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It's Spring: Time To Bring On The Boats!



ARIZONA'S LARGEST BOAT SHOW

Lake Havasu Boat Show Ready To Launch

The 22nd Annual Lake Havasu Boat Show, sponsored by Teague Custom Marine, is only a few days away, opening on Friday, April 19 for a three-day run at Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4 on London Bridge Road.

This year's boat show is bigger than ever with hundreds of boats ranging from everything from affordable family runabouts and pontoons to exotic high-performance sportboats and the latest in personal watercraft.

For those looking forward to attending the boat show, plan on making a full day of it because there will be plenty to do and see for the entire family. In addition to the boats and the many marine accessory exhibits, there are also a "Legends by the Lake" car show, thrilling high-speed water ski racing and an ICS chili cook-off and salsa challenge on the agenda for Saturday and Sunday.

Jacket Swap

Boaters may also want to take advantage

of a special one-day (Saturday, April 20) life-jacket swap program generously provided by the Department of Arizona Game and Fish. Just bring your old/used life jacket to the boat show on Saturday and exchange it for a new one at no charge. The life jacket swap begins at 10 a.m. at the AZ Game and Fish booth and will continue until the supply is gone.

If you happen to be a fan of A&E Network's hit reality TV series, *Barter Kings*, stars of the show, Steve McHugh and Antonio Palazzola, will be making a personal appearance at the boat show on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. to meet and greet fans. This is your chance to get a free autograph and take a photo or two. New episodes of *Barter Kings* will begin airing later this summer.

Besides Boats

Because Lake Havasu City is known as a mecca for beautifully restored hot rods, local residents of Lake Havasu City are encour-

aged to participate at this year's "Legends by the Lake" car show.

"We still have room to accommodate some more cars," commented event chairman, John View of the London Bridge Yacht Club. "The registration fee is just \$35.00 per car which includes a free event T-shirt, dash plaque and a chance to win some great raffle prizes. Our goal is to make this another outstanding Lake Havasu tradition. More information about both the boat and car show and how to participate is available online at www.lakehasubootshow.com.

Boat show hours are Friday, April 19 from noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and kids 10 and under are free. Parking is also free.

Food courts and two beer gardens will also be open to serve visitors. For those interested in buying a new boat, boat demos

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IT'S BIG! — The upcoming 22nd annual Lake Havasu Boat Show is Arizona's largest. Launching on Friday, April 19, the show runs for three days at Lake Havasu State Park, Windsor 4 on London Bridge Road. Everything from family boats to high-speed performance craft (and most everything in between) will be featured.

Media Direction

PERFORMANCE PLUS

Desert Storm Heats Up Havasu

From Jim Nichols
LakeRacer LLC

There are days left before Desert Storm week arrives in Lake Havasu! If you're thinking of joining, please get signed up; we have plenty of room for more Poker Runners and Shootout entries. The Nautical Resort is, of course, sold out, but many places still have rooms available.

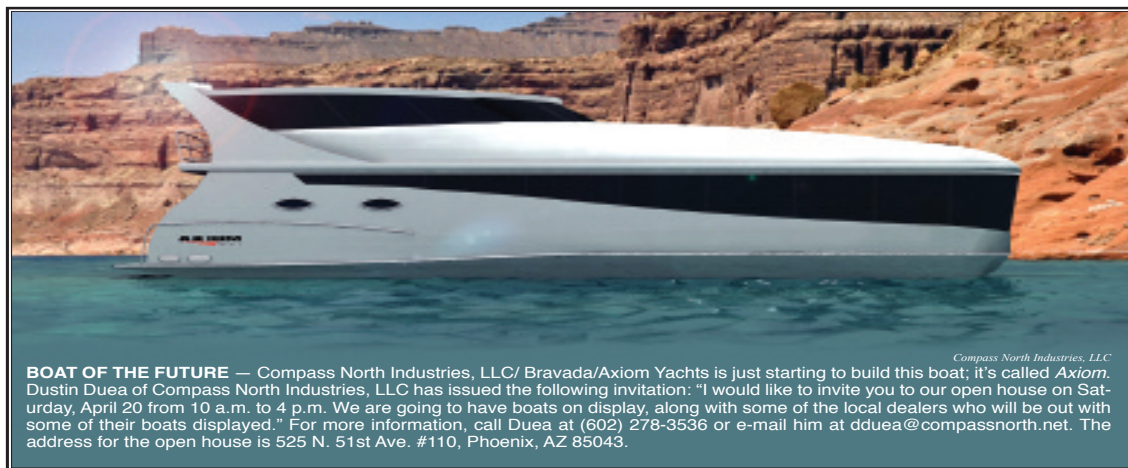
At press time, 115 boats have signed up; I'm sure many of our regular participants are so busy they haven't sent in their registrations. Come on guys,

let's blow the doors off and show the East Coast how we roll!

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 all of the sponsors!

Get involved — not just on a participant level; do you have friends or family in Havasu or elsewhere who would like to help? Word of mouth is a great resource for us!

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BOAT OF THE FUTURE — Compass North Industries, LLC/ Bravada/Axiom Yachts is just starting to build this boat; it's called *Axiom*. Dustin Duea of Compass North Industries, LLC has issued the following invitation: "I would like to invite you to our open house on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are going to have boats on display, along with some of the local dealers who will be out with some of their boats displayed." For more information, call Duea at (602) 278-3536 or e-mail him at dduea@compassnorth.net. The address for the open house is 525 N. 51st Ave. #110, Phoenix, AZ 85043.



ON THE COVER

Hot Stuff Ahead At Lake Havasu

From April 19 to 21, the Lake Havasu Marine Association's 22nd annual Lake Havasu Boat Show will host over 50 different brands, including family runabouts, pontoon boats, fishing boats, wakeboard/ski boats, deckboats, cruisers, and personal watercraft. As part of the show on that Saturday and Sunday, some of the finest chili chefs in the southwest appear at the International Chili Society Home-style Chili Cook-off and Open Salsa Challenge.

Lake Racer and Teague Custom Marine are back with the 15th annual Desert Storm Shootout and Poker Run, April 24 to 27. Desert Storm begins April 24 with Krusin' For Kids as volunteers provide boat rides and activities for children and adults with special needs from throughout Arizona. The renowned Street Party is Thursday night, and the famous Poker Run is Friday -- with participants in high-performance boats running from point to point

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Good Company

No-Kill Shelter Needs Help

Here is a link to a no-kill shelter in New Mexico that really needs some help. <http://www.furandfeather.org/>. See story Page 18.





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Update your boating safety knowledge

Discharge of Oil and Other Hazardous Substances

It is illegal to discharge oil or other hazardous substances

- ◆ You must dispose of oil waste in an approved oil waste container
- ◆ Use bilge absorbents (bilge pillows) in the bilge area to absorb any oil or fuel, preventing it from being pumped back into the water. Secure the bilge pillow to avoid interference with the bilge pump and blower system.

If your vessel discharges oil or hazardous substances into the water:

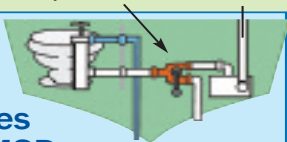
- ◆ Call the U.S. Coast Guard at 1-800-424-8802.
- ◆ Also report the discharge to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality at 1-800-234-5677.

- ◆ If boating on federally controlled waters and your vessel is 26 feet or longer, you must display a 5 x 8-inch placard near the bilge pump switch that states the Federal Water Pollution Control Act's law.

Discharge of Waste

- ◆ State Law prohibits humans and vessels from discharging any sewage into the waters or onto the shorelines of Arizona. Use portable toilets provided on the shore or the floating portable toilets. Consult a lake map for the locations of portable toilets.
- ◆ If you have a vessel with installed toilet facilities, it must have an operable marine sanitation device (MSD) on board. All installed devices must be U.S. Coast Guard certified. Vessels 65 feet in length or less must use Type I, II, or III MSD. Vessels over 65 feet must install a Type II or III MSD.

"Y" valve must always be closed
Drainage to pump-out station



Types of MSDs

A Type III MSD is the simplest and most common, consisting of a holding tank or portable toilet. Waste is to be discharged into a pump-out facility.

Discharge of Trash

It is illegal to dump garbage, plastics, debris, or filthy or smelly objects or substances into any Arizona waters or shorelines. Many forms of litter can kill birds, fish, and marine mammals.

- ◆ You must store trash in a container while on board and place it in a proper receptacle after returning to shore.
- ◆ If boating on federally controlled waters and your vessel is 26 feet or longer, you must display a Garbage Disposal Placard that is at least 4 x 9 inches and notifies passengers and crew about discharge restrictions.

Statewide Boating Safety Education Classes

April 2013

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	April 20 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 East Broadway Road Tempe	\$15	(480) 822-7855
Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron	April 24, May 1, 8, 15 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Must attend all classes)	Sportsman Warehouse 19205 N. 27th Ave. Phoenix	\$40	(602) 361-3932

May 2013

Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	May 18 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Dept. Headquarters 5000 W. Carefree Hwy. Phoenix	\$0	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game and Fish Department	May 18 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Marine Max 1840 East Broadway Road Tempe	\$8	(623) 236-7219
Arizona Game and Fish Department	May 25 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Mohave County Library 1770 McCulloch Blvd Lake Havasu City	\$5 per family	(623) 236-7219

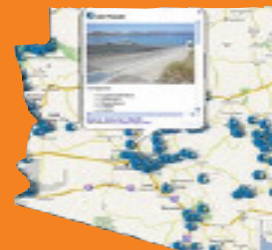


Designate A Sober Mate Or Captain

- ◆ A boat operator with a blood alcohol concentration above .10 percent is estimated to be more than 10 times as likely to die in a boating accident than an operator with zero blood alcohol concentration.
- ◆ OUI laws pertain to ALL boats from canoes and rowboats to the largest ships.
- ◆ Sun, wind, noise, vibration, and motion — "stressors" common to the boating environment — intensify the side effects of alcohol, drugs, and some medications.
- ◆ Impairment can be even more dangerous for boaters than for drivers, since most boaters have less experience and confidence operating a boat than they do driving a car. Boaters average only about 110 hours of boating per year.
- ◆ Alcohol is dangerous for passengers, too. Intoxication can cause slips, falls overboard, and other dangerous accidents.

Boating and Fishing in Arizona is Opportunistic

Did you know that boating and fishing locations and facilities in Arizona are abundant considering most non-residents think Arizona is just Desert? Check out Arizona Game and Fish Department's interactive maps for boating and fishing that include images, amenities information and driving directions. Visit www.azgfd.gov/watercraft.



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REMINDER

PWC Operators Need To Comply With EPA Standards

PAGE, Ariz. — A new Personal Watercraft (PWC) regulation went into effect on January 1, which requires PWC operating on Lake Powell to meet 2006 emission standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The NPS delayed implementation of this regulation for ten years to minimize impacts to PWC owners and provide time for people to plan for this new requirement. "We are actively reaching out to the boating public about this change and will take the opportunity next summer to continue to educate park visitors on Lake

Powell," said Superintendent Todd Brindle.

In recognition of the need to protect park resources while supporting the recreational interests of visitors, the National Park Service (NPS) signed a Record of Decision on June 27, 2003 allowing PWC use to continue under a special regulation with additional management requirements. One of the requirements, codified in 36 CFR § 7.70(c)(3) states:

After December 31, 2012, no one may operate a PWC that does not meet the 2006 emission standards set by EPA for the

manufacturing of two-stroke engines. A person operating a PWC that meets the EPA 2006 emission standards through the use of direct injection two-stroke or four-stroke engines, or the equivalent thereof, is not subject to this prohibition and will be allowed to operate as described in this section.

36 CFR § 3.9(a) allows PWC use only in national park areas where authorized by special regulation. Glen Canyon began a planning effort in 2002 to determine whether PWC was an appropriate use. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

was prepared to evaluate whether to allow, restrict or discontinue PWC use.

The EIS examined three management alternatives and included an analysis of how each alternative affected visitor safety, visitor experience, water quality, air quality, soundscapes, wildlife, park resources and park operations.

Several opportunities for public involvement were provided during the planning process, with over 30,000 comments received.

Additional information is available at www.nps.gov/glca

Arrival Of Boating Season Brings Safety Reminders

The Arizona Game and Fish Department wants to remind all boaters, anglers, and personal watercraft users that this year's boating season has arrived and to please exercise safe, responsible practices when on the water.

Safe boating recreation is a must, and

everyone should take a minute and remember to check your boats, personal watercraft and all equipment before launching at your favorite lake or waterway. Make sure you have all required safety equipment, such as proper life jackets and working fire extinguishers. The

Arizona Game and Fish Department is also here as a resource for education and training when it comes to water sports, including all paddle sports.

First Fatality

Arizona had its first fatal boating accident in early March, when an experienced kayaker traversing a remote area on the East Verde River drowned during a tragic accident on March 9. The incident is a reminder that weather and water conditions can present challenging circumstances for even the most experienced kayakers or paddleboaters. Visit www.americancanoe.org/?page=Top_10 for a list of helpful safety tips.

Game and Fish also reminds boaters to not drink and operate a boat. The department will be conducting sobriety checkpoints at various lakes and waterways throughout Arizona over the next several months.

"Impaired boat operators have been proven to increase the risk to those who want to enjoy safe boating and watercraft recreation. 42 percent of all fatal boating accidents since 1993 involve alcohol," stated Kevin Bergersen, AZGFD Boating Law Administrator. "Although our boating officers and other agencies' boating officers have seen an increase in the number

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Status: Registration Open
Cost: \$40
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This Is Where The Desert Meets The Sea

Just shy of 4.5 hours south of the U.S.-Arizona border in the second-largest state in Mexico lies a truly unknown treasure for anyone and everyone who loves the ocean. The Sea of Cortes, affectionately named the "World's Aquarium" by Jacques Cousteau, brings the beauty of the sea to the land of the desert perfectly in this ocean lover's paradise.

With a population of around 10,000, give or take a 1,000, this quaint little *pueblito* is nestled along the irregular and stunning coastline that provides a character not found in more famous or populated areas of Mexico. Over the years, adventurous Americans and Canadians have found this waterfront wonder and made it home for some part or all of the year.

The attractions include the weather, the low cost of living and the laid-back lifestyle, but make no mistake about it, the main attraction is the water.

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- So, if you are not already here, hurry up; paradise awaits!

Over 4,000 Expected At Cabo Marine Boat Show

LOS CABOS, Mexico — For the last four years, one of Mexico's most popular boat shows has been held annually at the IGY Marina in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The Cabo Marine Show returns on May 1 through May 4 in an event that is expected to draw more than 4,000 visitors from mainland Mexico, the United States and Canada to explore the best nautical and marine-industry products and services that Mexico has to offer.

There are many reasons as to why projections have visitor numbers increase more than double since the show's debut four years ago. In 2012, the dates were modified to accommodate the G20 Summit held in Los Cabos, pushing the event back to the first week of July.

In addition, the economy has drastically improved compared to 2011 and 2012 in Los Cabos. Last, the safety and

security found in the destination is unparalleled and people have come to understand this fact.

Sergio Igartua, founder of the Cabo Marine Show explains more about this year's high expectations, "For the 2013 event, we are expecting more than 1,000 visitors per day during our new four-day event program. We also will have up to 50 industry exhibitors ranging from yacht brokers to marine-industry brands and makes such as Azimut, Bertram, Beneteau, Fairline, Sea-Doo, Suzuki and Mercury Marine, among others such as the privately owned *Spirit of Two Thousand & Ten* luxury megayacht."

The Cabo Marine Show is much more than a nautical event. It is about creating a network between exhibitors and local business owners as well. The show features more than 50 local, national and in-

ternational companies with dozens of the newest boats, gadgets, engines, marine gear and accessories.

The Cabo Marine Show is unique in the sense that it offers live entertainment nightly, with local musicians playing for the public. With a superior location on the marina waterfront, access to the top restaurants and hottest bars is another perk. Today, it is the only boat show in Mexico that offers an open-air, in-water setting with free admission to the general public in the heart of the downtown area in Cabo San Lucas.

For more information, please visit www.cabomarineshow.com. For exhibitor rates and information, please contact MAA+Eventos in Mexico City at 011+52 (55) 5605-5054 or email info@maaseventos.com

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skiing, wakeboarding, or just cruisin'.

In addition, belonging to the Boat Club is an excellent way to teach your kids the fun of watersports.

Maybe, in the future, you will want to commit to buying your own boat, but, as

you try "boating on for size" first, you will have the experience without the costs of purchase, insurance, maintenance, etc. In other words, it's a chance to "try before you buy."

Worth checking out when you are at Bartlett are the jet skis and other boats to rent. One of our favorites at *AZBE/WOT* is the 20-passenger party boat. Two other plusses this spring are that all the campgrounds are open, and the lake level is at its highest in three years.

Take a look: blmboatclub.com or bartlettlake.com or give them a call: (602) 316-3378 or (480) 221-0503.

Outdoor Expo Draws 35,000 Over Weekend, Record 17,000 On Sunday

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's 2013 Outdoor Expo drew 35,000 people over the March 23-24 weekend at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix. Sunday's attendance of 17,000 was a record for an Expo Sunday.

"High mid-morning winds on Saturday temporarily closed a couple of attractions and may have affected that day's attendance, but we still drew a good crowd of 18,000 on Saturday," said Game and Fish Assistant Director Ty Gray. "Sunday's weather was almost perfect, and overall, this ended up being one of our best events yet."

In addition, 3,500 schoolchildren, teachers and chaperones attended the Expo Youth Day on Friday, March 22, meaning 38,500 people total attended over the three days.

The Outdoor Expo is an annual event conducted by Game and Fish to give the public the chance to learn about wildlife-



related and outdoor recreation activities, including wildlife viewing, fishing, hunting, archery, shooting sports, camping, off-highway vehicle recreation, and boating recreation.

In addition to the hands-on activities, more than 150 exhibitors were on hand, including sportsmen's and conservation organizations, government agencies, and commercial vendors of outdoor products and services.

The Gold Sponsor for the 2013 Out-



door Expo was Cabela's. Silver Sponsors of the Expo were Remington, Waste Management, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Bronze Sponsors were Sportsman's Warehouse, Iron City Polaris, A to Z Equipment Rentals and Sales, and Mule Deer Foundation. Other sponsors included HomCo Ace Hardware Tempe and White Flyer Targets.

Next year's Outdoor Expo will be held on March 29-30, 2014, at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stick It To Those Mussels!

Trailer boating as we knew it is no more because of these critters!

Editor,
I went to a training session in Lake Mead in October and the alarm bells went off. With no real plan being developed by the agencies, other than "its the law," I was fearful California, Arizona, and Nevada could kill our weekend boater traffic.

So, we called a meeting and proposed the sticker program. We branded it — "Sticker a Mussel!" and were able to get full support, especially from the California border stations, which hold our future in their hands. The program has been rolled out, and you can see the start on our Web site, redone by Bob Brown of Media Directions: (www.lhmarineassn.com).

Let's chat. We made this portable- any organization dedicated to "Sticker a Mussel!" can use all of our materials and will receive full support from the "Game and Fishes."

You could play an important role in this movement. It's astounding how little the boating industry and the public really understand about what is happening. Bob and I have been immersed in this for the last six months and we are still amazed.

Jim Salscheider
Lake Havasu Marine Association

SAFETY

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of designated operators around the state, they also arrested 53% more impaired boat operators in 2012 than 2011."

Checkpoints, Classes

Bergersen said that multi-agency sobriety checkpoints and on-the-water saturation patrol efforts are planned for this summer and will include high-traffic waterways such as Lake Pleasant and the Colorado River and its reservoirs. "Removing impaired boaters from the waterways is critical in creating a safe, enjoyable recreational environment," he said.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department encourages boaters to take part in a boating education class. Interested parties can look for available classes on the department website, www.azgfd.gov/outdoor-recreation/BoatingEducationCategorypage.shtml and on page 3 of this issue.

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Women Of The Outdoors Offer Learning Opportunity

By Marsha J. Bidwell

Arizona Outdoors Activities Group is a non-profit Meetup group that was founded by Kathleen Winans and Marsha Bidwell in September 2010.

One of the things we noticed with other outdoor groups was that they were run primarily by experienced outdoors men who seemed to miss the details when it came to showing single mothers, or beginner outdoors men, and women the basic skills necessary to be comfortable and safe in an outdoor environment.

After meeting each other at a campout involving cooking for over 100 people,

Winans and Bidwell realized that their combined experience with years of scouting, kayaking, quads, fishing, equestrians, hiking, and camping could offer new members activities that previously would only be learned through scouting — if it were available — or passed down from father or mother to son and daughter.

A Chance To Experience

Basically, if you were not a former Scout, or were raised in a camping-outdoors family, you had never had the opportunity to experience the outdoors or receive the right information to ensure your safety, and comfort. Plus, you could



never share the experience and joy of the outdoors with your friends, and family.

We have members who have lived primarily in urban areas come out to one of our camping trips and were amazed by the sounds, smells, and sights around them. Soon, those new to the outdoors were finding themselves out on one of the kayaks paddling the lower Salt River, or on the back of a horse riding for the steak house, hiking a guided hike at the end of the day at one of South Mountain's many scenic trails, or seeing the Grand Canyon for the first time on one of our many campouts.

It is not uncommon for one of the many organizers to set a member adrift on a kayak for the first time, check the cinch on a saddle, help set up a tent, bait a hook, have a potluck dinner after a day of skiing, lead a hike, or cook an outdoor breakfast to teach our members the ease of these skills — as well as what they will need to do these things for themselves.

And, The Best Part

As our members advance, we have asked them to share their experience so that the loop of experiences never closes. Most of our organizers started as members.

The best part of our group, is that anyone interested in the outdoors, whether experienced outdoors men or women, a single parent, or one who has never have stepped foot outside the boundaries of the city can join our group and are certain to find an activity that suits them. All that is needed is that they go to our Web site at <http://www.meetup.com/ArizonaOutdoorActivitiesGroup/> and click on the "Join Us" symbol on the Meetup page.

Follow the prompts and that's it; you're a member! The membership is free, but we do ask for a tax-deductible donation of \$40.00 a year to help reserve campsites, pay for the holiday dinners, food and fuel for the camp, cards, and signs, and cover the cost of the Web site.



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The Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation is soliciting nominations for this year's inductees into the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame.

The Outdoor Hall of Fame annually recognizes individuals and organizations that have made significant and lasting contributions toward Arizona's wildlife, the welfare of its natural resources, and the state's outdoor heritage.

To submit a nomination, download a form at www.azgfd.gov/w_c/ArizonaOutdoorHallOfFame.shtml, fill it out, and return it along with all supplemental materials by April 25 to —

Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation

c/o Arizona Game and Fish Department

Attn: Ben Alteneader, DOHQ
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Nominations may also be submitted by fax to (623) 236-7299, or by e-mail to Ben Alteneader at BAlteneader@azgfd.gov. For further information call (623) 236-7334.

This year's inductees will be honored on Aug. 17 at the foundation's annual banquet at the Chaparral Suites Scottsdale, 5001 N. Scottsdale Road.

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Space Still Available For 'Becoming An Outdoors Woman'

If you would like to learn outdoor skills such as fly-fishing, archery, wilderness medicine or paddling a canoe, you'll want to sign up for the spring Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) workshop scheduled for April 19-21 at Friendly Pines just outside of Prescott. Space is currently available but could fill up fast.

The workshop, sponsored by the Arizona Wildlife Federation in partnership with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, is geared toward adult women and introduces them to outdoor skills in an enjoyable, non-threatening environment with expert instructors. Classes are held during the day, and the evenings are filled with fun and entertainment such as night hikes, fly tying, and motivational speakers.

There are more than 30 different classes to choose from, including birding, hiking, shotgun shooting, wilderness medicine, geocaching, horsemanship, and more.

Participants stay in rustic cabins, but there are showers and bathrooms in each

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The Yellowtail Derby Now A Spring Fishing Feature

A Bit Of History

The first 28 years of the Yellowtail Derby, began the end of March 1946 and ran for six months. Anglers were more interested in tuna in the fall. We listened! The move to spring in 2011 brought many more anglers into the competition, as well as the number of fish caught, including the winning 39.5 lb. Yellowtail caught in the waters off La Jolla. The Yellowtail Derby has added excitement to the traditional yellowtail spring bite.

Fast Forward To 2013

The Yellowtail Derby will be competed from May 4-June 9. This is a Jackpot Tournament with 100 percent of the entry fees being returned to the anglers in \$\$\$ and exciting prizes. At the 2012 Awards Banquet, the 2012 Winning Angler was "weighed in" and awarded his weight in "Ballast Point Pale Ale".

This year, the fishing area remains at 80 miles south of San Diego's Point Loma

and north to the Orange County line and 80 miles west. All fish caught must be weighed-in daily at certified weigh stations.

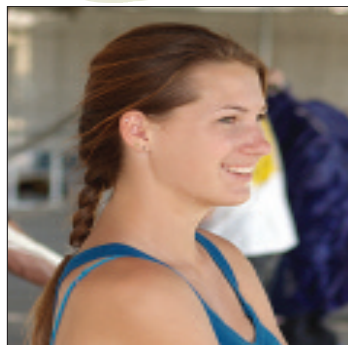
Excitement is already building, and, according to organizer John Campbell, in excess of 500 entrants are anticipated over the 36 days of competition beginning May 4. The invitation to fish is open to all comers, including Arizonans, all of the 37 fishing clubs in San Diego County, and others. The derby will be promoted beyond San Diego via mass media, as well as on the Internet.

The charity will be benefiting the IGFA Junior Fishing Program.

Miss Yellowtail Derby 2013

Tourney officials have announced the selection of the 2013 Miss Yellowtail Derby, Chanelle Innis, a San Diego College student — and, as her father Jack Innis, she certainly knows how to fish. She recently set an IGFA Junior World Record for corbina.

More information is available online at www.internationalyellowtailderby.com.



CONGRATULATIONS, CHANELLE! — Chanelle Innis is Miss Yellowtail Derby 2013. The 22-year-old studies cultural anthropology at San Diego Mesa College and is transferring to San Diego State next year. She set an IGFA World Record as a Female Junior for Corbina in 2004.

Verde River Watershed Fish Management Plan Process Begins

COTTONWOOD, Ariz. — The Arizona Game and Fish Department has begun creating a watershed-based fisheries management plan for the Verde River and is accepting public input on the development process.

The plan, when ultimately finished, will provide the department's fisheries personnel with a practical tool to help guide decisions regarding both sport fish and native fish management.

"This is the first time Game and Fish will be using the Watershed-based Fish Management Process (WFMP)," said Matt Chmiel, fisheries program manager at the Game and Fish Region 3 office in Kingman. "The process was developed through the efforts of the multi-agency Statewide Fish Management Team, which examined best fisheries management practices to balance the dual mandates for sport fish opportunities and native fish conservation."

The team's mission now is to apply that process to the Verde River watershed.

The public is invited to view the Watershed-based Fish Management Process at www.azgfd.gov/VerdeWatershed and provide comment to VerdeWatershed@azgfd.gov. Comments will be accepted through May 9.

Comments may also be submitted by U.S. mail to Arizona Game and Fish Department, Verde Watershed Fish Management Process, Attn: Matt Chmiel, 5325 N. Stockton Hill Road, Kingman, AZ 86409.

"It can be a complicated process, but we believe the benefits of having this plan in place to use as a guide when making decisions will be worth it," Chmiel said. "This



Verde River

will be a good thing for the Verde River watershed."

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LAKE POWELL REPORT

It Looks Like, Fishes Like Spring

By Wayne Gustavson
http://www.wayneswords.com

Stripers are still running along the canyon walls in the southern lake. They spilled into the main channel 3 weeks ago and have been eager to hit bait offered by anglers ever since.

I have heard they are chasing boats, begging for anchovies. Well, that may be a bit much, but if you pass over some hungry stripers please stop and feed them!

Glen Canyon dam still holds the majority of the fish, but many are behind the barricade out of casting range. The Chains parking area offers good shore fishing near the dam.

It may be easier to consistently find willing stripers by looking farther uplake near Buoy 3 on the corner before arriving at Antelope Canyon. After passing through Antelope Marina, the next spot is the south wall near the Power Plan intake. Striper schools are spread randomly for a mile along the wall.



Wayne Gustavson

SIX SPECIES — Rod Thompson, Sandy, Utah, found great fishing in Good Hope Bay with his wife and son. They caught six different species of fish and thoroughly enjoyed the variety and unique experience provided by Lake Powell in the springtime.

There are other good main-channel locations, but these are all that are needed to catch a cooler full of fish. Immediately put

harvested fish on ice to preserve eating quality.

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AZGFD Gives Optimistic Spring Angling Report

Hello, anglers!

You've probably seen it before: Every stretch is different. The way the banks wind and present a new portrait of our meadows and trees and mountains changes with each jaunt to another fishing hole. Spring surely is here.

As we hit another stretch of above-average seasonal spring temperatures, the opportunity to hit the White Mountain and Mogollon Rim streams and lakes will broaden. Unfortunately, many lakes and streams remain inaccessible, but any day now —

Rarin' To Go

One lake is raring to go. Willow Springs Lake was ice covered last week, and now is ice free, full and spilling. The lake can be accessed by a dirt road to Sardine Point Along with Tunnel Reservoir and Woodland Lake, Willow Springs has been recently stocked with rainbow trout. Concho Lake already has received a rainbow-trout load. The summer stocking schedule tells the whole summer-stocking story.

The catch-and-keep season is here at Silver Creek, as about 50 anglers recently lined up along the creek just before sunrise for rainbow trout, some of which measured 18-24 inches.

Stockings

Apache trout will be stocked in mid-May. The upper section is closed to angling, but the rest of the creek is open to general fishing regulations through Sept. 30.

Of the Williams lakes, Kaibab Lake, Cataract Lake, Dogtown Lake and Sante Fe have been stocked. Of the Flagstaff lakes, Lower Lake Mary has been stocked, Francis Short Pond is being stocked weekly and Oak Creek is now stocked.

The largemouth bass spawn in shallow waters is turning on statewide, striped fishing reportedly is hot in Lake Powell, and at Lees Ferry; the swallows made their annual return to the canyon, followed a day later by the first primary midge hatchings, which only will intensify as the weather warms.

Road Closure

If you're headed to the Ferry, take note: On Feb. 20, a portion of road on Highway

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Draw Results For 2013 Elk, Pronghorn Hunts Available

From AZGFD

The draw results for Arizona's 2013 elk and pronghorn antelope big-game hunts are available by visiting <https://az.gov/app/huntdraw/home.xhtml> and scrolling down to the "View results and bonus points" link. Applicants can also find out if they were drawn by calling (602) 942-3000 and selecting option two.

There were more than 142,000 applicants for this year's elk/pronghorn antelope draw for hunts or bonus points, and 26,308 tags were issued. The total number of applications, including those submitted on paper and online, was approximately 103,665.

Hunt permit-tags for successful applicants, and refunds for unsuccessful or rejected applicants/applications (less application fees), were expected to have been mailed out by April 19.

There are about 130 leftover elk tags, available on a first-come, first-served basis by mail or in person. A list of leftover tags is available online at www.azgfd.gov/draw and will be available for purchase by mail or in person as follows:

By Mail

Applications submitted by mail will be accepted by the department beginning



April 22 and must be mailed to Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Draw/First Come, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086. Please do not mail applications to any PO Box.

In Person

Beginning at 8 a.m., April 29, hunters may also purchase leftover tags and submit their applications in person at any of the seven Arizona Game and Fish Department offices.

Some of the leftover elk tags are for Hopi hunt open areas and are available to everyone, both tribal members and non-tribal members, through the first-come first-serve process.

Military Hunts

For those who qualify, there are also some leftover elk tags for military hunts at Camp Navajo; contact www.campnavajo.com or call (602) 540-3873 for additional information on Camp Navajo hunts.



Western Wildlife



Venom Begins To Flow As Weather Warms

Snakes, spiders, scorpions, lizards are ready to emerge.

KINGMAN, Ariz. — While spring continues to maintain its erratic grip on daytime temperatures, the inevitable emergence of snakes, spiders, scorpions, and lizards remains just around the next upward swing.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is reminding the public that some simple rules can help the public avoid a potential dangerous encounter.

"Probably the simplest rule is always to know where you are putting your hands and feet," said Zen Mocarski, information and education program manager for the Game and Fish Region 3 office in Kingman.

Snakes

Mocarski said in the spring many snakes will be seeking the warmth of the daytime sun, but during the heat of summer will seek out shade during the day and do most of their hunting during the evening hours.

"Rattlesnakes are synonymous with Arizona," he said. "As well they should be. We have 13 species of rattlesnake in this state."

The most common throughout the state is the western diamondback, but where many rattlesnakes are found will depend on the existing environment. The dubious sidewinder is found in sandy areas while



the black-tailed can be found from elevations ranging from nearly sea level to 9,000 feet.

"But the rules for all these snakes is to know where you are placing your hands and feet," Mocarski said. "While accidental bites can occur, following this one simple rule can help people avoid the majority of encounters."

If bitten, Mocarski said people should forget everything they've seen in old movies and seek medical attention immediately.

"There's no such thing as an ordinary rattlesnake bite," Mocarski said. "People often ask me which is the most dangerous rattlesnake and my reply is simple: 'The one that just bit you.'"

While the Mohave is widely accepted as having the most potent venom, the diamondback, as the most common rattlesnake, accounts for the most bites and deaths.

While less common within city limits, Mocarski said rattlesnakes can certainly find their way into the urban environment, as can spiders and scorpions.

Spiders

"There are two spiders considered a threat to humans in Arizona; the black widow and brown spiders," Mocarski said.

Most spider bites will not require medical attention, but individuals should pay attention to the reaction.

"Everyone reacts differently to venom," Mocarski explained. "The best course of action is to contact a poison control center and listen to the advice from medical professionals."



Scorpions

As for scorpions, Mocarski said the sting of most species is a bit more severe than that of a bee.

"But remember, there are people out there who can die from a single bee sting," he warned. "The bark scorpion is the only scorpion considered a threat to people in Arizona, but anyone stung should always pay attention to how they are reacting."

Mocarski said young children are of particular concern due to their natural curiosity.

"They want to explore their environ-

ment, so it is important to begin their education at a young age," he explained. "Keep the message simple with those very young, such as 'come get mommy or daddy if you see anything in the house.' And teach them not to pick up anything."

Lizards

As for lizards, Mocarski said the only one dangerous to humans is the same one that can be easily avoided: the Gila monster.

"It wants nothing to do with people," Mocarski said. "Leave them alone and they'll leave you alone. While I'm sure there has been an accidental bite somewhere throughout history, I've yet to hear about it."

"And remember, the Gila monster is protected in Arizona, so it is against the law to disturb, harass, or remove these animals from the wild."



AZGFD Seeks To Raise Public Awareness Of Restricted Wildlife

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is seeking to inform and educate the public about certain species that are "restricted live wildlife" which cannot be imported, exported, or possessed without a special license or lawful exception.

The issue has arisen because of recent cases in the Tucson area involving possession of Gila monsters, among the most common restricted live wildlife. Other common species include skunks, hedgehogs, deer, Gambels quail, snapping turtles, clawed frogs, alligators, and piranhas.

See http://www.azgfd.gov/eservices/special_licenses/pdfs/rules/R12-4-406.pdf for the complete list of restricted live wildlife in Arizona.

"Different species are on the list for different reasons. Either they pose a public safety threat, they are native wildlife, commercial trade has or may impact popula-

tion numbers, or they pose a danger and/or disease transmission risk to native wildlife, livestock, pets, or humans," said Regional Supervisor Raul Vega of Game and Fish in Tucson.

Monkeys are a special case. The only primates on the restricted live wildlife list are the great apes, which are orangutans, chimpanzees, and gorillas. Therefore, it is lawful to own any other species of primate.

However, by state law, a legal primate must be confined to the owner's private property, and transported by the owner only by cage, crate, or carrier. In addition, the legal owner of a primate may only transport it to or from a licensed veterinarian, into or out of the state for lawful purposes, or within the state to complete a lawful sale. Human contact is strictly regulated to prevent public safety issues.



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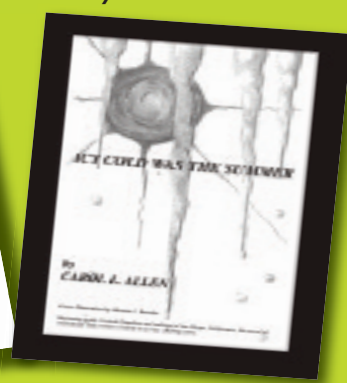


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Catalina State Park Celebrating 30th Anniversary

Catalina State Park in Tucson, Arizona will be celebrating its 30th anniversary on May 4, 2013. Arizona State Parks and the Friends of Catalina State Park are co-sponsoring a daylong celebration that will take place at the Park.

The day's activities will commemorate the founding of the Park in May 1983. There will be guided hikes throughout the day starting at 7 a.m. Beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until 4 p.m., there will be interpretative programs, live animal displays, informational booths from partners and friends, activities for children, food trucks, vendor booths and a raffle.

There will also be a star night party between 7 and 9 p.m. where visitors can explore the night sky through astronomers' telescopes. The official ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. The list of speakers will be announced at a later date.

The Park was dedicated by then Governor Bruce Babbitt on May 25, 1983. He described Catalina State Park as Arizona's first "great urban park." The Park attracts between 170,000 and 200,000 visitors each year from all over the world.

The Park plays an important role in the communities of northern Tucson, Oro Valley and Catalina. Many people who live and work in these areas visit it regularly with their families to hike, camp, picnic, ride bikes and horses and walk their dogs. Many local groups and associations such as the Tucson Audubon Society, local schools such as Basis Schools, Citizens for Solar, and the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection organize events at Catalina State Park.

Catalina State Park has a significant economic impact on Pima County. People who visit and camp at the Park patronize many local businesses. They also visit other sites in the area. A 2009 report by Northern Arizona University estimated that the Park created 262 jobs in Pima County.

The Friends of Catalina State Park (FOCSP) is a 501(c)(3) organization that is registered in the state of Arizona. Its mission is to solicit funds and mobilize public support for projects and activities at Catalina State Park.

Catalina State Park's regular Park Entrance Fee of \$7 per vehicle will be waived for this event. Primitive to full hookup camping sites are available at a fee of \$15 to \$25 depending on the type of camping site needed. Catalina State Park is located on State Highway 77 (Oracle Road) at mile marker 81, just nine miles north of Tucson and six miles north of Ina Road.

For information about all 27 Arizona State Parks, the Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle Programs and State Historic Preservation Office call (602) 542-4174 (outside of the Phoenix metro area call toll-free (800) 285-3703), visit the website and online camping reservations at AZStateParks.com, Twitter/Facebook AZStateParks.

Arizona State Parks Board Approved 15 Trails To Be Added To The State Trails System

The Arizona State Parks Board approved 15 trails to the Arizona State Trails System at the March 20, 2013 Parks Board meeting.

Arizona State Parks manages the Arizona State Trails System that has been established to recognize and promote non-motorized trails that are of special interest or significance to both Arizona's residents and visitors alike.

Recreational trails in Arizona offer a wide variety of recreational opportunities. To provide for recognition of various types of trails, State Trail designations are categorized as Urban, Cross-State, Recreation, Interpretive Historic, and Paddle. Currently, over 700 designated trails are included in the State Trail System.

The following trails have been accepted into the State Trails System, as recommended by the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) and approved by the Arizona State Parks Board on March 20, 2013 due to their significance and the special interest standing they hold within vast network of recreational trails in Arizona:

Lake Pleasant Regional Park-Anthem/I-17 Connector Trail-13 miles, Maricopa County

Mule Deer Trail-3.4 miles, Maricopa County

Sonoran Trail-0.8 miles, Maricopa County

Verde Trail-1.2 miles, Maricopa County

Tortoise Trail-0.7 miles, Maricopa County

Rock Knob Trail-0.6 miles, Maricopa County

Chuparosa Trail-0.5 miles, Maricopa County



Shallmo Wash Trail-1.7 miles, Maricopa County

Alamo Springs Trail-4.1 miles, Town of Marana

Cochise Spring Trail-3.3 miles, Town of Marana

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Arizona State Parks Board Authorizes Eight Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Projects

The Arizona State Parks Board authorized eight Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation Fund projects totaling \$778,563 at a recent 2013 Parks Board meeting. The statewide OHV Program uses funds from the state Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund and the federal Recreational Trails Program (motorized portion) to fund projects that meet the high priority needs identified in the 2010 State Trails Plan.

The Arizona State Parks Board's volunteer advisory committees (Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG) and



the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC) review project applications periodically and make

funding recommendations to the Arizona Parks Board. In addition to trail and facility improvements, the funds can be used for mitigation of damage caused by OHV activities, cultural and environmental compliances, and education projects/programs and law enforcement.

The eight projects approved for funding include —

• \$61,410 to the Bureau of Land Management (Kingman Field Office) to complete route evaluations, install kiosks, and

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County, City Of Williams Re-Open Cataract Lake County Park April 13

Following a \$2.1 million investment from Coconino County voters, Cataract Lake County Park reopened to the public in Williams April 13.

"Renovating Cataract Lake County Park is a project and investment that was a long-time coming," said County District 3 Supervisor Matt Ryan, who represents Williams on the County Board of Supervisors. "This truly is an investment not only in our county parks system, but in the Williams community as well. Visitors can now enjoy amenities, while taking in breathtaking lake views."

Renovations to Cataract Lake County Park, located at 1500/1510 North County Club Road in Williams, were funded by the Coconino Parks and Open Space Program, a sales-tax initiative approved by county voters in 2002.

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Lower Javelina Trail-1.7 miles, Town of Marana

Upper Javelina Trail-2.8 miles, Town of Marana

Wild Burro Trail-6.3 miles, Town of Marana

Wild Mustang Trail-3.8 miles, Town of Marana

Colorado River Nature Center Trail-1.25 miles, City of Bullhead City

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Rocks, Raptors, Reptiles Highlight Oracle State Park's Weekend Programs

Spring activities at Oracle State Park, Center for Environmental Education, include wildlife programs (see schedule below) guided bird walks and hikes, tours of the historic Kannally Ranch House, and environmental education school programs are offered weekdays by reservation.

The following wildlife programs are free with park admission, but reservations are suggested by calling the park office at (520) 896-2425:

April 21: Celebrate Earth Day at a Butterfly Talk and Walk with Marceline Vandewater. Details will be announced at a later date.

April 27: Live Hawk Talk with wildlife rehab specialist Kathie Schroeder ongoing between 10:30am and 12:30pm in the ranch house. Meet "Sueno" the Harris Hawk and ask questions.

April 28: Reptile Walk with herpetologist, Ed Moll, begins with 11am presentation followed by a walk to find and identify lizards and other reptiles.

April 28: Papermaking with Desert Plants Workshop with Val Bembek, local paper artisan, from 1 to 3pm. Learn basic papermaking using mold and deckle in vats of iris leaf, ocotillo flower, creosote leaf pulps and take home a dozen or so handmade sheets. \$15 workshop fee includes park admission.

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.

Other ongoing weekend events include a park wildlife slide show, edible fruits display, and the junior ranger program is available anytime. Guided bird walks with M.E. Flynn are held every first and third Saturday of the month beginning at 8:15am and guided hikes of three to five miles with Gaston Meloche are held every second and fourth Saturday of the month beginning at 9am. Make reservations for the hikes by calling (520) 638-5404.

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 book and leash for your pet.

Oracle State Park is located northeast of Tucson in the northern foothills of the Catalina Mountains and features quiet picnic spots, miles of hiking trails, stunning views of the mountains, access to the Arizona Trail plus other oak-woodland trails.

PROJECTS

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renovate trail within their management area.

- \$289,826 to the Coconino National Forest (Flagstaff Ranger District) will develop a trail system and support facilities south of the Flagstaff airport,

- \$12,585 to the Coconino Trail Riders (a non-profit OHV user organization) for tools and personal protective equipment to be used to assist the Coconino National Forest in construction their trail system,

- \$97,000 to the Bureau of Land Management (Tucson Field Office) for improvements within the Middle Gila OHV area,

- \$128,842 to the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (Lakeside Ranger District) to continue trail renovation work on the Maverick OHV Trail,

- \$113,800 to the Bureau of Land Management (Yuma Field Office) to complete route evaluation, install signs, and provide maps for the La Posa Management Unit,

- \$72,100 to the Bureau of Land Management (Lake Havasu Field Office) to complete route evaluations and provide route signage and maps within their management area, and

- \$3,000 to the Arizona Game and Fish Department to install route signs within the Alamo Lake Wildlife area.

The Arizona State Parks OHV Recreation Fund (revenue from gas taxes attributed to OHV use) has been in existence since 1991 and has funded more than 100 projects totaling over \$10 million to provide OHV trails, support facilities, trail signage, and OHV maps; mitigate resource damage; and support OHV education and law enforcement.

In 2008 the Arizona Legislature authorized a new Off-Highway Vehicle "Sticker Fund" which started producing revenues in January of 2009. A \$25 fee is charged for off-highway vehicles each year and that sticker is then attached to the license plates of these vehicles. Revenue from sticker sales has added over \$2 million per year to the OHV Recreation Fund. The fund is shared with the AZ Game and Fish Department (35%) and State Land Department (5%). Projects are solicited two to three times annually and information about that schedule and the application process is available at the State Parks website at <http://AZStateParks.com/grants>.

State Parks develops the OHV recreation plan every five years with input from land managing agency staff, OHV user organizations, individual OHV users, and the general public. The 2010 State Trails Plan can be viewed at <http://AZStateParks.com/publications>.

For information about all 27 Arizona State Parks, the Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle Programs and State Historic Preservation Office call (602) 542-4174 (outside of the Phoenix metro area call toll-free (800) 285-3703), visit the website and online camping reservations at AZStateParks.com, Twitter/Facebook AZStateParks.

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Some Ways To Get Involved

Krusin' For Kids, April 24: If anybody would like to volunteer their boat for rides, volunteer their time on the docks, or donate an item for the auction money for the event please contact Christina christina@lakeracerllc.com or 623-238-1330.

Poker Run Day, April 26: If you would like to take a military hero for the day of the Poker Run please contact Christina christina@lakeracerllc.com or 623-238-1330 so you can be added to the list. Lake Racer will provide all wrist bands for the hero you will be providing the experience!

Safety boats (Poker Run day and Shootout): If you or someone you know is interested in being a safety boat or safety boat crew, please contact Jim Jr at jtm@lakeracerllc.com. We still need safety boats!

While the Desert Storm staff won't make it to the Lake Havasu boat show this year, we will be putting the finishing touches on the best event in the West. We always look at each event and learn what might be improved and try to incorporate changes that seem warranted.

Changes For 2013

So, what have we changed this year? A few key things such as New Horizons has been selected for the Krusin 4 Kids Charity and some really special auction items have been found for the Wednesday night open house at OCM of Lake Havasu.

The Street Party will have a more compact footprint with quite a few boats never seen here before. Plus, we've added a

charity auction during the Street party, (located at Scott drive) with tons of special boating-related items to bid on.

A more compact and intimate Poker Run Village for all our on shore activities with a new stage and 60 LCN screen video wall to see the new Pegged 2 video as well as video shot though out the weekend.

A better-organized Desert Storm shootout on last year's new location: It proved to be a hit with the racers, the Coast Guard and public, so this year we'll add a better PA system and bring in a World War II Biplane Aerobatics Team to provide event more entertainment!

Bringing It All Together

With the help of many great people, we have worked hard to bring it all together again. Starting off with a day of charity with our "Krusin for Kids" Charities, giving very special people rides in the boats we love so much! Sharing our boating passion with special guests from New Horizons in Lake Havasu. Seeing them flash a smile as big as all outdoors just can't be beat!

Along with the boat rides, we're hosing a pool party for the kids at the Nautical Resort infinity edged pool. That evening we host an Open House at OCM of Lake Havasu, which includes a charity auction for this great organization.

It seems everyone is looking forward to the Desert Storm Street Party, we're showing off a fantastic array of street and waterborne equipment our participants and sponsors have brought to show and run. The show opens at noon and you can get up close and personal to the most unbelievable works of art ever produced out of fiberglass and steel.

Check out the marine auction, (at Scott Blvd) with some discounts on cool stuff. It's all for Krusin for Kids Charities so come in and bid on the great items we have gathered to raise money for this great charity.

Spoiling Our Troops

The charity poker run that started all of this action is what has brought many of the

boats to Havasu and Friday looks to be a super day on the water with some great prizes awaiting the winners. Once again our great military liaison, Karen Gill, has out done herself in getting the Marines to release 20 of our troops back from Afghanistan and Iraq to come to Havasu and be spoiled rotten by our participants.

Please volunteer to adopt a soldier for the day and show them how much their service really means to us! Let me or Christina know if you have space available. I must really thank the Days Inn and Travel lodge for helping us house them while they're here!

Shore Activities

All shore activities will be in our Poker Run Village on the Nautical Golf Course. The Nautical Resort is again hosting lunch during the noon time break of the Poker Run.

Then we'll have the Friday night card turn in party food; Romer Beverage/Bud Light hosted Beer, videos and a series of DJ's guaranteed to rock the night, stick around and enjoy a great night!

My thanks to Burning Retina Lighting and Transport (Anarchy Boats) for providing such a cool stage, light and sound system with a 60 LCD screen video wall for your entertainment! Check out the huge screen of the new Pegged 2 video!

But Wait; There's More

The shootout is always a great time; anyone can try their boat for a "First In Class" Trophy!

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Come out to Site Six Marina where we'll have boats and rigs on display, food vendors and a PA system announcing the boats and speeds. Don't miss the noon to 1:30 pm World War Two Biplane aerobatics show. These Boeing a75n1 Stearman Trainers with their radial engines are one of my favorite planes.

Awards Party And Dinner

Saturday night, it will back to the Nau-

tical Resort for our Awards party and dinner in the Poker Run Village; where we'll honor our winners and give away thousands in cash and prizes. New for this year is a "Desert Storm Underground" after-hours party. After we present the winners and awards, limos will show up at the Nautical Resort to haul willing souls to the special hot-spot location being hosted by River Dave's Place, catered by Shugrues and sponsored by many of his forum advertisers. Including a hosted open bar, it should be a party for the record books!

Always Open To Suggestions

All of us at Lake Racer are open to suggestions, comments and concerns; please feel free to e-mail any of us in regards to anything Desert Storm! We take pride in the event being safe, fun, and large, and the only way to maintain this is to keep the participants and spectators happy. All of this means constant change and evolving on our part!

Please drop us an e-mail and let us know your thoughts: Jim Sr. — jimn@lakeracerllc.com, Jim Jr. — jtm@lakeracerllc.com, and/or Christina — christina@lakeracerllc.com.

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are available on a by appointment basis immediately following the boat show on Sunday afternoon and all day on Monday, April 22.

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along the lakeshore, gathering playing cards at stops for the best hand and a chance at a \$10,000 prize. The highlight is the Shootout on Saturday when competitors race on a two-mile course to determine who has the fastest boat in the West.



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4TH ANNUAL CABO MARINE SHOW: May 1-4 — Los Cabos International Boat Show; <http://cabomarineshow.com/>

BOATING

LAKE HAVASU CITY: May 18 — Waterless Boat Races - one part stock car racing, one part demolition derby, one part boat racing, features cars pulling boats (without trailers) around the Havasu 95 Stock Car Speedway, the object is to finish the race with as much boat left as you can, afterwards, the stock car racing, 928-716-6300 or <http://www.havasu95speedway.com>

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

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

CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

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

PATAGONIA LAKE STATE PARK: May 18 — Annual Mariachi Festival

CLASSES/SEMINARS

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

FISHING

LAKE HAVASU CITY: May 18-19 — 30th Annual Western Outdoor News Lake Havasu Striper Derby - Nautical Inn Resort, 2/person teams, \$100,000 in prizes, the largest of its kind anywhere in the west, perfect for novice and family teams, entry includes event shirt & hat, team goodie bag, Sat. BBQ & beach part and Sunday awards ceremony, 714-546-4370 or <http://www.golakehavasucity.com> or <http://www.wonews.com>

SAN DIEGO DAY AT THE DOCKS: April 21 — Port Loma area of San Diego; see story on page 1

YELLOWTAIL DERBY: May 5-June 9 — San Diego; see story on page 7.

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

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cabin. Class materials, food and lodging are all included in the \$250 registration fee (\$300 if you sign up for the horsemanship class).



OUTDOORS ACTIVITIES

FLAGSTAFF: May 18 — Flagstaff Frenzy - Campbell Mesa Trail System, mountain bike race, last race of the 2013 MBAA season, riders will be at altitude, and climb a bit, expect pine trees, moving back the Mount Elden and Dry Lake Hills Trails, staging at Ft. Valley Trail Head off of Highway 180, utilizing a combination of the Ft. Valley Trail System and some of Flagstaff's best trails in the Mount Elden/Dry lake Hills area, including Sunset, Little Bear and Schultz Creek, <http://www.mbbaa.net>

TUCSON: May 10 — 23rd Annual Mt. Lemmon Hill Climb—Mt. Lemmon, road bike ride, followed by an optional lunch at Summerhaven, includes four sag stops, round trip to Ski Valley is 56 miles, with 6,600 feet of elevation gain and 4.5% average grade, \$10-15, <http://www.bikegaba.org>

GLOBE: May 4 — Salt River Canyon Bike Ride - 85 miles, with approximately 8,500 feet of climbing. The course takes you from the mining town of Globe up through open, desert vistas, down into the Salt River Canyon and up into the Ponderosa Pines of the White Mountains, <http://www.bikegaba.org>

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CURLING BONSPIEL: April 19-22 — The 501(c)(3) non-profit Coyotes Curling Club will be hosting its three-day-long event, the 10th Annual Desert Ice Bonspiel at the Ice Den in Scottsdale, Arizona. This 32 team, international tournament will find teams from as far as Vancouver, British Columbia, Calgary, Alberta, and Bridgeport, Conn., to as close as San Diego, Calif., and Dallas, Texas. For more information on the Desert Ice Bonspiel, please contact our Bonspiel Chairperson Karen Tait at Karen@deserticebonspiel.com or call 480-688-4426.

Swimming:
TEMPE: May 19 — 12th Annual Tempe International Triathlon — Tempe Town Lake, the oldest triathlon at Tempe Town Lake and is an Arizona Classic, offers a completely shaded transition area, a beach start, custom finisher medals and women's specific sized tech T-shirts, swim 1500 me-

ters, bike 24.9 miles, run 10 km; or swim 1/4 mile, bike 10 miles, run 3.1 miles, 6:30 am, 928-607-6737 or <http://www.trifind.net>

TEMPE: May 16 — Ironcare Splash & Dash + Swim Only — Race 4 — Tempe Town Lake, presented by Triple Sports, Splash 750m or 1500m/Dash 5km; Swim Only 750m or 1500m, a unique event with a relaxed atmosphere that is suitable for all levels of athlete, \$35-40, 6 pm, <http://www.4peaksracing.com/>

TEMPE: May 2 — Ironcare Splash & Dash + Swim Only — Race 3 — Tempe Town Lake, presented by Triple Sports, Splash 750m or 1500m/Dash 5km; Swim Only 750m or 1500m, a unique event with a relaxed atmosphere that is suitable for all levels of athlete, \$35-40, 6 pm, <http://www.4peaksracing.com/>

WILDLIFE-RELATED

PRESCOTT: May 24 — Zoo By Moonlight - Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary, visitors are encouraged to bring their flashlights and see the nocturnal animals of the Zoo, 6-9 pm, <http://www.heritageparkzoo.org>

GRAND CANYON: May 18 — 6th Annual Celebrate Wildlife Day — activities celebrating the park's wildlife including endangered species, join Grand Canyon Rangers and wildlife biologists for special programs, interactive exhibits, hands on activities and live animals from Arizona Game and Fish's Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center of Phoenix, 10 am — 5 pm, 928-638-7789 or 928-638-7645 or <http://www.nps.gov/grca/naturescience/wildlife-day.htm>

PAYSON: May 11 — 18th Annual Payson Wildlife Fair — Green Valley Park, wildlife-based activities, parents and kids can fish, play games and get a close-up look at

wildlife, coop between the Arizona Game and Fish Dept., Mogollon Sporting Assn, US Forest Service & Parks & Rec., free, 9 am — 6 pm, 928-947-5242 ext 7 or <http://www.paysonparks.com> or <http://www.paysonrimcountry.com>

WICKENBURG: May 4 — International Migratory Bird Day Celebration — Has-sayampa River Preserve, join for an early celebration of the journey of migratory birds between their wintering grounds to the south and their breeding grounds in North America, docent led bird walk, bird banding demonstrations, presentation by Rich Glinski author of Raptors of Arizona, \$5 fee includes trail access all day, 12 and under free, 8 am — noon, 928-684-2772 or <http://www.nature.org/arizona/preserves>

SIERRA VISTA: May 4 — International Migratory Bird Day Spring Festival — San Pedro House, by the Friends of the San Pedro River, the Sonoran Joint Venture, US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management includes interpretive walks, guided bird walks, workshops, displays, demonstrations and hummingbird banding, Nature Expo and exhibits, free, 7 am, 520-417-6960 or <http://www.sanpedroriver.org/> or <http://www.visitsierravista.com/>

DEAD HORSE RANCH STATE PARK: April 25-28 — Birding and Nature Festival

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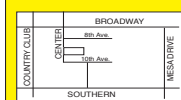
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Northern Lake Stripers

Northern lake stripers are being caught trolling near the mouth of White and Farleys with good fishing all the way to Red Canyon. These stripers are fatter than their southern cousins because of the resilient shad population at the Colorado River inflow area.

Trolling is the best way to find a school, but casting jerk baits and spoons right after a trolled fish is caught is extremely productive. Bait does not work on stripers that have shad to eat.

Troll or cast jerk baits for striper schools in the muddy water at the back of major canyons that have a long flood plain to catch stripers anywhere on Lake Powell.

With water temperature now on the rise, many other species are ready and willing as well. Cover is lacking now that brush is out of the water.

This current generation of bass does not remember how to live and feed without brush and they are struggling to find a niche. They have congregated in cloudy water near the backs of canyons.

Many reside in very shallow water near shore and can be taken by casting to the shallow bank area when water warms in the evening. Others are randomly suspended in open water for no apparent reason.

Crappie, Walleye

Crappie and walleye prefer brush but

Re-Design In The Works

As for this report, expect a redesign in the coming weeks, as further changes to separate information updated weekly from previous information will be made. There will also be a change in the graphic design of the e-mailed report. Like the opening of the high-elevation lakes, those changes will be slow and steady.

We will continue to gather reports from reliable sources that point you to the fish.

Until next time, keep sending those reports and fish photos to BFishing@AZGFD.gov.

are now being caught trolling in open water. They may be over a 50-foot deep bottom or right next to shore. It is wise to slow troll up a shoreline at each new location to see what fish are hanging out. Small jerk baits may be the best tool, but drifting a crappie jig is worth the effort as well.

Smallmouth Bass

Smallmouth bass are collecting on rocky structure and can be caught on secondary points in coves with light weight jigs that fall slowly. Jerk baits are working well for patient anglers who can use an extended pause after each jerk. Most hits are coming while the lure is motionless.

Largemouth Bass

Largemouth bass are hiding near any obstacle they can find. It takes a very long cast to prevent spooking flighty largemouth. Try casting your lure up on the sandy shore and then pulling it back into the water to create interest from largemouth instead of scaring them away with the boat or a noisy cast.

Catfish, Sunfish

Catfish and sunfish have started to hit. Looks like it's spring at Lake Powell! We are expecting another high-striper harvest between Wahweap and Antelope Point Marinas.

At press time, lake elevation was 3,598 and water temperature was 53-63F.



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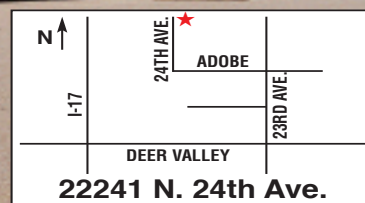
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