



# Footprints

September 2008

*Newsletter of the Southern Arizona Guides Association—SAGA*



## WHAT'S UP SAGA

**H**ello SAGA Members, Associates, Friends & Supporters. The SAGA monthly newsletter is back and lots of other great things are happening with your Guides Association. Here are some items you need to know –

- **Meeting Schedule** currently being held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month ~ beginning September 16
- **New Meeting Place** to try out in September ~ Tucson Racquet Club  
Located at 4001 North Country Club (end of Country Club, just north of Prince)
- **New SAGA Board Elections**—Pick up ballots at the Sept 16 meeting & watch your mailbox
- **SAGA By-Laws Changes**—Pick up info at Sept 16 meeting
- **SAGA to join Tucson Chamber**—Hear all about it on Sept 16
- **Member Badges & I.D. Cards**—Claim yours at the Sept 16 meeting—call 743-3553 to order yours
- **Update your On-Line Listing**—Forms available at the Sept 16 meeting
- **Kitt Peak Guide-Ed Tour October 8**—See details on Page 2 & watch your email—sign up on Sept 16
- **Membership Renewal Time!**—Bring your check & Renewal Form to the Sept 16 meeting (\$30/Full Member; \$20/Associate; \$65/Business Member includes 5 Full Memberships)
- **Footprints Direct to Your Email Box**—Sign up on Sept 16 & check your email box for premier issue

**Meeting Details:** Our private dining/meeting room is open at 6:00pm. The program begins at 7:00pm. You can come to just chat & network or enjoy a drink (alcoholic or non), dessert, snacks, appetizer or a full meal. The Tucson Racquet Club serves everything from sandwiches, hamburgers, coffee, iced tea, steaks, Italian & Mexican favorites and full-bar service. Purchase of food and beverages is optional. This venue was chosen for its central location, private parking lot, private dining/meeting facility and the excellent food & service at very reasonable prices.

Join us on September 16 for the Tour Season “Kick Off” Meeting to find out what’s new & what the future plans are for fun, educational opportunities and making connections. Bring your spouse, neighbors, friends, family, co-workers and anyone interested in tour guiding, travel or just learning more about Tucson & the Southwest.

SAGA is currently a member of the MTCVB so our members can benefit from attending events exclusively for the Visitor’s Bureau members.

Tucson Chamber membership will offer SAGA members yet another means to promote, network and be recognized throughout the entire business community in the greater Tucson metropolitan area. Many more benefits will be discussed at the September 16 meeting.

**DON'T FORGET** to add [sagamailbox@comcast.net](mailto:sagamailbox@comcast.net) to your safe senders list so you will receive the email updates & special offers available to our subscribers.

★ **Come check out the new brochures we will be using to promote SAGA** ★



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**KITT PEAK TOUR  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

This tour has been designed especially for all of us working in the tourism & hospitality industry. Everyone who interacts with visitors to our area needs to have a knowledge of our attractions This educational tour will answer the questions visitors most often ask about local attractions —

- \* What are they?
- \* Where are they?
- \* What is there to see there?
- \* How far is it from Tucson?
- \* Is it worth a visit?
- \* Have you been there?

Included in the cost of this tour is:

- ~ Transportation
- ~ Lunch
- ~ Telescope Tours
- ~ Behind-the-Scenes
- ~ Special history/overview/future plans
- ~ Press Kit
- ~ NAOA Tour Guide
- ~ Information & Guide along the route

This is your chance to sit back & enjoy the tour, ask questions and "play the tourist."

**Pick up spot is at Hotel Tucson (formerly Inn Suites) at 475 N Granada Ave (I-10 at St Mary's Rd).**

**Pick up Time is 8:30am.**

Our tour begins at 10:00am and we will finish at about 1:30/2:00pm. Our return time to Tucson is approximately 4:00pm. The **cost of this tour is \$35 per person.** Please send your check made payable to SAGA by September 23 to reserve your place.

You can bring your payment to the SAGA meeting on September 16.

Spouses & family members are welcome along with those interested in joining us.



### At Pima Air and Space Museum -

The collection continues to grow. For all the amazing aircraft in the collection, there have been relatively few representatives of foreign aircraft. But in the past few years, this has changed. Several Russian MiGs are on display, along with the British Hawker Hunter and Fairey Gannet.



The World War II exhibits have been enhanced by new additions as well.

The Blenheim bomber is a type that saw extensive service in North Africa. The Hawker Hurricane (above), while not as well-known as the Spitfire, was key to winning the Battle of Britain. Near the Hurricane in Hangar 3 is the Fieseler V-1, better known as the buzz-bomb that pummeled England. Next-door in Hangar 4 is a Nakajima KI-43 Hayabusa, known to the Allies as "Oscar".

A more modern aircraft making progress toward display status is the Convair B-36J Peacemaker. It's taking a while, but this is a huge aircraft and it will make a striking display when it is finally ready.

And the word is that a MiG-29 will be arriving in the fall. This is a modern Russian fighter, in a class with the American F-15 Eagle.

### At the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum -

If you haven't seen Life on the Rocks yet, you're missing an extraordinary exhibit. You'll see everything from a hog-nosed skunk to a Gila monster, from an antelope squirrel to a banded gecko. Lift a rock and find a scorpion (safely behind glass). That little stream is full of frogs! The exhibit is near the small cat exhibit near the end of the desert loop trail.

A national gathering of snake and venom experts last year led to changes in the reptile and invertebrate area. Many more of the snakes on exhibit are rattlesnakes, showing the variety that can be found in our Sonoran Desert.

Since the old circular cages for the birds of prey and parrots were taken down, their former residents have needed new temporary quarters, mostly off-exhibit. The roadrunner was "temporarily" housed with the prairie dogs.

Well, the arrangement seems so successful, it may just be made permanent.

### Arizona State Museum -

September 15 - October 27, "Anatomy of Sorrow: Solo Exhibition by Daniel Martin Diaz" in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month. This Tucson artist's exhibit moves to Los Angeles at the end of the year.

—AND— Don't miss the Book sale September 12-13, 10:00 - 4:00

### Tucson Botanical Gardens -

Visit the Gardens from October 17-31 to see creative scarecrows on display throughout the Gardens.

### Tucson International Airport -

A new paint job - for an old tower. When the control tower was built in 1958, it was Tucson's third highest "skyscraper". On Saturday, October 11, there will be an open house to celebrate its 50th anniversary. An Air National Guard fly-over at 11:00 a.m. will be one highlight of the day. As a tour guide, you may have spent many days at TIA, but this one will give you a new perspective.



### Bike-Friendly Tucson -

The League of American Bicyclists has awarded 84 cities the title of "Bicycle-Friendly Community" and Tucson made the list with 475 miles of bike lanes in the metro area. Compared with some other cities like Portland with 272 miles of bike lanes and Minneapolis with 40 miles of bike lanes & 82 miles of off-road trails, Tucson stacks up quite well for the outdoor enthusiast looking for a place to visit.

#### *Did You Know?*

*A roadrunner can run up to 14 mph.*

*A kangaroo rat never has to drink water because it gets enough hydration from its seed diet.*

### The Bird in the Shining Robe

“Over there, in the very top of that palo verde tree... It looks like a cardinal, but it’s black.”

That beautiful little black bird perched at the top of the palo verde or mesquite tree is a phainopepla (fay-no-PEP-la). It’s a strange name, but while most birds have a common, descriptive name like red-tailed hawk or great horned owl, the phainopepla settles for the first half of its scientific name phainopepla nitens. But the name still fits, for phainopepla is derived from Greek words meaning ‘shining robe’. (Nitens also comes from a word meaning “shining”, so I guess it means “really, REALLY shining robe”.)

Measuring just under eight inches, or about an inch shorter than a cardinal, the phainopepla has a crest resembling a cardinal’s. Males are all black, save for white patches on the wings that become visible in flight. Females and juveniles are shades of gray.

Phainopeplas belong to a family of birds called silky flycatchers. While that treetop station is helpful in the warmer months for snatching insects in flight, in the winter it becomes a place to declare to all that “this particular tree (and all that’s in it) belongs to me”.

And what’s in that tree is desert mistletoe. That large, dense clump of vegetation in many of our desert trees is parasitic mistletoe. In the winter, the mistletoe produces red berries that are a mainstay of the phainopepla. So “staking one’s claim” is important. Just how important those berries are is shown by the fact that a phainopepla rarely drinks water, yet it loses water equal to nearly 95% of its body mass each day. The mistletoe berries replenish that huge water loss.

Early in the spring, nesting higher above ground than many local birds, the phainopepla produces two or three eggs, pink or light gray in color with a generous spotting of black, gray, or lavender. Both Mom and Dad incubate the eggs for about two weeks until the youngsters hatch. For the next eighteen or nineteen days, both parents feed the young until they are ready to fledge. As the spring weather warms, the pair

may move to higher, cooler territory to raise a second brood.

This dual nesting behavior is unusual, not just because two broods a year are produced. First, they occur in very different habitats - desert scrub and forest. Second, in the desert, the birds are quite territorial - yet in the forest setting, a nesting pair may share a large tree with as many as three other nesting pairs.

Another unusual nesting habit is that the male builds the nest. This would not be so strange were it not for the fact that the male is more strikingly marked, making his nest-building activities more visible to possible predators.

The phainopeplas are out there year-round. In summer, they may move up into the foothills and mountains, but in the winter, they truly shine - in more ways than one.



Male



Female



Babies in nest feeding on mistletoe berries

When we find ourselves “between a rock and a hard place”, it’s probably somewhere we’d rather not be. And if you’ve ever had a vegetable garden, likely one of the first things you did when preparing the ground was to remove the rocks. But there are merits to having rocks in your garden. I still have vivid memories of the first rock garden I saw over a half century ago. It had a certain charm, and just looked “right” for the plants it displayed



For one thing, rocks are a natural part of our desert landscape. Many of Tucson’s suburban areas are built on bajadas, areas of sediment washed down from our mountains, so rocks were common and varied in the areas that become our backyards. In fact, a desert garden simply doesn’t look “natural” without them. So how do we use rocks in our gardens?

Before you place rocks here and there in your yard, take a stroll in the desert.

One thing you’ll notice is that rocks don’t just sit on top of the ground. Usually they are buried, at least partially. So let that rock sit in your garden, not on it.

Turn over a small rock or two. (Be careful not to disturb that scorpion, - he was there first.) Note that the top of the rock has a weathered appearance and may look quite different from the bottom. When the Desert Museum re-vegetates an area, they are very careful to reset rocks and stones right side up, the way they were before, so that they have a more natural look.

Sometimes you’ll find a cactus, shrub, or even a tree that seems to have sprouted out of the very rocks. Why did it pick this spot, and how does it survive?

Back in your garden, you may wish to use large rocks as accent pieces. Placing them near smaller plants may lend them the shade they need in early life.

Use larger rocks for heat storage. If you have a plant that is somewhat frost sensitive, a large rock can radiate daytime heat back into the at-

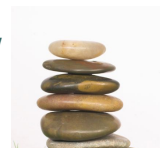
mosphere during the night and thus make a difference in a plant’s survival on a frosty night.

Scattering smaller 1-2” rocks around some plants can help keep in moisture. This can also make weeding easier. Just remember to set your rocks right side up. You’ll find that side looks better anyway.

If your new planting will someday be large, perhaps you don’t want to plant anything else too close. But that leaves a big empty open area. Place an attractive rock or two. And when that plants fills in its space, move the rocks to another location that needs a pick-me-up.

And some rocks can contribute to the soil itself. For example, ocotillos like limestone. (Remember, that was a clue to the existence of Kartchner Caverns - hillsides covered with ocotillo indicated the presence of limestone.) So a limestone rock, or smaller bit of limestone that gradually degrades, can encourage your ocotillos and help them to flourish.

Or perhaps you want to use rocks for more of a fantasy. A neighbor of ours has accumulated somewhat flattened round sandstone rocks, which she has carefully stacked to resemble miniatures of the Chiracahua Mountain hoodoos.



Anyway you look at it, rocks just seem to belong in Tucson gardens. So next year, when you make your annual pilgrimage to the Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show, you just may find that that irresistible rock is not for your finger, but for your garden.

Interesting trivia: Some earlier cultivators of agaves, the Hohokam for example, would sometimes place quartz rock around the base of the plants. The sunlight that passed through the quartz created micro-gardens, tiny greenhouses beneath the rock. Fungi and other tiny plants growing there enriched the soil and benefited the agave crop.



### AZ Historical Society Fall Lecture Series *Women at Work-Pioneers of the Modern Age*

**Oct 1:** *Getting Into the Battle: Hughes and Munds, Arizona Suffragettes* by Reba Wells Grandrud, Ph.D., Historian

**Oct 8:** *Documenting a Half Century of Friendship: Isabella Greenway and Eleanor Roosevelt, 1904-1953* by Kristie Miller, Author/Historian

**Oct 15:** *Nellie Trent Bush: Arizona Politician* by Heidi Osselaer, Ph.D., Author/Historian

**Oct 22:** *Luisa Ronstadt Espinel: Tucson's Interpreter of Spanish Culture* by Wynne Brown, Author/Historian

**Oct 29:** *Artist-Author-Advocate: Kate Cory's Life in Arizona* by Sarah Nucci, Faculty Associate, School of Applied Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University Polytechnic

All lectures held at AZ Historical Society Museum, 949 E Second St at 7:00pm. For more information and registration call 520 617-1153 or email [esg@azhs.gov](mailto:esg@azhs.gov).

### Western National Parks Store September Lectures

**Sept 13: The Anza Trail - by Joseph Myers**  
In late fall of 1775, Juan Bautista de Anza passed through the Tucson area with about 300 people and a lot of cattle, horses, and mules on his way to create a settlement at San Francisco. There were some 27 camps made in October and November in Arizona, from Nogales to Yuma. Some of the more interesting camp stories along the way will be highlighted in the talk, and the route will be illustrated with maps.

**Sept 17: Cultural and Culinary Traditions of Sonora - by Rene Cordova**  
Learn about the colorful and diverse culture of our southern neighbor in a region that has adapted its traditions marvelously well to the hot and dry climate of the Sonoran desert. Rene Cordova, a native of the Rio Sonora, is a historian, journalist, philosopher.

**Sept 20: The Great Cacti - by David Yetman**  
Towering over deserts, arid scrublands, and dry tropical forests, giant cacti grow throughout the Americas, from the United States to Argentina—often in rough terrain and on barren, parched soils. David Yetman brings years of study and reflection to a wide-ranging and handsomely illustrated book, *The Great Cacti* (University of Arizona Press, \$59.95). Drawing on his close association with the Guarijios, Mayos, and Seris of Mexico—peoples for whom such cacti have been indispensable to survival—he offers surprising evidence of the importance of these plants in human cultures. David, Ph. D., host of “The Desert Speaks” television program and author of the upcoming WNPA book, *50 Common Edible and Useful Plants of the Southwest*.

**Sept 27: The Fascinating World of Bats - by Karen Krebbs**  
Conservation biologist from ASDM is a member of the Arizona Game & Fish Department's Bat Working Group, Bat Conservation International, American Zoological Association Bat Taxon Advisory Group, and Arizona's Bat Resource Group. Arizona is home to 28 species of bats. Karen will cover some of the bat projects she is involved with and also discuss the natural history of bat species in Arizona. Bats.

All lectures are at 12Noon & 2:00pm at the Western Parks Assn Store located at 12880 N Vistoso Village Drive (off Rancho Vistoso Blvd). **Reservations required:** call 622-6014 during business hours, beginning one week prior to the event. Website: [www.wpna.org](http://www.wpna.org)

### Tucson Presidio Trust Lectures

**Sept 14: Reconstruction of the Presidio San Agustín del Tucson—by Gayle Hartmann**, anthropologist & former president of the Tucson Presidio Trust.

**Oct 19: The Apache Pacification Policy—by Julia Arriola**, Arizona Historical Society Museum Curator

**Reservations Required:** call **Gayle Hartmann 325-6974 (space is limited)**. Held at the **Tucson Historic Presidio at 3:00pm**

### SEPTEMBER MOVIES @ CINEMA LA PLACITA

**Sept 11: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes**

**Sept 18: Rebel Without a Cause**

**Sept 25: Tootsie**

Downtown Tucson's outdoor movie series showing classic films in a beautiful plaza setting. Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, through October. Admission is free, donations are greatly appreciated. Cinema La Placita is located in the plaza of La Placita Village, on the southwest corner of Broadway and Church Avenue in downtown Tucson. Call for more info or schedule/weather related changes—520-326-5282.

### Sept 27: TUCSON

**National Museum Day at the Arizona Historical Society Museum**

**Free admission** all day. The Museum features interactive and traditional exhibits about Arizona's dynamic past, including an underground copper mine, ranch and town life of the 1870s, Victorian-era period rooms, the archaeology of Tucson 's downtown, an original stagecoach, and a 1923 Studebaker. Info at 628-5695 or [www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org).

### SEPT 27 & 28: DESERT MUSEUM

**Annual Butterfly Festival & Plant Sale**

Delight in the Beauty of Butterflies. There are a lot of fun activities for the entire family. Spend the day at the Museum learning about these 'jewels of the air'. There will be butterfly walks, a plant sale, children's activities and gardening classes happening throughout the day. Info at 883-2702 or [www.desertmuseum.org](http://www.desertmuseum.org).

### THRU SEPT 30: TUCSON BOTANICAL GARDEN

**Dig: Prehistoric Gardens**

Step into an ancient world filled with life-size dinosaurs, giant bugs, living fossils & prehistoric plants, dig in a fossil quarry or go on a scavenger hunt; Info at 326-9686 or [www.tucsonbotanical.org](http://www.tucsonbotanical.org)

### Oct 2-5: WILLCOX

**Rex Allen Days**

Rodeo, Cowboy poetry, lots of music, film festival, parade, Rex Allen, Jr., Charlie Rich & Johnny Western perform Saturday; Dan Haggerty a.k.a. Grizzly Adams & cast members from "High Chaparral" will be there; Info at Willcox Chamber (520) 384-2272 or [www.rexallendays.org](http://www.rexallendays.org).

### OCT 3-31: OLD TUCSON STUDIOS

**Nightfall—Release the Beast**

Tucson's premier Halloween event in Arizona, head-

lined by an all-new show where spectacular stunts, pyrotechnics and horrifying effects culminate into Nightfall's greatest battle yet! Fri/Sat 6pm-12midnight; Wed/Thur/Sun 6-10pm. Info at 883-0100 or [www.nightfallaz.com](http://www.nightfallaz.com).

### OCT 1-12: TOMBSTONE

**Hellorado Days**

Tombstone's oldest tradition with re-enactments, parade 11am Sunday; fashion show, carnival, live music, food and lots of entertainments all around town; 10am-4pm; Info at 520-457-3291.

### Oct 11: PRESIDIO SAN AGUSTIN DEL TUCSON

**Living Historic—Saturday Programs Begin**

Special activities 10a-4pm with historic characters, military drills, cannon firing & tours of the Presidio. Info at 884-4214.

### OCT 18 & 19: TUBAC

**Anza Days at Tubac Presidio State Park**

Celebration of the historic trek of Juan Bautista de Anza from Tubac to found San Francisco. A living history of the Indian, Mexican and Spanish Colonial Periods of Tubac. Enjoy "Los Tubaquenos", military demonstrations, folklorico dancers, ethnic music and children's activities 10am-4pm. Info at 520-398-2252.

### OCT 25: FOURTH AVENUE-TUCSON

**Spooky Kids Halloween Costume Contest**

5-9pm "trick-or-treat" along Fourth Avenue; prizes & goodie bags, scary movies, live DJ all free family fun; Info at Fourth Ave Merchants Assn 624-5004.

### OCT 25: WESTERN NATIONAL PARKS STORE

**Tarahumara & Mayo Indians Arts & Crafts Show/Sale**

**From 10am-4pm; located at 12880 N Vistoso Village Dr;** Info at 622-6014 or [www.wpna.org](http://www.wpna.org).

### SEPT 18-OCT 30: TOHONO CHUL PARK

**Fall Concert Series**

Sept 18-Kip Calahan; Oct 2 Bobby Ronstadt; Oct 16 William Eaton Ensemble; Oct 30 Dolan Ellis; Call 742-6455 for details & tickets.

**NOTE: Email updates of events, special programs & other items of interest are sent out periodically. If you want to receive these updates, please be sure we have your correct email address and you have the SAGA email address listed as a "safe/approved sender" in your email provider program.**

A plant I learned to recognize when I was just a youngster in the Northeast was called milkweed - break off one of those large leathery leaves and the stem exuded a milky, latex-like fluid. By late summer the leaves were being devoured by striped caterpillars. Years later, I found a milkweed plant with a chrysalis attached. Green, flecked with gold, the chrysalis eventually burst open and an adult monarch butterfly emerged.

Fast forward a few decades... Tucson doesn't see as many monarch butterflies as we do its cousin, the queen butterfly. But Arizona surely does have milkweed, 27 species in all. If you want to try milkweed in your yard, you may want to start with the desert milkweed, *asclepias subulata*. It's also called the rush milkweed or skeleton milkweed. Unlike our milkweeds back in the Northeast, the skeleton milkweed has only the tiniest hairy leaves, and that only briefly in the spring. It is indeed just "bones", a bare stalk up to three feet tall or more. The flowers that appear at the ends of the stalks are not all spectacular, but those who visit them are.



*Asclepias subulata*

Milkweed flowers attract peeps wasps, commonly called tarantula hawks. The color of these black and red giants warns that their sting is dangerous. But other milkweed denizens are dangerous for another reason. While many caterpillars try to hide through the use of camouflage, queen larvae are brightly colored as a warning. You see, the plants contain toxins that concentrate in the caterpillars, making them distasteful to birds. Likewise, the beetles sometimes found on milkweed are black and bright red, advertising the unappetizing taste.



*Asclepias linaria*

Several other milkweeds will prosper in Tucson. The pine leaf milkweed, *asclepias linaria*, does indeed resemble the twigs of a pine tree. This, and a similar species, *asclepias angustifolia*, or

narrow-leaved milkweed, have clusters of bright white or creamy flowers. To add some color, this one sports a striped butterfly larva.



*Asclepias Angustifolia*



For more color, try *asclepias curassavica*, the bloodflower milkweed, with its bright orange flowers.

Or you may have a trellis or dead branch looking for a boarder. The milk vine, *lachnostoma arizonica*, is a leafy climber.



*Lachnostoma Arizonaica*

When the flowers depart, they are replaced by seed pods, and when the pods burst open, the seeds fly away on feathery parachutes. Next thing you know, your neighborhood may be filled with milkweed - and he butterflies will thank you.



To see these pictures in full color, go to our website: [www.aztours.org](http://www.aztours.org)

Or subscribe on-line to the PDF Version of Footprints

Check out the Desert Museum's Annual Butterfly Festival & Plant Sale  
September 27 & 28

## SAGA MEMBERSHIP

### SAGA Membership Application

Renewal     New Member  
 Full Member/\$30     Associate/\$20  
 Business Member/\$65 (incl 5 memberships)

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Mail your check to: SAGA  
 PO Box 41692 Tucson AZ 85717

Full Member category for tour guides, tour operators, meeting planners & other members of the tourism/hospitality industry

Associate Member category for all those interested in learning more about Tucson, Arizona and the Sonoran Desert Region

Business Member category for businesses that wish to have up to 5 staff members enrolled as Full Members of SAGA

Please list names of 5 staff members for the Business Membership Category

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Also list additional email addresses to receive SAGA updates

## SAGA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### LIGHTS ON FOR SAGA ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

We have been "dark" for three months, now the SAGA light comes back really bright on September 16.

Please be sure to join to join us in the main dining room at the Tucson Racquet Club at the north end of Country Club for our September meeting.

The dining room is all ours that night and we can take advantage of the excellent food and reasonable prices. The dining room will be available after 6:00 p.m. for dinner and our meeting will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

The officers and directors have many events and speakers scheduled for this next season and you'll want to be part of the fun.

I'll look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, September 16.

Claudia Bray



### This Month in History

**September 1, 1865, the first public mail to reach Tucson since the beginning of the Civil War arrived from California.**

**September 23, 1927 ~ Col. Charles A. Lindbergh arrived in Tucson in his plane "The Spirit of St. Louis" to dedicate Tucson's new airport. He was greeted by more than 20,000 local citizens.**

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