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We're Ready For An Awesome Autumn!

COMING TO HAVASU THIS FALL

Outdoor Motorsports Recreation Enthusiasts To See It All

Lake Havasu City, Ariz., a recognized mecca for outdoor motorsports enthusiasts of off-roading, RVing and boating is about to add another accolade to its resume with the return of the 5th Annual "Sand - Water - RV Expo" at Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4 special-event venue, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19-20.

"We couldn't be more pleased to have the opportunity to bring this level of event to



SIZZLINGLY SPECTACULAR

Incredible Speeds To Sear The Water

Lucas Oil Drag Boat racing series will thrill Arizona fans in October.

There is only one word for it — "insanity"! How else can you describe a form of racing in which nitro methane Top Fuel machines vaporize the liquid ¼ 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 like the Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing Series. This now-untied 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, composite vessels — a form of motorsport that's as visceral as it is captivating.

Arizona fans get to watch this spectacular 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.



Lake Havasu City for the fifth consecutive year," commented Bob Brown, president of Media Direction, the producer of the exceptionally successful 2016 Lake Havasu Boat Show in April in conjunction with the Lake Havasu Marine Association.

A Close Relationship

"There has always been a close relationship between individuals who enjoy

off-roading, RVing and boating; it's just a matter of the time of year. Southwest off-roading and RVing are the recreations of choice in fall and winter that give way to boating and watersports in spring and summer and nowhere in the country is that fact more evident than Lake Havasu City.

"Motorsports is a natural cross-over

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Monsters To Bash At Havasu

LakeRacerLLC presents its annual favorite.

This boating poker run is designed for those interested in a smaller and easier-going 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 is free to spectators.

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.

BOO!

Is Star Of India Haunted?

Find out for yourself on Saturday, Oct. 29.

For one night only, listen to the "Haunted Tales aboard the *Star of India*" as — starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29 — storytelling tours happen every 15 minutes, with the last tour starting at 9:15 p.m. and ending at 10 p.m. It's time again for all aspiring ghosts, goblins, pirates and princesses to gather on the *Star of India* for some ghostly haunted tales of enormous proportions. Enjoy lantern-led tours around the ship and hear eerie legends from the ship's past. Hear the tales of how young John Campbell fell to



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.

There are five card stops along Lake Havasu: Havasu Springs, Black Meadow

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ON THE COVER

One-Stop Shopping Is Here

BY CAROL L. ALLEN

This fast and gorgeous Eliminator boat is only one of the types of "motorsports" to be featured at this year's "Sand-Water-RV Expo" at Lake Havasu Park, Ariz. Bob Brown of Media Direction notes that there is a close relationship between those who enjoy off-roading, RVing and boating; it's just a matter of the time of year.

So, at the November event you can browse/compare/shop for OHVs, trucks, Jeeps, sand cars, ATVs, UTVs, 4x4s, buggies, rock crawlers, motorcycles, electric vehicles, RVs, toy haulers, travel trailers, boats, pontoons, etc., and all related accessory products and services. It's all at one venue.



two sailors who, as legend goes, died aboard ship and whose spirits still haunt the *Star* from time to time. Chances are pretty good you'll cross paths with a few other frightening sites as well.

We "dare you" to climb aboard the Mari-

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DOWNSTREAM: October 2016 Events Calendar

BOATING

1-9 LAKE HAVASU CITY: 35th Annual ISBA World Finals – See story on page 1.

14-15 LAKE HAVASU CITY: Monster Bash Charity Poker Run 2016 – See story on page 1.

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

28-29 PARKER: 12th 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>

29 PAGE: Navajo Parks Race Series - Rainbow Bridge Trail Marathon, Trail Ultra, Two-Person Ultra - a double marathon – from Navajo Mountain Chapter House to Rainbow Bridge and back; 52 miles of amazing country, an extreme race limited to experienced trail runners, or opt for two-person ultra, one teammate runs to the Bridge (and takes the boat out), the second runner (who came in on the boat) runs back to the chapter house 928-429-0345 or <http://www.navajoyoes.org>

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

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR OF OUTDOOR EVENTS: Ongoing – www.azgfc.gov/OutdoorSkills Google calendar.

16-1/22 PRESCOTT: National Parks of the West - 100 Years - Phippen Museum. This special exhibition of photography celebrates the 100th anniversary of America's incredible national parks and presents specially-selected photos of western parks from several local camera clubs, 928-778-1385 or <http://www.phippenartmuseum.org>

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

COMMUNITY AND SEASONAL

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS EVENTS: During October there are many memorials taking place. To find one near you, please visit <http://www.visitarizona.com/events>

HALLOWEEN EVENTS: During October there are many celebrations throughout Arizona. To find one near you, please visit <http://www.visitarizona.com/events>

1-30 QUEEN CREEK: 22nd Annual Schnepf Farms Pumpkin & Chili Party - Hill-billy 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>

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

7-9 TEMPE: 44th Annual Four Peaks Oktoberfest - Tempe Town Lake, Blends polka, bratwurst and beer with salsa and Southwest foods, 4 stages of entertainment; six beer gardens plus wines & spirits; German brats and strudel, non-stop polka, local bands, games & entertainment for children. free, Fri 5 pm - midnight, Sat 10 am - midnight, Sun 10 am - 6 pm, 480-491-FEST (3378) or <http://www.tempeoktoberfest.com>



7-30 PHOENIX: 132nd Annual Arizona State Fair - family entertainment, animals, food, rides, top-notch concerts, exhibits, motorized events, rodeo & more, Tues-Sun, new attractions, new rides, \$5-10, <http://www.az-statefair.com> H z

8-9, 15-16, 22-23 WILLCOX: Fall Pumpkin Celebration – Apple Annie's Produce & Pumpkins, pumpkin picking, family activities, corn maze with 2 levels of difficulty, hayrides, free, 9 am – 5:30 pm, 520-384-2084 or <http://www.appleannies.com>

8-30 WILLIAMS: Pumpkin Patch Train – Grand Canyon Railway, ride the Grand Canyon Railway from the Williams Depot to the Pumpkin Patch, where you'll de-board and children 2-15 can select that special pumpkin, besides enjoying the train, there is a free hay bale maze, coloring and crafts available at the Williams Depot, pumpkin pie, caramel apples, hot apple cider and hot chocolate will be available, \$15-20, Sat-Sun 11 am, 1 & 3 pm, 800-843-8724 or <http://www.thetrain.com>

CROWN KING: Apple Festival – activities include hay rides, pumpkin patch, Old Fashioned Country Fair, \$5 kids wristband buys rides, dipped apples, pumpkins, arts, crafts and more, tour the one-room schoolhouse, free, 8 am – 5 pm, 928-632-7911 or <http://www.VisitCrownKing.com>

16-21 TOMBSTONE: 8th 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/>

20-23 PHOENIX: 15th Annual Great Pumpkin Festival - Desert Botanical Garden, one of the Valley's favorite places to find that special pumpkin, take an authentic hayride out to the Garden's pumpkin patch, where each day children 12 and under can choose their own free pumpkin, \$6-15, Fri 8:30 am - noon, Sat-Sun 8:30 am - 3 pm, 480-941-1225 or <http://www.dbg.org>

29 JEROME: Jerome Fire Department Auxiliary Halloween Dance – Spook Hall, the best costume party in the United States, 6-10 pm, <http://www.jeromechamber.com/>

31 PAYSON: Trunk or Treat Festival - Main Street, candy will be provided by the Payson Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department and "trunk" participants will be handing it out, intended for young children under age 12 to ensure a safe trick or treating experience, there will be spooky music and vendors, 6-9 pm.

FISHING

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

SHOOTING SPORTS/ ARCHERY

BEN AVERY CLAY TARGET CENTER: Ongoing – Open seven days a week; (623) 434-8119

WATERSPORTS

Diving SAGUARO DIVING & SPORTS: Learn to scuba dive and experience great destinations; (480) 507-3988, sales@saguarosports.com

WILDLIFE/ ANIMAL-RELATED

SIERRA VISTA: Hummingbird Banding Session – San Pedro House, up to ten species of hummingbirds use the San Pedro River as a freeway through 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>

8 PHOENIX: Rendez-Zoo, An Evening of Conservation and Cuisine – Phoenix Zoo, annual fundraiser, an exotic adventure of dinner, drink and dazzling experiences, 6-11 pm, 602-286-3855 or <http://phoenixzoo.org/rendezoo/>

29 WINDOW ROCK: 8th Annual Zoo Boo Event – Navajo Nation Zoo, includes a costume contest, pumpkin carving contest, bead art crafts, an inflatable slide and jump house, temporary Halloween tattoos and coloring pages, 928-871-6574 or <http://www.navajozoo.org/>

31 PRESCOTT: Boo at the Zoo – Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, dress in your costume and come out for safe and fun trick-or-treating, bring a flashlight for a chance to see the nocturnal animals in their natural setting, \$3-5, 6-9 pm, <http://www.heritageparkzoo.org>

Dec. 11 SCOTTSDALE: 6th Annual Holiday Champagne Brunch & Auction: Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa @ Montelucia Sparkling champagne! Huge silent auction! Rousing live auction! Adorable pets! Raises money for Lost Our Home Animal Rescue: <http://www.lostourhome.org/>

SOUTHERN ARIZONA WILDLIFE CALLERS: Meetings on the second Thursday of every month until Dec. 8 from 7-8 p.m.

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

NO-KILL SHELTER NEEDS HELP: <http://animalsbenefitclub.com/index2.html>

RAISING MONEY FOR ANIMALS: Ongoing – Heather L. Weaver: www.azanimalassistance.com

Editor's Note: Please submit announcements for AZBW/WOT's calendar of events — "Downstream" — to editor@azbw.com. To guarantee placement, as room allows, items must be received by the tenth (10th) of the month prior to publication. Every effort is made to ensure accuracy, but we assume no responsibility for print errors or omissions. We also reserve the right to edit each item. Please include the name of the event, the date and time, the location, the organization, and contact information. And, for a complete list of Arizona events, visit <http://www.visitarizona.com/events>





KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Update your boating safety knowledge

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

October 2016				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game & Fish Department	October 8 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	October 12 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Sportsman's Warehouse 19205 N. 27th Ave. Phoenix	\$25	(623) 465-2647
Arizona Game & Fish Department	October 15 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Arizona Game & Fish Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game & Fish Department	October 15 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	October 15 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bass Pro Shop 1133 N. Dobson Road Mesa	\$30	(602) 374-7312

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



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



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

Controlled

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



Exclusion

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



Danger

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

Other Non-Lateral Markers

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



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

Mooring Buoy

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

Note, the following actions are illegal:

- ◆ Willfully damaging, removing, interfering with, or tying up to a navigational 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.

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 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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Boating

BOATUS BY THE NUMBERS

BoatUS Celebrates 50 Years In 2016, And The Numbers Have A Story To Tell

Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) is the nation's largest advocacy, services, and safety organization, taking care of America's recreational boaters for over 50 years. A new look at a few numbers behind the more than half-a-million-member association may surprise or even astonish:

Membership

- 532,848: Total number of BoatUS members nationwide (annual dues: \$24) (BoatUS.com/membership)
- 27: Average number of years of boating experience for a BoatUS member (BoatUS.com/mediakit)
- 28.4 feet: Average length of a BoatUS member's primary boat (BoatUS members own two boats on average) (BoatUS.com/mediakit)
- 1,060,397: Total number of boats owned by BoatUS members (BoatUS.com/mediakit)
- 76 percent: The percentage of BoatUS members who "day cruise," the #1 boating activity, followed by #2 "fishing" (59%), #3 "overnight cruising" (44%), and #4, "watersports" (26%) (BoatUS.com/mediakit)
- 522,094: Circulation of *BoatUS Magazine*, the nation's largest recreational boating publication (BoatUS.com/magazine)
- 1,115: The total number of boating and fishing businesses offering discounts to BoatUS members (BoatUS.com/servicelocator)
- 364: The number of BoatUS Partner



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Network Marinas across the United States that offer BoatUS members up to 10 cents off per gallon of fuel (BoatUS.com/servicelocator)

On-Water Towing/On-Road Towing Assistance

- 601: The number of towboats in the TowBoatUS towing fleet, the nation's largest (BoatUS.com/servicelocator)
- 70,527: Total number of annual requests to TowBoatUS 24-hour dispatch centers for on-water assistance, including towing, battery jumps, fuel drop-offs, tows home, and soft ungrounding services (BoatUS.com/towing)
- 259,032: Number of downloads of

the BoatUS Towing App, which makes it easy to summon on-water and on-road assistance 24/7, and can speed response times (BoatUS.com/app)

- 100: The number of miles that BoatUS Unlimited Trailer Assist will haul a boat trailer and its tow vehicle to the nearest repair shop or safe area with no out-of-pocket expense to the member (annual fee \$14) (BoatUS.com/trailerassist)
- \$748: The nationwide average cost of towing and soft ungrounding service
- \$0: Amount paid by BoatUS members for covered services of Unlimited Towing (BoatUS.com/towing)
- 26-53 feet: The length of the flatbed tow trucks and "Landoll" trailers used by BoatUS Trailer Assist roadside service providers offering assistance to BoatUS members to haul both a disabled boat trailer and tow vehicle (BoatUS.com/trailerassist)
- 13,283: The total number of roadside assistance companies across the United States and Canada offering BoatUS Un-

limited Trailer Assist service dispatched 24/7 (BoatUS.com/trailerassist)

- 43 percent: Percentage of requests for roadside Trailer Assist service to the BoatUS 24-hour Dispatch Centers attributed to flat tires, the #1 request. #2 wheel bearings, 24%; #3 trailer axle, 10%; #4 tow vehicle, 5% (BoatUS.com/trailerassist)

Boating Safety And Clean Water

- 1,126,003: The number of students who have taken the BoatUS Foundation's free Online Boating Safety Course to date (BoatUS.org/courses)
- 297: Number of marina staff trained through our Free Spill Prevention Training for Marinas (BoatUS.org/spill-prevention)
- 575: Locations across the United States where you can borrow a child's life jacket for free from the BoatUS Foundation's Kids Life Jacket Loaner Program (BoatUS.org/life-jacket-loaner)
- \$1.3 million: Funding over the past 26 years provided to local community groups by the BoatUS Foundation Grassroots Grant Program, which promotes safe and clean boating education (BoatUS.org/grants)
- 101: The number of Emergency Position-Indicating Rescue Beacons (EPIRBs) and Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) available for rent from the BoatUS Foundation (BoatUS.org/epirb).

Boat Insurance

- \$8 Billion: The total hull value of all boats insured with BoatUS Marine Insurance (BoatUS.com/insurance)
- 50 percent: The percentage of a marina's haul-out bill that BoatUS Marine Insurance will pay to help avoid damage from an approaching hurricane (up to \$1,000 total) (BoatUS.com/insurance)
- 1983: The year the first BoatUS Marine Insurance Catastrophe Team is es-

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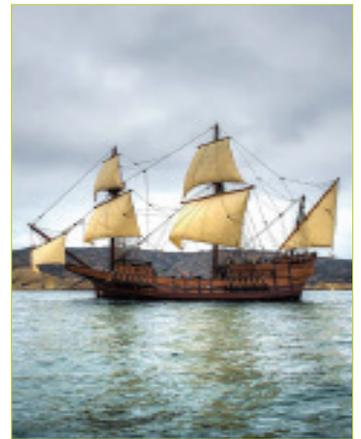
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NEW RAMP — Arizona State Parks opened a newly constructed boat ramp at Lake Havasu State Park in early September. The boat ramp will take pressure off the main launch site and allow for less congestion when launching and loading boats. A new exit and more parking has also been added to alleviate traffic at the park.

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Government Affairs

- 1: The number of national boat-owner organizations with a full-time government affairs staff (BoatUS.com/gov)

- 12: The number of individual legislative and boating community issues, from Florida Anchoring and Ethanol, to Aids to Navigation and boating access, that BoatUS Government Affairs works on in an average month (BoatUS.com/gov)

- 239: The number of groups, organizations, government agencies, and legislative leaders BoatUS works with in an average year to support boaters' interests (BoatUS.com/gov).

Consumer Affairs

- 11,216: The total number of complaints filed and searchable in the BoatUS Consumer Complaint database since 1992 (BoatUS.com/consumerprotection)

- 257: The number of consumer issues, such as warranty disputes and contract disagreements, that the BoatUS Consumer Affairs division resolved for members last year (BoatUS.com/consumer)

- 136: The number of issues of *Seaworthy*, a boat damage avoidance and boating safety publication created by the BoatUS Marine Insurance Program, that have helped BoatUS members avoid boating mistakes for 34 years (BoatUS.com/consumer)

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- 592: Total number of employees at BoatUS National Headquarters in Alexandria, Va., and 24-hour nationwide Dispatch Centers and insurance sales/claims offices in Costa Mesa, Calif., and Jacksonville, Fla.

- 24: The number of volunteer (unpaid) positions BoatUS management holds in an average year on outside boating-related advisory boards, professional associations, and philanthropic organizations



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LAKE POWELL FISH REPORT

'You Will Have A Great Fishing Trip'

BY WAYNE GUSTAVESON
HTTP://WWW.WAYNESWORDS.COM

Water temperatures have declined to 74 F in the morning, rising to 78 in the afternoon. These temperatures coincide with mid-June, which is a transition month for warm-water fish.

In the spring, bass get ready to spawn while waiting for the preferred temperature (mid 60s). Shad get active in the low 70s. Stripers spawn when the water temperature rises quickly to the mid 70s. After all the spring time excitement based on water temperature, most fish experience a lull in activity during the 75-80 F temperature range. That is right where our fish are right now. Fish are waiting for the magic mid 60s, when energy and excitement are at a peak.

From Deep To Shallow

For now, there is a gradual movement of bass from deep water to shallow. Bass

are still holding at 25 feet or deeper but feeding forays occur more often in shallow water. Stripers are holding at 40 feet but they are constantly searching the surface for any sign of shad. When shad are seen, they attack. With no shad, they go back to cool water and wait. Walleye are a cool-water fish and a night prowler. It is easier to catch them as the light fades at night or before the sun gets bright in the morning.

Do What You Like Best

Fish reports indicate scattered fish randomly working the surface or being caught in deep water. The most consistent fishing pattern is to do what you like best. If you like to use plastic baits on the bottom, try it and work at it persistently. At the end of the day, you will have caught a large number of smallmouth bass and a number of other species. If you choose to throw surface lures toward shore, your catch will include mostly strippers and bass.

My suggestion is to use your favorite technique and concentrate on conditions and signs around you for best results. Obviously, when surface action is seen, throw topwater baits to catch strippers and a surprising number of bass. When fish are seen on the graph, get a bait or spoon down to them quickly for good results.

If 15 ravens and two coyotes are seen waiting patiently on shore, it would be wise to throw surface lures toward that group of predators to see if the striper school that drove shad onto the shore is still in the vicinity. Pay attention to subtle events that surround you, which may lead to a discovery leading to fishing success.

Fish Are In Transition

Basically all Lake Powell sport fish are in transition. Shad continue to run and hide. When bass or strippers find them, fishing results are quick. Keep three rods ready with a surface lure, a spoon, and a

See **FISHING TRIP**, Page 9



ALL FISH ARE IN PLAY — Fishing success at Lake Powell is great for all species. Using a variety of lures, Nick Sanchez caught bass, walleye and strippers on a recent trip to Padre Bay. The best advice now is to use your favorite lure to catch your favorite species as all fish are in play right now.

EXCERPTS FROM AZGFD FISHING REPORT

Fish Are Building Toward A Fall-Time Frenzy

Tip Of The Week

For our desert lakes, predatory fish activity will be building toward a fall-time frenzy. Bass in particular will feed heavily to prepare for winter conditions. For anglers, that means now is the best time to hook into actively feeding bass.

The Reel Deal

The first hints of fall means fishing is about to bust loose. Nights are getting noticeably cooler, putting bass in the mood

to chase reaction baits and trigger some of the best high-country trout fishing of the year. Remember: During fall fishing conditions, go with springtime tactics.

Meanwhile, summer trout stockings are winding down.

Hot spots include Pleasant, Woods Canyon, Silver Creek, Saguaro, Bartlett, Apache, Havasu, Powell, Canyon Creek, and Kinnikinick. Scenic Oak Creek has been stocked weekly.

See complete fishing resources on our

Web site's fishing page, and check out the latest headlines from our Fish AZ blog.

Some More Updates

Community cats are coming back. Channel catfish have returned to most Community Fishing Program lakes and ponds. It's a good time to renew that fishing license. Get them online, which helps conserve all species of wildlife, and get

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ROPER HAS FISH — This angler is trying his luck at Roper Lake. Located in Safford, Ariz., Roper Lake State Park is well maintained and has good fishing. For lake information, contact Roper Lake State Park at (928) 428-6760.

Fisheries Experts Reclassify Three Native Fish Species As One

Decision will open the door to more conservation opportunities for roundtail chub.

FROM AZGFD

A professional committee of fisheries scientists has determined that three species of chub found throughout the lower Colorado River basin — roundtail chub, headwater chub, and Gila chub — will now be recognized as one species, referred to as roundtail chub.

The decision last week by the American Fisheries Society and American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists Joint Committee on the Names of Fishes resolves a long-term disparity among scientists, as these chub populations are physically similar and have been genetically indistinguishable at the currently recognized species classifications.

The inability to differentiate them at a species level made management highly complex, especially given that Gila chub is listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act and roundtail and headwater chub were proposed for listing as threatened in 2015.



Biologists Reviewed

Arizona Game and Fish Department biologists last year conducted a complete review of all data and scientific literature available to determine if the available science supported the recognized taxonomic designations of the three species of chub. The department's review found no justification to support the separation of chub into three separate species, and concluded they should be classified as a single species.

Subsequently, Game and Fish formally requested that the American Fisheries Society re-evaluate the recognized taxonomic designation of the three species. The analysis was assigned to the joint committee, which conducted months of review and listened to presentations by fisheries scientists on the morphology and genetic status of chub.

The committee concluded there is no morphological or genetic data that define populations of roundtail chub in the

lower Colorado River basin as members of more than one species.

'A Huge Success For Chub'

The committee's decision is strongly supported by Arizona Game and Fish and will result in more effective management and conservation of roundtail chub throughout the state. Based on this decision, the species is found in more than 70 streams in Arizona alone.

"This is a huge success for chub and for those who manage and conserve chub in the lower Colorado River basin," said Chris Cantrell, aquatic wildlife chief for Arizona Game and Fish. "The taxonomic history of this species has been debated for decades, which has influenced our management strategies and our ability to implement conservation on a range-wide basis.

We know the decision will open doors to more opportunities to protect and con-

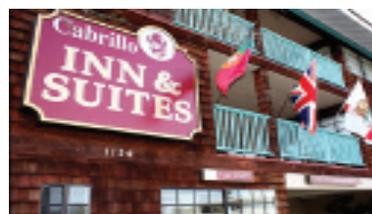
serve chub in Arizona."

Fish Identification Important

The Joint Committee on the Names of Fishes is a collaborative group of the American Fisheries Society and the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. It maintains a list of scientific and common fish species names to achieve uniformity and avoid confusion in nomenclature.

Their work is important to help fisheries professionals know exactly what species or subspecies is under discussion. Fish identification is particularly important when the species is under endangered species protections.

To view the department's 2015 letter sent to the American Fisheries Society and the joint committee's final decision, visit "In the Current", the Arizona Game and Fish Department's native aquatic species news site.



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Good Shooting Requires Best-Possible Sight Alignment – For You

‘When it comes to sights, there is an unbelievable variety.’

BY JOHN ANDERSON

The two most important aspects of good shooting are sight alignment and trigger control. Master both of these, and you’ll be an awesome shot.

The importance of sight alignment is reflected in the number of different kinds of sights that are available. You are not limited to the sights that come on your gun when you buy it — you have almost limitless choices when it comes to picking your perfect sights.

The gunsmith at Shooters World told me that putting on new sights is one of the only things they will do while you wait. It’s that quick and easy. In fact, you can actually do it yourself if you have the right tools, and we’ll cover that later. The most important thing is to know what’s out there so you can make an informed choice when it comes to putting sights on your handgun.

These Meprolight sights allow you to center the dot between the lines.



These are field goal sights.



Try different sights; there is not “one-size-fits-all” for shooters.

Most Handguns Come With Serviceable Sights

For starters, most handguns come with perfectly serviceable sights. The problem comes when you have to start dealing with things like older eyes (trifocals, anyone?), low light conditions, competitive shooting, etc. Once you’ve been shooting for a while, you may decide that you’d find life easier with sights that worked a little better for you. Even at indoor ranges the lights can be pretty dim, and that makes it very hard to get good sight alignment.

Let’s start with that phrase “sight alignment”. When I was a kid, my dad drew a picture in the dirt to show me how this works. He drew a rough sketch of a back sight, drew the front sight right smack in the middle with the same amount of space on either side, and lined them up right across the top. Then he drew a small circle above that to show me where to put the target.

That is still the exact same thing to do — most of the time, with most sights, anyway. The trouble comes when you can’t see the sights clearly, so you can’t get them lined up. A word to the wise here: Most handguns are designed to shoot right on the target at 25 yards. That means that if you shoot at shorter ranges, you probably won’t hit the bullseye without compensating.



IN SIGHT – Pvt. Kelsee Haws sights her target during Army basic training.

U.S. ARMY PHOTOGRAPHER



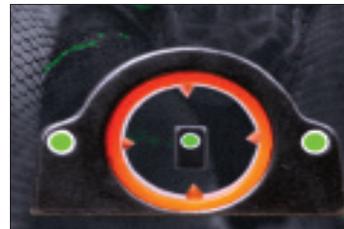
These Trijicon sights work by lining up the diamonds.



Complete the triangle to align these sights.



These are TruGlo sights. Many of these types of sights come with interchangeable fiber optic tubes so you can try out different colors.



Many serious shooters change out the sights that come stock with their guns.



With these sights, you align the square and dot above the bar.

For Low-Light Conditions

For low-light conditions, there are many different sights that have either glow paint or use fiber optics to gather light. Many of them are three-dot sights — there is a dot on either side of the back sight, and another on the front sight. For older eyes, our gunsmith recommends the front sight be orange.

Often these sights come with a selection of different-colored tubes you can insert into the sights until you find the ones that work best for you. I use these on my shotguns — even though I’m shooting in broad daylight; those glowing orange tubes are incredibly easy to pick up with your eyes.

Many Glocks come with sights that my son calls “field goals”. They have a bright white outline like a sharp U on the back sight. He loves them. I don’t. But lots of people do, and you just have to try them out and see what works for you.

Glow-In-The-Dark Enamel

The old-fashioned plain black post sights are darn hard to see, especially in dim light. If you have an older weapon and aren’t quite sure you want to fork over the money to have new sights put on it, head over to the nearest sporting goods store and buy a small bottle of glow-in-the-dark enamel — you’ll find it by the

gun-cleaning supplies or near them.

Paint a dot of that on each post and see if it doesn’t help. That may inspire you to change them out. A lot of guys will tell you to skip the three dots and just do the front sight, so you may want to start out just doing that.

The main thing you need is something that you can align quickly and easily. What works for me may not be the thing that works the best for you. You can try sights that form a triangle when you have them lined up. There are also sights that actually have a full circle in the back and a dot in the front, and you place the dot in the center of the circle. I haven’t tried those so I’m not sure if that ring would get in the way or not.

There are sights that have a vertical bar and a dot, so that you “dot the i”, and others that have a horizontal bar and a dot, so you place the dot over the bar. It all depends on you. One that really looks interesting to me has three diamonds that you line up — seems to me that those sharp angles would be quick to work with.

How Not To Spend A Fortune

How do you manage to try all these sights without spending a fortune? For starters, go to a good gun store with an indoor range and see if they have guns with different kinds of sights for rent. If you go

to the outdoor range a lot, you’ll find that people there are really friendly and often offer to let you try out their guns if you express interest.

Just notice other people’s sights and ask about them. Odds are, they’ll let you fire a few rounds — hopefully enough to give you a feel for how they work for you.

Some more about prices: You can literally spend anywhere from \$30 to well over \$200 for handgun sights. Some gun shops will install new sights for free if you buy them there, and some charge.

Also, some gunsmiths charge a bit more for certain kinds of guns, but fees usually run in the range of \$40 or so. If you think you may be wanting to change sights often, or for many people in your family, you might be better off buying a sight-pushing tool and doing it yourself. It’s really not that hard — I’ve done it myself and it takes just a bit of time.

Shop Around

The push tool cost me just \$70, which is less than having a gunsmith change the sights on two pistols. There is a learning curve, but after the first one, you’ll feel pretty confident.

When it comes to sights, there is an unbelievable variety. Shop around, try a few out, and you can make a decision you’ll be happy with. And if you’re not happy with it, you can always change them out again!

Hunters, Please Save That Tracking Collar

Wildlife management relies on valuable data.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is encouraging hunters who harvest a big game animal affixed with a GPS or VHF tracking collar to return that collar undamaged to any department office statewide.

While harvesting a collared animal is legal, Game and Fish asks hunters to refrain from cutting, damaging or otherwise destroying any portion of a collar. A collar easily can be removed from a harvested animal's neck by loosening two nuts on the black "drop-off" box on one side of the collar. A crescent wrench, socket wrench or multi-use tool can be used to loosen only those two nuts.

The department relies on valuable data

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Local Sportsmen's Groups Awarded \$75,000 In Grants

AZGFD invests in retention programs for new hunters, anglers.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department 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 22 proposals submitted in this latest grant cycle, 16 were approved by a three-member panel that rated and scored the proposals. The grants were awarded through a competitive application process that closed July 14.

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medium running crank or swim bait. The best location to fish is on outside points rather than the backs of coves.

Shad live in open water and bass wait near rock or brush cover close to open water waiting for a shad sighting. Strippers are in deep water looking up to see a random shad school that can be attacked.

There Is Not One 'Best' Spot

Water has cooled enough now so that thin adult stripers that have been trapped under the warm-water layer are now able to come to the surface to feed with their smaller, faster offspring. Many more thin adult stripers are being caught on the surface in the northern lake. They feed right

Online Applications For 2017 Spring Hunts Now Being Accepted

Deadline is 11:59 p.m. (MST) Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department now is accepting online applications for 2017 hunt permit-tags issued through the draw process for spring turkey, javelina, bison and bear.

To apply online, visit <https://draw.azgfd.gov> and scroll down to "Apply for a Draw."

The deadline by which the department must receive all applications — online or paper — is 11:59 p.m. (MST) Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016. Postmarks do not count.

Paper applications can be mailed to: Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn.: Drawing Section, P.O. Box 74020, Phoenix, AZ 85087-1052, or dropped off at any regional office statewide.

The "2017 Spring Turkey, Javelina, Bison and Bear Hunt Draw Information"



booklet is available online at www.azgfd.gov/draw. Printed booklets are available at department offices and license dealers statewide.

As a reminder, applicants must possess a valid Arizona hunting license to apply online for a hunt permit-tag. That license must be valid on the last day of the application period (Oct. 11, 2016). Licenses now are valid for one full year from date of purchase. Licenses are available online, as well as all Game and Fish offices and license dealers statewide.

For more information, visit www.azgfd.gov/draw, or call (602) 942-3000.

Did you know? *The Arizona Game and Fish Department has trust responsibility for managing more than 800 native wildlife species — the most of any inland state — for current and future generations of Arizona citizens.*

Congratulations Are In Order

FROM DOUG BURT
AZGFD HUNTING AND SHOOTING
SPORTS PROGRAM MANAGER

Congratulations to the recent inductees to the Outdoor Hall of Fame by Wildlife for Tomorrow, including some folks we know from Hunting And Angling Heritage Workshop Group (HAHWG) and other ventures. It's great to see you recognized, and thank you for all you do.

<http://azgfd.net/artman/publish/News->

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Richard Sprague, owner Sprague's Sports in Yuma

Jim Unmacht, president of the Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation, **Terry and Marge Abbott**, Rio Salado Sportsman's Club, (SCTP)

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ready for fall fishing galore.

Catch-And-Release Silver Creek

Trout fishing opened Saturday, Oct. 1. This opening has become a festival of sorts and the public is invited. This seasonal fishery is catch-and-release only.

Silver Creek is five miles east of Show Low on U.S. Route 60. Turn north off Highway 60 onto Bourdon Ranch Road for five miles to Hatchery Road.

Then head east on Hatchery Road one mile to the Silver Creek Hatchery, park in the parking lot, and follow the signs to the creek.

C.C. Cragin (Blue Ridge Reservoir) Closed To Fishing

Blue Ridge Reservoir/C.C. Cragin is closed to fishing due to low water levels. All accessible water is in an area closed for the next phase of the ongoing renovation of boating-access facilities.

AZ Trout Challenge: Up for It?

Go explore our trout waters by taking the Arizona Trout Challenge. See details, and a map, of applicable waters on our Web site.

Thank You, Sport Fish Restoration Program

Arizona fishing opportunities wouldn't be possible without the Sport Fish Restoration Program. It was created through the Dingell-Johnson Act of 1950 (Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act) and the Wallop-Breaux amendments of 1984.

Through a federal excise tax paid by manufacturers on fishing gear and motorboat fuels, it provides funds for fishery conservation, boating access, and aquatic education.

Note: Send your fishing reports and photos to BFishing@AZGFD.gov.

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next to the schools of 14-18 inch juvenile stripers that are the prime fish in the lake right now.

There is not one best spot to be fishing. That will change as water cools a bit more. The best advice right now is choose the fishing technique and location that give you the most confidence. Use the lure that you have had the best luck on recently. Go out and do your thing. At the end of the day you will have had a great fishing trip.

At press time, lake elevation was 3612.28, and water temperature was 74-77F.

"Quality of life is measured by the amount of time spent fishing" (Gustavson).



AZGFD Transfers Two Orphaned Bear Cubs To Out Of Africa Wildlife Park

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has transferred two bear cubs to Out of Africa Wildlife Park following an incident that resulted in an adult female bear's being killed.

On an early September Sunday, Game and Fish received a call that an adult bear, unprovoked, charged an archery deer hunter from a distance of about 20 feet. The hunter shot the bear with a handgun at close range in self-defense.

Department officers responded to the area where they discovered the bear's two cubs that were too young to survive on their own. The hunter cooperated fully with the investigation and was shaken up by the experience. Department officers captured the cubs and held them until they could be placed at Out of Africa.

"All evidence at the scene supports the hunter's account that the bear was charging. It's very possible that if he had not shot the bear, he would have been seri-



ously injured," said AZGFD Field Supervisor Larry Phoenix. "Bears are top-level predators and are capable of seriously injuring or killing humans."

"Bears are very difficult to place in permanent facilities, so we are pleased that Out of Africa was able to find space for the two young cubs," added Phoenix.

In order to keep wildlife wild, AZGFD reminds Arizonans of the following:

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- When encountering wildlife, stay a safe distance away and do not encourage interactions.
- Don't feed wildlife, and avoid any animals that are behaving in an unusual manner, such as approaching humans.
- Report aggressive or unusual wildlife behavior to the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 623-236-7201, 24 hours a day.



Arizona's Bald Eagles Break Breeding-Season Records Again

FROM AZGFD

Arizona's bald eagles continue to impress biologists with their upward growth trends and year-after-year breeding records.

Key productivity records that were broken in 2016 include number of breeding areas, occupied breeding areas, eggs laid, active breeding areas, successful breeding attempts and young hatched. All of these measures are important indicators of the species' health.

The most notable: a record minimum of 93 bald eagle eggs were laid by a record 65 pairs of adult eagles with 78 young hatched.

"Bald eagles in Arizona continue to surprise us and surpass all expectations. The population continues to expand into new breeding areas and less typical habitats. What was most remarkable this year is that we had birds nest in areas extremely close to human activity, which is unusual for the species in Arizona.

"Thankfully those adults were very tolerant of the activity and successfully fledged their young," said Kenneth Jacobson, Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) bald eagle management coordinator.

Annual productivity records indicate that bald eagles continue to flourish in the state. Bald eagles were removed from the federal Endangered Species Act in 2007. The department's conservation efforts contributed to the species recovery. Nationally, the birds remain protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

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

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

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

For more information on bald eagles in Arizona, visit www.azgfd.gov/baldeagle or www.swbemc.org.

Volunteers Can Help Spotlight Endangered Black-Footed Ferrets

Survey results shine light on recovery effort in Aubrey Valley.

SELIGMAN, Ariz. — The Arizona Game and Fish Department is seeking volunteers to assist with spotlighting efforts to help document the population of endangered black-footed ferrets in Aubrey Valley near Seligman.

As part of the recovery effort, the department has scheduled one more fall spotlighting project — Oct. 13-17. The spotlighting method involves using high-powered lights to locate and identify black-footed ferrets. Their eyeshine is reflected by the spotlight and helps survey-

ors with identifying and locating these elusive, nocturnal carnivores.

Volunteers must have the ability to stay attentive from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while spotlighting for black-footed ferrets and use, or learn how to use, a Global Positioning System (GPS). Volunteers can sign up by e-mailing azferret@azgfd.gov — with "fall spotlighting" in the subject line — by Oct. 7 for the October opportunity. Space is limited.

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



This remaining event will be conducted to assess the black-footed ferret population before winter. The objectives include trapping those animals that were not caught in the spring, to trap older ones that need a canine distemper or plague booster, and to trap juveniles — called "kits" — to administer vaccinations.

No black-footed ferrets were trapped during a spotlighting event in July, although there were 11 confirmed sightings and two litters documented.

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

Mexico Wolf Pair Welcomes Third Litter Of Wild-Born Pups

Mexico's recovery success complements recovery efforts in Arizona and New Mexico

Mexico's National Commission of Natural Protected Areas (CONANP) recently reported the sighting of four wild-born Mexican wolf pups in the state of Chihuahua. The pups represent the third consecutive year that the mated pair M1215 and F1033 has produced offspring.

With the birth of this litter, Mexico's Mexican wolf population in the wild has reached 21 animals, according to CONANP.

"Arizona wishes to congratulate Mexico on their recent successes toward the recovery of Mexican wolves in their historical habitat and offer our continued support of their efforts," said Jim deVos, the Arizona Game and Fish Department's assistant director of wildlife management.

"The vast majority of historical habitat for the Mexican wolf is in Mexico, so their efforts and successes provide a sig-



nificant contribution to the recovery of the subspecies."

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has collaborated with Mexican experts to develop a habitat suitability evaluation that will assist CONANP in planning future recovery efforts in Mexico.

Arizona Game and Fish has been actively involved in a multi-agency effort to reintroduce Mexican wolves to portions of the Southwest since the 1980s.

BEYOND ARIZONA: WORLD WILDLIFE

Whale Entanglement — Building A Global Response

Whale entanglement is a growing problem. It's hard to assess the full extent, but a recent report estimated that 308,000 whales and dolphins die annually due to entanglement in fishing gear, and more still in marine debris.

Entanglement can lead to drowning, laceration, infection and starvation. It also presents serious safety issues for those involved in disentangling the whales. The International Whaling Commission (IWC) is working with a group of international experts to build a global network of professionally trained and equipped entanglement responders.

Disentangling wild, often injured animals at sea can be difficult and dangerous. Some countries have already developed national disentangling programs. The leaders of these programs have come

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OUT-WEST ROAD TRIP

Wickenburg Makes An Ideal Base Camp

BY MARGIE ANDERSON

It's finally getting cool enough to do some exploring and hiking in the central deserts of Arizona. There are plenty of beautiful things to see in the desert — you just have to know where to look.

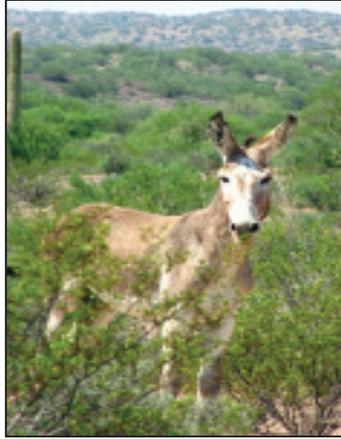
A great place to base your adventure is Wickenburg, which is central to recreational areas, mining towns and sites, hiking trails, and tons of opportunities to learn about the plants and environment of the area. Wickenburg is a thriving town with plenty of places to stay — everything from dude ranches to motels to resorts with spas. There are also ample places to camp or hook up your RV, so there's no excuse not to spend a few days there.

Hassayampa River Preserve

Near mile marker 114 on highway 60 just south of Wickenburg is the Hassayampa River Preserve, a Nature Conservancy site. Most of the Hassayampa River is underground, but in the Preserve, the water flows on the surface through a rich riparian area where cottonwoods and mesquite trees provide plenty of shade. Birds of all kinds are a big draw here, and one of the trails loops around Palm Lake, where you can view waterfowl.

Loop Trails

There are several loop trails in the Preserve, and you are free to ramble around on your own. There are also docent-led hikes, and you can call to find out about



HII — This little guy appeared to be as interested in us as we were in him! He was just hanging out near the Aguila Road.

Go online to find the classes, then call them at 928-684-2722 or email bmccollum@tnc.org to make reservations. Reservations are required for all the events, but not to just visit the Preserve and hike around.

Alamo Lake

There are many great day trips around Wickenburg. Alamo Lake is about a two-



HARD TO FIND — This is one we'd never have found if we didn't have a great topo-map app. It wasn't on my paper map at all, and I have pretty detailed maps. This particular water hole was one of the biggest we found, and it took a good half hour of off-roading to get to it. It's off the Aguila Road.

Long-Term Camping Has Started

They also have special areas for long term-camping from October 1 through March 31. Go online for details. Alamo now also has cabins that you can rent — with electricity and AC and heating. Check out their website for details at azstateparks.com. To get to Alamo, just take US 60 west to Wenden, then turn north on Alamo Lake Road. It's a beautiful place and worth the drive.

Lake Pleasant

Lake Pleasant is also within a couple hours' drive of Wickenburg. Take 60 east (actually southeast) to Highway 74. You'll see the signs for Lake Pleasant. The first entrance you'll come to will get you to the west side of the lake. There are two different areas to launch from — the first is a huge area with a 10-lane ramp and access to all kinds of picnic areas and campgrounds, plus the ranger station.

If you pass that entrance and continue down the road, you will come to the Castle Creek area with a smaller 4-lane ramp and picnic areas. There is a trail that you can take to walk from one area to the other.

Scorpion Bay Marina

On this side of the lake, accessed from the 10-lane ramp area, is Scorpion Bay Marina, which has boats for rent, a restaurant and bar, and a general store. They have more than just boats, so check them out at scorpionbayaz.com.

Pleasant Harbor Marina

Heading east on 74, if you pass that first entry to the park, you'll come to another entrance that will get you to the southeast side of the lake at Pleasant Harbor Marina. They have a 5-Star RV resort with over 300 hookups, Dillon's BBQ restaurant, and marina. They offer boating, fishing, hiking, kayaking, flyboarding, a store and a bar.

Aguila

If you'd just like to get away from the crowds and explore the desert, there are plenty of cool roads to investigate around Wickenburg. For example, we drove out and took Highway 93 north to highway 71 and headed west on 71 toward Aguila. Aguila is a small farming community. The name "Aguila" means eagle, and

there is a mountain there with a big hole clear through it called Eagle Eye Mountain. There are plenty of trails around the mountain, so you could just end up spending the whole day there.

Try The Side Roads

But, we continued on through Aguila on highway 60 (you turn west onto 60 from 71), and we took Eagle Eye Road south past the mountain. The road turns to gravel, but it is very well maintained because there are rock quarries along it. If you have a truck or a high-clearance vehicle, it's fun to take some of the side roads and just see where they go.

When we were on this road it had been raining recently and right by the main road were two small water holes. Quite the oasis — there were ducks, hundreds of doves, a wild burro, and even a flock of black ibis there. The desert was blooming as well, so it looked like a yellow carpet. Absolutely gorgeous.

Apply Your Apps

Continuing on, we took several side trips to water holes. You don't even have to have a ton of paper maps to find interesting things — there are many apps that let you see detailed maps of where you are. I'm not talking about the maps app that comes with your phone — most of the really good map apps cost a few dollars, but I think they're worth it.

This gravel road, the Aguila Road, continues southeast and intersects with the Vulture Mine Road. If you turn south, you'll definitely need a 4WD vehicle, and this road leads to an old mine in the Belmont Mountains.

If you continue on the Aguila Road, you'll just keep going south until you reach I-10. But if you turn north on the Vulture Mine Road, you will head straight back to Wickenburg and you'll pass all kinds of fun stuff on the way. There are roads that lead to trailheads, to mines, to arches — all kinds of great places. Half the fun of these is to get a map (or an app), and find them on your own.

Some Notes About Desert Adventures

A note here about adventure in the desert, even in a car, even in cool weather. Some of these roads are gravel and not



PEACE PLACE — This little old cemetery is just off the Vulture Mine Road on a dirt road.

those. The Preserve is open Wednesday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Summer hours (mid-May to mid-Sept) are 7:00-11:00 a.m. Admission is \$5, \$3 for Nature Conservancy members. Kids 12 and under are free.

In addition to the beautiful trails and birding opportunities, the Preserve also offers classes in things like desert survival, edible desert plants and how to cook them, birding classes for all levels, and gardening diagnostic clinics. Kids' classes include searching for scorpions, moth night, rocks and minerals, flower pounding, and Nature T's (decorating a T-shirt).

Check Out The Calendar Of Events

You can see a calendar of events at nature.org/hassayampa. Fees are \$5 (the cooking with desert plants one is \$15), and \$3 for Nature Conservancy members.

hour drive and offers great fishing for bass, crappie, and bluegills, plus tons of opportunities for wildlife viewing. Every time we go to Alamo, we see wild burros roaming around.

'Night Under The Stars'

On November 19th the Alamo Lake State Park is hosting the 10th annual "Night Under the Stars". Bring a red light, a jacket or sweater, and prepare to see the stars through astronomers' telescopes. Last year 160 people were there — it's wonderful.

Alamo Lake has no boat motor limits, but the water is very low right now and Cholla Ramp is closed. In fact, the water level has prompted the Game and Fish Department to restrict all water skiing and towable devices. But the fishing is still great and there are campgrounds and RV hookups.

1994: 'THE PERFECT STORM'

Our Outdoors Just Got Smaller – And Smaller

BY JOHN (JK) KOLESZAR
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For the past 20 years now, the conservation groups have been screaming about the land grabs and Endangered Species Act use by Enviroilitigants that have curtailed activities in many areas of Arizona. The frivolous lawsuits and inundation of the United States Fish & Wildlife Service with new endangered species listings have effectively made groups like the Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife and others the



GEORGE GARRIGUES

Motorcycle tracks up a hill in the Los Padres National Forest, near Lake of the Woods, Kern County, Calif., shows the damage that can be caused by off-road vehicles.

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WAKE ZONE

Op/Ed

groups with the big club that basically dictate to the USFWS.

So, rather than consistently berating the deranged souls who value an animal's way of life as being more important than humans, I tried to think back to where and when this all started. If my memory serves me right, the "tipping point" was in the early 1990s.



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Kieran Suckling's 'Kingdom'

In 1994, Kieran Suckling was arrested for shoplifting from a Walmart store. He had shoplifted a pair of boots and some bedroom slippers and almost lost his position in the fledgling Center for Biological Diversity. He had drawn the wrath of the logging community with some successes in the forestry industry — all under the guise of the spotted owl (Kiefer, "Owl See You in Court" *Phoenix New Times*, Aug. 1, 1996).

The ragged community that had set up shop in Arizona was much akin to a commune and few could foresee that they would become the leading edge of the enviroilitigant community. Curiously, the very people from whom he had taken jobs through the Endangered Species Act did little to harp on his flagrant act of petty theft and instead, left him to his own devices.

If it had happened today, he would have been pilloried throughout the social media world and probably would have been let go from the hard-core group that was slowly finding a way of stopping industry in its tracks. The decision to let him return to the environmental community would prove to be a fateful decision.

Fast forward 20 years and he has become the face of legitimate power and no one brings up his sordid mistake from the past. Throughout the readings of Suckling, it is obvious he loves the limelight and has an immense ego. Being the face of the Center has become his kingdom.

The Next Tipping Point: OHVs

The other tipping point came about with the advent of — Off Highway Vehicles. There, I said it and it's out in the open. Prior to the invention of these mechanical devices, the human population was left to explore the great outdoors by foot, mountain bike, or horses. Their debut was inauspicious, but soon it became



TRISTAN LOPE

Shown here are some negative environmental effects that occurred when off-road vehicle drivers left the posted trail in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.



apparent that vast tracts of land that had previously been too remote for the average hiker was now within a tank of gas for the Off Highway Vehicle.

Slowly, as a hiker, I noticed two-track trails where there had never been one before. I then saw the infamous toy haulers being created and hauled up with those big F250 Fords into the high country. Soon, I encountered the worst of our species, parents encouraging kids to mud bog through dirt tanks.

Riparian areas being ridden through for the "Splash" effect was another way to enjoy the thrill of these devices. The naming of trails and roads for the "New Explorers" was a very "in" thing to do as well.

Behind The Times

Sadly, the gate-keepers, or really the Forest Service, was woefully behind the times. The laws which had been on the books forever did not have any point of reference for these creations, and the public, much like kids left to their own devices, used every bit of the power that the lack of foresight gave them and they did it with impunity. The National Forests, the BLM, as well as any other federal land agency were caught with their proverbial pants down.

With the typical speed of the Federal government, nothing was done until too much damage had been created. To this day, there are open sessions from each little kingdom/National Forest with attempts for travel management, disbursed camping, big game retrieval, etc.

Few understand that each kingdom/National Forest has its own set of rules and no two are identical. It is like dealing with five different governments all in the same state. It makes no sense!

How Is This Fair?

I remember working on a committee with a group of OHV users who were trying to come up with some legislation for the Off Highway Vehicles. As I sat in meetings, I approached the group with the attitude of the hunting community. My point of reference was that as a hunter, I paid around \$35.00 per year for a hunting license. If I were fortunate

enough to get drawn for an elk tag, I paid another \$86.00 for that tag. All in all, for the \$121.00, I was able to partake in my favorite endeavor in the great outdoors for a whole two weeks.

My twisted logic felt that if I paid that much for a two-week period, then the OHV community should pay roughly the same amount for their year-long abilities to ride wherever they wanted to. A license plate for each OHV in the amount of \$95.00 seemed fair.

Wow, was I ever wrong. The indignation by those on the OHV committee was evident from the start. Dark mutterings about "Greenie Koleszar" started to be tossed my way. Complaints from some of "I have 5 quads, how can I afford that much for plates every year?" became the norm. The logic of being able to afford five quads, but not be able to pay for five license plates escaped me, but that was their complaint.

Complaints From Elders

Then the complaints from the rural elders started coming in. I heard the tales of "I'm getting up there in age and I can't get where I used to; quads even out the playing field for me to hunt". I only shook my head and tried to point out that this sense of entitlement was not right.

There was a time long ago when you laid down your arms and did not hunt if you could not enter the fray in decent shape. Does the equalizer of mechanical devices really entitle you to continue to participate when all you are doing is driving to the hunting grounds and driving around? Don Quixote would have been proud of me, but no one else saw the problems the way I did.

Fast Forward Another Decade

Fast forward another 10 years and we had the infamous "Travel Management" meetings. The United States Forest Service was catching heat from all sides. The greenies were outraged that newly created roads in each of the National Forests in Arizona had become the norm rather than the exception.

I sat at one meeting where the old maps from 1990 were overlaid with maps from 2013. The difference was frightening. There were so many new roads that you could drive all the way from Arizona to Washington, D.C., in just the Apache Sitgreaves Forest without ever going on the same road twice.

The money and media savvy Enviroilitigants began a long-term process of swaying the public. Kieran and crew morphed into political-savvy beasts. They were smart, worked the media very well and appealed to the liberal press. While

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Off-Highway Vehicle Operators, Passengers Are Urged To Ride Safely

The Arizona Game and Fish Department reminds residents and visitors looking to head outdoors on their off-highway vehicle (OHV) to do so safely and responsibly.

Between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 AZGFD officers issued 404 citations and issued 283 warnings statewide for multiple offences, including failing to have a current OHV decal sticker, allowing children under the age of 18 to ride without a helmet and made arrests for operating/driving while under the influence.

Before hitting the trail, the AZGFD asks all operators and passengers to pledge to ride safely by following these 10 tips:

- **Stay on designated trails.** One of the biggest threats to sustainable OHV recreation in Arizona is the closure of riding areas due to irresponsible use. Protect the state's fragile natural resources, and your ability to visit such spots, by staying on designated trails and avoiding sensitive habitat areas.



- **Always wear a helmet.** Whether riding in a side-by-side, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or dirt bike, all riders younger than 18 years old are legally required to wear a Department of Transportation-approved helmet. Helmets are strongly recommended for all riders older than 18.
- **Eye protection** is legally required for all riders if the OHV is not equipped with a windshield.
- **Wear proper clothing,** including riding gloves, a long-sleeve shirt, pants and over-the-ankle boots.
- **Supervise children under 16 years**

old. Be sure young riders use an age-appropriate vehicle. Adult-sized machines may be too large and powerful for a child to safely operate. Adults are responsible for a child's safety when it comes to OHV use.

- **Only ride with the number of passengers for which the machine is designed.** One of the biggest causes of OHV-related injuries is riding with more than the recommended number of passengers. ProperTV riding techniques require operators to shift their weight and change position to keep control of the machine. Carrying a more passengers than recommended by the manufacturer greatly changes how the vehicle responds.

- **Be prepared and equipped.** Take area maps and guides, and have a compass, first aid kit, whistle, tire repair kit, tow rope or chain and other basic tools on hand. Also make sure to bring sunscreen, water and food.

- **Avoid drinking alcohol and/or drugs.** Operating any vehicle under the

influence of alcohol and/or drugs is always illegal, regardless of what type of vehicle you're operating. Alcohol and drugs drastically impair a person's judgement, responsiveness and ability to operate the machine safely.

- **Register your OHV and purchase an OHV decal.** All vehicles designed primarily for travel on unimproved terrain and weighing less than 1,800 pounds are required to have an OHV Decal to operate on public and state land. License plates and decals are available at any Arizona Motor Vehicle Division location or at www.servicearizona.com.

- **Maintain your machine properly,** especially the spark arrester and muffler. Arresters help to protect against sparking a wildfire and mufflers help to reduce the noise emitted by OHVs.

For more information about OHV riding in Arizona, including a list of locations to ride statewide, visit www.azgfd.gov/OHV.

Enter To Win UTV, Support 'Respected Access In Arizona'

Winner will be announced at fundraising event Oct. 15.

Imagine yourself behind the wheel of a customized camouflage 2016 Polaris Ranger EV, exploring the backcountry, getting away from it all.

Well, stop dreaming and get busy entering to win the UTV, valued at more than \$15,000, courtesy of RideNow Powersports.

Proceeds from each \$20 raffle ticket purchased through Oct. 15 will benefit Tread Lightly!'s "Respected Access in Arizona" campaign, which aims to protect public access for off-highway vehicle use, recreational shooting and other outdoor pursuits through ethics educa-

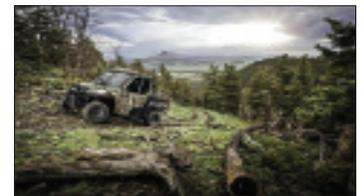
tion and stewardship programs.

The winner will be announced Oct. 15 during the third annual "Respected Access in Arizona" fundraiser, presented by RideNow Powersports and hosted by the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Tread Lightly!. A fun-shoot, barbecue dinner, raffles and auctions are planned at the OneAZ Credit Union Pavilion, located at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix.

Visit <https://go.rallyup.com/3628f0>/ Campaign to purchase raffle tickets. For complete rules, visit www.respectedaccessarizona.org. The raffle only is available to Arizona residents.

To purchase tickets for the fundraiser, visit <https://www.treadlightly.org/respected-access-in-arizona-fundraiser/>. The cost of the fun-shoot (which includes targets and two boxes of ammunition) and dinner, catered by Bobby Q restaurant, is \$65. The cost of only the dinner, which includes beverages and a door-prize raffle ticket, is \$40.

For more information about the fundraiser, call (800) 966-9900, Ext. 14, or e-mail respectedaccess@treadlightly.org.



org. For more information about the "Respected Access in Arizona" campaign, visit www.respectedaccessarizona.org.

Editor's Note: Do you ride an off-highway vehicle? What is your favorite place to ride in Arizona?

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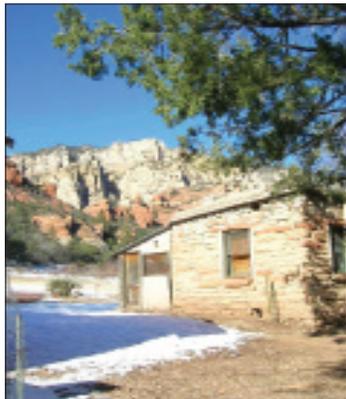
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PENDLEY HOMESTEAD – Slide Rock State Park's history began as a working apple orchard. Today its agricultural legacy continues. The orchard is still a working commercial apple ranch that features an original vintage 30-foot-long, apple-sorting machine reconstructed by volunteers, still in the historic Pendley apple shed.

Celebrate Change Of Seasons At Slide Rock State Park's Fall Festival

Come celebrate fall at Slide Rock State Park's Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Spend the day and enjoy a variety of fun fall activities including an apple-cider press, blacksmithing, Arizona Flywheelers displaying tractors and old engines, kiddie tractor pull, quilt displays, Jay's Bird Barn Falconer, build a scarecrow, and of course, special appearances from Arizona State Parks' Rocky Ringtail and US Forest Service's Smokey the Bear! There will also be apples available for purchase to benefit the Friends of Slide Rock State Park.

From 9 a.m. to noon., the public is invited to watch artists as they complete Plein Air paintings, choosing the subject from life along the banks of Oak Creek at Slide Rock State Park, the orchards or capturing the Festival itself.

Any artists can register to participate using whatever artistic medium they prefer. Finished works will be on display near the homestead and many will be for sale. The Arts Center will present awards at 12:30 p.m. For more information about the Plein Air painting visit https://apm.activecommunities.com/sedonaartscenter/activity_search/1543?

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WHAT: Fall Festival - The cost is the \$10 per vehicle entrance fee.
WHERE: Slide Rock State Park - Located 7 miles north of Sedona in beautiful Oak Creek Canyon.
WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information visit [Facebook.com/friendsofsliderock](https://facebook.com/friendsofsliderock) or AZStateParks.com/parks/SLRO.



County Parks Bring Back Free Camping Offer

As of October 1, Maricopa County's Parks and Recreation Department has brought back the Buy One, Get One campaign! The campaign 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 at any of the County's desert parks during that same stay.

"This is the eighth year the department has offered the Buy One, Get One promotion," said Chairman Clint Hickman, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, District 4. "It is by far, one of the Parks Department's most popular campaigns! Not only does it help them kick-off the busy camping season, it is a way we can say 'thank you' to loyal local customers."

To receive the free night, park visitors must contact either a park or the Parks Call Center at (602) 506-2930 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The promotion will be applied to stays booked between October 1 and November 10, 2016. Reservations booked online or before August 1st 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 the reservation system. The system allows visitors to take virtual tours of the campsites, view campsite specifications and reserve their favorite spots from the comfort of their home computers and laptops.

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

Participating parks include the following:

Cave Creek Regional Park: Located north of Phoenix, this park offers the illusion of being miles away from civilization. The campground has 38 individual developed campsites. Reservations may be booked by calling (623) 465-0431.

Estrella Mountain Regional Park: Located near the meeting of the Gila and Agua Fria Rivers in the southwest Valley, the park includes a large wetland area. The park also offers seven developed campsites. Reservations may be booked by calling (623) 932-3811.

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.

Delve Into Hopi Culture At Homolovi State Park With Special Tours And Hikes

Park Rangers at Homolovi State Park in Winslow will present guided walks, hikes and lectures through November 2016 that will educate visitors about the sacred Hopi land the park resides on. There will also be Star Parties where you can gaze at the stars through astronomer's telescopes. The cost is Homolovi State Park's Entrance Fee of \$7 per vehicle. A reservation is required where noted. For more information, call (928) 289-4106 or visit AZStateParks.com/parks/HORU.

Homolovi IV Pueblo Guided Tour — **October 1, 8, 9, 16, 22, 29 and November 5 at 10 a.m.:** Homolovi IV is the oldest of the Homolovi group of pueblos and is usually closed to the public. A park ranger will lead the tour and discuss the history of the site and the tie to the Hopi people. Attendees will be expected to caravan 12 miles in their own vehicles to Homolovi IV (please note: the last 3/4 mile is dirt road). The walking distance is approximately 1/3 miles on uneven ground (easy trail).

Star Party — **October 14 and November 18 after dark:** Imagine what you can see in the sky at Homolovi State Park. The sky promises spectacular views of stars, constellations, the moon's cratered landscapes, and glimpses of nearby planets. Little Colorado River Valley Astronomy Club will be on hand to answer questions and provide large telescopes. Bring a chair, red illumination flashlight, refreshments, and bug repellent.

Hopi Pottery Talks — **October 2 and October 30 at 10 a.m.:** Join Park Ranger and Hopi Potter, Gwen Setalla for a discussion and demonstration of traditional Hopi pottery. She will explain how traditional pottery is made and talk about how to recognize authentic made pottery. This will be held at the park's visitor center and will last approximately 1 1/2 hours.

Artists Announced For Catalina State Park's Outdoor Concerts

Catalina State Park's popular concert series on the first Saturday of the month is held continuously throughout the year but artists have been announced through December 2016. Visitors will enjoy an evening concert amid the beautiful landscapes of Catalina State Park. Check for updates at AZStateParks.com/parks/CATA.

The concerts are held at the main trailhead at Catalina State Park. Guests should bring a chair, food and water. The Friends of Catalina State Park will provide free popcorn during the concerts. The concerts could be canceled if severe weather occurs.

WHAT: First Saturdays Concert Series through December.
WHERE: Catalina State Park - Located on State Highway 77 (Oracle Road) at mile marker 81, just nine miles north of Tucson and six miles north of Ina Road.

WHEN: Concerts **Dates And Artists: October 1** at 5 p.m. featuring Sunshine Strings Youth Orchestra (classical/Harry Potter soundtrack/celtic fiddle); **November 5** at 4 p.m. featuring Jaye Parks and the Show Cats (acoustic folk and rock); **December 3** at 3 p.m. featuring Tucson Bandstand (60s & 70s jukebox tunes).



IRIS NAMPEYO, World Famous Hopi Ceramist, With Her Work, Circa 1900

Petrified Wood Walk — **October 15 and November 6 at 9 a.m.:** Join a Park Ranger on a walk to Homolovi's mini petrified forest. This tour will explore the park's paleontological history. The tour will require about one mile of walking, round trip, across natural landscape, to view an approximately one-acre area of exposed petrified trees. The talk will describe the petrification process, the Triassic period, and the environment as it once was. Meet at the Homolovi State Park Visitor Center.



NAMPEYO CERAMIC JAR, Circa 1880



MUSIC! — One of the Catalina State Park's Outdoor Concerts will feature Tucson Bandstand ('60s and '70s jukebox tunes) on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m.



United Nations Day
 October 24th

Fur And Feather Cares Deeply; Will You Help?

Sometimes statistics are just too vast or vague to understand; however, here is some information from the ASPCA that we found that may put you in a tail spin. Why are there so many abandoned, neglected or relinquished pets in the United States?

The American Humane Association estimates approximately 8 million animals enter shelters each year.

Here are some other statistics:

- Each year, about 3.7 million animals are euthanized (American Humane Association).
- 5 in 10 dogs and 7 in 10 cats in shelters are euthanized simply because there is no one to adopt them (ASPCA).
- 25 percent of shelter dogs are purebred (ASPCA).
- 10 to 20 percent of dogs and cats



owned are adopted from shelters (ASPCA).

This is so sad. What more can we do? This is a national problem that has gone on for a long time. There must be an answer. What do you think? Let us know through email furandfeatheranimalassistance@gmail.com or our Facebook site.

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TRACKING COLLAR

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that collars provide in making science-based decisions that determine the most effective wildlife management practices. The stored data can include an animal's behaviors, movement patterns and frequency, individual and group dynamics, home-range size and more.

The technology is not inexpensive. A collar can range in cost up to several thousands of dollars. When factoring in additional costs of human resources, equipment and capture, the department is making a substantial investment in each collared animal. A portion of the funding comes from the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) program, a stalwart national funding source for state conservation and recreational opportunities.

It's also helpful for hunters to report the date and location of their harvest when returning an undamaged collar to any department office statewide. For more information, call (602) 942-3000.

GRANTS

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or the backbone of wildlife conservation and habitat restoration in Arizona. Many are involved in the building of water catchments, making "wildlife-friendly" fence modifications, and reaching out to the public through advocacy and education.

The following projects have been awarded:

Anglers United Inc., "Just for Kids Fishing Festival," awarded \$4,500.

Arizona Deer Association, "ADA Youth Deer / Elk Hunters Camp," awarded \$5,513.

Arizona Elk Society, "AES Junior Elk Camp Units 6A/5B," awarded \$3,900.

Ben Avery Clay Busters, "Upland Bird Hunting for Women and Youth," awarded \$2,717.

CouesWhitetail.com, "2016 Women's Javelina Hunting Camp," awarded \$4,300.

Desert Christian Archers, "Desert Christian Archers 2016 Javelina Camp," awarded \$4,700.

Kahuna Kids, "Mentoring Kids Fishing Derby," awarded \$2,368.

Mule Deer Foundation, "Mule Deer Foundation Youth Camps," awarded \$16,500.

Southern Arizona Quail Forever, "Southern Arizona Quail Forever Youth Quail Camp," awarded \$3,390.

Southwest Fur Harvesters, "SWFH November Youth Trappers Camp," awarded \$5,122.

Youth Outdoors Unlimited, "Junior Javelina, Small Game & Predator Camp Units 20C, 18B, and 16A," awarded \$3,900.

Youth Outdoors Unlimited, "Junior Deer / Javelina Camp Units 18B & 20C," awarded \$2,515.

Youth Outdoors Unlimited, "Unit 1 Squirrel Camp," awarded \$2,000.

Youth Outdoors Unlimited, "Wallow Fire Turkey Science and Hunting Camp Units 1 & 27," awarded \$6,575.

Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, "2016 Cibola Junior Waterfowl Camp," awarded \$2,500.

Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, "Youth Small Game Camp," awarded \$4,500.

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

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

Game and Fish does not receive any of the state's general funds and operates on a user-pay, public-benefit model.

PERFECT STORM

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the OHV manufacturers were showing people how their new toy could go anywhere (over trees, through streams, across boulders), the Environmentalists were pressing the flesh where they needed to — Washington D.C.

They Found 'The Perfect Storm'

They found the perfect storm of having liberal East Coast bias present how the West should be run. With the last eight years of a Democratic president, many cabinet and divisional appointments found environmentally conscious Democrats in charge. The end result should have been predictable.

The problem was that none of us saw how harsh their reaction would be. Not content with having to fight in every National Forest, they cleared the decks with their new tool, The Antiquities Act and National Monument Designation.

Vast tracts of land are being signed off on as Monuments by King Obama. There are no Congressional hearings, no input from the public other than local complaints, and the Environmentalists have paid their dues, set the trap and now all who

wanted to enjoy the great outdoors will be locked into smaller and smaller places.

An Exclusionary Process

With the knowledge that the federal land managers have no abilities to regulate their domain, the decisions have become easier to propel the land from multi use to one of exclusion. The logic is unassailable. If you cannot regulate — then shut it down. Sadly, the logic seems to be gaining strength. Rather than allowing industry to help pay for management of the land, the exclusionary process leaves it almost sterile.

The northern Kaibab forest still has old-growth trees. If it is declared a monument, then it will have the effect of attempting to be locked in a time capsule. While that may seem great to the knowledge-lacking general public, the hard fact is that the land will be shaped like the forests the Kieran Suckling helped shut down in the early 1990s. It will be one lightning strike away from a catastrophic fire that will forever destroy all of the old growth timber he claims to want to protect. So much for the spotted-owl habitat Kieran!

WHALE

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together under the auspices of the IWC, to help extend and strengthen capacity to respond to entangled whales around the world.

The program began in autumn 2011. The first training workshop was held in March 2012. Since then, it has reached more than 500 scientists, conservationists and government representatives from over 20 countries.

Accurate assessment of the problem is hard. Some whales free themselves, many are never seen, and even in regions with well-established networks, only one in ten entanglements are reported.



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Humpback is shown entangled in discarded trawl net.

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This information is important to achieving the ultimate goal of finding ways to prevent entanglement's happening in the first place.

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WICKENBURG

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heavily traveled, and if you go off the main road and you get stuck or you break down, you're going to have to stay there until help comes or walk out.

Iffy Cell-Phone Coverage

Many of these areas have zero cell-phone coverage. My phone was out of service more times than not. So do take a lot of water with you. I mean a lot. Not just a bottle or two — a case of bottles more like it.

Also, wear sturdy shoes even if you're not planning to hike. You're probably going to see things that will make you want

to get out and take some photos, and the desert has critters, even very small ones, that bite. Plus you may be forced to hike and you don't want to be doing that in your flip flops.

Other Be-Prepared Items

Bring some food, wear long pants and long sleeves, bring a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. A small daypack will be very handy for carrying water on the off chance that you do have to hike back out to the main road and flag down some help.

And, Back In Wickenburg

The Wickenburg area is the ideal place to headquarter for an out-West adventure. It doesn't have the crowds and traffic that

Phoenix has, and it's close to a lot of great small towns, lakes, trails, and fun stuff to do.

For instance, in November they're having a bluegrass festival and a gem and mineral show. On December 10 is the 21st Annual Christmas Parade of Lights.

There are also many other events that you can find on their Web site outwickenburgway.com. Check it out!

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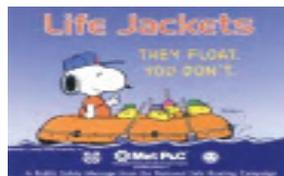
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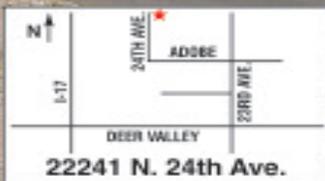
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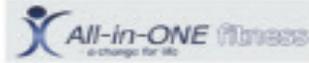
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MOTORSPORTS

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blend of similar interests. Because of that, we plan to capture the spirit of these complementary markets by offering an opportunity to browse, compare and shop for the latest and greatest in offroad vehicles, trucks, Jeeps, sand cars, ATVs, UTVs, 4 X 4s, buggies, rock crawlers, motorcycles, electric vehicles, RVs, toy haulers, travel trailers, boats, pontoons and all related accessory products and services in one convenient place.

Local, Regional, National Brands

"We expect our exhibitor list to represent a mixture of local, regional and national brands," continued Brown. "There's room for everybody at this Expo, no matter how big or small. And what's so appealing about the Windsor 4 venue is that it affords an enormous space

to properly display these extraordinary products. It's the perfect environment at the right time of year for an outdoor Expo of this kind."

Making it even better in 2016 is the recent renovation and expansion of the Windsor 4 special-event area with a brand-new, seven-lane launch ramp and additional parking lot. "We have plenty of room to expand the Expo and accommodate more RVs and boats than ever before," said Brown. "We're also adding a new dimension to the Expo this year which all guests should enjoy — boats in-water at the demo dock ready to take prospective customers for a ride before they make a final buying decision."

A Bonus In 2016

As bonus attractions for 2016, the Sand - Water - RV Expo will also be the host venue for the "FAB 50" Hot Boat Show & Shine" featuring classic restored

speedboats from yesteryear on Saturday plus a separate "Hot Lot" area where privately owned off-road vehicles, boats, RVs, trailers, motorcycles and personal watercraft are for sale.

Also on tap for Saturday evening is the Expo "Rock-It" After-Party sponsored by KJJJ radio starting at 5 p.m. on the Windsor 4 greenbelt with live music by CrossCutt, catered BBQ food favorites by Pirates Den Resort, a cocktail bar and beer garden. Visitors with their paid admission ticket on Saturday to the Expo automatically receive free admittance to the after-party.

Details Of The Event

Walk-ups that evening without tickets pay a nominal \$3 cover charge for "Rock-It" that also includes a free admission pass to the Expo on Sunday. And, for Expo attendees of all ages, don't forget the Havasu Fall Classic Cornhole Tourna-

ment with classes for adults, seniors and juniors with \$500 on prize money on the line for winners sponsored by Black Bear Diners.

The Sand - Water - RV Expo will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19 and on Sunday, Nov. 20 from 9 p.m. to 3 p.m. Adult admission is only \$3.00, children 6 and under are free and on-site parking is also free. Food, beverage and beer garden concessions are on-site, dogs okay on leash. The Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4 venue is located on London Bridge Road approximately one-half mile north of the London Bridge directly behind the Hampton Inn.

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

FREE CAMPING

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ty. 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

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Restrictions

Visitors interested in taking advantage of this offer must either phone the park directly or the Parks Call Center at (602) 506-2930 Monday through Friday

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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.

Credits will not be issued to individuals who reserved campsites prior to August 1, 2016 for the October 1 through November 10, 2016 timeframe. However, this offer is valid on new reservations if individuals decide to extend their stay to take advantage of the promotion.

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