticism and human innovation in engineering durable but powerful watercraft. Over 750 of the world's best personal watercraft racers are expected to attend. Spectators are free. (<https://golakehasvu.com/event/ijsba-world-finals/>)

• **Cars Pace, Oct. 17 to 21, 2018** - Relics & Rods Car Club's 41st Annual Run to the Sun Car Show is one of the largest car shows in the Southwest. Last year's show attracted over 750 vehicles from across the country, consisting of 1972 and older cars and trucks.

The schedule this year includes a Cruise Night, Show & Shine, fashion show, dinner dance, pancake breakfast, and parade. Bridgewater Links at London Bridge Resort. Admission is \$8 for one day, \$12 for two. (<https://golakehasvu.com/event/relics-rods-run-to-the-sun/>)

• **Planes Chase, Oct. 27, 2018** - The Hangar 24 AirFest & 2nd Anniversary aerobatic air show and beer festival at the Lake Havasu City Airport (HII) will feature an appearance from a B-17 "Flying Fortress" for attendees not only to board



IJSBA ACTION

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and tour, but also enjoy short flights over Lake Havasu City.

The aircraft is one of just eight still in flight today of the 12,731 originally built. Other aircraft on display include bi-planes and an A-10 Warthog from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson. General admission: \$17. (<https://golakehasvu.com/event/hangar-24-airfest/>)

• **RVs Grace, Nov. 17-18, 2018** - Paddlecraft, powerboats, off-road vehicles, trucks, sand rails, ATVs, UTVs, 4x4s, buggies, golf carts, motorcycles, electric vehicles, mobility scooters, toy haulers, travel trailers, fifth wheels, power boats, pontoons, personal watercraft, kayaks, paddleboards, bicycles and RVs will grace Lake Havasu State Park (Windsor 4) when the 7th Annual Sand-Water-RV Expo comes to town.

See off-road handcycles courtesy of the Expo's charity partner, the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Admission: \$5. (<https://golakehasvu.com/event/sand-water-rv-expo/>)

For a complete list of all activities coming to Lake Havasu City this fall, view: www.golakehasvu.com ■

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Where: South Western Yacnt Club,

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Why: Benefits San Diego Blood Bank

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"It was great to partner with Cibola Vista Resort, where Cisco not only has a permanent home, he now serves as an educational ambassador for Arizona's wildlife to visitors from around the world," said Tegan Wolf, AZGFD Tortoise Adoption Program coordinator. "Whether injured or not, captive tortoises cannot be released back into the wild. For that reason, AZGFD works tirelessly to place tortoises such as Cisco up for adoption and into caring homes looking for a non-traditional pet."

While Cisco is between 30 and 50 years old, about 80 other desert tortoises eligible for adoption vary in age and size. Arizona residents statewide who are interested in providing an adoptive home to a desert tortoise can find an adoption application and packet with general information at www.azgfd.gov/tortoise.

Those applying to adopt a tortoise will be contacted by the department once their completed application is reviewed.

Adopters need to have a securely enclosed yard or separate enclosure in their yard free from potential hazards such as a dog, fire pit or unfenced pool. The enclosed area must include an appropriate shelter for the tortoise to escape Arizona's extreme summer and winter temperatures, and must be constructed before submitting an adoption application.

All of the desert tortoises eligible for adoption are given health exams before



▲ Cisco

going to their new homes.

Desert tortoises offer a unique alternative to more traditional family pets and can teach many of the same life lessons to children, including responsibility, compassion and commitment. Contrary to many assumptions, desert tortoises can be interactive and provide as much companionship and love as a cat or dog.

Those with questions can contact TAP@azgfd.gov, call (844) 896-5730 or visit www.azgfd.gov/tortoise. Apply to donate your own at www.azgfd.gov/tortoise. ■

Virus Affecting Some Deer In Yavapai Hills Area Near Prescott

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) has confirmed a disease event affecting some mule deer in the Yavapai Hills community and surrounding areas near Prescott.

After receiving reports in recent weeks from residents who observed deer that appeared to be lethargic, blind, walking in circles and unaware of their surroundings, AZGFD biologists collected tissue samples from three animals and sent them to a laboratory for testing. The results confirmed the presence of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) in all three deer, as well as bluetongue in one of the three animals.

These viruses only affect animals, primarily deer but also pronghorn, bighorn sheep, domestic sheep and cattle. The viruses are spread by culicoides midges, commonly known as "no-see-ums." The midge populations dramatically increase as the result of summer monsoon rains.

"We detected these viruses in sick deer last year in Prescott Valley and around Kingman," said Anne Justice-Allen, the department's wildlife veterinarian. "We know these viruses have been present in Arizona because we can find antibodies in the blood of wildlife."

"Generally, we don't see any significant disease because most of the susceptible wildlife have some immunity to the infection. It could be that we are seeing more this year because of several years of drought, meaning the animals were not exposed and did not develop immunity. The intense monsoon this year has caused

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▲ Near Entrance To Phoenix Zoo
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JERKY

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- 1/2 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tablespoons hot sauce (or to taste)

Directions:

1. Trim fat from venison (if there is any) and slice into 4-inch strips. The venison pieces should be between 1/4 and 1/2 inch thick. It is easier to slice the venison if it is partially frozen. Pound meat lightly and set aside.

2. Combine rest of ingredients and mix well. Pour this marinade over the venison

strips. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

3. In the morning, line cookie sheets with foil. Place venison strips on sheets – do not overlap meat.

4. Preheat oven to 150-175 degrees, or the lowest temperature it has. Bake for 3 hours; turn venison strips over and bake for an additional 3 hours. Venison jerky is cooked when meat is dried out. Enjoy.

More Information

For more venison recipes visit, Miss-Homemade.com and this site:

<http://outdoorchannel.com/article.aspx?id=26040&articletype=article&key=homemade-venison-jerky-recipe&p=mhm>

LANTERNS

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visit www.pleasantharbor.com or call the Pleasant Harbor events line at 623-203-5173.

EVENT INFORMATION

What: Pleasant Harbor Christmas Lanterns

When: Saturday, December 1, 2018
4:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Where: Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant

8708 West Harbor Boulevard
Peoria, AZ 85383

Why: Memorable and fun holiday event shared with family, friends and event goers

How: Purchase tickets online: www.pleasantharbor.com

Attendance: More than 10,000 attendees are expected to join in this unique holiday event!

ABOUT PLEASANT HARBOR

Pleasant Harbor located on the south-

eastern shores of Lake Pleasant, conveniently adjacent to the metropolitan Phoenix area, is open to the public 365 days a year. The full-service marina, features Dillon's Bayou restaurant, boat and slip rentals, as well as fly boarding, Jet Ski, kayak, paddle boat, and sail boat rentals.

As well, the marina features H2-Whoa! – the world's largest floating water slide and is home to *The Phoenix*, a 150-passenger boat cruise providing tours of majestic Lake Pleasant. Pleasant Harbor is also home to an RV Resort with 253 full hook up sites, 60 partial hook ups and unlimited dry camping sites featuring amenities including a club house, pool and Jacuzzi, bocce ball, basketball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, laundry facilities, showers, convenience store and picnic grounds.

For more information about Pleasant Harbor RV Resort and Marina, visit www.pleasantharbor.com or call the Pleasant Harbor RV Park at 800-475-3272 or the Pleasant Harbor Marina at 928-501-5270. ■

REGULATIONS

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tion hunt and fish license (ages 10 to 17) remains \$5 and includes the privileges associated with the state migratory bird stamp.

PRINT VERSION AVAILABLE

The printed version of the regulations are expected to be available at all department offices and more than 200 license

dealers statewide later this month. Those who participate in the falconry-only waterfowl season should note the possession limit was omitted from the printed version. It reads: "Nine (9) in the aggregate of all migratory game birds in season (Commission Orders 19 through 22) after opening day, of which no more than three (3) may be taken in any one day."

For more information about waterfowl hunting, visit <https://www.azgfd.com/hunting/species/waterfowl/>. ■

VIRUS

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a bloom of the midges exposing naive animals and leading to disease."

EHD has been shown not to affect humans. While there is no evidence that the disease can be contracted by consuming

venison that has been infected with EHD, the department always advises hunters not to shoot, handle or consume any animal that is acting abnormally or appears to be sick. Wear latex or rubber gloves when field-dressing a deer.

All hunters are asked to contact AZGFD at (800) 352-0700 if they see or harvest an animal that appears to be sick. ■



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GRANTS

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ing sports program manager. "It's only through the network of dedicated groups who do the boots-on-the-ground work of sharing the knowledge, skills and passion of ethical, legal hunting and fishing to [ensure] the next generation of conservationist."

DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION

The department is committed to developing and retaining the next generation of hunter-angler conservationists. A growing body of science points to the need for multiple experiences, social support and the mentoring required to develop hunter-angler conservationists. The 17 projects approved meet those objectives.

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

PROJECTS AWARDED

• **Anglers United Inc.**, "28th annual Just for Kids Fishing Day," awarded \$3,500.

• **Arizona Elk Society**, "2018 Junior Elk Camp Unit 6A/5BS," awarded \$3,900.

• **Arizona Mule Deer Organization**, "2018 Youth Deer Camps (five projects)," awarded \$15,000.

• **Ben Avery Clay Busters**, "Upland Bird Hunting for Women and Youth," awarded \$3,203.

• **Christian Hunters of America**, "Mentored Javelina Hunt," awarded \$5,900.

• **Southwest Wildlife Foundation, Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club**, "Youth Small Game Camp," awarded \$5,000.

• **Friends of Cibola National Wildlife Refuge**, "2018 Cibola Junior Waterfowl Camp," awarded \$3,000.

• **Mule Deer Foundation**, "Unit 9 Youth Hunt Camp," awarded \$3,000.

• **Mule Deer Foundation**, "Units 34A and 35AB Youth Hunt Camp," awarded \$4,000.

• **Youth Outdoors Unlimited Inc.**, "Youth Javelina, Small Game and Predator Camp Unit 20C," awarded \$3,900.

• **Youth Outdoors Unlimited Inc.**, "Youth Deer Camp in Units 20C and 18B," awarded \$2,500.

• **Youth Outdoors Unlimited Inc.**, "Unit 1 Squirrel Hunting Camp," awarded \$2,000.

• **Youth Outdoors Unlimited Inc.**, "Wallow Fire Turkey Science and Hunting Camp," awarded \$6,575.

• **Southern Arizona Quail Forever**, "Youth Quail Hunt 2019," awarded \$3,830.

• **Phoenix Varmint Callers Inc.**, "PVC Take A Kid Fishing Derby," awarded \$1,000.

• **Southwest Fur Harvester Association**, "SFHA November 2018 Youth Trappers Camp," awarded \$5,946.

• **Trout Unlimited, Zane Grey Chapter**, "Youth Fly Fishing Club," awarded \$2,746.

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

There is no cost to Arizona taxpayers for the Local Sportsmen's Group grant program. The program is funded through the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, hunt permit-tags and stamps, and is an investment in the continuance of wildlife conservation efforts and outdoor recreation participation in Arizona.

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*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky*

*The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you, from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow,
In Flanders fields.*

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CAMPING

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are eligible for the *Buy One, Get One* offer if booked during the identified promotion dates either in person or via telephone.

Offer valid only for designated camping spaces only.

Offer not valid for primitive camping, group campground reservations, or unit fees.

Limit of one free night per family, household and/or group in a seven day period (Monday through Sunday).

Rain checks will **not** be issued if space is not available.

Refunds and credits will **not** be issued to individuals who reserved campsites prior to August 1 for the October 1 through November 10, 2018 timeframe.

Offer not valid at Lake Pleasant Regional Park.

Offer is only valid for camping stays between October 1 and November 10, 2018. ■

GRANT

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Superintendent Christine Lehnertz. "This grant is greatly appreciated and is a testament to our continued partnership with the Arizona Department of Public Safety."

As part of an ongoing partnership, Arizona Department of Public Safety assists with training and instructors to host DUI-related courses at the Grand Canyon National Park. This provides the best possible training available for Rangers and other police officers working in Northern Arizona.

The court-admissible breath alcohol content reading device will be placed at the Grand Canyon National Park South Rim and will be used by both Park Rangers and local police agencies to allow for more timely breath alcohol testing. The current, older model of the court-admissible breath alcohol content reading device will be placed at the North Rim Ranger Station to provide universal access to this important piece of equipment. ■

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NORTH RIM

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October 31, please contact the South Rim Backcountry Information Center at grca_bic@nps.gov or call 928-638-7875. Be advised, there will be no water available after October 31.

HIKE

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trails. Multi-day hikers in the backcountry should consider carrying emergency beacon devices that can alert Rangers to emergency situations.

ZOOFARI

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RESPECT FALL WEATHER TOO

In 2017, heat contributed to 82 search and rescue (SAR) incidents at Grand Canyon National Park, and although many of them occurred in June, the early fall weather still needs to be respected.

Learn more about Hike Smart by visiting <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyour-visit/hike-smart.htm> ■

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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ZooLights: Enjoy the Show!: November 21 - January 13, 2019

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit www.phoenixzoo.org ■



MATTERS FUNDRAISER

Join us for this fundraiser to benefit **Lost Our Home**. This fun event is being hosted by the **Tempe Woman's Club**. There will be a fashion show, live music, lunch and a raffle. Admission is \$25 per person. Where: **Tempe Clubhouse 1290 S. Mill Ave Tempe, AZ 85231**, When: **October 13, 2018 at 12 Noon**. To purchase a ticket: **Mail your reservation request to Nancy Hukill, Treasurer, 1537 E Weathervane Ln Tempe, AZ 85283 (please include names, email and check).**

STRIPERS

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may be holding somewhere between 30 and 90 feet of water. When a striper school is detected, stop quickly and drop spoons immediately. Let the spoon hit bottom to help you know where the spoon is in relation to the fish.

If the school is 10 feet off the bottom, then reel up four turns and start jigging the spoon up 3 feet and letting it fall back down 3 feet. Stripers often follow the spoon and then hit as it falls. It is more likely to feel the fish as you jig upwards instead of feeling the fish hit the lure as it falls.

A hooked striper excites the other fish in the school as they see the fish swimming with a "shad" in its mouth. The school follows the hooked fish looking for more food. It is often possible to "lead" a striper school that follows the boat.

When a fish is caught, unhook the fish as quickly as possible, and return the spoon to the water immediately to keep the school under the boat and actively engaged in searching for more shad. It is not unusual to lead a striper school for over an hour as the boat drifts with the breeze, while catching 50 or more strip-

ers in one drift.

SPOONING HOTSPOTS

Spooning hotspots recently include Knowles Canyon, Good Hope Bay, Dome Rock in Bullfrog Bay, Piute Canyon in the San Juan, 50 Mile Canyon in the Escalante, and Oak Canyon upstream from Rainbow Bridge.

SMALLMOUTH BASS

Smallmouth bass fishing continues to be excellent lake wide. Dropshot rigged Yamamoto Shad-shaped worms and other plastic baits are working well all day along the shoreline. Look for long rocky points that reach out into the lake at the new lower water levels we are now dealing with. Bass will be holding at 10-20 feet at the end of the point and also at the same depth perpendicular to the point.

YOU CAN STILL CATCH OTHER SPECIES

Most fish are perking back up now that the water temperature is dropping into the mid 70s in the morning. Expect to still catch a few largemouth bass, bluegill, walleye and catfish while fishing for your favorite species of fish. ■

NOTE: AT PRESS TIME, LAKE ELEVATION WAS 3,595, AND WATER TEMPERATURE WAS 75-80F.

CALENDAR

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5. 19 — Guided Friday Bird Walks — Boyce Thompson Arboretum. Lisa Murphy invites all who love birds to join for a walk around the main trail. Either get into birding or sharpen your skills — beginners are welcome. No binoculars — no problem! Loaner binoculars are available. Read the latest BTA bird sightings at: <https://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L166979>. \$5-15. 8:30 am. 602-827-3000 or <https://cals.arizona.edu/bta/events.html> or <https://www.facebook.com/btarboretum/>

27 — Butterfly Walk - Boyce Thompson Arboretum. A walking tour to see, photograph and learn about colorful species ranging from Empress Leilia

to Queen, Spring Azure and more. These leisurely, slow-paced guided tours proceed along paths that are wheelchair-accessible, exploring our Hummingbird-Butterfly Garden, Demonstration Garden and Children's Garden collections. ASU researcher Ron Rutowski, President of the Central Arizona Butterfly Association, guides. \$15 for Adults, \$5 for children 5-12, children under 5 free. Free to Arboretum members. 8:30 am. 602-827-3000 or <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu>

Clarksdale

6 — 5th Annual Clarktoberfest — Historic Downtown Clarksdale. New this year, the HOWL-O-Ween event for dogs. Downtown will be abuzz with something for kids and dogs of all ages. Festivities include sampling craft brews, dancing in the streets, munching on delicious food, art and handicrafts for early holiday shopping plus contests for canine children and entertainment for kids. 1-9 pm. 928-639-2500 or <https://ExperienceClarksdale.com>

Tucson

20 — Sweat for Pets: Walk, Run & Roll — University of Arizona Campus Mall. Join the Humane Society of Southern Arizona for Tucson's largest dog-friendly event. Last year we hosted over 800 participants and 500 dogs! This non-competitive 3K walk, run and roll is filled with music, a kids fun zone, top team prizes and more! So join us for your dogs favorite walk and raise money, win prizes and save lives! \$10. 7 am — 1 pm. 520-321-3704 or <https://bit.ly/2uYyp87>

Phoenix

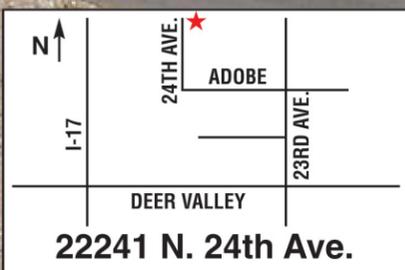
Through 11/18 — Fall Butterfly Exhibit — Mighty Monarchs and the Plant Protectors — Desert Botanical Garden. Take a closer look at pollinators that care for and protect our desert environment. Become a plant protector to support these beneficial insects. 9:30 am — 5 pm. <http://dbg.org>

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DAM CANCER

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people in need.

SPECTACULAR VIEWS

“The New Waddell Dam is always closed to the general public, which makes this a very special opportunity,” said Deleen Ramirez, Pleasant Harbor Events manager. “The views will be spectacular.”

GETTING THERE

When traveling from Phoenix, Pleasant Harbor is the first entrance to the lake, on the Southeastern shores. If you have reached the County entrance, you have gone too far. From the Phoenix area, Pleasant Harbor is conveniently located off Carefree Highway and 87th Avenue at 8708 W. Harbor Boulevard, Peoria, AZ 85383.

Visitors exiting I-17, travel west on Carefree Highway, or take North 99th Avenue/North Lake Pleasant Parkway from Bell Road to Carefree Highway and then west to 87th Avenue and then onto Harbor Boulevard.

Pleasant Harbor gate admission fee is \$6.00 per vehicle; however, gate fees

are waived for runners and walkers of the Dam Cancer! event who show registration confirmation at the gate.

For more information about Pleasant Harbor or the Dam Cancer! Run/Walk, please call the Pleasant Harbor events line at 623-203-5173 or visit www.pleasantharbor.com.

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ABOUT PLEASANT HARBOR

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

As well, *The Phoenix*, a 150-passenger-boat cruise provides tours of majestic Lake Pleasant, and the marina is also home to W2-Whoa! — the world's largest floating waterslide.

Additionally, Pleasant Harbor features an RV Resort with 254 sites with a variety of amenities including club house, pool and Jacuzzi, bocce ball, basketball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, laundry facilities, showers, convenience store and picnic grounds.

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

MARICOPA WATER DISTRICT (MWD)

MWD, owner and operator of Pleasant Harbor RV Resort and Marina — sitting on 225 acres of pristine desert along the southeastern banks of Lake Pleasant — was formally organized in 1925, as Maricopa County Municipal Water Conservation District Number One (MWD).

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

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don't mind crowds, it's a great place to see some fall color.

We went on a Friday — maybe earlier in the week would have fewer people. No mountain bikes are allowed, and pets must be on a leash. To get there, go north from Flagstaff on Highway 89 for 12.5 miles to Forest Road 552. Follow 552 for about a mile, and turn right at the Lockett Meadow sign.

The road is dirt and RVs and trailers are *not* recommended — it's pretty much a single-lane road, and very steep and narrow. It can also be really rough, and it's closed in early spring and late fall due to snow.

AROUND THE PEAKS LOOP

This beautiful drive includes a lot of dirt roads where you will see plenty of fall color. One of our favorite spots is Hart Prairie. Take Highway 180 northwest from Flagstaff for about ten miles, and turn right on Forest Road 151. Going north on this road will take you past Hart Prairie.

We went there last October with Trinity and it was absolutely amazing. There were tons of gorgeous yellow aspens, lots of great hiking trails, and plenty of places to park. We had wanted to visit the Hart Prairie Preserve, a Nature Conservancy Site, but they were having a volunteer event that weekend. However, you can take a variety of hikes all along this road, and we did several.

If you'd rather drive than walk, you'll still see a lot of gorgeous color along 151. To continue the loop around the peaks, take 151 until you come to FR 418. Head east on 418 (turn right). You'll drive around on the north side of the peaks and then curve southwest. At FR 552 you can turn left and you'll come to highway 89 very quickly, or you can go south on FR 420, Schultz Pass Road.

This road will take you back to Flagstaff and you'll end up back on Highway 180. It's a fun ride for bikes or high-clear-



▲ View From Lockett Meadow Pond

ance vehicles. I'd say a passenger car could do it, but you never know with dirt roads, especially after all the rain they've had up there this summer.

SAN FRANCISCO PEAKS

If you get there early in the season, the trails up near the Snowbowl are gorgeous places to see fall color. Aspen Loop Nature trail is right up by the Snowbowl parking lot, but on the opposite side of the road. The trailhead is for both the Loop and the Humphrey's Peak trail.

The Aspen Loop trail is an awesome hike even for kids — not too much elevation change. It actually goes out for quite a way, then makes a loop and you come back on the same trail you went out on. Amazing trees and gorgeous views make this one of our favorite trails any time of year.

Alfa Fia Tank

On the way up to the Snowbowl you'll see a curve with a small sign that says

"Aspen Corner". We have never been up there early enough to see the color there. But, right across the street, you'll see a split-rail fence with some parking area and a trail. The trail isn't marked, but it goes out to Alfa Fia Tank, then past that down the hill.

We love to hike out to the tank, and last October there was gorgeous color. You get fantastic views from there, and the bonus of color reflected in the tank for super photos. This hike is easy, even for kids and older folks — it's a pretty gentle downhill to the tank, then the same gentle slope back, but of course you're climbing. We love this trail any time of year.

FOUR-WHEELING

Last year when we were scouting for Coues, John and I came across a lot of small spots that would just blow you away with how beautiful they are. These little spots are always around streambeds or springs, and the surprise is that often

they are smack in the middle of high desert.

These little gems are hidden all over the state, so when you are out on your ROV, be sure to stop often and take little side roads to streams. Sometimes you can spot them from a distance, and other times we haven't actually seen them until we've almost walked up to them. I absolutely love finding these pretty spots.

WHITE MOUNTAINS

Going east on State Route 260 is a fantastic way to see the colors in the White Mountains. Stay off the reservation roads unless you have a permit, but if you keep to the highway or the National Forest, you'll be fine. There are lots of great hiking trails around here — go to the Apache-Sitgreaves website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/asnf> to find out all about the roads, trails, campgrounds, etc.

For incredible sights, take 260 east past the Sunrise Ski Area road to FR 117 and turn left on 117. Stay on this road until it splits, and keep to the right. There are all kinds of great places and views along this road, and it's all in the National Forest.

Timing is the key to all these places — the color change is a result of both the change in the length of the days *and* temperature, so it's hard to pinpoint just when the best time to go is. Color changes can happen all over the calendar in the Flagstaff area because of all the changes in altitude and temperatures.

Also, if you plan to take a Forest Service road, make sure you check the Forest Service Website to make sure the roads are open. Snow, fires, and flooding can all cause road closures. October is usually prime time for fall color, so get out there and get some photos!

Note: Visiting Hart Prairie Preserve: Access to the Preserve is by appointment only from May through September. Guided hikes are offered every Sunday from June 3 through September 23. Plan now if you'd like to go next summer. You can visit their website at nature.org.

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