



..keeping you informed

March, 2025

Hello Everyone

Welcoming March today – in like a lion out like a lamb -possibly.

There are quite a few notable days in March the first day of Spring on March 20<sup>th</sup> being one of them. Can't say this has been an exceptionally cold winter. Just a few days that you might need a coat.

Spring will be here in just a few short weeks. Might be time to think about getting a garden in order, maybe spring cleaning. Get rid of those items that just hang around. Are no longer useful but you may need them one of these days. I have plenty of those. Move them from one spot to another. Or making plans for a fun getaway before the triple digit weather.



The Classic Airplane Association of Arizona (CAAA) will present a time-honored Casa Grande tradition – the 67th edition of the CG Cactus Fly-In on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Casa Grande Municipal Airport. [CGZ\) 3225 N. Lear Ave., Casa Grande, AZ 85122](http://www.cactusflyin.org/)



Vintage aircraft will be on display also war birds and this year hot rods. Food will also be available.

What is now the city airport was a satellite training facility for the armed forces during World War II. Borns said his late father, Lt. Col. Fredrick Borns, who flew combat missions in Europe during the war, actually landed at the Casa Grande field in the mid-1940s during peacetime

Admission is by a suggested donation of \$10 for individuals or \$20 per car. Gates

open 8:00 am Saturday,

For further information regarding the Cactus Fly-In and the complete article go to: <http://www.cactusflyin.org/>

*There wasn't sufficient information about this event. Most information was about registration of aircraft and the types of events preceding the Cactus Fly In.. I hope what is here is accurate.*



**March 17<sup>th</sup>** St. Patrick's Day, or the Feast of St. Patrick, is a cultural and religious celebration, marking the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It also commemorates the arrival of Christianity in

Ireland in the year 432. St. Patrick was born in Britain in the late 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D to Roman Parents. captured by pirates as a child and brought to Ireland. He was called to Christianity and escaped his captors after six years. He returned to Ireland as a missionary and combined Irish pagan beliefs with Christian sacrament through his teachings.



Patrick.

He was not Irish, instead he was English. His given name was Maewyn Succat. His name was changed to Patrick. St. Patrick used a Shamrock – a young spring of clover- to teach the pagans about the Holy Trinity. The shamrock is the official flower of Ireland and associated with St.

Patrick. Blue was the color originally associated with St. Patrick. The color blue was featured in both the royal court and on ancient Irish flags until 1798 when the color green became associated with the day.



**March 19<sup>th</sup>** St. Joseph’s Day is an Italian-American tradition that celebrates the life of St. Joseph. Foster father to Jesus; a carpenter and a working man. There are several theories and myths surrounding St. Joseph. Nothing factual – so I chose not to include them. This day is noted for the St. Joseph table and if you are fortunate to find one in Arizona, I urge you to go.

The St. Joseph’s Table, which dates back to the Middle Ages, honors St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus Christ the Universal Church. In Sicily, a St. Joseph’s table was primarily feeding the poor as a form of public charity to give thanks for the end of a drought.



Middle Ages, and patron of meat for of a severe

**Ash Wednesday** begins the Lenten Season on March 5<sup>th</sup> and is celebrated on Wednesday seven weeks before Easter and the day after Mardi Gras.

Lent is the time before Easter when Catholics prepare to commemorate Jesus’s Resurrection

The ashes used for Ash Wednesday come from the burning of palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations. Ash Wednesday is always 46 days before Easter Sunday<sup>2</sup>. Wearing ashes on your forehead is a visible sign of repentance and humility . Many Catholics over the age of 14 abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday

[Ash Wednesday 2025 | The First Day of Lent | Catholic Answers Tract](#)

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00AM that night. Arizona has not observed Daylight Saving Time since 1967, but there is one portion of Arizona that continues to observe it—Navajo Nation. The Native American territory, which also traverses the state lines of Utah and New Mexico, elected to adopt Daylight Saving Time because they didn’t want to put the communities on two different clocks. The smaller Hopi reservation of the Navajo Nation is the only segment of the territory that chose not to observe Daylight Saving Time because it lies within Arizona.



**March 14, 2025** the next full Moon known as the Full Worm Moon will occur at 2:55 a.m. Eastern Time (Thursday, March 13 at 11:55 p.m. Pacific). The Full Worm Moon will undergo a [total lunar eclipse](#) at that time.

March's full Moon is called the Worm Moon to celebrate the earthworms that spring to life as winter ends. These little critters enrich the soil for your spring gardens!

**March 20, 2025** is the first day of spring on Thursday at 5:01 a.m. EDT (2:01 a.m. Pacific). For those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, this is marked by the arrival of the spring equinox the official start of the spring season

Traditionally, the first day of spring is on March 21, but astronomers and calendar manufacturers alike now say that the spring season starts on March 20 in all time zones in North America.

It's time to prepare your [hummingbird feeders](#). With the coming of Spring the arrival of thousands of beautiful hummingbirds -the world's small bird- will begin its annual journey northward..

[Hummingbirds return to Arizona](#) typically begin their journey at the end of winter and into the spring. So, expect to see these graceful creatures from late February to May.



Because of their small size and quick wing speed, hummingbirds can fly up to 1,300 miles in one stretch, so it's no surprise they cover so much territory during their migration. Arizona, particularly the southeastern corner of the state, is home to more hummingbird species than almost anywhere else across the country!

[Hummingbird Migration Map 2025. Updated Hourly With Your Sightings.](#)

Starting Feb. 25 Arizona State Parks and Trails will be raising fees on entrances, camping, and tour tickets for its more than 30 parks to help support park operations.

Instead of the current choice between the standard annual pass with restrictions for \$75 or premium pass for \$200, one pass will be available for \$200 that includes all parks with no restrictions. This will provide entry for up to four adults in a single vehicle into all parks for one year.

Camping fees will range from \$25 for rustic (no hook-up) sites to \$75 for oversized sites with full hook-ups at Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area. Day use entry fees will range between \$10 and \$30 for adults depending on park and seasonality. Tours at Kartchner Caverns State Park will rise from \$23 to \$30 for people age 14 and up, and tours at Riordan Mansion State Historic Park will rise from \$12 to \$18 for people age 14 and up. The new rates will be in effect and available online at [AZStateParks.com/fee-schedule](https://www.azstateparks.com/fee-schedule)

[Fees increase at Arizona State Parks and Trails to support park operations – GilaValleyCentral](#)



## Volunteer cuddlers needed for babies at Valleywise Health NICU

Valleywise Health is currently looking for more volunteers. Officials say they have three right now, but they are looking to recruit up to 40 NICU cuddlers. You have to be 18 and complete a background test and a drug test, among other tests and immunizations.

You also have to get trained on how to swaddle and hold the babies safely. Volunteers are asked to commit four hours a week for a minimum of 100 hours.

“And so now we know human touch is very, very important for a developing brain,” said Karine Soto, who works in the NICU. “It helps decrease cortisol levels. It helps with weight gain. It helps stabilize their vital signs.”

Here is [where you can find information on how to apply](#).

For more information go to: [Volunteer cuddlers needed for babies at Valleywise Health NICU](#)

You’ve heard about the Oscar Myer Weinermobile but you may not know about the NUTmobile created by Planters.

In 1935, the first peanut car was built and used by a PLANTERS® brand salesman. Since then, it has evolved from one peanut car, to a Hot Rod, to a fleet of vehicles. The NUTmobile is 26 foot long and travels across the



United States and is driven by Peanutters. As a member of the Peanutter squad you act as a corporate ambassador at parades, community events, and grand openings across the nation. There are qualifications to be met to become a Peanutter -a college degree is one. Drivers are paid \$45,000.00 a year plus benefits.

Previously applications to become a Peanutter were taken until February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. However,

I was unable to verify this. The article did mention applications are now open for a fourth class of Peanutters.

Go to: [PLANTERS® NUTmobile](#) for more information.

For the complete article go to: [https://www.newsbreak.com/share/3758483580447-planters-will-pay-you-45-000-a-year-plus-health-benefits-travel-expenses-and-a-401-k-to-drive-the-nutmobil-around-the-country?s=a3&share\\_destination\\_id=OTk5NDgxNjktMTczNjg4NDcwNzg](https://www.newsbreak.com/share/3758483580447-planters-will-pay-you-45-000-a-year-plus-health-benefits-travel-expenses-and-a-401-k-to-drive-the-nutmobil-around-the-country?s=a3&share_destination_id=OTk5NDgxNjktMTczNjg4NDcwNzg)

That’s it!. No jokes today. One liners will be included in the Newsletter.

Ray & I want as always to thank those who take the time to let me know they enjoy the Newsletter. I am always looking for suggestions for information about a particular subject you would like to know more about.

Hoping March brings all the best for you and your family. Smiles and laughter every day. And time spent with those special people in your life. Remember to take time to do something special for yourself.

Ray & Joan

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**"Doing nothing is hard... you  
never know when you're  
done!"**

