



Arizona Flycasters Club February Newsletter



Join Us for February's Zoom Meeting!

**“What’s Ahead for Arizona Outdoors -
With Last Year Wrapped Up?”**

Featuring Renowned Arizona Outdoorsman

Jim Unmacht

When?

Tuesday February 8th at 7:00

Where?

Zoom Meeting

Click on link below:

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Jim Unmacht's Bio

Jim is an avid outdoorsman who has been fishing, hunting, and getting outside since he was old enough to do so.

He and his family moved to Arizona from Minnesota in 1989.

Degrees in Business and Biology set his future course: he spent 33 years in the Commercial

Insurance business and has spent the last 20 plus years tapping his other focus which is wildlife habitat and conservation work in Arizona.

He and his spouse live in New River and are nearing their 38th Wedding Anniversary.

Their daughter and son-in-law live in Mesa, and their son lives in Flagstaff.

He is a Past President of the AZ Antelope Foundation, AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society and AZ Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC). He served as Vice President of the Wildlife Conservation Council and the AZ Wildlife Federation. He currently serves on the Board of Conserve and Protect AZ and the AZ Big Game Super Raffle. He has been AZSFWC's Executive Director since 2017.



The AZ Game and Fish Commission named him Conservationist of the Year in 2009 and Advocate of the Year in 2020. The Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation inducted him into the AZ Outdoor Hall of Fame in 2016.

Dead Horse Ranch State Park Outing!

February 18th - 20th

Dead Horse Ranch State Park is less than a two hour drive from central Phoenix, which makes it a nice day trip.

The town of Cottonwood adjoins the park with plenty of restaurants and motels.

The Verde River flows next to the park and best of all the park contains three ponds that are well stocked with trout.

This outing has it all; float tubing, shore fishing, still water, moving water, camping, happy hour, restaurants, coffee, doughnuts, and coaching from some of the best fly fishers in the country.

The park charges a \$7 entrance fee for day use.

Your AFC outings host will camp in Quail Loop site 15. Look for the club banner. The fly fisher's happy hour starts around 4:00 pm Friday and Saturday in Quail loop.

If you haven't already registered, please send a note to outings@azflycasters.org

Hidden Lake Outing!

Sunday March 6th

- Capacity: 24.
- Private lake with bass, crappie, bluegill, and catfish. (Catch & Release).
- \$5 per car parking, \$5 per boat and \$10 per person fishing.
- AFC will have fly fishing outfits available to loan for those new to the sport of fly fishing.
- Experienced coaching is always available.
- **please send an email to outings@azflycasters.org if you plan to attend.**

**24445 W. Sunrise Dr.
Buckeye, AZ 85326**

For More Information, click on the button below:

[Hidden Lake](#)

Lee's Ferry Outing!

March 25th - March 27

- Lee's Ferry is an Arizona world class trout fishery.
- It is located between Lake Powell and the Grand Canyon on the Colorado River. The scenery alone is worth the price.
- It is a 4.5 hour, 275 mile drive from central Phoenix.
- AFC has reserved seven rooms, double occupancy, on Friday night March 25 and Saturday night March 26, at Wendy and Terry Gunn's Vermilion Cliffs Lodge. Two night minimum stay.
- Dress very warm and dry, the early morning boat ride up river is cold.
- There is a \$30 parking fee within the national park.

To register for this amazing outing, click on the link below:



Sharp Creek Outing!

May 6th - 8th

AFC has reserved a group camp site May 6 thru May 8, 2022 at the Sharp Creek Campground.

This outing is less than a two hour drive from Phoenix, 24 miles East of Payson, and only a couple of miles South of the Christopher Creek restaurants and cabins for those who prefer not to camp.

Cliff DeVelig is the AFC host for this outing, look for the club banner.

Cost is \$30 per vehicle for the group camping, payable to the host.

If you are not camping the Tonto National Forest charges an \$8 day use fee.

Sharp Creek sits at a cool 6,000 feet elevation in a ponderosa pine forest.

Fishing is done at nearby Tonto Creek, Christopher Creek, Haigler Creek and Canyon Creek.

Woods Canyon and Willow Springs Lakes are about 10 miles away.

For those new to this sport, AFC will have a couple of fly fishing outfits available and quality coaching is always available!

Please email us at outings@azflycasters.org if you plan to attend.

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- Complete with stainless steel construction and a light weight bobbin hanger.
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Arizona Flycasters Club wishes to thank the members and donors for their great support. Without their fly fishing love, developing friendships, service, volunteerism, enthusiasm and donations, we would not be celebrating this 60th year as a non-profit organization.

Click on the "Rally Up" button below to buy raffle tickets!

Rally Up



Upcoming Fishing Events!

Mark Your Calendars!

**AFC's 2022 Outings Schedule is packed
with great Fishing Events!**

- February 26th - Salt River Saturday.
- March 6th - Hidden Lake Buckeye.
- March 25th - 27th - Lee's Ferry.
- April 23rd - 24th - Becker Lake - Springerville.
- May 6th - 8th - Sharp Creek (Rim Country Group Campground).
- Christmas Tree Lake - Details to follow.
- June 4th - 8th - San Juan River.
- July 15 - 17th - Greer Lakes - Benny Creek Campground.
- August 12th - 14th - Kaibab Lake.
- September 23rd - 25th - Luna Lake.
- October 13th - 16th - Becker's Best.
- October 28th - 30th - San Juan River.
- November 5th - Lake Pleasant - Castle Hot Springs.
- December - Salt River Saturday TBD.

Stay tuned for Sign Up announcements!

Volunteers Needed!

Help Families Learn To Fish at Veterans Oasis Park in Chandler

When?

Saturday, February 12, 2022
7:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Where?

Veterans Oasis Park - Chandler
4050 E Chandler Heights Rd.
Chandler, AZ 85249



Trout Unlimited is helping the City of Chandler put on a family friendly (spin) fishing clinic on Saturday, February 12 at Veterans Oasis Park. We need a dozen volunteers to meet at 7:30 AM at a tent next to the lake and answer participants' questions, hand out rods, and other fishing supplies and help them on the water if requested.

[Register Here](#)



A Note from Arizona Game & Fish Department

All, here is the AZGFD Fishing Report and Fishing Newsletter I mentioned. You can sign up for it "fishing report" and other communications here: (I believe the community fishing has been rolled into the Fishing Report)

DOUG BURT

Recruitment, Redemption & Reactivation (R3) Manager

To subscribe to the AZGFD fishing report and fishing newsletter, please click on the link below:

[AZGFD](#)

Volunteers Needed!



Show Low Lake Conservation Outing

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is partnering with the Show Low Public Works Department to build and install a fish habitat in

Show Low Lake.

Join us for one or multiple days, from Tuesday, March 29th to Thursday, March 31st.

Volunteers will meet at Show Low Public Works Department.

When?

March 29th - 31st

Where?

Show Low Public Works Department
1281 E Thornton Road
Show Low, AZ 85901

**For More Information/Registration,
Click on the button below:**

[Show Low Conservation](#)

Finally found out why the fish weren't biting..

