

# UPCOMING RALLIES AND GATHERINGS

## June 18th weekend is BUSY!!



### *Flagstaff Pride ~ Flagstaff, Arizona*

Normally taking place the 2nd weekend in June, Flagstaff Pride in the Pines has changed their dates this year and now coincides with the Bisbee Pride weekend. The camping for many of the RRV and TOW attendees has historically been at  
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### *Glass Creek~June Lake, Inyo Nat'l Forest California*

This year the gathering will be loosely centered on the weekend of the 18th/19th, tho the Solstice doesn't take place until the 21st (at 10:16am PST). Most folks just stay as long as they want. Last year the eastern side of the campground was closed for upgrades/renovations, so the parking was tighter last year, but that  
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### *Bisbee Pride ~ Bisbee, Arizona*

Bisbee Pride will soon be here, only 37 days from now. Bart and I have reconciled the reservations at the Queen Mine RV Park at this point all the late comers are covered. You know who you are. Check in with us an we'll give you the details. If you did not make a reservation last year for this year, please contact Bart of Jeff and we'll work on getting you into the Queen Mine RV Park. You can also stay at David's Oasis, a gay and lesbian resort just outside Bisbee. They still have spaces available.  
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### *Woods Canyon Lake*

*Mogollon Rim, Arizona ~ July 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>*

Please join us for a cool and scenic weekend at Woods Canyon Lake, Thursday July 28 to Monday August 1, 2011. Woods Canyon Lake is one of the most scenic lakes in Arizona. Woods Canyon Lake is tucked among pine trees and cliffs along the edge of the scenic Mogollon Rim. The landscape is simply gorgeous and at an elevation of about 7,500 feet, you can expect very pleasant temperatures in summer months. Camp outs at Woods Canyon Lake have been sell outs every time we have one. The lake is located about 30 miles east of Payson, Arizona and is very close to its sister-lake, Willow Springs Lake.  
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August, 2011***

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# Long Beach Pride Weekend - May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

First of all, thanks for coming to Long Beach Pride 2011. The event included both TOW & Rainbow members. I want to acknowledge a couple of people, Randy & Robert Thompson for supplying the ham for our main event, also thanks to Chuck Young & Terry Ford for preparing the Friday Greet & Meet. The weather was warm & comfortable with sunny afternoons. A great turn out for Friday Meet & Greet, & the activities began later that evening.



The time had arrived for seeing who was out at the bars & Pride activities. Michael Allen arrived Friday evening & took several guests downtown to the Mineshaft & the Brits ,arriving back to the campground early morning hours. Tom Bolton & Carl Alves arrived from Palm Springs for the Saturday evening pot luck. There was lots of camaraderie & large gatherings at the Jacuzzi & pool for storytelling, fun & laughter later in the evening. Our event included 10 rigs from TOW & 10 rigs from Rainbow. The Sunday morning parade was a half hour late, as usual. Tim & Greg from Rainbow displayed their motorhome with the

Betty Boop shoe with the theme from Priscilla Queen of the Desert. Two other Rainbow rigs were also in the Rainbow RV parade display. Everyone appeared to have fun & good camaraderie & still had time to relax & enjoy the weekend.

I would like to thank Tim & Greg for helping to make a great event at Long Bach Gay Pride 2011.



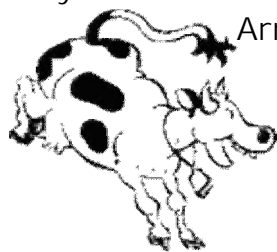
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## June 2011

| Mon | Tue                           | Wed | Thu | Fri  | Sat                                 | Sun |
|-----|-------------------------------|-----|-----|--|-------------------------------------|-----|
|     |                               | 1   | 2   | 3  | 4<br>Disney Gay Days<br>Orlando, FL | 5   |
| 6   | 7                             | 8   | 9   | 10   | 11<br>Key West Pride                | 12  |
| 13  | 14                            | 15  | 16  | 17<br>Bisbee Pride<br>Glass Creek Weekend<br>Flagstaff Pride |                                     |     |
| 20  | Summer<br>Solstice<br>10:15am | 22  | 23  | 24   | 25<br>S.F. Pride                    | 26  |
| 27  | 28                            | 29  | 30  |  |                                     |     |

## Recreation Month

July 2<sup>nd</sup> - First Zeppelin Flew In 1900  
 July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Dog Days of Summer Begin  
 July 8<sup>th</sup> - Liberty Bell Cracks In 1835  
 July 16<sup>th</sup> - Apollo 11 Lifts Off in 1969  
 July 17<sup>th</sup> - Disneyland Opens In 1955  
 July 18<sup>th</sup> - Cow Appreciation Day  
 July 20<sup>th</sup> - Moon Landing in 1969  
 Armstrong & Aldrin

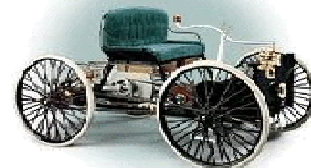


## August 2011

| Mon                         | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat                             | Sun |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1                           | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6<br>Stockholm<br>Gay Pride     | 7   |
| 8                           | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13<br>Toronto<br>Leather Pride  | 14  |
| 15<br>Provincetown Carnival | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20<br>Schwule<br>Strassenfest   | 21  |
| 22                          | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27<br>Provincetown<br>Bear Week | 28  |
| 29                          | 30  | 31  |     |     |                                 |     |

## Great Outdoors Month

June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Radio Was Patented 1896  
 June 3<sup>rd</sup> - First U.S. Spacewalk  
 By Ed White in 1965  
 June 4<sup>th</sup> - Henry Ford made his  
 1st car in 1896  
 June 6<sup>th</sup> - First Drive-in Theater Opens  
 In New Jersey in 1933  
 June 10<sup>th</sup> - Judy Garland's Birthday  
 June 19<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day  
 June 23<sup>rd</sup> - National Pink Day



## July 2011

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu                             | Fri | Sat                            | Sun                            |
|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|     |     |     |                                 | 1   | 2<br>Las Vegas Ripped          | 3                              |
| 4   | 5   | 6   | 7                               | 8   | 9<br>Provincetown<br>Bear Week | 10                             |
| 11  | 12  | 13  | 14                              | 15  | 16<br>San Diego Pride          | 17                             |
| 18  | 19  | 20  | 21<br>Rotterdam Euro Games      | 22  | 23                             | 24                             |
| 25  | 26  | 27  | 28<br>Woods Canyon Lake Weekend | 29  | 30                             | 31<br>S.F.<br>Up Your<br>Alley |

## Water Quality Month

August 1<sup>st</sup> - MTV Debuted 1981  
 August 1<sup>st</sup> - Switzerland Founded 1291  
 August 2<sup>nd</sup> - First U.S. Income Tax 1861  
 August 2<sup>nd</sup> - First Lincoln Penny 1909  
 August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Columbus Sets Sail In 1492  
 August 12<sup>th</sup> - IBM PC Announced 1981  
 August 18<sup>th</sup> - Wizard of Oz Premier 1939  
 August 29<sup>th</sup> - First Boy Scout Camp  
 Opens In 1934



# ANZA BORREGO



We took a chance the wind gods would be in a good mood for the Anza Borrego campout hosted by Bud & Brian, they weren't. Neither were the wild flower gods. When we arrived on Thursday it was sunny, calm & warm & we thought we were going to get a break from the winds that are so predominant that time of year. We found a nice cleared patch of BLM

desert & circled the rigs. Ben Miller, Don Coats, Bud Bodley & I settled in. It was Don's maiden voyage with his new (to him) trailer & he spent the afternoon looking it over & tinkering. That evening we had a pot luck dinner & watched a spectacular sunset as the shadows crept up the faces of the surrounding mountains. We spent the rest of the evening chatting around the camp fire.

Friday we drove into Borrego Springs to check out the locals. We stopped at the local citrus stand & bought some sweet & juicy grapefruit that had just been picked from the surrounding groves. Bob Siefert & his friend from San Diego arrived in the afternoon & joined the circle. It was about that time the wind gods realized they had been sleeping on the job & started doing their thing. Friday night was another pot luck, inside this time, & after another evening of gossip, we were all rocked to sleep.



Saturday, Ben, Don, Bud & Elko loaded up in the truck & I jumped on my motorcycle & we went exploring up Coyote Canyon Trail. Bob & his friend headed into town to get some supplies. We packed a lunch & when we got to the end of the trail we stopped & ate. The view was beautiful. We were probably 2500 feet above the dry lake bed & you could see forever. Saturday evening produced another gorgeous sunset. Some wine, cheese & crackers followed by dinner & Saturday was history.



We woke Sunday to another windy day & decided to pack it up & head home.

Even with the absence of wild flowers & the abundance of wind, we all still had a great time.

After all, it's not where you go, but who you go with, that makes a camp-out memorable.

Brian



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part closest to the highway is *supposed* to be open this year, according to the best information I could get from the NF service at the time I called the week before publication. Of course, the campground was then still closed, as there is still snow that hasn't yet melted. Coming to this event has always been a blast, with great walks thru and around the surrounding forest, a visit to the roaring downhill stream a short walk from camp (which is also a great boondocking campsite) and the many many trails that stretch for miles and miles, thru forest and glade and around huge mountains of lava rock. That this is all free is a great bonus. The town of Mammoth Lakes is not far to drive for groceries & a shuttle there can take you down to the Devil's Postpile Monument, and June Lake is just up the highway in the other direction. Summers at Glass Creek Campground comes with high temperatures in the 80's, while nighttime lows are mostly in the 30's. So pack up and come enjoy the cool weather in the Sierras of eastern California.



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Many of us will arrive in Bisbee on Thursday evening. On Friday afternoon, we'll have a happy hour at the RV park. Bring your favorite beverage and an appetizer to share over to Bart & Jeff's coach. At 8PM we'll walk down the hill to the Bisbee Pride's street party, in front of the Copper Queen Hotel. This is great fun for both gays and straights. On Saturday during the day you can browse through the pride booths and have lunch at one of the local cafes. Saturday evening we will have a usual pot luck. A theme will be forth

coming. After dinner we will venture down to the wall to wall crowds and tip a few at the local watering hole. If you haven't been to Bisbee Pride before, all I can say is that this small 1800's mining town turns gay for this weekend. All the bars, restaurants and the like are wide open to their gay friends. I've danced with straight guys in St. Elmo's with their wives watching. Other popular Bisbee Pride events are the street crawl, going bar to bar and the Pride Dance at the Gulch. We'll stay at the Queen Mine RV Park or at David's Oasis. David's Oasis is a Gay owned and operated RV park located about 10 miles East of Bisbee. Queen Mine RV Park is gay friendly and is located in town, about 2 blocks from all the festivities. Make your reservations at the Queen Mine Park now. Several of us reserved last weekend and the Park is already half full for the Bisbee Pride 2011.

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Woods Canyon Lake has produced some trophy size. Rainbows and Brown Trout including a 10 pound Brownie caught in 1999. The group camp area is dry camping, however composing toilets are available. There is also a central water tap you can use to top off your fresh tank. The lake has a fishing boat ramp. A concessionaire at the lake rents boats, sells fishing licenses, sells bait and tackle and carries well-stocked items in its country store. There is a dump station about a mile from the lake along the main access road. The group area accommodates about 10 rigs so please book early on this one. If you are going to tent camp or have a small trailer, we may be able to accommodate you at the last minute. From Scottsdale and Phoenix. Take Highway 87 (Beeline Highway) northeast to Payson AZ and then Highway 260 East to Forest Road 300 (Rim Road). Then turn north onto paved Forest Road 105 and proceed about a mile to the lake. The lake is about 30 miles east of Payson AZ. Please contact Jeff Kanis or Bart Corbett if you are interested in joining us at Woods Canyon Lake. We have 4 nights reserved from July 28 to August 1, 2011.



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**Campsite Layout For The May Sharp Creek Event**



**St. Patrick's Day @ David's Oasis  
Bear Calendar Wannabes**



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**Hiking to Sharp Creek, May 2011**

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the KOA campground there. Please contact the KOA directly, to determine availability. There are other RV parks and campground available, however. Look them up on the internet. Visit the webpage: [flagstaffpride.org](http://flagstaffpride.org) for more info direct from the organizers.

