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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.

It is illegal to operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs in every state.

BUI laws pertain to ALL boats from canoes and rowboats to the largest ships.

Alcohol can impair a boater's judgment, balance, vision, and reaction time. It can increase fatigue and susceptibility to the effects of cold-water immersion.

Sun, wind, noise, vibration, and motion — "stressors" common to the boating environment — intensify the side effects of alcohol, drugs, and some medications.

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— The movie *Splash* is a boating-education video unlike any other. Produced by the Arizona Game and Fish Department in 2008. This 30-minute movie about a little girl's experience at Saguaro Lake with her grandfather will entertain your entire family while covering important boating safety topics. For a free copy of the DVD, please call (623) 236-7235.



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### 14TH ANNUAL DAY ON THE LAKE

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### Who:

- Organized by the Barrow Therapeutic Recreation Department
- Participants Must be one year post injury
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- Guests eight years and older can participate in all activities

### What:

Day on the Lake, a Barrow Neurological Institute-sponsored event, gives individuals with neurological impairments the chance to participate in free water skiing, jet skiing, fishing, kayaking, and boat rides at Bartlett Lake.

### When:

Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5

### Where:

Bartlett Lake Marina, Carefree, Ariz. Bartlett Lake is located in the northeast valley, 48 miles from downtown Phoenix and 17 miles northeast of Carefree. For more information, visit [www.bartlett](http://www.bartlett)

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## NAU Swimmers, Divers Take Part In 'Relay For Life'

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The Northern Arizona women's swimming and diving team will participate in "Relay For Life of NAU" early last month in the Walkup Skydome.

The event is an initiative by the American Cancer Society to aid in cancer research, education, advocacy, and service. Swimming and diving is one of 75 teams that stayed overnight in the Skydome in an effort to contribute to the cause.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is an event that gives community members across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

At Relay For Life, teams "camped out" at the Skydome and took turns walking or running around the track, with each team asked to have a representative on the track at all times. Relay For Life is a 24-hour event that aids in the fights against cancer and shows a continued commitment to battling the disease "because cancer never sleeps."

"Relay for Life is a good opportunity to give back because many of our lives in some way have been touched by cancer," said junior swimmer Meredith Egloria. "Everyone walks for [his or her] own purpose. It is a time to reflect and be grateful for the life and opportunities we have here at Northern Arizona University as student-athletes."



**NAU RELAYS FOR LIFE** — The Northern Arizona women's swimming and diving team participated in "Relay for Life of NAU" earlier this spring. At press time, it is estimated that they collected well over \$41,000 to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States — along with additional communities in 19 other countries — gather to take part in this global phenomenon and raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer.

"We continue to do this because cancer is

universal; it touches our lives and is a good cause," said Egloria, who along with many other members of the swimming and diving team, participated in Relay For Life for the fourth consecutive year. "The environment and closeness allows us to talk and cope with

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# Who Is Superstition Search & Rescue?

## Support Them Via 'Rock The Boat'

Superstition Search & Rescue (SSAR) is a private volunteer service organization dedicated to wilderness and urban search and rescue in Arizona. This non-profit rescue team was originally formed in 1981 as Apache Junction Search and Rescue. In 1994, we incorporated and changed our name to Superstition Wilderness Rescue, Inc. and later changed the name again to Superstition Search & Rescue.

The primary purpose of this volunteer organization is to assist individuals who may experience wilderness-related problems. These range from incidents such as falls or medical emergencies, lost or overdue hikers, heat or cold exposure, and more. Our group is highly skilled in wilderness first-aid, technical rescue, orienteering and tracking. These skills enable Superstition Search & Rescue members to safely and

efficiently move patients from the field to appropriate medical service in the event of injury, or to their families, in the case of a lost or overdue hiker. We currently have approximately 25 volunteers who sacrifice their time and personal resources to assist those in need. We are always looking for more people.

Superstition Search & Rescue derived its name from the beautiful Superstition Mountains and Wilderness Area located in northwestern Pinal County, and the far northeast portion of Maricopa County. The mountains consist of over 160,000 acres of rough and beautiful terrain and are separated from the Mazatzal Mountains to the north by the Salt River and its numerous lakes.

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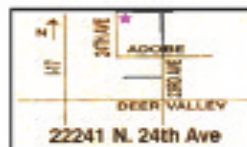


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## Refreshen your boating safety knowledge

### Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that is very toxic even in small quantities. It is produced when a carbon-based fuel, such as a gasoline or diesel, is burned. Cooking ranges, heaters, and charcoal grills produce carbon monoxide also.

#### Carbon Monoxide Kills!

- ◆ Carbon monoxide disperses freely through the air and will travel readily throughout a boat.
- ◆ Carbon monoxide discharged as engine, generator, or appliance exhaust may re-enter your boat through any opening.
- ◆ By keeping a steady flow of fresh air moving through your boat, you will eliminate much, if not all, of the hazard. The danger comes when there are pockets of stagnant air loaded with carbon monoxide that are not flushed from your boat.
- ◆ When operating any type of watercraft, be careful running downwind because exhaust gases may blow back on board.
- ◆ The best prevention for carbon monoxide poisoning is knowing that carbon monoxide exists.
- ◆ Everyone should know the symptoms and treatments of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ◆ A marine-type carbon monoxide detector will sound an alarm when the gases reach an unacceptable level.

#### Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

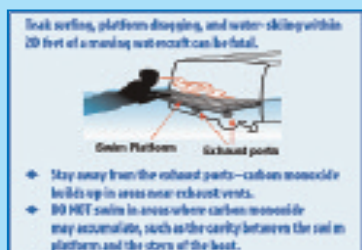
One or more of the following symptoms may signal the adverse effects of carbon monoxide accumulations:

- ◆ Throbbing temples
- ◆ Inattentiveness or lack of concentration
- ◆ Inability to think coherently
- ◆ Ringing in the ears
- ◆ Tightness across the chest
- ◆ Headache, drowsiness, nausea, dizziness, fatigue, vomiting, collapse, and convulsions

For additional information, read *Boater Protect Yourself from this Silent Killer! Carbon Monoxide*, a brochure produced by the Arizona Game and Fish Department that is available by contacting your nearest Arizona Game and Fish Department office at (623) 236-7235.

#### Treatment of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Evacuate, ventilate, investigate, and seek medical help.



### Statewide Boating Education Classes

June 2010				
Host	Date and Time	Location	Cost	Registration
Arizona Game and Fish Department	June 12 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Boating Safety Training Center 8484 Riverside Drive Parker	\$0	(928) 669-6141
Arizona Game and Fish Department	June 19 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Roosevelt Lake Patrol Substation Mile Post 243, State Route 188 Lake Roosevelt	\$5 per family	(928) 467-2515
Arizona Game and Fish Department	June 19 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Water Safety Center at Contact Point 1801 Highway 95 Lake Havasu	\$5 per family	(928) 680-0359
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	June 19 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Arizona Game and Fish Department 5000 W. Carefree Highway Phoenix	\$30	(602) 559-1440
Arizona Game and Fish Department	June 22 & 24 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Must attend both)	Arizona Game and Fish Mesa Office 7200 E. University Drive Mesa	\$5	(623) 236-7235
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	June 26 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Cabela's Outfitters 9380 W. Glendale Ave. Glendale	\$30	(602) 559-1440



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- 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.

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## FOCUS ON SAFETY

# At Arizona's Boating Celebration 2010

The seventh annual Arizona Safe Boating Celebration is set for Saturday, May 22 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Lake Pleasant Regional Park.



Is your watercraft safe? Do you have everything on board that you need to keep your family safe while you are on the water?

**COASTIE** — Always a favorite with the kids is the Coast Guard Auxiliary's mascot Coastie. Festivities at the Arizona Safe Boating Celebration include events for the whole family.

Are you knowledgeable about Arizona's boating laws and regulations? Do you know what all those buoys mean?

The Arizona Safe Boating Celebration can put those worries to rest as

you find out more about keeping your family and boat safe.

Festivities will again include events for the whole family:

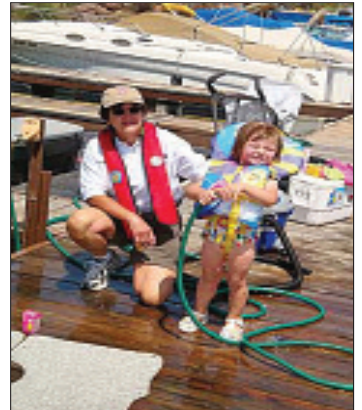
- Free vessel inspections (without citation)
- Kayak and canoe demonstrations
- Life jacket exchange
- Navigational buoy display
- Wakeboard demonstration
- Drawings for great prizes
- Scheduled swimmer rescue demonstration
- Much, much more!

For additional information on the celebration, visit [www.maricopa.gov/parks/lake\\_pleasant](http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/lake_pleasant) or [azsafeboating.org](http://azsafeboating.org)

Lake Pleasant Regional Park is at 41835 N. Castle Hot Springs Road, Morristown, AZ 85342. From I-17 take SR-74 (Carefree Hwy) west; turn right at Mile Post 19; three miles to park entrance.



**FREE!** — Each year volunteers from the USCG Auxiliary and the Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron offer free safety checks (without citations) for watercraft. The organizations are dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation, and related subjects.



**PFD PROUD** — This little girl is proudly displaying her new life jacket that was donated through the National Water Safety Council Grant given during a VSC in May 2009.

## More Answers, More Questions

By Ron & Rose Werner  
United States Sail & Power Squadrons

Last month we asked the following questions:

**1. What is the most common cause of accidental deaths of fishermen? Drowning.**

Turns out that most fishermen are involved in the sport of fishing and they do not have on a life jacket, are in a boat that has low freeboard and are in areas that do not have a lot of boat traffic. In many cases, the senses are very low to the dangers of falling in. Then it happens and without either a life jacket or help, the victim is usually in trouble.

**2. What is a float plan? A vital safety document.**

A float plan is a document that should be given to a responsible person. It needs to provide the information that a search party should need to go looking for you. This is your ticket that will start a search for you immediately.

### Next Questions

So you plan to go out in a small boat or do some rafting. First, remember that these are small boats but are governed by all of the national and local laws pertaining to your size of watercraft. These craft are normally not under mechanical power so

1. What are some of the basic safety items that you need to carry?
2. Which basic safety items do you need to carry on board?
3. What should you be on the lookout for?

Small craft boating and rafting are fun and may be enjoyed to the fullest; however, they are not exempt from safety sensibility. At the end of the day we would like you to come home safe and sound — to go again another day.

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**A BOAT FOR ALL SEASONS** — Although Safe Boating Week is officially designated this year as May 22-29, the message cruising Arizona lakes on *Wear It Arizona* is for all seasons. There are two major events on May 22 this year that stress safety on the water: the seventh annual Arizona Safe Boating Celebration Saturday, May 22, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Lake Pleasant Regional Park and Colorado River's Tri-State (Arizona, California, and Nevada) Boating Safety Fair, also on Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at London Bridge Beach, Lake Havasu City. *Arizona Boating & Watersports/Western Outdoor Times* news magazine urges all who recreate on/in/near the water to wear their life jackets all year long.

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# Tri-Boating Safety Fair: It's All About Life Jackets!

**Officials to emphasize wearing life jackets at safety fair May 22.**

LAS VEGAS – Wearing a life jacket is the overriding message of this year's Colorado River Tri-State Boating Safety Fair. Families will be given the opportunity to bring in their outgrown or unsafe life jacket to trade in for a brand new one (while supplies last).

"The stats are clear that four out of five people who die on boats would probably live if they just wore a life jacket. That statistic is both depressing and unacceptable," said David Pfiffner, Nevada's boating law administrator. "The four fatal accidents we worked in Nevada section of the Colorado River last year could have all been prevented by the use of life jackets, and we're committed to moving the needle on this grim statistic."

The sixth annual event will be held May 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at London Bridge Beach Park, McCulloch Road, Lake Havasu City, Ariz. In addition to the life jacket trade-in, courtesy vessel safety checks will be offered to make sure that boats are ready for the 2010 boating season, boating safety bags full of safe boating information will be distributed at twenty-seven launch ramps along the river, and boating professionals will be on hand to answer any questions boaters may have.

The Tri-State Boating Safety Fair is a one-day event, but the campaign will continue distributing boating safety messages to boaters through an online awareness campaign throughout the summer until Labor Day weekend via the campaign Web site [www.BoatColoradoRiver.com](http://www.BoatColoradoRiver.com).

"More boating accidents occur on this river than any single waterway in the U.S. and more than the total accidents for most states," said California Department of Boating and Waterway's Acting Director Lucia Becerra. "Boating on the Colorado River can be a fun, safe and enjoyable ac-

tivity, but boaters need to remember to wear a life jacket."

Some of the reasons people claim for not wearing life jackets include —

- It's too hot!
- It doesn't look cool.
- I know how to swim.
- Nothing is going to happen to me.

The fact is that knowing how to swim doesn't make anyone "drown proof." A number of fatalities on the Colorado River have included boaters who knew how to swim, were not wearing a life jacket, were under the influence of alcohol, went over-

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## AT A GLANCE

**Date:** May 22

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Location:** London Bridge Beach Park, 1340 McCulloch Blvd., along the Bridgewater Channel

**Activities:**

- Giveaways
- Courtesy vessel safety checks
- Life jacket trade-in: Bring your unsafe or outgrown life jackets New life jackets available (while supplies last)
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# Plan A Memorable Memorial Day

*How About This: A Boating Weekend At Beautiful Bartlett Lake?*

Memorial Day weekend — traditionally the kickoff of Arizona's on-the-water season. The weather is beautiful and Bartlett Lake is the place to enjoy it.

If you are a boat owner, come and see why Bartlett is the most popular boating destination in the Valley. For those of you who don't have your own boat, we have



lots of rental options and we still have a few available.

If you have always liked the idea of boat ownership but are concerned about buying your own, this would be a great time to consider our Boat Club. Learn more below and see how you can save \$500 by joining now.

## Have A Memorial Day Weekend Party On Our Top Deck!

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We also have Ski Boats and Pontoons available and are offering a blanket 10 percent discount to all our subscribers on all midweek rentals, so there is another great reason for booking a day out on Bartlett Lake.

## A Little Home On The Lake

If you want to take a mini-break, consider our Aqua Lodges. We can arrange special rates with a combined booking.

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SS Californian, California State Tall Ship.

## Sail Aboard California's Official Tall Ship

Californian sets sail for Catalina and beyond.

SAN DIEGO — Set sail to the beautiful waters surrounding Catalina Island aboard the schooner, *Californian*. Sailing aboard *Californian* offers an opportunity to step into the past and experience the romance of tall ship sailing.

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**May 28-May 31**

Memorial Day weekend  
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**July 23-July 26**

4 days, 3 nights

Climb aboard in the early afternoon for a sailor's welcome and orientation to shipboard life. Stow your gear, meet your fellow shipmates, set the weekend watch schedule and test your physical skills for the opportunity to lay aloft in the rigging.

**Rounding Point Loma**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Kudos To 'This Side Of That'

Dear Editor (Carol):

My name is J.J. McMahon and I live in Scottsdale, AZ. I'm writing to you in regards to my recent experience with a few of the local business owners in Page, Ariz. (This Side of That - guide service).

I do not work for, nor am I being paid for my comments; I just know that we often hear when things are bad, but rarely about exceptional service.

As a native of Arizona, a lifelong angler, and former "small business" owner, I felt compelled to offer my gratitude on the level of service that we received. I wanted to give their company some form of appropriate recognition.

If your publication isn't that appropriate publication, can you please suggest where I might post or submit my comments? (I could also provide appropriate pictures if needed.)

Thank you for your time in advance!

\*\*Keep-up the terrific work & cheers!

J.J. McMahon  
Scottsdale, Ariz.

### A Letter Of Thanks

Just when I thought that silver salmon fishing, in Alaska, couldn't be topped,

there I was, standing on the bow of the agile POA, gazing into a livewell with 20 "whooper" bass.

POA is the pride and joy of owner and captain Danny Woods (POA: Power of Abby is named after his precious baby daughter who passed away in 2008) who, along with fellow captain and business partner Kyran Keisling (Page, Ariz. native), is one of the fine boats in the fleet that make-up This Side of That guide service. [http://www.fishingpowell.com/Home\\_Page.html](http://www.fishingpowell.com/Home_Page.html)

Though I had fished on Lake Powell several times, while growing-up in Flagstaff, I had never experienced anything like this. My good buddy Mike — who is a seasoned angler in his own right, having had great success fishing all over Arizona — had made the quick four-hour jaunt north with me from Phoenix.

(This was his first Lake Powell experience and one that he keeps bragging about.)

Both Danny and Kyran had the uncanny ability to find fish in every cove or canyon that we drifted into. They could read the water like some aquatic crystal ball, finding different structure (both submerged and any brush protruding from the lake), and then anticipating where the beds would be — suggesting what lures/colors we should throw.

Mike was on fire — and grinning from

ear to ear — during the morning run, catching at least 10 brilliantly colored largemouth bass. By noon, we had caught a combined 30 fish (not counting those we couldn't set) and they ranged between 1-3 1/2 pounds.

A wonderful lunch was then provided as we sat on the deck listening to many wonderful "fishing stories" as well as the history of the lake and local flora and fauna.

The action after lunch was equally productive, and there was a point at which we were catching fish every few casts. Both Danny and Kyran informed us that Lake Powell fishing is a very tricky, and that Mother Nature can quickly be as stubborn as she is gracious — though we had a hard time believing this!

Our day ended with a spectacular sunset cruise into the marina, a stringer full for the evening's "fish fry," new and enduring friendships and those wonderful memories that only experience can provide!

I wanted to thank both Danny and Kyran for providing us an experience of a lifetime and a reaffirmation that Lake Powell is one of the most wonderful vacation destinations in the World!

Cheers!

J.J. McMahon  
Scottsdale, Ariz.

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**BIG ON POWELL** — Ty Mannion, Grand Junction Colo., caught a personal best, this 4 pound 9 ounce largemouth, near Hite on Lake Powell. Relatedly, J.J. McMahon of Scottsdale, Ariz., confirms the "big ones" at Powell in his letter of thanks: "I wanted to thank both Danny and Kyran of 'This Side of That' guide service for providing us an experience of a lifetime and a reaffirmation that Lake Powell is one of the most wonderful vacation destinations in the world!"



**AZBW/WOT** — was there. Day at the Docks is a long-standing April tradition in San Diego's Point Loma landings, kicking off the sportfishing season each spring. For over five years, *Arizona Boating & Watersports*/ *Western Outdoor Times* news magazine has been represented there, hosting a booth. This year, Leslie Manes, in charge of San Diego distribution of the publication, was at the booth for the news magazine, and she thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you, Leslie!



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### AT LAKE POWELL

## Warming Water Will Urge Bass, Crappie Back On Nests

By Wayne Gustavson

Cold, windy weather stalled much of the expected spawning activity at the beginning of May. Runoff slowed, allowing the lake to rise only one foot in a week. Surface water temperature has been in the mid 50s most mornings. But, that is now history and a new warming trend is developing.

The modest rise in lake elevation means that clear water still exists in the main and southern lake. Backs of canyons and coves still offer the opportunity to sight fish for spawning bass and crappie.

At the inflow areas, the mudline extends from Hite to Good Hope Bay. In the San Juan and Escalante, cloudy muddy water is only a moderate threat in the last few miles nearest running water.

### One Last Spawning

New warming will increase water temperature back into the 60s and make it unlikely that a return to the 50s will happen. That will allow bass and crappie to move back on nests for one final spawning event.

Nests will be found at depths of 5 to 8 feet, making them visible in many locations. Lures and techniques that have been working for the past month will still be very effective.

Smallmouth bass like plastic grubs and tubes fished on rocky points. Largemouth and crappie will be in the tree line and susceptible to slow-sinking, weedless-rigged plastic double-tail grubs and senkos.

Spinner baits work well for both species. Bass like the big flashy blades while crappie are suckers for little spinners like Roadrunners. The old standard char-



Wayne Gustavson

treuse marabou crappie jig is still a winner.

Enjoy bass and crappie fishing a little longer before the runoff heats up and the nests get lost in rising water.

Walleye fishing is nearing its peak. Don't expect to catch daily limits of the tasty food fish but a few can now be caught while fishing for bass. It is possible to troll crank baits or drag worm harnesses along the bottom for walleye.

Use afternoon wind-induced mudlines as one key to find productive spots. Main channel points, plunging into deep water, are a good place to start.

Striped bass are forming large schools in almost every canyon as they prepare to spawn. The spawning trigger is a rapid rise in lake temperature. Unfortunately, the prespawn period is about the only time that stripers are off feed and difficult to catch.

### React To The Event

Big schools have been seen cruising the shallows but attempts to catch them have been ignored. There are isolated events like windy feeding opportunities or fleeing shad schools that will ignite the large schools into a feeding frenzy. Be aware of

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## HIGH AND LOW

## Spring Fishing Looks Good

By Rory Aikens

Arizona Game &amp; Fish Department

The giant Saguaros are blooming – it's post-spawn topwater time in the desert lakes, plus most mountain lakes are open.

And, if the weather reports are right, we'll have some warmer days without the wind blowing. We'll see.

There should be a large contingent of post-spawn largemouth bass aggressively feeding, even though there are some bass still on beds.

At many desert lakes threadfin shad are spawning. This is a good time to downsize your shad-like baits. Fly anglers may want to keep this in mind and use smaller minnow-like flies for sport-fish such as large-mouth bass and stripers.

Small drop shots right now can be deadly at times. Small shad-colored jigs might work as well — think morning dawn color for both.

The wind has made fishing challenging at times. Let's hope the blustery part of spring is over.



stocked with more and more trout. This lake is so loaded with foodstuffs that it can be difficult to catch rainbows on live bait, such as night crawlers, or prepared bait such as Power Bait. Try reaction baits, such as in-line spinners. The upside is these trout are going to grow fast and there is enough water to last through next spring and possibly beyond.



## Take Home The Pike

We have also received recent reports of huge northern pike being caught at Ashurst. During our spring survey of Ashurst, we only netted on rainbow trout, but did get a lot of pike — with the dominant age class over 10 pounds.

Some anglers have complained about this fishing report being misleading — because they got skunked. I'll put it plainly — don't expect high catch rates. In fact, don't even expect to catch a single fish at Ashurst. You do stand a good chance of getting skunked. But, for those looking for a huge fish to possibly catch, you might get lucky here.

And yes, if you catch one, take it home with you. We'd like anglers to catch and keep all the pike they can at Ashurst to help this struggling trout fishery. Try spoons, spinners and trout-like swim baits.



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## Nights Are Warming

There are warmer temperatures now at night. This makes it a superb time to fish at night under submersible lights for crappie, bass, and channel catfish. Try live shad, live minnows, jigs, spoons and crankbaits. Even spinner baits can work at times.

It's also a good time to fish from shore at night for bottom feeders. Chum liberally with corn for catfish and carp.

Striper fishing at night can also work well, especially using frozen anchovies, sardines and squid as bait. Be sure to chum. Also try mixing in some corn with your chum — anytime you create a feeding frenzy, stripers and other large aquatic predators can be attracted.

## In The High Country

In the high country, all but three lakes — Lee Valley, Bear Canyon and Knoll — are now accessible. That's the good news. Riggs Flat in the Pinaleno Mountains is not open yet either. That's to be expected.

The stores and boat rentals at both Big Lake and Woods Canyon are open. That's also good news.

The bad news is that it appears Carnero, Crescent and Lee Valley suffered fish kills; price to pay for such excellent snow pack. We'll get them stocked soon.

All the creeks along the Mogollon Rim are receiving weekly stockings. Christopher, Haigler, Canyon, Tonto and East Verde creek are all worth a visit. West Clear Creek and Wet Beaver Creek should be stocked this week. Oak Creek is being stocked weekly.

## White Mountain Creeks Still High

In the White Mountains, runoff is still making the creeks run a little high, but both the East and West Forks of Black River should be worth a visit for some larger holdover trout, especially browns.

Lower Lake Mary keeps getting



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# Game Bag

## Write On Target

### AZGFD's Shooting-Range Program Aims To Meet Growing Demand

*Public shooting ranges provide safe shooting environment, positive impact on local economies, and major funding source for wildlife conservation.*

The demand for public shooting ranges in Arizona continues to increase at a pace to match recreational shooting demand and gun ownership, based on a March poll and recent report issued by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF).

The report identifies that in 2009, Arizona businesses related to the firearms and ammunition industry provided 5,234 jobs, up 25 percent from 2008; paid \$51 million in state taxes, up 221 percent, and contributed more than \$738 million into the state's economy, up 59 percent.

A March 2010 NSSF/Harris poll further supports the need for shooting ranges, identifying that 2.5 million more Americans nationally are target shooting now than were six months earlier.

Additionally, 43 percent polled (representing nearly 98 million people) had some interest in trying shooting sports or hunting.

"When the firearm industry and firearm ownership grows, so does the demand for a place to shoot, and that's where we come in," said Jay Cook, shooting ranges branch chief of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "Our shooting range program is committed to assuring that the public has a safe, controlled, and convenient place to shoot their firearms."

Public shooting ranges provide more than a safe place to shoot; many of them are destinations and economic contributors to local communities.

"Recreational shooting has a positive impact on local communities in our state.



In addition to buying firearms and ammunition, shooters spend their hard-earned dollars at local businesses buying gas, food, refreshments, shooting supplies, lodging, dining and much more," added Cook. "Recreational shooting is good for business in Arizona."

#### Shooters Fund Wildlife, Shooting Programs

The report also points out the industry paid \$450 million in federal excise taxes through the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act, compared to \$327 million in 2008. These dollars collected through the purchases of certain equipment by sportsmen and women are appropriated back to state wildlife agencies for wildlife conservation, hunter education, and shooting programs.

In 2009, the Arizona Game and Fish Department's apportionment of these federal dollars was \$11 million.

Cook continued, "As an agency that doesn't receive any funding from the state's general tax fund, but rather operates on a user-pay, user-benefit business model, our primary sources of revenue are from license and tag sales, some range fees, and these federal appropriations."

In keeping with that entrepreneurial model, those revenues and others are used to continue to grow the department's customer base by offering expanded programs and services — including shooting range development and outreach recruitment programs.

In addition to providing a place to shoot, the Arizona Game and Fish Department knows education is key and offers an extensive line up of programs for beginning shooters as well as those looking to become more proficient, including:

**Hunter education and firearm safety training** — For more than 50 years the department has been teaching how to be safe with firearms, hunting and the outdoors.

**Shooting range development** — The Arizona Game and Fish Commission owns six shooting ranges and continues to identify areas that need a local range.

**Grants to local ranges** — Grants are made available to not-for-profit, public ranges for improvements, expansions, and developments.

**Introductory shooting programs** — Many shooting programs are available for air guns, archery, pistol, rifle and shotgun. There are programs for kids, women and families.

**Team-sport-based programs** — Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) and Archery in the Schools (AIS) are both national programs that have a strong presence in Arizona.

**Shooting leagues and clinics** — There are a number of shooting leagues to help shooters to hone their skills and move to the next level of competitive shooting.

**Olympic training** — The Arizona Game and Fish Department's Ben Avery Shooting Facility has hosted the USA Archery Olympic Team Trials, and the facility's Clay Target Center is a certified USA Shooting Regional Training Center for Olympic shotgun shooting.

For a listing of public shooting ranges in Arizona and shooting programs offered by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, visit [www.azgfd.gov/shootingsports](http://www.azgfd.gov/shootingsports).

"However, as our state grows, and new developments encroach further into our public lands, it is paramount that we protect, preserve, and expand public shooting ranges and shooting programs for Arizona's citizens who enjoy this recreational activity," Cook concluded.



#### WILDLIFE LEAD INGESTION STUDIED

— The voluntary program began in 2003 to help in the recovery of the endangered California condor. In 2009, approximately 85 percent of the hunters in the condor region took voluntary lead-reduction actions by either using non-lead ammunition or removing the carcass and entrails of harvested game from the field to prevent scavenging by condors.

### AZGFD Announces Report Re: Wildlife Ingestion Of Lead

The Arizona Game and Fish Department in February held focus groups on the effects of ingested lead from spent ammunition on wildlife. The report is available at [www.azgfd.gov/lead](http://www.azgfd.gov/lead).

To further communicate the department's existing voluntary lead-reduction program, the focus groups were held by D.J. Case and Associates, known for their expertise in communicating natural resources conservation, to access the knowledge, concern and opinions of five groups.

The department solicited 39 participants, including active hunters and other wildlife conservationists for the study. The focus groups were held in Phoenix, Payson and Tucson. Although anecdotal by nature, the report offers input and guidance on how the department will continue to communicate and engage the public on its existing voluntary program about lead and wildlife.

#### Program Began In 2003

The voluntary program began in 2003 to help in the recovery of the endangered California condor. In 2009, approximately 85 percent of the hunters in the condor region took voluntary lead reduction actions by either using non-lead ammunition or removing the carcass and entrails of harvested game from the field to prevent scavenging by condors.

"The Arizona Game and Fish Department has no intentions to ban or regulate lead for hunting or angling use," said Director Larry Voyles. "However, this subject continues to gain increased attention by wildlife professionals, industry, academia, and citizens nationwide. As the state's wildlife agency and through the direction of the Commission, we have a responsibility to stay informed on this issue and communicate accurate and factual information with our constituents."

Effectively gathering the viewpoints and opinions from our constituents was important to help inform future planning needs for potential communications, educational outreach programs, or needs for further assessment.

Voyles added, "One of the first steps in this long-term process is asking our customers what they think."

The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies have identified "ingested lead and wildlife" as an important issue in wildlife management. As the state's wildlife management agency, Arizona Game and Fish has a responsibility to provide education on this issue and share this knowledge with our constituents.

#### The Next Step

The next step is to engage the public in a dialogue regarding ingested lead and wildlife, gather feedback from the public, and present the results to the Commission in late summer or early fall, 2010.

Note: The Arizona Game and Fish Commission's direction to the director of the de-

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## Fort Tuthill Military Museum Plans New Displays

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fort Tuthill Days will highlight the opening of the Fort Tuthill Military Museum's 6<sup>th</sup> season.

In addition to several new museum displays, visitors may view military re-enactor units working and training in a replica WW II encampment. Units representing the US 501<sup>st</sup> Parachute Inf. Regt., British 30 Assault, German Leibstandarte Division Recon., U.S. 408<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group ground crew, and 426 Airborne Quartermaster Company, will provide visitors a look at weapons, equipment and vehicles used by their respective units during WW II.

The quartermaster company will operate a replica field kitchen preparing authentic Army meals for the re-enactor units.

The museum offers a wealth of information on the military history of Arizona's famous 158<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, including Fort Tuthill's history as the regiment's training site prior to and after WW II. A scale model of the original facility depicting Fort Tuthill as it looked in the 1930s — complete with troops and vehicles — serves as the centerpiece of museum exhibits.

Displays trace the distinguished history of the 158<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment from its organization in 1865 as the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Arizona Volunteers to present day service of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 158<sup>th</sup> Infantry. The story of this proud unit is illustrated with pictures, documents, three-dimensional displays and weapons.

Due to its outstanding combat record during World War II, the 158<sup>th</sup> Regimental Combat Team (Bushmasters) was selected to spearhead the invasion of Japan. An exhibit provides detailed information on the unit's proposed vital role in that invasion as well as Japanese plans for defense of their homeland.

Addressing the unit's combat record, General Douglas McArthur stated, "No greater fighting combat team has ever deployed for battle."

Although the 158<sup>th</sup> Infantry was deactivated in 1967, its traditions and heritage are carried on by the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 158<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Activated in 2005, the battalion returned from a year-long Afghanistan deployment in March 2008.

Smaller units of Battalion volunteers have since served in Afghanistan and will continue to deploy in support of that effort. Displays and artifacts illustrate the battalion's service and combat experiences.

Special events planned for the summer will again feature the 108<sup>th</sup> Army Band in concert on Monday, July 5. Military re-enactors will return on the weekend of Sept. 18 and 19.

The museum is located within the Fort Tuthill County Park. Take Exit 337, 3 miles south of Flagstaff, and follow the signs. Museum hours are Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Depending on staff availability, the museum may also be open Thursdays and Fridays, noon to 4:00 p.m. Group Tours may be scheduled by appointment.

Admission is \$3 for adults, and free for children 12 and under, active military, National Guard, and active reserve personnel.

For additional information, call Jim Warbasse at (602) 944-0359, Lon Wolff at (928) 284-1535, or the museum (weekends only) at (928) 226-0965.

## Spring Outdoor Festival Scheduled At Mormon Lake

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Spring has arrived and it is time to get outdoors and explore our natural resources.

One way to get a kick-start is to check out the Spring Outdoor Festival at Mormon Lake Lodge on Saturday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The lodge is located on Main Street at Mormon Lake, about 30 miles southeast of Flagstaff off Lake Mary Road.

This free one-day event is co-hosted by the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Mormon Lake Lodge. The day will be filled with fun activities, including archery, fishing, and self-guided hikes.

There will also be information booths from a variety of exhibitors, including the opportunity to see live wildlife, up close and personal, from the Game and Fish Department's Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center.

During the festival, make sure you stop in the Kachina Room at the lodge and catch one of the interesting talks that will



be given every hour. Topics will include wildlife photography, Hopi wildlife and traditions, Arizona trails, bighorn sheep in Arizona, and a fun topic from Willowbend Environmental Center.

"This event is for anyone interested in the outdoors, whether you hunt, fish, enjoy wildlife watching, or are interested in con-

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## [LAND CRUISING]

# New RV Fan Circulates Air Effortlessly

All RVs need continuous fresh air to ensure the most comfortable and enjoyable interior environment. MaxxAir's new MaxxFan Standard models not only provide exceptional ventilation, but feature twin lifting arms to prevent the lid from fluttering in high winds or when driving.

The MaxxFan Standard models offer a flush-mounted, easy-to-clean keypad, which controls the 10-speed fan motor, thermostat, air intake and exhaust functions. Providing 900 cu. ft. of air per minute to keep the rig's cabin cool and comfortable, the fans can also operate with the lid closed to circulate air in ceiling fan mode.

With a simple-to-remove interior insect screen, owners simply rotate the four retaining knobs to remove the screen for cleaning. No tools are required. The MaxxFan Standard models feature a powerful, fuse-protected 12V fan motor and a 12", 10-blade fan. Their lids close se-



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curely for a low-profile appearance. Fitting all standard 14" x 14" roof

openings, they come with all mounting screws and hardware for straightforward installation. They also include waterproof, molded mounting holes for use when installing MaxxAir vent covers.

The MaxxAir MaxxFan Standard is available in two models, the 4000K and the 4500K. The 4000K has a white, manual-open lid, while the 4500K has a smoke-tinted, electric-open lid. The 4500K also includes a rain sensor, which automatically closes the lid when it rains and protects the RV's interior.

The MaxxAir MaxxFan Standard 4000K retails for \$229.95, while the 4500K costs \$299.95. Both come with a two-year limited warranty and a lifetime limited warranty on the lid.

Contact local dealers or MaxxAir Vent Corporation, 5513 W. Sligh Ave., Tampa, FL 33634, USA. (800) 780-9893; Fax: (813) 876-2550. [CustService@maxxair.com](mailto:CustService@maxxair.com); [www.maxxair.com](http://www.maxxair.com).



**WHEN VISITING COLDER CLIMES** — When RVers from the Southwest visit colder places, the nights and days just got more comfortable for these off-road enthusiasts. From Aqua-Hot Heating Systems, the leader in hydronic heating systems for the RV industry for over 25 years, comes the innovative Aqua-Hot 100 Off-Road Heater. Connecting to an engine's cooling system, the compact unit quietly and efficiently heats cabs with a brushless, radial axial fan.

## Compact Heater Revolutionizes Off-Road Comfort

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It's perfect for two-person UTV cabs, small utility tractor enclosures, supplemental rear heat in Jeeps and larger vehicles where battery power is limited. The economical Aqua-Hot 100 draws less than 0.5 amps, ensuring long hours of warmth without draining the battery. Delivering big heat from a small package, it weighs only 3.5 lbs. and measures just 5.5" H x 5.5" D x 9.5" W. A tough, high-strength nylon 6/6 housing resists harsh elements and challenging environments.

An adjustable mounting bracket rotates 180° for easy installation to the floor, firewall or under dash. Slotted mounting arms and a serrated clamp ensure a tight fit. An integrated, variable-speed switch reduces wiring and enables the fan to be set from 0 to 100 cfm.

With a one-year warranty, the versatile Aqua-Hot 100 Off-Road Heater has a suggested retail price of just \$189.99. For larger cabins where more battery power is available, the Aqua-Hot 200 provides a fan output of 0 to 200 cfm and draws just 2 amps. Convenient installation kits are also offered.

Contact local dealers or Aqua-Hot Heating Systems, 15549 E Hwy 52, Fort Lupton, CO 80621. Toll free: (800) 685-4298 or (303) 659-8221; Fax: (303) 857-9000. [sales@aqua-hot.com](mailto:sales@aqua-hot.com); [www.aqua-hot.com](http://www.aqua-hot.com); [aqua-hotoffroad.com](http://aqua-hotoffroad.com).

## Propane-Powered System Brings Revolutionary Hydronic Heating

Now gas-fueled recreational vehicle, towable and park model owners can have the same state-of-the-art hydronic heating popular on Class A diesel motorhomes.

Making the road a more comfortable place, Aqua-Hot Heating Systems introduces its innovative Aqua-Hot 375-LP. Running on propane, the self-contained unit provides quiet, even cabin heat and continuous, on-demand hot water.

Unlike noisy, forced-air systems, the advanced Aqua-Hot 375-LP delivers uniform interior heat by circulating hot water through subtle heat exchangers. Three separate thermostatic heating zones and two circulation loops ensure consistent warmth throughout the cabin.

Heating water only as needed, the space-saving Aqua-Hot 375-LP provides an unlimited supply of hot water and eliminates the need for a storage tank. With zero recovery time, the dependable unit has a flow rate of 1.5 gallons per minute of 120°F water for over 15 minutes. It can generate up to 90 gallons of hot water an hour.

Employing the latest technology, the economical system heats to 37,500 BTUs after only 3.37 minutes, reducing fuel requirements. Energy efficient, it barely uses

0.35 gallons of propane per hour. A 1,500W, 120V electric element provides light-duty heating and hot water when connected to shore power. This en-

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ables owners to save propane when they have access to campground electricity.

With the same dimensions and mounting procedure, the diesel-powered Aqua-Hot 375-D and propane model are virtually interchangeable. Measuring just 16.75" H x 18" W x 29.5" L and weighing only 155 lbs., the compact system can be easily installed as an RV is being built or retrofitted into an existing coach.

The versatile Aqua-Hot 375-LP from Aqua-Hot Heating Systems has a suggested retail price of \$6,000.

Contact local dealers or Aqua-Hot Heating Systems, 15549 E Hwy 52, Fort Lupton, CO 80621. Toll free: (800) 685-4298 or (303) 659-8221; Fax: (303) 857-9000. [sales@aqua-hot.com](mailto:sales@aqua-hot.com); [www.aqua-hot.com](http://www.aqua-hot.com).

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## ON-THE-GO OVEN

It is our pleasure from time to time to present to our readers information about new products; however, the information published in Arizona Boating & Watersports news magazine is for reader interest only and does not constitute endorsement by AZBW. Further, we suggest that you check first with local marine, fishing, hunting, and RV dealers and suppliers to see if they have the items mentioned in our articles. Also, please remember that the prices given are those that were in effect at press time and may have changed.





# DOWNSTREAM™ Events Calendar Beginning Mid-May 2010

## BEYOND ARIZONA

**LONG BEACH TO CABO SAN LUCAS INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE:** Oct. 23-24 — Following the Campbell Cup, LBYC will start its race to Cabo on Nov. 5.

**INTERNATIONAL YELLOW-TAIL DERBY 2010:** Sept. 4-26 — San Diego; [johnncinsd@cox.net](mailto:johnncinsd@cox.net)

## BOATING

**SAFE BOATING WEEK:** May 22-29

**SUNCHASER CHALLENGE:** May 22 — Includes kayaking; Lake Havasu City; Nautical Inn Resort; benefits endangered species; [www.sunchaser-challenge.com](http://www.sunchaser-challenge.com)

**CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA:** May 22, 9 a.m. — Lake Havasu City, Rotary Park; (928) 208-8315

**NAPA WORLD FINALS DRAG BOAT EVENT:** Nov. 5-7 — Firebird Raceway; (505) 869-0005

**TRI-STATE BOATING SAFETY FAIR:** May 22 — Havasu; see details beginning on page 5 of this issue.

**ARIZONA SAFE BOATING CELEBRATION:** May 22 — Lake Pleasant; see details beginning on page 4 of this issue.

**NATIONAL LEARN-TO-ROW DAY:** June 5 — Rio Salado Rowing Club; [www.riosaladorowing.org](http://www.riosaladorowing.org)

**U.S.C.G. AUXILIARY 2010 NATIONAL CONFERENCE (NACON):** Aug. 24 — Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale; Tom Nunes; (602) 617-1979, [tomnunes1@gmail.com](mailto:tomnunes1@gmail.com), <http://www.news.auxpa.org/>

**AZ YACHT CLUB MEETINGS:** Second Tuesday of every month 7 p.m. — 19th Tee, Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave., Tempe; [www.arizonayachtclub.org](http://www.arizonayachtclub.org)

**US SAILING/ RED CROSS ONLINE TRAINING:** Ongoing — To make it easier for prospective US SAILING-certified instructors to fulfill course requirements for CPR and First Aid certification, US SAILING teams up with the American Red Cross to provide an online training program. Participants can sign up by visiting [www.ussailing.org/training](http://www.ussailing.org/training) and clicking on the Red Cross Online Training button (towards the bottom of the page).

**SAFETY TIPS FOR BOATERS:** Ongoing — Visit <http://www.BoatUS.com/news/releases.asp> before you go.

**33RD ANNUAL GREAT WESTERN TUBE FLOAT:** June 5 — Patria Flat, float 5 miles down the Parker Strip as singles, groups, or teams; prizes and awards at Blue Water Resort & Casino Beach, (928) 669-6511 or <http://parkertourism.com>

## CAMPING/RVING/AZ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

For more information on camping, RVing, outdoor activities, see "Land Cruising" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.



**ROCK-IT!** — We'll be "Rockin' the River" on June 5! The Parker Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 33rd Annual Great Western Tube Float. This year's theme is Rock 'n Roll. So, we'll be looking for the coolest "Rock Stars on the River." The float begins at Patria Flats and ends at the BlueWater Resort & Casino Beach, the host sponsor for this event. Folks from all over the tri-state area and beyond participate in this tradition and hope to win one of the great prizes. There are different ways to float and win. There are free goody bags for the first 300 who pre-register by 5 p.m. May 28. Call for more info: (928) 669-2174.

**EVENT PLANNED BY WICKENBURG MAYOR TO BENEFIT ALAMO LAKE STATE PARK:** May 31 — Contact John Cook, vice president, [ci.wickenburg.az.us](mailto:ci.wickenburg.az.us)

**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

**SPRING OUTDOOR FESTIVAL:** May 22 — Mormon Lake Lodge; (928) 774-5045

## CLASSES/SEMINARS

**AZGFD, CG AUXILIARY, PHOENIX POWER SQUADRON BOATING CLASSES:** Ongoing

## COMMUNITY

**MICHIGAN PROFESSOR ON SABBATICAL:** Jan.-Aug. 2010 — Needs a room to rent while she does research at either ASU or U. of A. Contact [editor@azbw.com](mailto:editor@azbw.com) or call (480) 947-6219.

**BARROW NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE DAY ON THE LAKE:** May 30-31; Bartlett Lake Marina; seeking participants; contact Barrow Neurological Institute

**RAINBOW BRIDGE NATIONAL MONUMENT 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:** Through May 30 — Events throughout the spring until May 30; visit their Web site for schedule and details: [www.nps.gov/rabr/planyourvisit/centennial.htm](http://www.nps.gov/rabr/planyourvisit/centennial.htm)

**HOMELESS PROGRAM NEEDS:** Ongoing — new underwear, socks, sun screen, razors, feminine hygiene products, hats and backpacks; e-mail I-Help for more details: [ihelp@tempeaction.org](mailto:ihelp@tempeaction.org).

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

**RAISING MONEY FOR ANIMALS:** Ongoing — Heather L. James-Davis; [www.azanimalassistance.com](http://www.azanimalassistance.com)

**FORT TUTHILL CELEBRATIONS:** July 5, Sept. 18, 19 — Fort Tuthill City Park; contact Jim: (602) 944-0359 or Lon: (928) 284-1535

**2010 MONSOON MADNESS:** July 10 — Queen Creek Founders' Park, (22407 S. Ellsworth Rd.); activities include inflatable bouncy, water slides, a dunk tank, a kids' workshop area, the signature "Queen Creek Mud Pit," co-recreational softball tournament, food, free admission, activities have a nominal fee, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., (480) 358-3715 or [www.queencreek.org](http://www.queencreek.org)

## FISHING

For more information on fishing, please see "Tight Lines" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.

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

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

**9TH ANNUAL ARIZONA CRAWDAD FESTIVAL:** June 4,5 — Camp Verde; New Orleans/Cajun style event, crawdad eating contests, crawdad races, kid's carnival, root beer and beer gardens, live Cajun music, Fri 5-11 p.m., Sat. 4-11 p.m., (928) 567-9294 or [www.visitcampverde.com](http://www.visitcampverde.com)

## HUNTING

For more information on hunting, please see "Game Bag: Write On Target" in each issue of AZBW/WOT.

**NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY:** Sept. 25 — Wonders of Wildlife, Springfield, Mo.; [www.nhfd.org](http://www.nhfd.org)

## SHOWS/EXPOS

**ICAST 2010:** July 14-16 — Las Vegas Convention Center; [www.ICASTfishing.org](http://www.ICASTfishing.org)

## WATERSPORTS

**Diving:**  
**SAGUARO DIVING & SPORTS:** Ongoing — Learn to Scuba Dive, Open Water Certification Dives, Private Class & Pool, Private Lake Open Water Certification Dives, San Carlos, Mexico; Lake Pleasant, and more: Saguaro Diving & Sports, 908 E. Imperial Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204; (480) 507-3988 or [sales@saguarosports.com](mailto:sales@saguarosports.com)

**Frozen Watersports:**  
**SUMMER CURLING LEAGUE:** Contact [theskip@coyotescurling.com](mailto:theskip@coyotescurling.com) for details.

**Swimming:**  
**TRIBAL SPRINT TRIATHLON:** May 29, 6:15 a.m. — Lake Pleasant Regional Park; includes 100-, 2,000-, and 4,000-meter options for an Arizona Open Water Swim 602-312-4499 or <http://www.dcbadventures.com>

**FLORENCE FREEDOM FEST:** July 4 — Florence Pool & Heritage Park, (600 N. Main St.), family day events, horseshoe tournament, Florence "Fiery Salsa" challenge, red, white and blue family parade, pool activities, entertainment, vendors and fireworks show, 520-868-7589 or [www.visitflorenceaz.com/](http://www.visitflorenceaz.com/) or [www.florencecmainstreet.com](http://www.florencecmainstreet.com)

**15TH ANNUAL HOLUALOA FIRECRACKER TRIATHLON:** July 4 — Tucson; 750 meter pool swim, 12 mile bike ride around the UA area, 3 mile run through UA campus, includes a Youth Triathlon with a 250 meter swim, a 4 mile bike and a 1 mile run, 5:45 am, [www.tritucson.com](http://www.tritucson.com)

**26TH ANNUAL MOUNTAIN MAN TRIATHLON:** July 18 — Flagstaff, Lake Mary, Sprint: swim 700 meters, bike 10.6 miles, run 3.1 miles; Olympic: swim 1500 meters, bike 24.9 miles, run 6.2 miles, spectators free, 6:30 am, 928-526-8761 or [www.trifind.net](http://www.trifind.net) or [www.mountainmanevents.com](http://www.mountainmanevents.com)

**ANNUAL PIONEER DAY CELEBRATION:** JULY 23-24 — Snowflake; arts & crafts fair, parade, BBQ, rodeo, dances, kid's entertainment, theatrical performance, pioneer day run, softball league tournament, free swimming, fireworks display, Sweet Wheels Car Show & Swap meet on the 24th from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; (928) 536-4331 or [www.snowflaketaylor-chamber.org](http://www.snowflaketaylor-chamber.org) or [www.cruiseinarizona.com/carshows.html](http://www.cruiseinarizona.com/carshows.html)

**DEUCES WILD TRIATHLON FESTIVAL:** June 5, 6 — Show Low; Fool Hollow Lake; includes Olympic course swim of 1500 meters, and Deuce Man Long course swim of 1.2 miles; <http://www.trisportsracing.com/>

**PAYSON SPRINT TRIATHLON:** June 12 — Payson's Rumsey Park, Taylor Pool; includes swim of 500 yards; (928) 474-5242 or [www.paysonrim-country.com](http://www.paysonrim-country.com)

## WILDLIFE-RELATED

**NOMINATION DEADLINE FOR ARIZONA OUTDOOR HALL OF FAME:** May 28 — Contact Marty Fabritz of Arizona Game & Fish at [mfabritz@azgfd.gov](mailto:mfabritz@azgfd.gov).

**Editor's Note:** Please submit announcements for AZBW/WOT's calendar of events — "Downstream" — to [editor@azbw.com](mailto:editor@azbw.com). To guarantee placement, as room allows, items must be received by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Every effort is made to ensure accuracy, but we assume no responsibility for print errors or omissions. We also reserve the right to edit each item. Please include the name of the event, the date and time, the location, the organization, and a contact number and/or e-mail address



# 'Inflatable Life Jacket World Record Day'

*BoatUS Supports National Safe Boating Week effort to educate and improve safety.*

Many boaters say that wearing a life jacket makes them hot or uncomfortable. There is a type of life jacket, however, that solves these problems — an inflatable life jacket.

And, in an effort to get more boaters to voluntarily wear a life jacket, the National Safe Boating Council — in partnership with the Canadian Safe Boating Council — are having the first-ever **Inflatable Life Jacket World Record Day** on Thursday, May 20 at 11 a.m. EDT / 8 a.m. PST. At the appointed time, participants at locations across North America will simultaneously activate their inflatable life jackets to claim an unprecedented World Record.

"Inflatable life jackets are very easy to wear," said BoatUS Foundation President Ruth Wood. "With these types of life jackets, the old argument against wearing one just doesn't hold water any more. We hope this event increases awareness and boaters will choose to wear a comfortable life

jacket more often," she added.

The BoatUS Foundation is urging boaters to join the effort by signing up online to participate in an Inflation Day event near them, or create their own event for their boat club or marina by going to [www.ReadySetInflate.com](http://www.ReadySetInflate.com).

Anyone interested in boating safety can use the site to list his or her event location and get local participation. National sponsor Cabela's will be holding events at their stores and Leland, Ltd. is donating CO2 cartridges to help boaters practice re-arming techniques. All local event organizers are asked to record their event through photographs or video as well as a sign-up sheet.

World Record Inflation Day will help to usher in National Safe Boating Week on May 22-28, which is designed to educate and inform the boating public about boating safety, specifically life jackets.

For more information on Inflation Day



**'JUST WEAR IT'** — The U.S. Coast Guard breathed new life into boating safety way back in September 1996 when, after years of testing and review, it approved manually activated inflatable life jackets. Approval as Type III PFDs (personal flotation devices) meant boaters didn't have to wear them, just carry one per person on board.

2010 (or next year's 2011 version), please visit [www.ReadySetInflate.com](http://www.ReadySetInflate.com). If you'd like to learn more about inflatable life jackets, go to <http://www.BoatUS.com/foundation/findings/floatingonair.htm>.



## PHOENIX SISTER CITIES CALGARY COMMITTEE

*Sandra Day O'Connor High School Marching Band is going to the Calgary Stampede and needs your help!*

Remember them from the WorldFEST Parade?

Well, a HUGE congratulations to the Sandra Day O'Connor High School Marching Band, for being chosen to represent Arizona and the City of Phoenix, in the famous Calgary Stampede in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. This is an historic event; in the entire 98-year history of the Stampede not a single Arizona High School has EVER been accepted to perform!

Please help them reach their fundraising goal! Money is needed to cover their travel fees so that they may experience this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Donations can be made through the Tax Credit program allowing you to claim your full donation back on your state taxes: married households up to \$400.00 and single households up to \$200.00.

If you'd like to donate funds to help the band get to the Calgary Stampede this summer, please contact [boosters@eagleprideband.org](mailto:boosters@eagleprideband.org)

## CRUISIN' CANYON

# Steam Up The 'Junior Grand Canyon'

This "Junior Grand Canyon" tour is consistently rated one of the "Best Things to Do in Arizona" and is a premier Arizona attraction for locals and tourists alike.

Just minutes away from Mesa, Scottsdale, and Phoenix, Ariz., Nature Cruises, Twilight Dinner Cruises and Astronomy Cruises are available. To request additional cruises, please call (480) 827-9144.

Nestled in the heart of the Superstition Mountains lies spectacular Canyon Lake, home of *Dolly*, the steamboat. You will marvel as you travel up the historic Apache Trail with its unique rock formations and beautiful scenery.

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**Dolly, The Steamboat**

ful panorama nature has ever created. Listen as your captain recounts the legends and lores of the mysterious Superstition Mountains and Arizona's first historic highway, the Apache Trail.

Bring your camera and binoculars; bighorn sheep, coyote, deer, bobcats and mountain lions may all be seen, along with bald eagles, hawks, vultures and many other native avian species.

## 'Well, Hello, Dolly!'

Continuing a tradition of cruising since 1925, *Dolly Steamboat* now cruises the secluded inner waterways of spectacular Canyon Lake and is considered one of Arizona's premier destinations. Every trip brings new revelations of rock formations, geological history and the flora and fauna distinct to the Sonoran Desert.

Explore a favorite destination of President Theodore Roosevelt, who declared "the Apache Trail and surrounding area combines the grandeur of the Alps, the glory of the Rockies, the magnificence of the Grand Canyon and then adds an indefinable something that none of the others have."

So join us on *Dolly Steamboat* for an unforgettable "mini-Arizona vacation" and see for yourself why there's nothing quite like a ride on Arizona's *Dolly Steamboat*. We look forward to showing you what some call the "Junior Grand Canyon."

## HOOVER DAM BRIDGE

# An Amazing Feat Of Engineering Begun In 2005

Creeping closer inch by inch, 900 feet above the mighty Colorado River, the two sides of a \$160 million bridge at the Hoover Dam slowly take shape. The bridge will carry a new section of US Route 93 past the bottleneck of the old road, which can be seen twisting and winding around and across the dam itself.

When complete, it will provide a new link between the states of Nevada and Arizona. In an incredible feat of engineering, the road will be supported on the two massive concrete arches that jut out of the rock face.

The arches are made up of 53 individual sections, each 24 feet long, which have been cast on-site and are being lifted into place using an improvised high-wire crane strung between temporary steel pylons.

The arches will eventually measure more than 1,000 feet across. Recently, the structure has looked like a traditional suspension bridge. But, once the arches are complete, the suspending cables on each side will be removed.

Extra vertical columns will then be installed on the arches to carry the road. The bridge has become known as the Hoover Dam bypass, although it is officially called the Mike O'Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge, after a former governor of Nevada and an American Football player from Arizona who joined the U.S. Army and was killed in Afghanistan.

Work on the bridge started in 2005 and should finish next year. An estimated 17,000 cars and trucks will cross it every day.



**TAKING SHAPE** — The New Bridge At Hoover Dam — Creeping closer inch by inch, 900 feet above the mighty Colorado River, the two sides of a \$160 million bridge at the Hoover Dam slowly take shape. The bridge will carry a new section of US Route 93 past the bottleneck of the old road that can be seen twisting and winding around and across the dam itself.

The dam was started in 1931 and used enough concrete to build a road from New York to San Francisco. The stretch of water it created, Lake Mead, is 110 miles long and took six years to fill. The original road was opened at the same time as the

famous dam in 1936.

*An extra note: The top of the white band of rock in Lake Mead is the old waterline prior to the drought and development in the Las Vegas area. It is over 100 feet above the current water level.*





## TALL SHIP

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The captain will soon give the command to get underway and begin the voyage north towards Catalina Island. The early afternoon departure will allow you to set the sails and harness any available wind to round Point Loma.

Transiting north and west means sailing against the prevailing wind and current, so motoring will become the primary mode of propulsion as you venture toward the waters around Catalina Island.

Day two will include a mixed bag of sail training, sailing, relaxation, and possible shore time concluding at anchor for a hearty sailor's dinner and time to relive the day's activities.

Early on day three, the morning watch and museum sail crew will get the ship underway for the voyage south and east, al-

lowing all to hone the skills acquired during their sailing adventure and an early evening arrival back in San Diego.

### June 21-July 1

Channel Islands National Park  
11 days, 10 nights

This voyage on the tall ship *Californian* attempts to retrace the 1542 voyage of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in his flagship *San Salvador* as he explored what was then the furthest reaches of the world known to Europeans.

Situated just a few miles off the California coastline, the California Channel Islands are nonetheless considered among the most naturally pristine islands anywhere, in many ways unchanged since the time they were first sighted by European sailors from Cabrillo's ships four-and-a-half centuries ago.

They are also among the oldest known

portions of North America to be inhabited, possibly beginning with prehistoric seafarers crossing by water from Asia or Oceania long before the Aleutian land bridge created during the last ice age made possible a land crossing from Asia.

## Built At Spanish Landing

*Californian* was built at Spanish Landing in San Diego Bay in 1984. She was launched with great fanfare for the Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Since her launching, the ship has played host to thousands of school children on seagoing educational programs up and down the West Coast. She has also made voyages to Hawaii, Mexico and the East Coast of the United States.

*Californian* is a replica of the 1847 Revenue Cutter, *C.W. Lawrence*, a stately vessel that patrolled the coast of Califor-

nia, keeping law and order. The Revenue Service was a precursor to today's Coast Guard.

The museum's collection also includes the 1898 steam ferry *Berkeley*, the 1904 steam yacht *Medea*, *Surprise* from Russell Crowe's movie *Master & Commander* and the 1914 *Pilot*.

The Museum displays permanent and temporary exhibits, hosts educational and public programs for all ages, stages cultural events, and publishes a newsletter and peer-reviewed journal, all with a maritime theme relating to the museum's mission.

The Maritime Museum of San Diego is located at 1492 North Harbor Drive in Downtown San Diego. For more information, please call (619) 234-9153 or visit the museum's Web site at [www.sdmartime.org](http://www.sdmartime.org).



## DAY ON THE LAKE

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## NESTS

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the possibility that a striper school could show up at any moment. React to that event when it occurs because it will be a memorable experience.

Threadfin shad will spawn this week as morning water temperature reaches 65-70. They spawn at dawn so get up early to

## FESTIVAL

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observation," says Shelly Shepherd, information and education program manager for the Game and Fish Flagstaff region.

"It gives adults and kids the opportunity to meet people who work in wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation and learn more about the amazing resources and recreational opportunities our state offers."

For more information about the festival, contact the Arizona Game and Fish office in Flagstaff at (928) 774-5045. For information about Mormon Lake Lodge, call (928) 354-2227.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

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the fears and struggles of having cancer, caring for someone with cancer, or the loss of someone with cancer."

Anyone can participate in Relay For Life. Friends, families, neighbors, classmates, sports teams, etc., can form their own teams. Relay For Life of NAU had 878 individuals taking part in this year's event.

Well over \$41,000 was raised by Relay for Life of NAU, and those wishing to make an online donation may do so at [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).

For more information on this event, contact Joe Scacco at Northern Arizona University: [joseph.scacco@nau.edu](mailto:joseph.scacco@nau.edu)

throw shad-imitating rattletraps or crankbaits in the back of canyons and coves. All game fish enjoy the shad spawn as a line of tasty forage fish swims along the surface readily visible to anglers and game fish alike.

Find spawning shad and catch bass and stripers. It is that easy.

At press time, lake elevation was 3,621; water temperature, 55-66F.

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partment on this issue is stated in Goal and Objective #8:

"The Department will expand our dialogue with the public regarding wildlife mortality due to ingested lead and possible voluntary strategies to minimize that mortality over the next 10-15 years.

"The Commission understands that any meaningful progress on this issue will only occur with full public participation and co-operation, and successful voluntary or incentive-based programs developed in cooperation with the conservation community, the sporting goods industry and state wildlife agencies."

The director's goals and objectives are set annually during regularly scheduled public commission meetings. The Game and Fish Commission, established in 1929, is comprised of five members (serving staggered five-year terms) appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

No more than one commissioner may be from any one county. No more than three may be from the same political party.

To learn more about the Arizona Game and Fish Department, visit [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). For more information, contact: Doug Burt, public information officer, AGFD (623) 236-7215, or [dburt@azgfd.gov](mailto:dburt@azgfd.gov).

## SOBER

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Alcohol consumption can result in inner ear disturbance, which can make it impossible for a person suddenly immersed in water to distinguish up from down.

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.

Boating Under the Influence puts a boater at risk. The vessel's voyage may be terminated, the boat may be impounded and the operator may be arrested.

Penalties vary by state, but can include fines, jail, and loss of boating or even driving privileges.

## FAIR

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board and were knocked unconscious.

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"Drunk boating is the other 900-pound gorilla on the boat," said Kevin Bergersen, Arizona's boating law administrator. "If we could get people to leave the booze at home and wear life jackets, we could prevent around three quarters of fatal accidents on the river, and we want to get the word out to our boaters."

In 2009, 207 accidents, 137 injuries and 11 fatalities occurred on the Colorado River in Arizona, California and Nevada. The state lines intersect in/along the Colorado River. While many laws are congruent, a few laws differ and can be confusing to boaters. Providing a forum to the million Colorado River boaters, to learn about the boating laws, is crucial in reducing the number of accidents, injuries and fatalities that take place every year.

Visit [www.BoatColoradoRiver.com](http://www.BoatColoradoRiver.com) for more information about the boating safety fair and the Tri-State partnership.

The mission of the Tri-State Partnership is to promote safe and knowledgeable recreational boating on the Colorado River through the combined educational and enforcement resources of Arizona, California, and Nevada.

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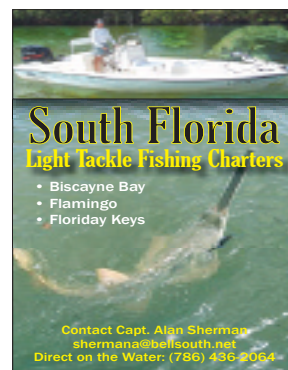
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# IT'S FOR THE BIRDS

Margie Allen, Birding Editor



## Common Poorwills Take Winter Naps

**Editor's Note:** Our new birding editor Margie Allen suggested that we highlight some unusual birds, especially in the western United States. The Common Poorwill is her first choice, and we invite others to send theirs for future issues — to editor@azbw.com

The **Common Poorwill**, *Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*, is a nocturnal bird of the family *Caprimulgidae*, the nightjars. It is found from British Columbia and south-eastern Alberta, through the western United States to northern Mexico. The bird's habitat is dry, open areas with grasses or shrubs, and even stony desert slopes with very little vegetation.

Many northern birds migrate to winter within the breeding range in central and western Mexico, though some remain farther north. Remarkably, the Common Poorwill is the only bird known to go into torpor for extended periods (weeks to months).<sup>[2]</sup>

This happens on the southern edge of its range in the United States, where it spends much of the winter inactive, concealed in piles of rocks. This behavior has been reported in California and New Mexico. Such an extended period of torpor is close to a state of hibernation, not known among other birds. It was described definitively by Dr. Edmund Jaeger in 1948 based on a Poorwill he discovered hibernating in the Chuckwalla Mountains of California in 1946.

### Common Poorwill

Jaeger's observations may have been influenced by earlier observations of torpor in the White-throated Swift made by his acquaintance Wilson Hanna, a resident of the Riverside, Calif., area and noted zoologist.

In 1804, Meriwether Lewis observed hibernating Common Poorwills in North Dakota during the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Though these observations were recorded carefully in Lewis's journal, their significance was not understood. This was at least in part because the Common Poorwill was not then recognized as a species distinct from the Whip-poor-will of eastern North America.

Native Americans of the Hopi tribe were likely aware of the Poorwill's behavior even earlier — the Hopi word for the bird means "The Sleeping One."

This is the smallest North American nightjar, about 18 cm (seven inches) in length, with a wingspan of approximately 30 cm (12 inches). It weighs 36-58 g. The sexes are similar, both gray and black patterned above. The outer tail-feathers are tipped with white, the markings slightly more prominent in the male.

The Common Poorwill is told from similar nightjars by its small size, short bill, rounded wings with tips that reach the end of the short tail at rest, and pale gray coloration. Like many other nightjars, the common name derives from its call, a mo-



**NAP TIME** — The Common Poorwill, shown here, has an unusual claim to fame. Many northern birds migrate to winter within the breeding range in central and western Mexico, though some remain farther north. Remarkably, the Poorwill is the only bird known to go into torpor for extended periods (weeks to months). This happens on the southern edge of its range in the United States, including Arizona and California.

notonous *poor-will* given from dusk to dawn. At close range, a third syllable of the call may be heard, resulting in a *poor-will-low*. It also gives a *chuck* note in flight.

Up to five subspecies are described, although these are all quite similar, and some may be of dubious validity.

*P. n. nuttalli* breeds over most of the North American range.

*P. n. californicus*, Dusky Poorwill, is darker and browner than the nominate race. It occurs in western California.

*P. n. hueyi*, Desert Poorwill, is paler than the nominate race. It occurs in southern California.

*P. n. dickeyi*, San Ignacio Poorwill, is smaller and less heavily marked than *californicus*. It is resident in Baja California.

*P. n. adustus*, Sonoran Poorwill, is paler and browner than the nominate race. It occurs from extreme southern Arizona to central Sonora.

As other members of this family it feeds on nocturnal insects such as moths, beetles, and grasshoppers. It ejects pellets of the indigestible parts, in the manner of an owl. The Common Poorwill frequently takes prey off the ground or by leaping into the air from the ground. It is reported to drink on the wing.

### From Nest To Flight Time

The nest of the Common Poorwill is a shallow scrape on the ground, often at the base of a hill and frequently shaded partly by a bush or clump of grass. The clutch size is typically two, and the eggs are white to creamy, or pale pink, sometimes with darker mottling.

Both sexes incubate for 20-21 days to hatching, with another 20-23 days to fledging. There is usually one brood per

year, but females may sometimes lay and incubate a second clutch within 100 m of the first nest while the male feeds young at the first site.

The young are semiprecocial. An adult disturbed on the nest tumbles and opens its mouth, hissing, apparently imitating a snake.

Breeding is from March to August in the south of the range, and late May to September further north.

The genus name *Phalaenoptilus* is a compound of Greek *phalaina*, moth and *pilon*, feather. The species name *nuttallii* honors English-born American ornithologist Thomas Nuttall.

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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 obtain a nomination form, visit [www.azgfd.gov/w\\_c/ArizonaOutdoorHallOfFame.shtml](http://www.azgfd.gov/w_c/ArizonaOutdoorHallOfFame.shtml), download a form from the link on that page, and return the completed form — along with all supplemental materials — to Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation, c/o Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Marty Fabritz, DOHQ, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086.

Completed forms and materials can also be faxed to (623) 236-7299 or e-mailed to [mfabritz@azgfd.gov](mailto:mfabritz@azgfd.gov).

This year's inductees will be honored at the 13th annual Outdoor Hall of Fame Banquet on Aug. 28 at the Chaparral Suites Resort Scottsdale, 5001 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Ariz.

The Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame was developed in 1998 by the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation. Selections for induction are made annually by the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation's board of directors, who review nominations that have been submitted. For more information, call (623) 236-7281.

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