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History of Apache Junction

Apache Junction didn't really start off as a town; it just sort of began as a settlement along the Apache Trail, which was a major transport route for construction of the Roosevelt Dam. Originally thought to have been carved out by the Salado Indians, who inhabited and farmed the area between roughly 900-1450 AD, the Trail was used to move from winter homes in the lowlands to summer homes in the Superstition Mountains. Later it was used by marauding Apaches and Yavapai to raid Pima villages along the Salt River, hence the name.



The Trail was not wide enough for a transport route up to the site of the new Roosevelt Dam, and it was widened and graded for haulage between 1903 and 1905. Horse-drawn transports and automobiles both used this route.

Apache Junction's story really begins in 1921; George Hunt, Arizona's first governor, recommended the construction of a paved highway from Phoenix to the mining town of Globe. The Apache Trail became primarily a tourist stagecoach route, with such attractions as Goldfield (a gold mining town between 1890 and 1915) and the Lost Dutchman's rumored gold mine. Apache Junction, right at the intersection of the Trail and the new Globe highway, began to grow. It wasn't rapid, but Apache Junction is now a vibrant part of the metro Phoenix area, and a major tourist and residential area. With the Superstition and Goldfield Mountain ranges as backdrops, the town has one of the most scenic locations imaginable, and will continue to develop as a really nice place to live.

Supercross is here!

Supercross has become a worldwide phenomenon, starting in 1972 and growing so immensely that it is now the 2nd biggest motor sport in the US, right below NASCAR. It is a motorcycle racing event that involves off-road motorcycles racing on artificial dirt tracks consisting of jumps and other challenging obstacles. The American Motorcyclist Association series begins in December and goes through mid-May with awards going to three Supercross Championship Champs each year. To keep track of the riders and all Supercross news, click <u>here</u>. Pictures are courtesy of Frank Hoppen via the website.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE

VENUE

January 1 January 8 January 8 January 14-16 January 15 January 17-23 January 26 January 29 University of Phoenix Comerica Theatre Murphy Park in Glendale Downtown Carefree Chase Field Scottsdale West World

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Fiesta Bowl UCA Cheer Event Glendale Glitter & Glow Carefree Art & Wine Festival Supercross Barrett Jackson Ozzy and Slash George Lopez



Welcome to Phoenix!

We would like to welcome the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Colorado Rockies to Metro Phoenix for the 2011 Spring Training season and express our excitement at having them here. We will be doing security for the facility and are ecstatic to be a part of the training at this brand new stadium. Salt River Fields is the first stadium ever built on Native American tribal land and will be funded by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. It was designed by the same firm and built by the same construction company that built Camelback Ranch so it will be another beautiful development. The Diamondbacks previously held Spring Training at Tucson Electric Park, also known as Kino Stadium, and the Rockies trained at Hi Corbett Field, also in Tucson.



Salt River Fields has a 11,000-seat capacity ballpark, 12 practice fields, and minor and major league club houses. The park includes 140 acres of scenic landscape and has views of Camelback Mountain, Four Peaks, the McDowell Mountains, Red Mountain, and Superstition Mountains. If you would like to read more, please click the logo on the left. All of the pictures here are pictures from their website, and you can find even more renderings and construction photos if you visit them online. Play ball!





Help Yourself

Change. This word can bring up different feelings, depending on what it's applied to. Are you set in your ways at work? Are you comfortable with how everything goes? If you are, then you probably don't want change. What about fear? Do you fear that you might make a mistake? Maybe that's why you don't want change? Read <u>here</u> about Managing Fear and Change in the Workplace.

Looking for a way to make a difference but don't know what you should do? How about donating to a charity or doing something for a good cause? Be inspired—check out <u>these 6 places</u> you can donate to help change the world and make it a better place.

Have you ever been to a networking event and felt a little awkward? Maybe you can't see people's nametags and so you don't know if they'd be people you can do business with or not. Or maybe there's a group talking, but you don't want to butt in and interrupt them. <u>Here</u> you will find 5 way to dominate the networking scene to make it easier.



From small beginnings, come great things. HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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