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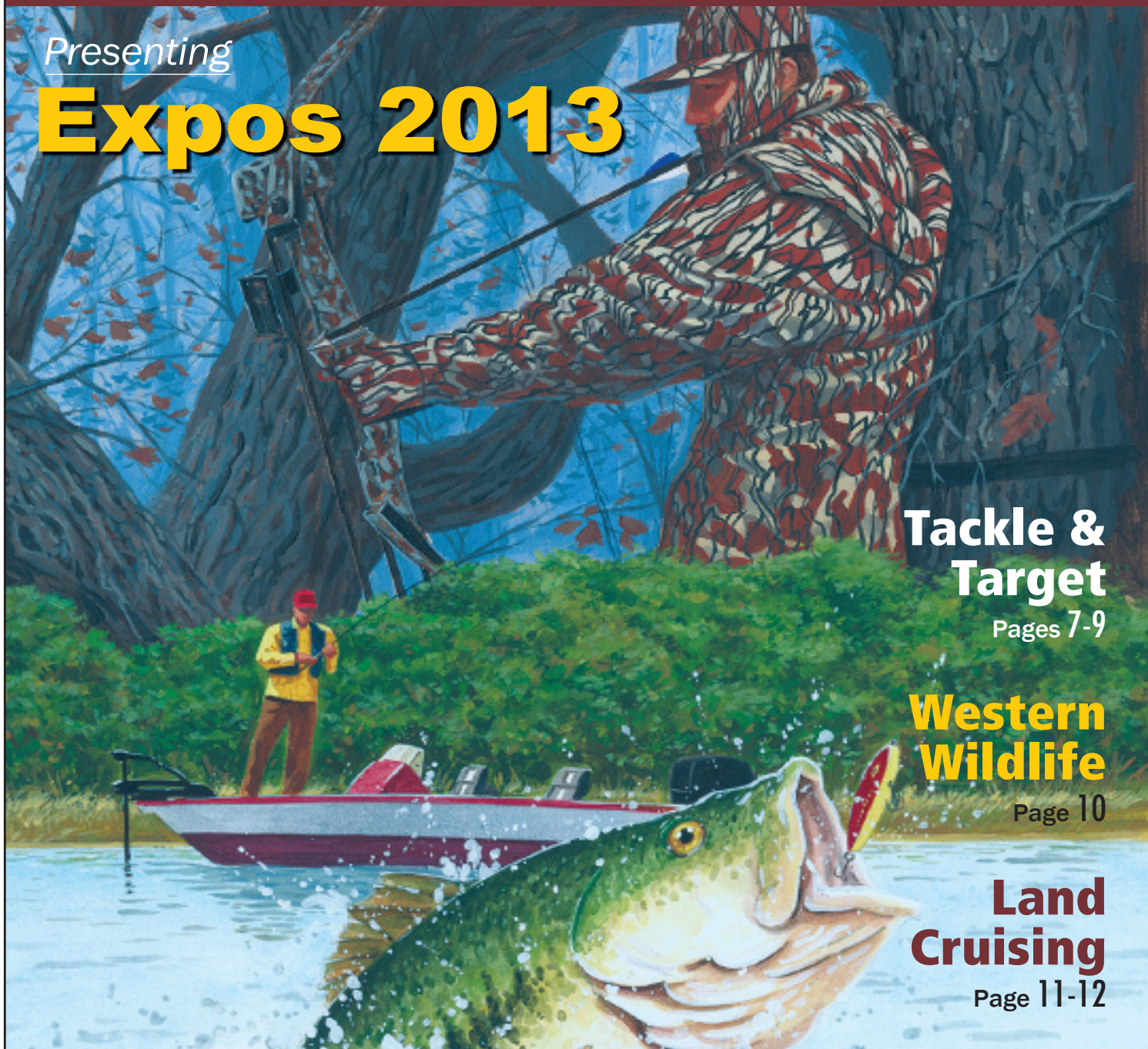
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Expos, Boating Events Just Ahead

Mark Your Calendars For AZGFD Outdoor Expo, March 23-24

Outdoor enthusiasts won't want to miss the Arizona Game and Fish Department Outdoor Expo on Saturday, March 23, and Sunday, March 24, at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix.

The family friendly Expo offers loads of activities, presentations and exhibits for everyone ranging from novices to seasoned outdoor recreationists. Best of all, admission and parking are free.

Activities and attractions include educational live wildlife exhibits (raptors, reptiles, small mammals, more), the huge catch-and-release fishing tanks for kids, target archery, camping demos, the opportunity to try out target shooting and specialty shooting disciplines on the range, off-highway vehicle exhibits and rock crawler demonstrations, field courses, boating



safety exhibits, hunting dog demonstrations, exciting cowboy mounted shooting competition, presentations on wildlife and outdoor recreation, tips from local experts, and the chance to visit with more than 150 exhibitors, including outdoor organizations, government agencies, and vendors of outdoor products and services.



Although admission and parking are free, you might want to bring a little cash to purchase food and beverages from the variety of concessionaires who will be on the Expo grounds, or if you are interested in purchasing outdoor-related products from the vendors who will be on site.

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

The Gold Sponsor for this year's Arizona Game and Fish Department Outdoor Expo is Cabela's.

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

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BSA, ISE Partner For February Sportsmen's Expo

The Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) Grand Canyon Council has partnered with the acclaimed International Sportsmen's Exposition (ISE), co-locating its Scout-O-Rama with the state's largest annual outdoorsmen event for the entire family.

The Sportsmen's Expo will make its 13th appearance in Arizona during the week of Feb. 21-24 at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale. BSA's outdoor Scout-O-Rama, on UoP grounds, will attract 15,000-20,000 youth and family members on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Some of the activities planned for Scout-O-Rama include Dutch-oven cook-



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REMEMBERING A FRIEND

Tom Nunes, USCG AUX Dir. Public Affairs

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Seventh District



Thomas Nunes

Thomas Nunes, shipmate and friend, died Nov. 19 at home surrounded by his children and beloved wife Pamela. Tom was a true warrior who fought a fierce battle against that monster called "cancer" for the better part of the past two years.

Those of us who knew and/or worked with Tom will always remember his decisive leadership skills, his eagerness to continually push the envelope in an effort to

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ON THE COVER

Expos: In And Out

Two of the biggest and most well-attended outdoor expos in the West are coming soon. The first expo is indoors: the International Sportsmen's Expo, during the week of Feb. 21-24 at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale. BSA's outdoor Scout-O-Rama, on UoP grounds, will attract 15,000-20,000 youth and family members on Saturday, Feb. 23.

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Storm Predicted For April 24 Through April 27

From Jim Nichols
LakeRacer, LLC

Desert Storm has over 50 boats signed up as of press time. I have uploaded the list of participants to the LakeRacer Web site; you can click there to see who is coming. It really will be a great event and I know you'll be bummed if you miss it.

My special thanks to each of the sponsors who have made this event possible, especially Teague Custom Marine! Please check out the event poster to see

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Lake Havasu Boat Show Coming Soon

The 22nd Annual Lake Havasu Boat Show is just ahead. This is one of the premier boat shows in the entire Southwest with over 50 different brands including family runabouts, pontoons, fishing boats, wakeboard/ski boats, deckboats, cruisers, PWCs and featuring the cream of the custom high performance sportboat market.

At the Lake Havasu State Park special-event area, there will be food, beverages and a beer garden on-site (no off-site alcoholic beverages or glass containers allowed). Dogs on a leash are okay.

The presenting sponsor is Teague Custom Marine, Valencia, Calif. Co-sponsor is Pirate Cove RV Resort and Marina, Needles, Calif., and the beverage and co-spon-



sor is Romer Beverage Company, Kingman/Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

This premier event runs Friday, April 19 through Sunday, April 21 with a special "Demo Day" (by appointment only) on

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US Phoenix Sail and PowerSquadron has used this OTW trainer to encourage safety education.
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Tackle & Target

Spend The Day At The Docks

San Diego's 34th Annual Day at The Docks is set for April 21.
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Update your boating safety knowledge

Life Jackets

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

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

TYPE I: Offshore Life Jackets

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TYPE II: Near-Shore Vests

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TYPE III: Flotation Aids

These vests or full-sleeved jackets are good for calm waters when quick rescue is likely. They are not for rough waters since they will not turn most unconscious persons face up.



TYPE IV: Throwable Devices

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



TYPE V: Special-Use Devices

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



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

Statewide Boating Safety Education Classes

February 2013

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	February 13 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Sportsmans Warehouse 19205 N. 27th Ave. Phoenix	\$40	(602) 361-3932
Arizona Game and Fish Department	February 16 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Dept. Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
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With over 600 tow boats spread across North America, the law of averages dictates that, eventually, BoatUS towing captains will be thrust into the middle of life-threatening emergencies. BoatUS Towing Services recently honored five of its captains — four with Meritorious Service Awards and one with the BoatUS “Woody Pollack Lifesaving Award” — at a ceremony that recently capped off the group’s annual conference held in Clearwater Beach, Fla.



Capt. Sean McKinney (on the right)

The Woody Pollack award is named after the well-respected towboat captain in the fleet who died at an early age. “Sometimes the routine of a normal day is interrupted by a life-threatening mayday call or an incident that unfolds in front of them, and our captains step in without hes-

itation,” said BoatUS Vice President and Director of Towing Adam Wheeler.

“They are not in the rescue business, but their actions save others. We are very proud of them.” US Coast Guard Chief of Search and Rescue, Captain Peter Martin, presented the awards on behalf of Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS). Here are the details on the Lake Havasu incident:

Woody Pollack Lifesaving Award To Arizona Captain

One Saturday afternoon last summer, Capt. Sean McKinney of Vessel Assist, Lake Havasu, Ariz., was providing a rou-

tine tow to a BoatUS member in Havasu Springs Marina until piercing screams shot through the field of boat slips. McKinney quickly dropped the tow and found the source of the sound a few slips way — it was the mother of a seven-year-old boy who had jumped off the stern of the family’s powerboat as the boy’s father was backing into the slip.

Carrying his first aid kit, just like the one he had in the US Army as a combat lifesaver, McKinney raced into action. The boy had two deep prop cuts to the bone on the calf, and was bleeding badly. Captain McKinney quickly applied a tourniquet,

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Ron and Rose Werner

SAFETY FIRST — Members of the US Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron stand by the OTW trainer they used for On the Water Training recently. The boat and truck are well put together to allow for not only member training but also to aid in getting the word out that the USPS is moving to train their boating public. USPS is currently advising people to get their Boat Operator Certificate (BOC) or practical On The Water training. The BOC is more involved and its certificate carries a higher level of skills. For more information you may call your local Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron for, as they maintain, safe boating is the key to having fun on the water.

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AS BOATING SEASON BEGINS AGAIN

Now Is The Time To Review Boating's Four Principles



By Ed Huntsman
District Eight Recreational Boating Program Manager

A boating accident, often resulting in property damage, personal injury, or more tragically a death, is a terrible way to introduce anyone to the world of boating and water-related recreational activity.

2011, the most current year for which we have Coast Guard annual statistics, was the most catastrophic year since 1998 in the United States for boating-related deaths, injuries and property damage. We now have an opportunity to change our behavior and avoid becoming a similar statistic for last year - 2012.

Terrible Tragedies

While many call the 758 heartbreaking



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deaths and 4,588 boating incidents recorded during 2011 "accidents," following even the most basic rules of good and prudent seamanship would eliminate most, if not all, of these terrible events and the resulting tragic consequences they create.

True enough, you may not be planning an open ocean voyage of several days or weeks and see little need for the basic rules of seamanship to guide your planning for a day on the lake or a weekend fishing trip on the river. But, I can tell you that the water doesn't know the difference and quite often the reason that an ocean voyage is (seemingly) safer is because boaters take the potential hazards seriously and prepare properly beforehand.

Colorado River No Exception

The Colorado River and western inland lakes pose many of the same hazards and opportunities for problems that ocean-going boats and sailors experience—and in some extreme situations — even more.

There are many things to consider before getting out on your favorite body of water with the boat during the year, and the United States Coast Guard joins the National Safe Boating Council and others in offering four easy-to-follow basic principles for a safer year for you and your family on the water before you do. Simply stated, the four principles are as follows:

Wearing life jackets saves lives: Most, if not all, boating-safety education professionals agree that the one single thing that would contribute the most to reducing deaths and saving lives would be wearing life jackets. Statistics show time and time again that many boating fatalities could have been avoided if the victim had only been wearing a life jacket. Wearing a life jacket while boating is like wearing a seat belt when driving or riding in a car. Wear one anytime you are on a boat or even near the water or on a boat dock. And, with the new inflatable life jacket technology in the marketplace, a variety of life jackets are available for those over the age of 16 that

are not bulky, hot or uncomfortable. Don't forget that for those boaters who are 12 years of age or younger, the law requires them to wear a life jacket (properly sized, fitted and worn to the manufacturer's specifications) any time they're on a boat that is underway (not at anchor, made fast to the shore or aground) — even when launching or retrieving your boat.

Boater education saves lives: Get, be and stay prepared: Take a boating safety education course. Statistics show that more than 80 percent of those involved in boating fatalities have never taken a boating safety course or had any other type of formal boating education. The Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power Squadron, state agencies and others have excellent volunteer instructors who offer numerous classes across the country throughout the year. These National Association of State Boating Law Administrator (NASBLA) certified courses offer introductory and basic information in such subject areas as different boat types, things you need to know before getting underway, how to tow and operate your boat correctly, legal requirements, basic weather, boating emergencies and what to do as well as other interesting subject areas about boats and boating. The instructors are knowledgeable, eager, able and ready to help you learn more about operating your boat safely and proficiently. These classes are often offered for a modest cost and in many cases are completely free of charge. Once you complete the brief introductory eight-hour course, check with your insurance agent as most companies offer a reduced insurance premium to educated boat owners and operators.

Safe boats save lives: Get a free Vessel Safety Check from the Coast Guard Auxiliary or Power Squadron. Boats that are properly equipped, in good operating condition, and safe from hazards are less likely to be involved in accidents and fatalities. While the law doesn't require certain items or supplies such as an anchor, visual dis-

stress signals or other safety equipment on inland lakes, Federal requirements on the Colorado River and coast are more stringent and demanding. Local marine law-enforcement officers would be happy to check your boat for you as well. Contact representatives of the Coast Guard Auxiliary or Power Squadron to request a free Vessel Safety Check by visiting www.safetyseal.net and clicking on "I WANT A VSC." Learn what you need to have to make sure your boat is always seaworthy and ready to go.

Sober boating saves lives: Avoid alcohol and other drugs while on or near the water. Approximately 40 percent of all boating fatalities involve the use of alcohol. If you are drunk and get into an accident on the water, but are fortunate enough to survive, you will likely suffer financial and personal consequences such as large fines and the possible loss of automobile driving privileges. Drugs and alcohol don't just impact the boat operator; passengers who have been drinking alcohol, for example, are 10 times more likely to fall overboard. And, if they aren't wearing life jackets, possibly face drowning. You hear it all the time: Water and alcohol don't mix! Arizona is a zero-tolerance state and that means any boat operator impaired to the slightest degree could be arrested. Don't risk a great day on the water—keep a good day good and go home safe.

Safe Boating Is No Accident

Following these four basic boating principles will help keep you safe. The United States Coast Guard and your local and state boating enforcement and education agencies hope that you and your loved ones enjoy boating during 2013 and in the years to come. Safe boating is no accident — keep a good day on the water good by following these four easy-to-follow basic principles.

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The Port of San Diego's 34th Annual Day at The Docks — a free West Coast public celebration and official start of Southern California's spring saltwater fishing season — is set for April 21, announced Catherine Miller, event director.

The 2013 Day at The Dock's theme of "Hook-to-Table" features the world's largest state-of-the-art sportfishing fleet which offers first-class accommodations while traveling to some of the world's most prolific fish-filled waters.

Entertainment, Raffles, Contests

"From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the free celebration continues with live local entertainment and raffles of fishing equipment valued at thousands of dollars donated by sponsors and exhibitors. Throughout the day, Avet Reels and Seeker rods will sponsor contests where you'll be able to match your casting abilities against winners or your knot-tying skills at the Izorline booth against the best, taking home some fantastic prizes," said Miller.

Visitors arrive early and stay late, she said. Parking is at a premium around the Landings but *free* parking and *free* round-trip shuttle service to and from the festival is offered from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For out-of-towners, Ramada Inn, (619) 225-9461 and Best Western, (619) 224-3254 are offering special discounted rates with free parking.

The Latest Displayed

The industry's leading manufacturers will display the latest in fishing tackle and some of the West Coast's recognized ex-

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FINALLY! — Wayne Gustavson finally caught a big striper from Lake Powell after 30 plus years of trying. His 15-pound fish took a deep Thunderstick lure trolled near Lone Rock in Wahweap Bay. This is the second big striper caught trolling Thundersticks in the past two weeks. Jesse Pond from Denver caught a 28.3-pound striper on Jan. 20 at the mouth of Forgotten Canyon.

LAKE POWELL FISHING

In Spite Of Cold Weather, Anglers Are Successful

By Wayne Gustavson

It's been a cold winter at Lake Powell. Water surface temperature bottomed out at 44 F and presently fluctuates between 45 at night and 47 during the "heat" of the day. Water level continues to decrease resulting in the closure of the Castle Rock Cut and the primitive launch ramps at Hite. Luckily, the last cold spell featured an increase in the snow pack in Colorado, which means there will be some runoff this spring.

On the bright side, those anglers who continue to bundle up and venture out have had some very positive success. Bass fishing is slow but occasional bites in the backs of canyons near brush produce some very nice largemouth weighing from 3 to 7 pounds.

Water-level decline strands more and more brush each day so the best bass canyons are those that have long, flat flood plains with ample brush.

Examples of canyons with long flood plains are Wahweap, Warm Creek and Navajo on the southern end. Mid-lake canyons include Halls Creek, Escalante, San Juan and Red Canyon. Find submerged brush and largemouth are close by.

Striped bass schools remain in the backs of the canyons, roaming from 70-foot depths into 25-foot shallows. At Bullfrog, the closest reliable fishing spot is near Dome Rock on the west end of the Bullfrog houseboat field. At Wahweap the closest spot is near Lone Rock.

There are some shaded left in the backs of the canyons so stripers remain there and continue to search for food each day.

When fishing for schooling stripers, the best strategy is to troll with a deep-diving lure or with down riggers or leaded line. Watch the graph to locate schools while trolling.

When a school is observed, mark the spot by tossing a floating marker over the side but continue to troll hoping that the school fish will take the trolled lure. If there are no takers, return to the marker and jig vertically near bottom with spoons. The goal is to hook the first fish, which triggers the whole school into feeding mode.

A troll-hooked fish is often followed by school mates. As that fish is being netted, drop spoons to the bottom to light up the

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Javelina Hunt, Outdoor Fair To Be Held In February

PRESCOTT, Ariz. — For anyone tired of the daily routine, the time might be right to enjoy an old-fashioned camp out.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department, in conjunction with the Arizona Bowhunters Association and the Outdoor Experience 4 All, is offering just such an event: the Javelina Hunt and Outdoor Fair.

The event will be held Feb. 22-24 in the Bagdad area. The dates mark the opening weekend of the general javelina hunting season and the camp is free and open to the general public.

Not Just A Hunt

Those wishing to hunt must already have a javelina tag, but Game and Fish personnel are quick to note this is not just a hunt, but also an opportunity for anyone wishing to spend time communing with nature.

"We'll have a number of presentations, archery will be available, and of course we'll be sitting around the campfire away from our computers and the pressures of everyday life," said Darren Tucker, wildlife manager for Game and Fish. "The focus is to get folks outdoors.



Javelina

Jeff Dean

"This is the ideal opportunity for parents to spend some great time with their children."

Need New Hunters

Tucker is quick to explain there is a need to recruit new hunters, although there's more to this endeavor.

"We understand not everyone wants to hunt, but it is important to understand the critical role hunters play in modern wildlife management," he explained. "Hunting and fishing dollars are the primary funding for wildlife management in

Arizona with no burden on the taxpayer.

"I know there will be a focus on the 'hunt', but this is really about getting outside and spending time with family and friends."

Activities, Displays

Activities available will include shooting archery, and how-to demonstrations will cover wildlife viewing, predator calling, javelina natural history and hunting, glassing and use of binoculars, wild game care, and basic camping skills. There will also be exhibitor areas to explore local sportsmen's groups, manufacturers of outdoor equipment, and retailers of outdoor equipment.

A limited number of volunteers will be available for youth hunters under 18 years old. Those interested in a mentor must pre-register for the mentored hunting program. All youth must be accompanied by a legal guardian at all times.

All those hunting are responsible for their own transportation to the hunting area and this is not a guided hunt. Participants are also responsible for their own camping equipment, hunting equipment,

and food. Weather in February throughout the state can be unpredictable, so dress appropriately.

A Great Opportunity

Javelina are a big-game animal in Arizona. People ages 10 and older with a tag may participate, but youth 10-13 must first pass an Arizona Game and Fish hunter ed-

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The Big Bass Event Of The Season

Save March 15 through 17 for one of the best outdoor shows in Arizona.

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- Military displays, plus
- Cornhole tournament, plus
- Carp bow fishing, plus
- Kids' events daily, plus
- Wildlife exhibits, plus, plus, plus!

Amazing Prizes

Cash prizes total over \$50,000. Among them are the biggest overall bass, \$10,000; the second biggest bass overall, \$3,000, and the biggest bass daily, \$1,000.

And, if that isn't enough, the six hourly weigh-ins bring the winner \$300 and the second through seventh place winners \$100 each.

The kids too: Their top three places each hour win Walmart gift cards.

But wait! There's more. Visit www.billlukesbassdays.com for all the "skinny" on this big event. Or, contact Don McDowell of "Shake, Rattle, and Troll" radio at don@shakerrattleandtroll.com

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perts will conduct seminars periodically at the various stages, revealing their secrets on improved fishing techniques and results. Inexpensive introductory bay tours will be available for the entire family along with displays by marine artists and fishing tackle experts, food, entertainment, kid's fishing, contests, prizes with in excess of 200 exhibitors!

Demonstrations

Several times during the day very large

fish will be presented by skilled crews who then demonstrate the different ways there are to clean and prep a huge fish.

Captains and crews, aboard their boats, will share their wealth of knowledge acquired over a lifetime; other experts will conduct "how-to-do-it" seminars covering different aspects of sportfishing as well as local chefs will offer tips on how to prepare and cook your catch.

For a complete schedule of Port of San Diego's Day at The Docks activities, visit <http://www.sportfishing.org/DAD00/dad2013.html>

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school of trailing fish. Spooning may result in many strippers being caught in short order.

When the school moves on troll to relocate them, hook one and then repeat the process by dropping spoons once more. This combination of trolling and spooning is very effective and has resulted in big catches of strippers during late winter over the length of Lake Powell.

Using this procedure was very good for me on Jan. 31. We trolled deep Thundersticks near Lone Rock and found strippers holding at 35 feet. We caught one fish trolling and another 12 using spoons. We caught another fish trolling and then 10 more with spoons from the second school.

When those fish moved on, we trolled

for the third time. This time a big striper hit the clear/white Deep Thunderstick. It took 10 minutes to subdue the 15-pound striper that was 34 inches long and 20 inches around.

Bigger strippers are more often found in deep main channel water. On Jan. 20, Jesse Pond was trolling with his dad Sean from Denver, Colo. They began trolling a perch-colored Deep Thunderstick on leaded line at the mouth of Forgotten Canyon and hooked a big fish after trolling for only 15 minutes. It took 13-year-old Jesse an hour to subdue his 28.3-pound striper.

Despite the cold weather, fishing is still good at Lake Powell. It may be the best time to catch a trophy fish. We guarantee that you will have the big beautiful lake almost to yourself. You are all invited to experience Lake Powell in the winter.

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Western Wildlife



Keep Wildlife Wild; Humans, Pets, Safe

From AZGFD

Although it is winter in most parts of the state, wildlife encounters still occur. The Arizona Game and Fish Department wants to pass along a few reminders to avoid conflicts with wildlife and how you can help keep wildlife wild.

Arizona is an amazing state, home to more than 800 wildlife species and close to 7 million people. Based on those numbers, humans and wildlife do occasionally cross paths. Although encounters do happen, Game and Fish encourages everyone to get outside and enjoy Arizona's diverse wildlife.

Enjoy With Safety, Respect

The key is to remember some of the following tips:

- Do not feed wildlife, as this will change an animal's behavior. Wild animals that are fed regularly will lose their fear of humans, and adult animals teach young to be dependent on humans for food. This also encourages predators to search for prey in neighborhoods where they do not belong.
- Keep pets on a leash and in view at all times.
- If hiking or camping, learn about the wildlife in the area and their habitats and keep food in tightly secured containers, not in a tent or in your sleeping area.
- Enjoy wildlife from a distance, don't get too close, especially to females with young.
- If you see an animal that looks sick or injured, it is best to leave it alone and contact a regional Game and Fish office or



American Black Bear

local animal control.

• If a bite or exposure has occurred, seek medical attention immediately and call the local health department or Game and Fish.

Rabies is a wildlife disease that affects mammals, including humans. It more typically occurs in bats, skunks and foxes, but there is the potential for other wildlife to carry rabies, and an outbreak can occur at any time of the year.

People can get rabies from the bite of an infected animal, or if saliva from the animal gets directly into a person's eyes, nose, mouth or any break in the skin.

In Arizona, approximately 30 people are exposed to rabid animals every year. The most recent, at the beginning of January 2013, was a bite from a rabid fox near Sedona. The last documented human rabies death in Arizona was in 1981. One way to keep the potential for rabies exposures down is to leave wildlife alone.

And, Around Your Home

In an effort to keep wildlife wild, here are tips for around your home:

- Do not feed wildlife; this occurs intentionally and unintentionally in neighborhoods throughout Arizona.
- Keep pet food and water inside and trash cans secured.
- Keep pets contained; remember not to let them in the yard if wildlife is present. If taking pets on a walk, they should be on a leash.
- Remove things that attract wildlife such as food, shelter, and water. Plan your landscaping appropriately: the trees and plants you use may create great shelter and food sources for wildlife.
- Remember that a simple bird feeder can attract other animals besides birds, such as deer and javelina. It can also attract smaller animals that could be potential prey for larger unwanted animals. A bird feeder should be at least 6 feet above the ground and away from trees, decks or planters. It is always a good idea to have a device attached to the feeder that can catch the seed and keep it from falling onto the

ground.

• Install outdoor lighting; this may frighten wildlife from your home.

Make possible den sites or shelters, including the crawl spaces under homes, unavailable by blocking them with fencing or other devices.

• If allowed in the area where you live, use fences and walls at least 6 feet high, with the bottom buried a few inches underground.

• Ask your neighbors to follow these same steps.

"In our region we have dealt with wildlife issues involving everything from deer to javelina to bears," says Larry Phoenix, Flagstaff area field supervisor. "We have learned that most human/wildlife conflicts in urban areas occur because humans are intentionally or unintentionally providing food, water, or shelter to wildlife."

Phoenix adds, "Urban wildlife can cause property damage, and in some cases, become aggressive towards people, and the last thing we want to do is remove or kill an animal because of human behavior that could have been avoided."

A Community Effort

Reducing conflicts between people and wildlife must be a neighborhood or community effort to be truly effective. If one person in a neighborhood is still feeding wildlife, that person is attracting the animals to the whole neighborhood. Work with your neighbors. Create a community-wide effort. Remember to help keep wildlife from coming into conflict with people because when that happens, everyone loses.

For more information, visit the Arizona Game and Fish Department Web site at www.azgfd.gov



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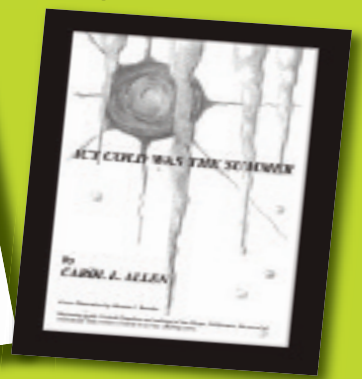
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Lost Dutchman Presents Star Party, Hikes, Events

Star Party, Feb. 14, 7-10pm

The Superstition Mountain Astronomical League will provide various models of telescopes and share the Valentine nighttime sky with visitors. What will be in the sky to share with your Valentine? Meet at the Palo Verde Ramada (weather permitting).

Ranger-Led Hike, Feb. 16, 9am

Ranger Diana leads a guided hike on Prospector's View and part of Jacob's Crosscut, 2.7 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 500 feet. Rated moderate, the hike will last approximately 2 hours. Along the way you will learn about desert plants and animals and legends of the Superstition Mountains. Meet at the Saguaro Day Use Area.

Dr. Sky: An Amazing Night Under The Skies, Feb. 16, 7-9pm

Join Dr. Sky, a radio/TV journalist based in Phoenix, for An Amazing Night Under the Skies. What planets will we see in the dark desert sky? Dress warmly and be prepared to be amazed at the sightings. Palo Verde Day Use Parking

(weather permitting).

Birding Walk, Feb. 20, 9am

Beginning at Cholla Day Use, birders will learn how to tell one bird from another and where one might look to find a particular bird (like a woodpecker). Many birds can be located at the Cholla Day Use area. Then, birders will walk up to Jacob's Crosscut Trail and eventually back to the parking area. Bring binoculars, water to drink and protective footwear. Walk will last approximately 90 minutes. This is an easy, 1-hour hike. No dogs, please. Led by birder Babs.

Moonlight And Music, Feb. 23, 5:30-6:45pm

Russ Marsh will be performing at the Lost Dutchman State Park on Saturday, February 23 in the Moonlight and Music Series. Russ played the guitar and sang whenever he could as he was growing up and also while in the Marine Corps. He has shared the spotlight with Marty Robbins, Mel Tillis, Tex Williams and the Smothers Brothers. A down-home kind of guy, making Americans proud of America is foremost in Russ' thoughts. He writes

and sings of love of neighbors, God, and country. Join us at the Palo Verde Ramada at 5:30pm for some down home country as well as classical music as the Snow Moon Rises.

Ranger-Led Moonlight Hikes, Feb. 23 And 24, 7-9pm

Due to popular demand, we are now offering two moonlight hikes per month. There is a limit of 100 hikers per night, so please call in advance to reserve your space: (480) 982-4485. This is a guided 2.5-mile hike on Jacob's Crosscut Trail at the base of the mysterious Superstition Mountains. Hikers should dress appropriately and wear trail shoes or boots. Please bring a flashlight in case of cloudy conditions. Some parts of the trail are rocky and uneven with occasional steep grades (elevation gain: 120 feet). Participants should be in good health with no walking or night vision difficulties. Trail is not suitable for strollers or walkers. After the hike gather round the campfire for a marshmallow roast (marshmallows and sticks provided). All ages welcome. No pets, please. Parking in the Cholla Day Use Area.



Walk In The Park, Feb. 27, 9am

"Everything you ever wanted to know about this area but were afraid to ask." This hike will begin at the Saguaro Day Use area. Hiking leaders will answer your questions on geology, gold lore and history. This is a 3.2 mile, moderate, 3-hour hike with about 500 foot elevation gain. Meet at Saguaro Day use. Led by volunteer hiking leader Jim and joined by other volunteer hiking leaders.

The Park Entrance Fee is \$7 per vehicle (up to four adults). Primitive to full hookup camping sites are available at a fee of \$15 to \$25 depending on the type of camping site needed. Lost Dutchman State Park is located off of Highway 88 (Apache Trail North) just outside of Apache Junction, Ariz.

Enjoy The Outdoors, Especially On Fee-Free Days

Tonto National Forest joins other federal agencies in offering fee-free days on public lands in 2013.

The upcoming fee-free days honored by the forest are —

- June 8, National Get Outdoors Day
- Sept. 28, National Public Lands Day
- Nov. 9-11, Veterans Day Weekend

"Your national forests and grasslands are a bargain any day of the year, but even more so on fee-free days," said U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "Whether you stay for a few hours or a few days, your public lands are some of the best travel bargains in the nation."

Traditionally, fees are not charged on 98 percent of national forests and grasslands, and approximately two-thirds of developed recreation sites in national forests and grasslands can be used for free. This includes opportunities such as camping and picnicking.

Day-use fees will be waived at all standard amenity fee sites operated by the forest for these listed dates. Camping and campground fees are not waived.

During all other times, the Tonto Pass is required at more than 50 recreation sites including Salt and Verde river locations, boat launch ramps, swimming areas, day use areas, and campgrounds.

A list of Tonto Pass vendor locations is available at the Tonto National Forest website, www.fs.usda.gov/tonto, or call the Tonto National Forest at 602-225-5200.

Salazar Announces Fee-Free Days

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has announced dates in 2013 through Veterans Day when more than 2,000 national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges, and other federal lands will offer free admittance to everyone.

"Our national parks, national wildlife refuges, national forests and other public lands offer every American a place to enjoy outdoor recreation, learn about our nation's history and culture, and restore our souls and spirits by connecting with the natural beauty and wildness of our land," Salazar said. "By providing free admission, we are putting out an invitation to all Americans to visit and enjoy these extraordinary treasures that belong to all our people."

Tourism and outdoor recreation are also powerful economic engines in communities across the country. Recreation on federal lands in 2009 provided 440,000 jobs and contributed \$55 billion to the economy.

The fee waiver does not cover expanded amenity or user fees for things such as camping, boat launches, transportation, or special tours.

Active duty military members and their dependents are eligible for a free annual pass that provides entrance to lands managed by the National Park Service, U.S.

Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and the U.S. Forest Service. The America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Program also offers a free lifetime pass for people with disabilities, a \$10 lifetime senior pass for those age 62 and over, and a \$80 annual pass for

the general public.

Date: Jan. 21

Event: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Agencies Participating: National Park Service; Fish & Wildlife Service; Bureau of Land Management; US Forest Service

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Oracle State Park, Center for Environmental Education, will be open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 8am to 5pm through April 28. Spring activities will include the popular guided bird walks and hikes, tours of the historic Kannally ranch house, and environmental education school programs are offered weekdays by reservation.

Environmental education programs for school children, first through sixth grades, are scheduled by reservation on weekdays at (520) 895-2425. Thousands of students have learned important environmental principles in these ranger/volunteer-led programs over the last two decades.

Each Saturday and Sunday at 10am and 2pm tours of the historic Kannally Ranch House are offered. House tours are

free with park admission. Visitors will learn the stories behind its hand-carved corbels, stenciled walls, hand-formed fireplace, French casement windows and cozy ranch kitchen.

The Kannally Ranch House is a four-level pueblo-revival adobe home with Moorish and Mediterranean influences. It was built by the Kannally ranching family and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The displays include family photos, furnishings and several paintings by "self-taught" cowboy artist Lee Kannally. Picnicking on the patios is welcomed.

Oracle State Park has trails that offer varying degrees of difficulty including a four-mile section of the Arizona Trail that transects the park. Bring your camera, binoculars, notebook, sketchbook, bird-

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Red Rock State Park

February at Red Rock State Park is the perfect place to experience the red rocks of Sedona, several hiking trails, bird-watching and daily special events that feature the opportunity to learn about local geology, archaeology, botany, history and wildlife. The diverse habitat, abundant with plants and wildlife, creates the perfect environment for the Park's mission of providing environmental edu-

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- Date:** April 22- 26
Event: National Park Week
Agency Participating: National Park Service
- Date:** June 8
Event: Great Outdoors Day
Agency Participating: US Forest Service
- Date:** Aug. 25
Event: National Park Service Birthday
Agency Participating: National Park Service
- Date:** Sept. 28
Event: National Public Lands Day
Agencies Participating: National Park Service; Fish & Wildlife Service; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Reclamation; US Forest Service
- Date:** Oct. 13
Event: National Wildlife Refuge Day
Agency Participating: Fish & Wildlife Service
- Date:** Nov. 9 - 11
Event: Veterans Day weekend
Agencies Participating: National Park Service; Fish & Wildlife Service; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Reclamation; US Forest Service



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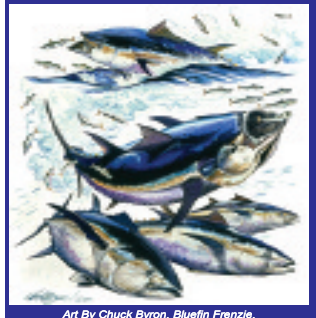
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Many people have been calling to make their Nautical Resort reservations for this year's event and, of course, I have already blocked the rooms for our participants. LakeRacer's online DS2013 registration is available and once you have registered for the event, the Nautical Resort is notified that you are eligible to reserve rooms at the hotel.

Connected To Boat Show

For 2013, Desert Storm will once again be connected to the Lake Havasu Boat Show, which will run the weekend before. Our activities will begin on Wednesday, April 24 with the second annual "Krusin for Kids Event."

For those available to come out early and take these special-needs children and adults for their "Memory of a Lifetime" ride in our performance powerboat, it is a very heartwarming and profound experience.

Those "kids" share so much joy and excitement, you can't help smiling from ear to ear! We'll again have an open house and auction to support the charities that mean so much to these "Kids." I was so pleased last year to be able to write the checks to them for almost \$5000 each.

Close And Personal

Once again we'll bring the boats up close and personal to enthusiasts from all over with the downtown Desert Storm Street Party from noon to nine on Thurs-



day. Then the excitement level hits fever pitch with the Poker Run on Friday and Shootout on Saturday, April 27.

The new shootout course proved to be just what we needed to provide a safer, better-protected course for our participants. Hopefully, that will attract some more great boats and we can put on a much better show and experience in 2013. The weather was so great for the outdoor parties both on Friday and Saturday night, we'll do that again, but make it a tighter and more intimate affair.

For more information, visit www.lakeracerllc.com.

HEROISM

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advised Vessel Assist Lake Havasu Base to summon help, and continued to care and comfort the boy and his family for 20 minutes before emergency responders could arrive to the remote location.

The boy was medevac'd to a Phoenix hospital and survived. McKinney's quick actions, and his ability to keep the boy and

his father calm during the emergency, saved the life of the young man.

Meritorious Service Awards

Other TowBoatUS captains received Meritorious Service Awards; they are Capt. Joe Burkett, Fernandina, Fla.; Capt. Mitch Kramer, Oyster Bay, N.Y.; Capt. Harold Smith, Sandy Hook, N.J., and Capt. Robert Estrada, Lanier, Ga.

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DOWNSTREAM Events Calendar Beginning Mid-Feb.

News Flash from Bartlett Lake Marina

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BOATING

LAKE HAVASU DESERT STORM: April 24-27 — See story on page 1 and visit www.lakeracerllc.com.

LAKE HAVASU BOAT SHOW: April 19-21 — See story on page 1

LAKE HAVASU CITY: MID-WINTER HOBIE REGATTA: March 8-10 — Waters North of the Island, free to spectators, 10 am - 5 pm, 928-854-4697 or <http://www.lhyc.net>

LAKE HAVASU CITY: 10TH ANNUAL APBA MARK HAHN MEMORIAL HAVASU 300: Feb. 23 — Crazy Horse Campgrounds, personal watercraft racing world's longest personal watercraft event, 300 mile team endurance race, begins at 10 am, free, 714-241-9600 or <http://pwcfun.com/markhahn300.asp>

LAKE HAVASU: Through Feb. 18 — 6th Annual Havasu Pocket Cruisers Convention — The Nautical and London Bridge resorts, more than 110 sailors with their pocket-sized sailboats, includes fun races, a show and shine, a poker run, and annual Grudge Match, <http://www.sail-havasus.com>

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GOODYEAR: TRES RIOS NATURE FESTIVAL: March 9-10 — Estrella Mountain Regional Park, celebrate the natural history and heritage of the valley, discover watchable wildlife opportunities, canoe trips looking for wildlife & birds, tours of historic areas, children's area with hands-on crafts, live animals, storytelling, free, 9 am - 4 pm, 623-204-2130 or <http://www.tresriosnaturefestival.com>

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FISHING

LAKE PLEASANT BILL LUKE BASS DAYS: March 15-17 — See story on page 8.

SAN DIEGO DAY AT THE DOCKS: April 21 — Port Loma area of San Diego; see story on page 7.

PARKER: Dam-to-Dam Big Bass Classic Tournament: Feb. 18 — Blue Water Resort & Casino, 928 669-7000 or <http://parkerareatourism.com>

ARIZONA FLYCASTERS CLUB MEETINGS: Second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. — Sunnyslope Community Center; <http://www.azflycasters.org>

HUNTING

BAGDAD JAVELINA HUNT, OUTDOOR FAIR: Feb. 22-24 — See story on page 8.

YUMA: MURPHY'S GUN SHOW: March 2-3 — Yuma County Fairgrounds, 928-726-4420

PHOENIX: 21st Annual Winter Range: Feb. 18-24 — Ben Avery Shooting Range, more than 1,000 gather for the Single Action Shooting Society's National Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting, competitive events, displays of period militaria, exhibitions of western skills and crafts, 100 vendors from period clothing to antiques and reproductions, cowboy entertainment, singers, cowboy bands, trick roping, trick horses, food from chuck wagon cooking to hot dogs, <http://www.winterange.com/>

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LAKE HAVASU: ANNUAL LAKE HAVASU BOAT SHOW: April 19-21, 2013 — Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4; www.lakehavasubootshow.com

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WILDLIFE-RELATED

PHOENIX: Feb. 16 — 5th Annual Walk in the Wild — Phoenix Zoo, walk or run your own pace through a one mile route while learning about cheetahs and the various species of tortoises, mystery stops along the way for an opportunity to collect raffle tickets to be entered in the post-walk raffle, participants receive a commemorative T-shirt, goodie bag and admission into the Zoo for the day, all proceeds benefit the non-profit Phoenix Zoo, walk as a team or as an individual, www.phoenixzoo.org/

ADOBE MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE CENTER AUXILIARY: Feb. 17 with 9 a.m. start — The 8th annual "Bikers Soar for Wildlife Poker Run"; poker-hand participation not required to ride; start and end location is the Buffalo Chip Saloon at 6811 E. Cave Creek Rd.; pre-registration until Feb. 8 (single rider @ \$25 and rider with passenger @ \$35); prices rise after Feb. 8; registration includes lunch and for the first 200 paid registrations, a T-shirt and ride pin; more music and activities plus wildlife viewing; www.azwildlifecenter.net; (623) 587-0139.

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JAVELINA

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uation class. For those 14 and over, the class is still strongly recommended, but not required. For more information on hunter education classes, visit www.azgfd.gov/hunterEd.

For more information or to register, visit www.huntingfair.com. Questions may be directed to dtucker@azgfd.gov.

BOAT SHOW

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Monday, April 22. Hours are Friday, noon-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission for adults is \$3; kids 10 and under are free, and there is no charge for on-site parking.

But Wait; There's More

The Legends by the Lake Car Show will be on Saturday and Sunday on the greenbelt at the Lake Havasu State Park special-event area.

On Saturday and Sunday, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. is the NWSRA Water Ski Racing at the special-event beach, Lake Havasu

DESTINATIONS

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cation programs.

Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. in February, visitors will find bird enthusiasts joining a naturalist for a "Guided Bird Walk" directed at beginning and advanced birders. Bring your own binoculars; only a limited number are available for loan from the park. Visitors will see the many birds that make the park their home.

Daily at 10 a.m., visitors can join a naturalist on a guided nature walk that lasts 1½ to 2 hours and will introduce them to the riparian ecosystem of Oak

Creek and other aspects of the park. Plants, wildlife, geology, history and archaeology are some of the subjects that may be discussed.

Daily at 2 p.m., the park hosts either a guest speaker or a ranger/naturalist led activity of approximately 45-minutes. Programs may include a nature-hike, a special presentation or an educational/nature video. This program may be an indoor or outdoor activity.

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ing, knots and lashing, push carts, monkey bridges, water rockets, archery and more. Families who participate in Scout-O-Rama will also receive ISE \$2 discount coupons.

Scouts Challenge

Inside the Expo, the new Scouts Challenge will offer prizes to troops competing in several activities, including BB-gun and archery ranges, rock-climbing wall, catch-and-release fishing, and a radio-controlled offroad race track, hosted by Arizona Off Highway Vehicle Coalition.

Families and outdoors enthusiasts are invited to participate in Scout-O-Rama for just \$5. Families that include a uniformed Scout enter for free. According to Ty Page, Grand Canyon Council program director, "The lifelong values and basic survival skills these young boys learn are bound to shape who they are for years to come. We foster the values of leadership and personal responsibility, but also, we encourage Scouts to help others along the way. It's going to be a great day!"

Expo Features

Inside the UoP Stadium's 160,000-square-foot space, the ISE 300+ exhibitor companies will sell the hottest new fishing, hunting, off-roading and RVing, boating and camping products and services, also spotlighting travel destinations nearby and around the world.

The Expo features an Adventure Theater, giant fishing-demonstration tank, huge casting pond, two trophy displays, a computer-controlled three-dimensional pop-up target archery range, and a Youth Fair with hands-on activities — all gear and guides included at no charge.

Youth under 16 enter ISE for free, and parking is also no charge.

Grand Canyon Council

The Grand Canyon Council of the Boy Scouts is one of the largest organizations serving youth in the state of Arizona, even including some areas in New Mexico. In total, this council includes some 22, 000

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For further information, send an e-mail to info@SportsExpos.com, visit ISE on Facebook www.facebook.com/sportsexpos, Twitter www.twitter.com/sportsexpophx or tour www.SportsExpos.com. For information regarding the Grand Canyon Council of Boy Scouts of America, visit: <http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org>

About Boy Scouts Of America

Chartered by Congress in 1916, Boy Scouts of America provides boys and young adults an effective educational program designed to build desirable qualities of character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and to develop in them personal fitness. The Grand Canyon Council currently serves nearly 50,000 youth throughout Arizona.

Its vision is to prepare young people for productive adulthood through collaboration with other community organizations. To learn more about the 2013 Boy Scout Scout-O-Rama event, visit <http://www.scouting.org/http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/events/scout-o-rama/40079>

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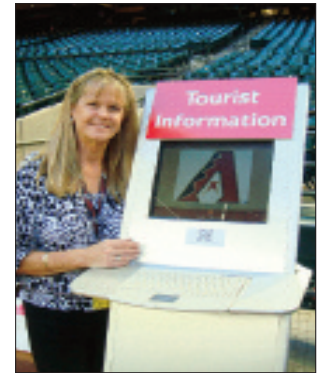
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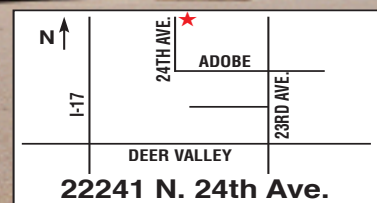
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NUNES

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improve everything — and everyone — around him, and his love for everything "Coast Guard."

We will miss Tom Nunes immensely. Tom's spirit lives on in those of us he touched.

Funeral services for Tom Nunes were held Nov. 23 at Cor-

pus Christi Catholic Church in Phoenix. The family is working with the Funeral Home to organize a burial at Arlington at a later date.

Editor's Note: We first met Tom Nunes at a Phoenix boat show when he was the voice behind "Coastie," the little toy boat that is such a valuable way to get the safety message across to kids. From that time on, and even re-

cently, Tom Nunes continued to be supportive and helpful to AZBW/WOT in our emphasis on water safety. More than that, though, Jim and I are proud to have called him our friend. We shall miss him and send our sincere sympathy to his family and associates.

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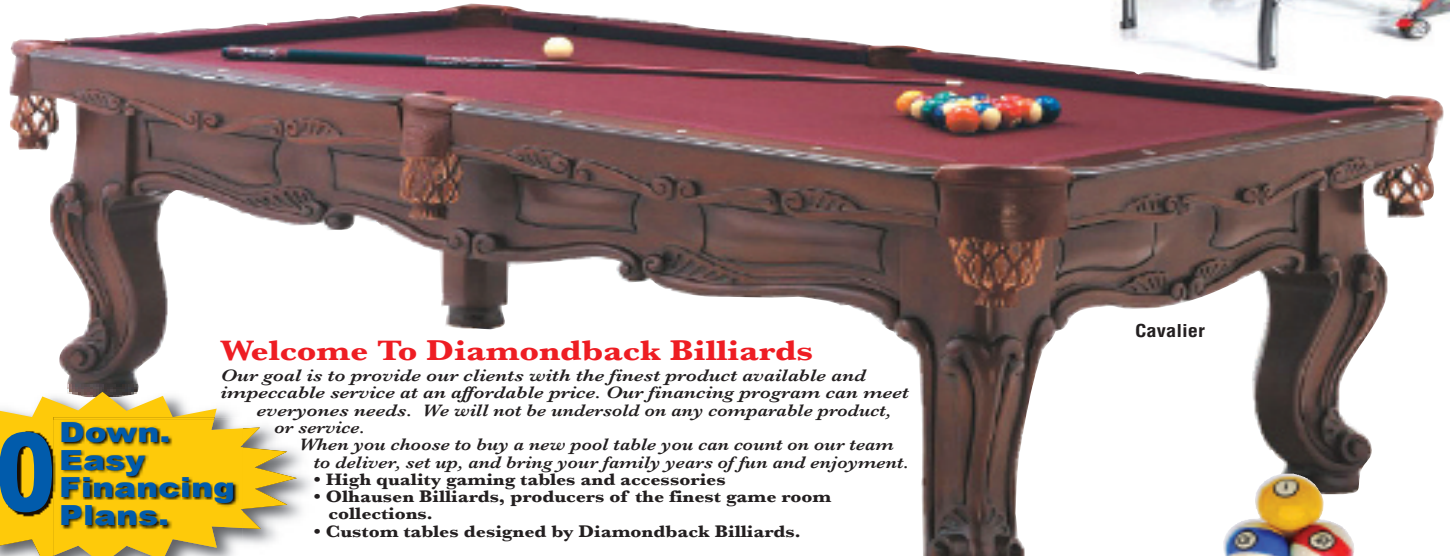
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