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Happy travels, and enjoy your stay in the Silver State.

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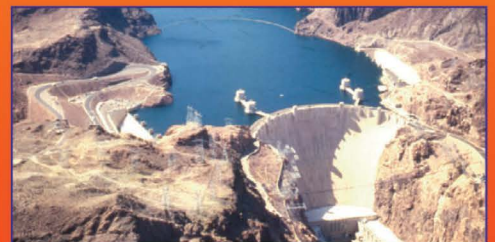
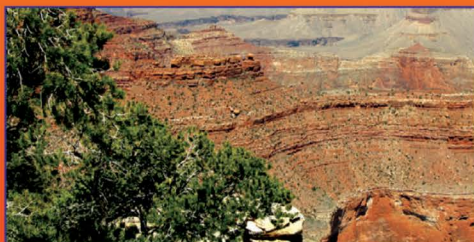
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HOME GROWN  
EVENTS

Unique celebrations embody the quirky spirit  
and friendly nature of 12 Nevada towns.

BY ERIC CACHINERO, CHARLIE JOHNSTON, & AMY VIGEN



CHARLIE JOHNSTON



DAVE HARRISON

Left to right: Whether it's a moo-ver and shaker at Virginia City's Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry, feminine family fun at the Fallon Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Festival, or a colorful float in the Nevada Day Parade at Carson City, annual and traditional events embody the history and spirit of the Silver State's towns.



burg usurped from neighboring Utah, a boomtown supposedly born of a squabble with a stubborn mule, the Bullfrog Hills, and the Extraterrestrial Highway—Nevada has long been a land of unique places and peculiar goings on.

It should come as no surprise that celebrations honoring these places would be equally quirky and original. From gourmet gonads at Virginia City's Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry and bed races at Beatty Days to an early dynamite wakeup call at Panaca's Pioneer Day and gunfighting at Goldfield Days, Nevada's small towns know how to have a good time.



## RANCH HAND RODEO

**B**illed as the largest such rodeo in Nevada, Winnemucca's Ranch Hand Rodeo, February 27-March 3, highlights real working cowboys and cowgirls in action. Upwards of 30 teams compete for bragging rights, money, and prizes in the 24-year-old event that features saddle bronc riding, calf roping, wild mugging, team roping, ranch doctoring, and team branding.

Like many Nevada rodeos, there is more to the event than just rodeo competition. The five-day Ranch Hand Rodeo also features kids contests, ranch dog competitions, a stock horse challenge, and a western trade show with vendors offering saddles, tack, western jewelry, leatherwork items, and more. Organizers call the horses offered at the rodeo's horse sale the best ranching, roping, and performance horses in the West, and the bull sale is equally revered.—*Charlie Johnston*



PHOTOS: WT BRUCE

Saddle bronc riding (top) and wild mugging are among the competitions held at the annual Ranch Hand Rodeo at the Winnemucca Events Complex. The yearly five-day event also includes a horse sale, bull sale, dog trials, and stock horse challenge.



CHARLIE JOHNSTON

There's more than one way to cook a testicle. You can taste for yourself every March in Virginia City.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN OYSTER FRY

**a** cooking competition may seem pretty ordinary. Awards in categories such as best taste, best presentation, and most creative dish are standard for such contests. But Virginia City doesn't do ordinary or standard—case in point the Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry on Saturday, March 16.

*New York Times* reporter Patricia Leigh Brown explained it as discreetly as I've ever seen in a 2009 feature about the event: "These oysters were not of the Chesapeake or bluepoint variety but, rather, a cornerstone of Western ranching culture involving testicles from gelded lambs and calves." I, on the other hand, was pointedly less discreet in a 2008 blog titled "Balls out in Virginia City!"

Whether subtle or in your face, the truth remains that this is an event centered around the cooking and eating of testicles. In the tradition of Food Network's "Iron Chef" and similar shows, professional and amateur chefs start with the same base ingredient (to

reiterate, *testicles*), combine their unique brand of accompaniments and seasonings, and hope their balls are best.

While many of the chefs stick to the namesake and flatten and fry the dangly delicacies in a traditional sea-born oyster breading, I've seen them ground up for chili and curries; combined with breadcrumbs, corn, and peppers and rolled into ball meatballs; sautéed in a creamy French *pinot grigio* sauce; tempura battered; mixed with nachos; and, of course, wrapped in bacon and deep fried.

While a handful of people reading this are probably cringing at the thought of eating such meats, the 22-year-old event is hugely popular, and *cojone* connoisseurs arrive early and line up to get their share of gourmet gonads, proof that perhaps they aren't as unappetizing as you might think. "Most people know what we're cooking but a lot don't," says longtime competitor Brandi Lee in a 2012 KOLO8 (Reno's ABC affiliate) story. "They taste it and like it...and then we tell them what's in it!" —Charlie Johnston



PHOTOS: CHARLIE JOHNSTON

### RACHEL DAY

**K**eep an eye out for UFOs when you find yourself traveling the Extraterrestrial Highway (State Route 375); you're heading for a town as captivating as Area 51 itself: Rachel.

Every second Saturday in May, citizens of Rachel gather to celebrate the founding of their small town—the closest habitation to the notorious Area 51—by hosting a parade, tractor races, and live music, followed by a potluck dinner.



Alien trinkets at Rachel's Little A'Le'Inn.

Named for the first child born in the community on February 15, 1977, Rachel celebrates its beginnings by remembering the town's first access to telephone lines and electricity—in 1978! Pat Travis, 25-year owner and operator of Rachel's extraterrestrial-themed hotel, restaurant, bar, and giftshop the Little A'Le'Inn, says the town tends to do something new each year for the celebration. "Last year we had a Cajun theme," she says. "We even flew in and cooked an alligator from Louisiana."

Aside from the appeal of being situated in a UFO hotspot, a relatively new trend is bringing geocachers from across the nation to Rachel. Geocaching has exploded in the region, causing the E.T. Highway to also become one of the largest geocaching destinations in the West with more than 1,500 geocaches. Sometimes even referred to as the "mecca of the geocaching world," Rachel also incorporates this popular hobby into Rachel Day, hosting special geocaching ventures for people who attend the event.

To experience Rachel Day to the fullest, rooms and RV spaces are available at the Little A'Le'Inn, but be sure to book in advance, as spots are limited. Or, if sleeping under the stars is more your calling, tent camping is free.—*Eric Cachinero*

### HELLDORADO DAYS

**T**he year was 1934 and the Hoover Dam was reaching completion, causing thousands of people who had worked on the dam to leave the Las Vegas area and leaving locals pondering ways to keep the workers in town.

Establishing its roots that year as a simple western-themed event, Helldorado Days—founded and operated by the Benevolent and Protective order of Elks—added a rodeo in 1944. As the longest-running civic event in Las Vegas (taking a brief hiatus from 1998-2004), Helldorado Days is still organized by the Elks, and they still build the rodeo arena from the ground up each year.

Kicking off on Thursday, May 16 with the local's rodeo, the festival gives Las Vegas and surrounding communities a chance to showcase local rodeo talent. Friday through Sunday, May 17-19, the arena is reserved for top cowboys from across the country to compete in the Professional Cowboys Rodeo Association event.

Esther Carter, Helldorado Days co-producer, says the event is great for local businesses and benefits the community. "All of the ticket sales for the rodeo go to benefit children and veterans," she says. "We have given more than \$1 million back to the community." In 2012 alone, the event raised nearly \$100,000 for local charities.

Equally as lively as the rodeo, the Helldorado Days parade is



held Saturday and features Nevada-themed floats and high school marching bands. There is also a carnival, which is set up near the rodeo arena.—*Eric Cachinero*



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## ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION



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Forces Day Celebration, May 17-19.

First held in 1950, the three-day festival—preceded by more than a week’s worth of events—includes a pancake breakfast, performances by the Nevada Gunfighter’s Old West Reenactment Team, a fireworks display, and a Miss Armed Forces Day Pageant. Crafts, games, live music, and food and drink vendors line the streets as the Armed Forces Day Parade winds through the small community.

One special guest has been making an appearance at the festival each year, causing quite a stir in recent decades. Born of a legend handed down by the Walker River Paiute Tribe, nearby Walker Lake has been known for its mysterious nature. According to the legend, two sea serpents are said to inhabit the lake, and reports by settlers from as early as 1868 seem to

confirm their rumored existence. Some people who claim to have witnessed them believe the lake could be home to prehistoric giant marine reptiles—and Nevada’s state fossil—called Ichthyosaurs. Walker Lake lends this unique legend to Armed Forces Day by incorporating a serpent into the festival when the Cecil the Serpent float joins the parade.

Constructed in the late 1950s, this 90-foot-long float still slithers its way through the streets, billowing smoke from its nostrils while commemorating the unique history Hawthorne has to offer. According to Heidi Bunch of the *Mineral County Independent-News*, Cecil is deteriorating and needs some repairs. Donations can be made by searching “Cecil the Serpent” on Facebook and donating to the “Save Cecil” fund.—Eric Cachinero



Tonopah photographer Jim Galli (driver), teacher Charlie Manes (passenger), and Joe and Nancy Maslach (backseat) jubilantly participate in the Jim Butler Days parade.

JANICE MERLIND

## JIM BUTLER DAYS

**W**hen Nevada prospector Jim Butler reportedly tossed a rock in the direction of a burro that had wandered off, who would have known that he was stumbling upon the second-richest silver strike in Nevada's history?

Tonopah, known as the Queen of the Silver Camps, will honor the man who started it all with its 43rd annual Jim Butler Days over Memorial Day weekend, May 25-27. The three-day event gives Tonopahans and visitors a chance to enjoy an assortment of activities including stock car races, bartender/waitress races, an arm-wrestling competition, street dancing, parade, and even a raffle from which one lucky winner takes home a bar of silver.

The conception of the festival dates to 1970 in a small Tonopah coffee shop called Jerry's. Bob Perchetti, director of the Tonopah Convention Center at the time, sat down with then president of the Tonopah Chamber of Commerce, Jim Younghands, when an idea sparked. "I knew about other celebrations from the turn of the century," Perchetti says. "I thought it would be a great idea to call the new celebration Jim Butler Days and pattern it after the great celebrations of the past. They always had a large parade and street dances, and I wanted to

have the State Mining Championships in Tonopah."

After the town of Gabbs stopped hosting the Nevada State Mining Championships, Perchetti says he met with then Governor Michael O'Callaghan and asked him if he would declare Tonopah and Jim Butler Days the new home of the Nevada State Mining Championships. "Governor O'Callaghan happily agreed, and that is how Jim Butler Days started," Perchetti says.

He adds that the parade has also had some unique grand marshals, including Governors Bob Miller, Kenny Guinn, and Jim Gibbons, and celebrities such as actor Robert Conrad.

The Nevada State Mining Championships has become as much a part of Jim Butler Days as the town itself. Reminiscent of the mining events and competitions that occupied prospectors' time and gold more than a century earlier, the contests include double- and single-jack drilling, spike driving, a blindfolded wheelbarrow obstacle course, and the most attended event—individual and team mucking.

Heather Ingalls, host of the Tonopah Historic Mining Park, says the championships provide competition for participants and a great show for attendees. "The championships give people a look at mining events as they used to happen years ago," she says.—*Eric Cachinero*

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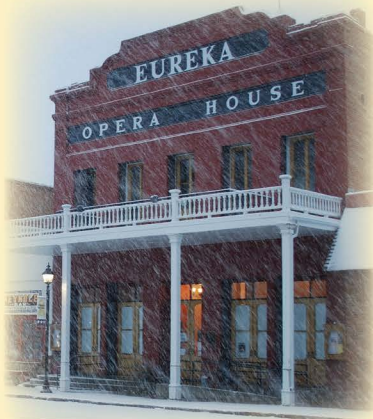
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This is a typical summer scene in the town of Jarbidge in northeastern Nevada. This photo was taken a week before the Jarbidge Days celebration in August 2012.

MATTHEW B. BROWN

## JARBIDGE DAYS

**S**ue Heil is only a Jarbidge resident for six months out of the year, but she does her share to promote this small town and is involved in all of the fundraising for the town's signature event, Jarbidge Days. Heil and her husband bought property in Jarbidge in the 1970s and have been attached to the town ever since they retired and moved there in 1992.

Approximately 100 miles north of Elko (via mostly dirt roads) and 100 miles south of Twin Falls, Idaho, Jarbidge lies nestled on the edge of the Jarbidge Wilderness in northeastern Nevada. Like many rural Nevada towns, it has its days—Jarbidge Days, that is. For three days out of the year (August 9-11), locals and out-of-towners celebrate the town's past and present.

Between craft fairs, bake sales, a carnival in the park, a parade, and a community yard sale, Heil busies herself by being involved with it all, and in preparing jams and jellies to sell during the events. Her home-made jams and jellies are also sold at the gift store she owns, Jarbidge Gift Shop.

Jarbidge Days are particularly unique in that all of

the proceeds from the community yard sale and craft fair support the resident fire department.

Other Jarbidge Days events include live music, a parade down Main Street, a chorizo and hot dog feed, Bingo, wagon rides, Dutch oven cooking, and even a mountain men village.—*Amy Vigen*

## GOLDFIELD DAYS

**W**hen Virgil Earp, brother of Wyatt, became deputy sheriff of Esmeralda County in 1905, his residence of Goldfield was in a boom that made the town the most populated in Nevada at the time. Goldfield Days commemorates the town's history every third weekend in August, in a celebration that is reminiscent of the boomtown's early days. You can expect Old West gunfights, miners' liar contests, live music, old-fashioned children's games, and plenty of western BBQ, all while enjoying the parade and land auction.

After a major fire destroyed most of Goldfield in 1923, the devastated town was never restored to its former glory. If you've driven through Goldfield, you're probably familiar with the landmark Goldfield Hotel,

which is one of many places that are home to another thing the town is known for—ghosts.

Goldfield High School, a haven for reported paranormal activity and a popular destination for spirit seekers, is one of 10 stops on the Goldfield Days ghost tours, which occur every year in the town. The tour also includes stops in the fire station, church, telegraph office, and miners' cabins.

John Cushman, Goldfield Ghost Operations host, says the tours give people interested in having an encounter a chance to use detecting equipment to find ghosts. "We set up lasers on the seats and film everything with night-vision cameras," Cushman says. "It will absolutely change the way you think."

Cushman also hosts Dinner with a Ghost, in which 12 visitors are treated to a four-course dinner and ghost tour of the high school, and Night School, which allows groups to rent out the high school for the night. All proceeds from the tours go to the restoration of the high school, which Cushman says will hopefully begin this year.—*Eric Cachinero*

## PIONEER DAY

**O**n Saturday, July 27, the small community of Panaca will awake at 6 a.m. to the roar of dynamite. The blast is the first sign that the town's Pioneer Day has begun. The oldest town in eastern Nevada, Panaca was originally settled as a part of Utah. In 1866, the Nevada State Legislature requested that the boundary be modified, and eventually another degree of longitude was added to the eastern boarder of Nevada, making Panaca a Nevada town.

Just after the wakeup call comes the ceremonial flag raising and a benefit breakfast for the local Boy Scout troop. Then comes the greased pig contest, in which competitors attempt to catch, you guessed it, a greased pig. Each year, the organizers of Pioneer Day create a new theme. Last year's theme "but with joy,



Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Festival

wend your way," gave many float designers creative ideas for this friendly competition.

Margaret Jones, longtime resident and last year's parade marshal, and her family won the Follows Theme Best award in 2012 with a Luau-themed float titled "Wending Her Way with Joy for 93 years."

Pioneer Day eventually winds down with a BBQ dinner and live music.—*Eric Cachinero*

## FALLON HEARTS OF GOLD CANTALOUPE FESTIVAL

**F**allon and its acclaimed Hearts o' Gold cantaloupes owe their existence to man's manipulation of mother earth. The 1903 Newlands Project diverted water from the Carson and Truckee Rivers to turn the Lahontan Valley from desert to farming oasis. The town was incorporated in 1908, and local farmers started growing the melons in earnest in the 1920s. The Fallon Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Festival was born decades later in 1985.

Effectively a county fair centered upon the juicy sweet melons, the festival, August 29-September 1, features a carnival; live music and entertainers; a junior rodeo; arm wrestling, dance, horseshoe, and karaoke contests; craft vendors; mud volleyball; the crowning of Miss Cantaloupe Queen; cantaloupe games and competitions such as bowling, bocce ball, chucking, and eating; and, of course, cantaloupe cuisine ranging from cantaloupe ice cream to the al-ways-popular cantaloupe daiquiri.—*Charlie Johnston*



Goldfield Days

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Ranch Hand Rodeo, Winnemucca**

February 27-March 3  
ranchrodeonv.com  
800-962-2638

**Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry, Virginia City**

March 16  
visitvirginiacitynv.com  
800-718-7587

**Rachel Day, Rachel**

May 11  
rachel-nevada.com  
775-729-2515

**Helldorado Days, Las Vegas**

May 16-19  
elkshelldorado.com  
702-870-1221

**Armed Forces Day Celebration, Hawthorne**

May 17-19  
mineralcounty-chamber.com  
775-945-2507

**Jim Butler Days, Tonopah**

May 25-27  
tonopahnevada.com  
775-482-3558

**Pioneer Day, Panaca**

July 27  
lincolncountynevada.com  
877-870-3003

**Jarbidge Days, Jarbidge**

August 9-11  
jarbidge.org

**Goldfield Days, Goldfield**

August 16-18  
goldfieldnevada.org  
775-485-3560

**Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Festival, Fallon**

August 29-September 1  
fallonfestival.org  
775-972-8263

**Beatty Days, Beatty**

October 25-27  
beattynevada.org  
866-736-3716

**Nevada Day, Carson City**

October 26  
nevadaday.com  
866-683-2948

**BEATTY DAYS**



here can you find antique cars, participate in root-beer drinking and belching contests, race a tricycle or a bed (yes, a bed) down the street, savor Dutch oven and chili cook-offs, and witness Old West shootouts set in the warm desert of the West? If this is your question, then Beatty Days, October 25-27, is your answer.

Each year in October, Beatty hosts its annual event, where locals and tourists alike get together to experience a taste of the Old West. Whether you're into hot-wing eating contests, viewing model railroad exhibitions,

or participating in a kite-flying competition, Beatty Days is sure to provide unique entertainment for people of all ages.

Manager of her parent's restaurant, the Happy Burro, Crystal Taylor has been involved with Beatty Days via the restaurant since it opened in April 2009. She helps with the restaurant's annual hosting of the potluck for chili cook-off chefs, which is a unique event in which the chili cooks bring their own dishes for tasters to try. The Happy Burro also donates money to Beatty Days for its yearly raffle, which includes anything from T-shirts and mugs to television sets and barbecue grills.—*Amy Vigen*



Nevada Day Parade

DAVE HARRISON

**NEVADA DAY**



recent online search for states that celebrate their admittance to the Union revealed a Yahoo! Voices story from 2011 lamenting the state of such celebrations: "Unfortunately, while many states celebrate their statehood, the date often passes silently without much enthusiasm." As anyone who has spent time in Carson City on the last Saturday of October can attest, the author was most definitely *not* talking about Nevada.

Nevada Day celebrates the state's October 31, 1864 admission and does so in grand fashion with a Governor's Ball and Banquet; Lieutenant Governor's Chili Feed; beard, rock-drilling, and pinewood derby contests; fair;

8K run; tours, open houses, and concerts at many Carson City landmarks; and, the *pièce de résistance*, the Nevada Day Parade.

In its 75th year in 2013, the parade is perhaps the best attended and most revered in the state. The 2012 parade went four hours and drew about 35,000 spectators according to the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. "We go every year," says Carson City resident Carrie Fields in an October 2012 *Review-Journal* story. "It's a perfect day. I love the helicopters and balloons. I like the bands."

This year's Nevada Day celebration, Saturday, October 26, marks the beginning of the state's yearlong sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) party, which will culminate on Nevada Day 2014.—*Charlie Johnston*



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October 7, 2013  
A Taste of Tuscany



December 2, 2013  
Merryvale Vineyards

## 2013 BREWMASTER SERIES



July 27, 2013  
Alaskan Brewing Company



October 19, 2013  
Lagunitas Brewing Company

\*All food and wines are subject to change at any time based on seasonal availability.



JOHN T. HUMPHREY

## DON'T MISS

Eagles & Agriculture  
Carson Valley  
Feb. 22-24  
Tickets: [carsonvalleynv.org](http://carsonvalleynv.org), 775-782-8144

Another phenomenal photo opportunity, Eagles & Agriculture is your chance to observe the raptors that visit Carson Valley during the calving season each winter, including bald eagles. Participants get exclusive access to ranches for viewing, hear directly from the ranchers, and share experiences with other birders and wildlife lovers. Events are also held throughout Carson Valley in Gardnerville, Genoa, and Minden; and at Topaz Lake. Prices vary, and seats are limited. Register sooner than later, as many events sold out last year.

Shooting Weekend  
Carson Valley Inn  
Feb. 21-23  
Tickets: [carsonvalleyinn.com](http://carsonvalleyinn.com), 775-782-9711

THURSDAY, FEB. 21:

- ❖ Sporting Clays at the private Carson Valley Clays Gun Club (optional).
- ❖ Welcome Reception: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 22:

- ❖ Sporting Clays at the Walker River Resort with steak lunch at the clubhouse.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23:

- ❖ Sporting Clays at the private Carson Valley Clays Gun Club with burger lunch.
- ❖ Evening Awards featuring buffet with game and traditional fare at Carson Valley Inn.

# WINTER STEAM SPECTACULAR

## WHERE

Ely

## WHEN

Feb. 8-10 & Feb. 15-17

## TICKETS

[nnry.com](http://nnry.com), 866-40-STEAM  
\$450 per session  
(non-members)



## PHOTO SHOOTS AT NEVADA NORTHERN RAILWAY TURN AMATEURS INTO PROS

**N**evada Northern Railway's Winter Steam Spectacular Photo Shoots offer unique opportunities for amateur photographers to take award-winning photographs. There are two sessions available: February 8-10 and February 15-17.

The cost of the winter photo shoot for non-members is \$450 for one weekend or \$835 both weekends. For members the cost is \$395 or \$745 for both weekends. Membership starts at \$30. Prices include a continental breakfast and hot lunch on both Saturday and Sunday.

Nevada Northern Railway promises "world-class photographic opportunities and steam locomotives pulling vintage freight and passenger cars that are original to the railroad," adding that participants have won numerous photo contests, recording timeless scenes of a historical railroad. The crews will be in period dress, adding to the authentic experience.



The amazing work of ice and snow sculptors can be seen on both ends of the state this winter. Cave Lake State Park hosts January's White Pine Fire & Ice Show, and CARVE Tahoe (left) debuts in February.

## EVENTS

### First Day Hike

Fort Churchill State Historic Park  
Jan. 1  
Info: parks.nv.gov, 775-577-4880

### NBA D-League Showcase

Reno Events Center  
Jan. 7-10  
Tickets: visitrenotahoe.com, 775-284-2622

### West Coast Flat Track Series

(motorcycle racing) | South Point, Las Vegas  
Jan. 11-12  
Tickets: southpointcasino.com, 702-797-8112

### National Winter Trails Day | Lake Tahoe

Jan. 12  
Info: tahoerimtrail.org, 775-298-0238

### White Pine Fire & Ice Show

Cave Lake State Park  
Jan. 19-20  
Info: parks.nv.gov, 800-496-9350

### Great Basin Cowboy Gear Show & Sale | Elko

Jan. 22-Feb. 10  
Tickets: exploreelko.com, 800-248-3556

### National Cowboy Poetry Gathering

Elko  
Jan. 28-Feb. 2  
Tickets: westernfolklife.org, 888-880-5885

### USA Sevens International Rugby Tournament | Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas

Feb. 6-10  
Tickets: usasevens.com, 888-RUGBY-7S

### CARVE Tahoe | Northstar California Resort

Feb. 8-12  
Tickets: carvetahoe.com, 415-561-4345 x.215

### Wild Horse Trout Derby

Wild Horse State Recreation Area  
Feb. 16-17  
Info: parks.nv.gov, 775-385-5939

## SHOWS

### "Aladdin and His Lamp" | Eldorado, Reno

Thru Jan. 13  
Tickets: eldoradoreno.com, 800-648-5966

### "The Magic of Eli Kerr" | Harrah's Reno

Thru Feb. 23  
Tickets: harrahsreno.com, 800-745-3000

### "Magique" | Eldorado, Reno

Jan. 22-April 14  
Tickets: eldoradoreno.com, 800-648-5966

### An Evening with Tommy Emmanuel (Artown) | John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks

Jan. 24  
Tickets: janugget.com, 800-648-1177

### Jay Leno | Silver Legacy, Reno

Jan. 25  
Tickets: silverlegacy.com, 800-786-8733

### Bobby Slayton | Pioneer Underground, Reno

Feb. 1-2  
Tickets: renotahoeocomedy.com, 775-322-5233

### Midori | Oats Park Art Center, Fallon

Feb. 2  
Tickets: churchillarts.org, 775-423-1440

### SYBARITE5 | Nightingale Concert Hall, Reno

Feb. 7  
Tickets: unr.edu/pas, 775-784-4ARTS

### Makana | Nightingale Concert Hall, Reno

Feb. 28  
Tickets: unr.edu/pas, 775-784-4ARTS



Maquela Jones, *Granddaughters Ride of Futility*, 2012. Courtesy of the artist.

# CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART PRESENTS *THE WAY WE LIVE: AMERICAN INDIAN ART OF THE GREAT BASIN AND THE SIERRA NEVADA*

On view through March 3, *The Way We Live: American Indian Art of the Great Basin and the Sierra Nevada* surveys contemporary art made by American Indians in the Great Basin. The exhibition, which debuted in November in celebration of Native American Heritage Month, is the first significant collection of contemporary American Indian art in Nevada in the past two decades.

The exhibition features the works of more than 20 American Indian artists in communities spanning from Idaho to the southern Sierras and from Elko to Auburn, California. Many of the artists living and producing art in this region work independently of each other in disparate rural areas.

**WHERE**  
Reno

**WHEN**  
Thru March 3

**INFO**  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333 x.251

## MUSEUM EVENTS & EXHIBITS

### Stillman: Architecture as Art

Springs Preserve, Las Vegas  
Thru Jan. 21  
Info: springspreserve.org, 702-822-7700

### Shutterbugs Western Photography Show & Sale

| Yerington Theatre for the Arts  
Jan. 7-Feb. 15  
Info: yeringtonarts.com, 775-463-1783

### Italian Buckaroos: Old World & New World

| Western Folklife Center, Elko  
Feb. 1-Sept. 9  
Info: westernfolklife.org, 775-738-7508

### "Second Wind" Exhibition: Artist Robin Stark

| Las Vegas City Hall Grand Gallery  
Thru Feb. 14  
Info: artslasvegas.org, 702-229-1012

### Fabulous Downtown

The Mob Museum, Las Vegas  
Ongoing  
Info: themobmuseum.org, 702-229-2734

### Nevada's Most Decorated World War II Veteran

| Nevada State Museum, Carson City  
Ongoing  
Info: museums.nevadaculture.org,  
775-687-4810 x.237

\*FOR MORE EXHIBITS, SEE PAGE 68.

## ALSO AT NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART:

### ❖ Great Basin Arrow Making for Children & Adults

Children ages 8-14: Sat., Jan. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon  
Adults: Jan. 12 from 1-4 p.m.

### ❖ Art Bite: Environmental Issues Facing Native Peoples in the Great Basin

Fri., Jan. 18 at noon

### ❖ Great Basin Drum Making for Children & Adults

Children ages 8-14: Sat., Feb. 9 & Sun., Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon  
Adults: Feb. 9 & 10 from 1-4 p.m.

### ❖ Pine Needle Baskets Workshop

Sun., Feb. 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## DON'T MISS

### Warhol Out West | Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art, Las Vegas

Feb. 8 thru Oct. 27  
Info: bellagio.com, 877-957-9777

Organized in partnership with The Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, this pioneering exhibition focuses on Warhol's depiction of all things Western. *Warhol Out West* will showcase 59 of the iconic artist's works including paintings, sculptures, photographs, screen prints, and wallpaper. Exhibits include Warhol's 1960s Pop paintings of celebrities and consumer products; the 1980s advertisement series; the beloved "Double Elvis" painting; and his rarely seen "Cowboys and Indians" series.



# Winnemucca

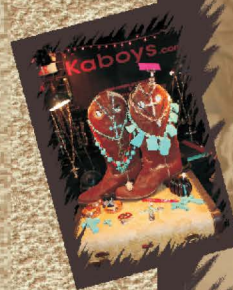
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# MESQUITE BALLOON FESTIVAL

THE SKIES ABOVE THIS SOUTHERN NEVADA CITY WILL BURST WITH COLOR

CasaBlanca Resort & Casino hosts the two-day Mesquite Balloon Festival—weather permitting—on Saturday, January 26 and Sunday, January 27. Both mornings, a dazzling array of spectacular hot-air balloons will launch from the CasaBlanca driving range.

CasaBlanca has planned a variety of fun and entertaining activities throughout the day. Spectators can indulge not only in the visual feast of the balloons, but also culinary, musical, art, and many more delights for the whole family. Saturday evening's nightglow will further push the "wow" factor. The night comes alive with intense color as the tethered balloons are lit.

## WHERE

Mesquite

## WHEN

Jan. 26-27

## INFO

mesquitegaming.com,  
888-711-4656



## DON'T MISS

### MESQUITE MOTOR MANIA & CHILI COOK-OFF

CasaBlanca Resort & Casino  
Jan. 18-20 (Chili Cook-Off on Jan. 19)  
Info: mesquitegaming.com, 888-711-4656

Car enthusiasts: Start your engines! Mesquite Motor Mania will be held Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, January 18-20. Last year, more than 700 vehicles from all over the globe were on display, attracting thousands to Mesquite. Motor Mania is open to all years, makes, and models of classic vehicles and special-interest vehicles such as vintage, street rods, and hot rods. Events include the Roaring Engines and Slow Drags/Burn Out Competitions, a Show & Shine, and a Poker Trivia Walk.

On Saturday, January 19, CasaBlanca Resort & Casino presents The Smokin' Big Chili Challenge. This International Chili Society-sanctioned cook-off features chefs from as far away as Canada who put their culinary prowess to the test. Mesquite Gaming's Director of Food Bruce Landvik will prepare his signature smoked chicken white chili, which has been touted by tasters as "the best chili anywhere."

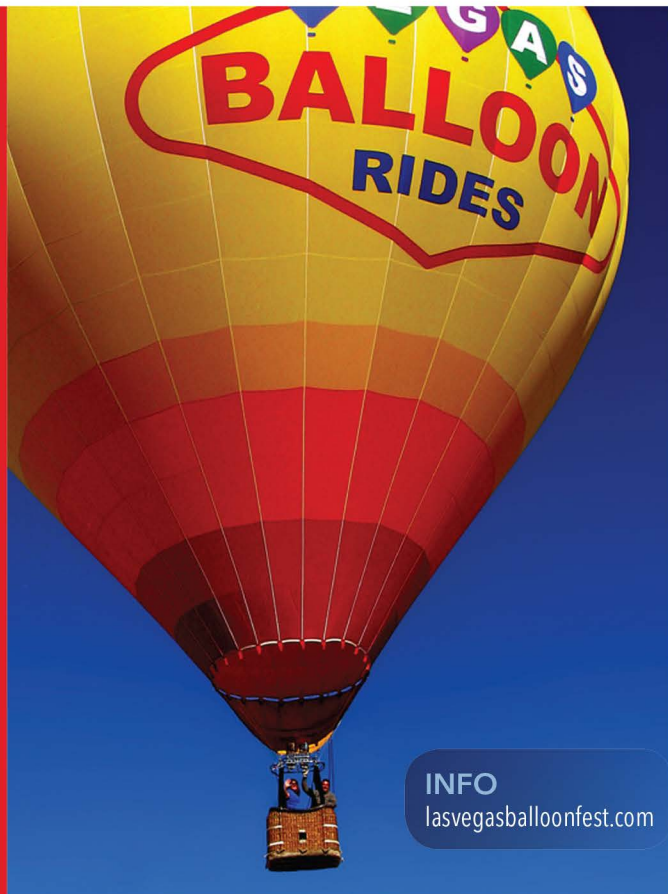
Times: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on Fri. & Sat.; 8-10 a.m. on Sun.

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**INFO**  
[lasvegasballoonfest.com](http://lasvegasballoonfest.com)

# LAS VEGAS BALLOON FEST

TAKES FLIGHT IN NOVEMBER

In early November, the inaugural Las Vegas Balloon Fest welcomed residents and visitors alike. "This is sure to be a memorable event for years to come," reads the official website. The three-day celebration included live music, food vendors, carnival rides and games, and a Live Rescue Demonstration by the local Metro Search and Rescue Unit. Proceeds benefited Friends of Metro Search and Rescue.

Event organizers put an emphasis on visitors getting "up close and personal with the balloons and their pilots. This is a great opportunity to see the behind-the-scenes magic of how these high-flying marvels work."

# CEELO GREEN

## IS LOBERACE

STAR OF "THE VOICE" BRINGS HIS COLORFUL ACT TO PLANET HOLLYWOOD

**T**he six-month wait is almost over for CeeLo Green fans. Due to the filming schedule of NBC's "The Voice," the premiere of "CeeLo Green is LOBERACE" at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino in Las Vegas was put on hold from August 2012 until February 27.

This unique show will be an electrifying journey into the world of CeeLo's brainchild, LOBERACE. More of a spectacle than a show, Green will take the audience on a ride through decades of popular music, stopping at legendary moments in time, from Prince to The Rolling Stones, new wave to disco, and beyond.

Visually, the production will combine CeeLo's flamboyant sense of style and over-the-top creativity with his soulful voice covering some of his favorite songs, as well as originals. Part dance party, part live intimate concert, this energetic, exotic show promises to be as inspired and visually alive as Green himself.

There will be mind-twisting magic and sexy showgirls, and the larger-than-life wardrobe and impressive stage design will out-glam anything you've seen from this muppet-ized, sequin-styled international lady killer to date. "It's always been a dream of mine to be among the great music legends who have had a Las Vegas residency," Green says.

### WHERE

Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino

### WHEN

Feb. 27, 28

March 1-2, 6-9, 13-16, 20-23, 27-30

April 3-6, 10-13

\*Wed.-Fri. showtimes: 11 p.m.;

Sat. shows start at midnight.

### TICKETS

[ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com), 800-745-3000

Starting at \$49.50

### WORTH A CLICK

[planethollywoodresort.com](http://planethollywoodresort.com)

[loberace.com](http://loberace.com)

[primarywavemusic.com](http://primarywavemusic.com)

# las vegas shows



PAUL KOLNIK

## DON'T MISS

### ROCK OF AGES

The Venetian Las Vegas

Dark Mon.

Tickets: [rockofagesvegas.com](http://rockofagesvegas.com), 866-641-7469

ROCK OF AGES is a hilarious, feel-good love story celebrating the classic rock songs of the 1980s, including "Here I Go Again," "We Built This City," "Don't Stop Believin'," "Wanted Dead or Alive," "I Wanna Know What Love Is," and more. Set in L.A.'s infamous Sunset Strip in 1987, ROCK OF AGES tells the story of Drew, a boy from Detroit, and Sherrie, a small-town girl, chasing their dreams of making it big and falling in love. ROCK OF AGES takes you back to the times of big bands with big egos playing big guitar solos and sporting even bigger hair.

Showtimes: 8 p.m.; 7 & 10 p.m. on Sat.



JEREMY DANIEL

## NEW OR RELOCATED

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Harrah's Las Vegas

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Tickets: [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com),  
702-369-5111

### Nathan Burton: Comedy

Magic | Saxe Theater

Dark Mon.

Tickets: [saxetheater.com](http://saxetheater.com),  
866-932-1818

### Strip Comedy | Palms

Dark Mon. & Tues.

Tickets: [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com),  
702-944-3200

### Zarkana, by Cirque du Soleil

ARIA

Dark Wed. & Thurs.

Tickets: [arialasvegas.com](http://arialasvegas.com),  
855-927-5262

## OF INTEREST

**Aaron Lewis** | Santa Fe Station &  
Red Rock Resort

Jan. 18-19 (respectively)

Tickets: [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com),  
800-745-3000

**Disney On Ice presents "Dare  
to Dream"** | Thomas & Mack Center

Jan. 16-20

Tickets: [unlvtickets.com](http://unlvtickets.com),  
702-739-FANS

**The Who** | Hard Rock Hotel  
Feb. 8

Tickets: [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com),  
800-745-3000

**Bonnie Raitt** | Palms  
Feb. 22

Tickets: [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com),  
800-745-3000

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# Discovery Kids

New Children's Museum set to open soon in downtown Las Vegas.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

I was quickly won over by Las Vegas' Lied Discovery Children's Museum when I visited the facility in late 2011 while researching the feature "Southern Nevada Museums" for the January/February 2012 issue of *Nevada Magazine*. The exhibits were varied, engaging, and well cared for; the staff was friendly and helpful; and the

throng of children were eagerly devouring every lesson to be learned, blissfully unaware that all of the fun they were having was really learning in disguise.

For about two decades, the museum has opened its unique brand of hands-on learning to more than 2 million visitors and provided more than 470,000 Nevada schoolchildren with curriculum-based field trips and enrichment opportunities.

And the museum's popularity has only increased with time, evidenced by visitation nearly doubling between 2008 and 2010.

Pushed to capacity and showing signs of its age, the museum broke ground on a new facility in late 2010. The new DISCOVERY Children's Museum, at Symphony Park and next door to the Smith Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Las Vegas, is slated to open in February in the



Donald W. Reynolds Discovery Center.

“The new DISCOVERY Children’s Museum will build upon the past 22 years and create an experience that is fun and engaging, while remaining relevant to the world in which children grow up today,” says museum CEO Linda Quinn. At three stories and 58,000 square feet, the new building is nearly twice the size of the former museum I visited in 2011, providing ample space in which to achieve the organization’s mission: create fun and engaging experiences for children, ignite a love of lifelong learning, and serve the community’s ever-changing needs.

Like its Symphony Park neighbors, the

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new museum is visually striking and pedestrian friendly. The vibrant and whimsical sign occupies much of the facade and pays tribute to the flashiness that made Las Vegas famous, and large arching front windows allow street views of The Summit, a multi-level, multi-activity exhibit that fills the museum’s front hall.

Beyond The Summit, the new \$55-million facility houses nine themed exhibition halls containing new interactive exhibits, six multi-function classrooms, and a 5,000-square-foot traveling exhibit gallery.

The themed exhibit halls include Fantasy Festival, where children are free to explore and play in a kid-sized theater complete with a castle and pirate ship backdrop; Eco City, where role playing in a mock city allows children to safely discover the world around them while learning about sustainable living; Patents Pending, where young scientists and inventors are encouraged to experiment in a wacky laboratory; Toddler Town, a vibrant and interactive play center geared for children ages six months to five years; Water World, an exploration of concepts used at the Hoover Dam and other water-related fun; Who Dun It, another mock town, this one set up with clues to spark curiosity and encourage young minds to develop investigative skills; Young at Art, a colorful and visually inviting gallery with art stations and interactive exhibits that promote creative expression; and It’s Your Choice, where children can learn about healthy eating and lifestyle choices in an environment that promotes parent-child interaction and conversation.

In creating what museum officials call

“Nevada’s premier informal education resource,” the DISCOVERY Children’s Museum also aims to provide resources for students in the strapped-for-cash Clark County School District, the fifth largest in the nation. Some of the outreach programs provided by the museum include free field trips to one (elementary school) grade per semester, House Calls, and YouthWorks.

House Calls, a hands-on, interactive health science outreach program started in 2009, allows educators to introduce students—kindergarten through fifth grade—to high-quality, anatomically accurate medical models and “real” medical equipment. YouthWorks targets at-risk teens. The 17-year-old program combines mentoring, job skills training, homework support, and career and educational guidance to benefit underserved youth. YouthWorks is another example of how the museum achieves its mission to serve children and families from economically and culturally diverse backgrounds. ▾

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

##### DISCOVERY Children’s Museum

Donald W. Reynolds Discovery Center  
at Symphony Park  
360 Promenade Place, Las Vegas, NV 89106  
nowtowow.org  
702-382-3445

#### WORTH A VISIT

##### Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum

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Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman and Art Square Las Vegas developer Brett Wesley Sperry create spontaneous action painting with squirt guns on October 22, 2012 to inaugurate the development's opening.

## Art Square Las Vegas

Downtown arts district adds to its eclectic mix of artists and businesses.

Las Vegas' downtown revitalization continues to gain steam. The latest addition by developer, entrepreneur, and longtime downtown advocate Brett Wesley Sperry is Art Square Las Vegas.

Art Square comprises three remodeled buildings and an open-air Art Garden. Featuring sustainable woods, brick, exposed high ceilings, and abundant natural light, the development offers an open, organic feeling designed to inspire creative and dynamic business owners.

Art Square is home to 16 creative, retail, and professional spaces, including: Art Square Theatre, Artifice Bar & Lounge, Cockroach Productions, Art Square Studio, Josephine Skaught Salon, COLAB, OogOog Productions, Ryan Williams Gallery, HypeFactor Films, GBX3 Studio, Mingo Kitchen & Lounge, Vexed by Design, and First Street Art Garden featuring works by

local artists Eric Burwell, Sharon Gainsburg, Luis Varela-Rico, Giovanni Morales, and Randy Doering.

"We're witnessing a genuine coming of age in Las Vegas right now," says Sperry, who founded the gaming company Westwood Studios in 1985. "Art Square is designed to feed off

the city's cultural resurgence and its downtown renaissance—and help ensure it continues. I want to foster a nurturing atmosphere for our creative class and an inviting one for all who seek to expose themselves to something new and inspiring."

Art Square is Sperry's third project to open in the arts district in three years. In 2009, Brett Wesley Design Group completed Brett Wesley Gallery, the district's first freestanding contemporary art gallery. In spring 2011, BWDG completed the design of and launched Artifice Bar & Lounge.

Sperry has resided in Las Vegas since 1980. He continues to be an avid photographer, designer, developer, and supporter of Las Vegas' local art scene. ▽

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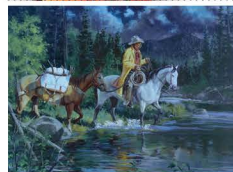
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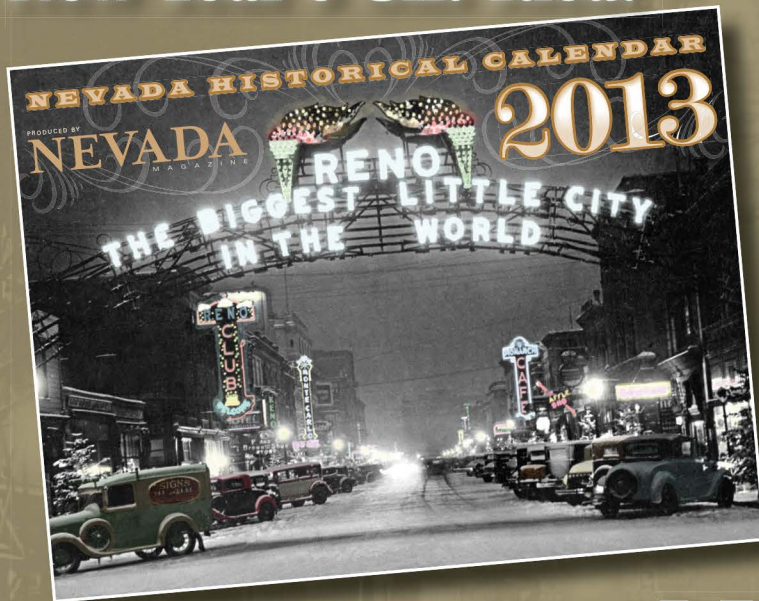
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**SLOTZILLA**  
New slot-machine-themed zipline promises to bring high-flying excitement to downtown Las Vegas.

Fremont Street Experience recently revealed plans to build a new permanent zipline attraction in June. The \$11 million SlotZilla includes an 11-story slot-machine-themed takeoff platform located near the intersection of Las Vegas Boulevard and Fremont Street.

“We wanted to take a ride typically found in the jungle, give it amusement park features and qualities, and build it in the middle of downtown,” says Jeff Victor, president of Fremont Street Experience. “Designing a zipline to go across 1,700 feet with only a slight incline was a real challenge and required us to think outside the canopy and develop new technologies. To meet this challenge, we designed a first-of-its kind propulsion launch system and created a steeper incline that will actually take riders through the Viva Vision canopy, giving them the thrill of their lives.”

SlotZilla will be a two-level thrill ride. Riders on the upper Zoomline will start more than 100 feet above ground and zip 1,700 feet through and under the Fremont Street Experience canopy. Riders on the lower Zipline take off about 70 feet above

ground and zip 850 feet to a mid-point landing platform. Both levels deliver a ride experience unique in the world—flying above thousands of people on Fremont Street Experience and under the Viva Vision canopy, the world’s largest video screen. Tickets are projected to cost \$20 for the Zipline, \$30 for the Zoomline, and \$40 for both.

In order to build SlotZilla, the current zipline is closed for a short time, enabling construction crews to move the current temporary platforms so that the ride can remain open during construction of the permanent SlotZilla structure. ▽

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On the southeast end of Goldfield, on Crystal Avenue, lies the International Car Forest of the Last Church. The unusual roadside curio—where vehicles go to rest in pieces, and get painted—is accessible 24/7.

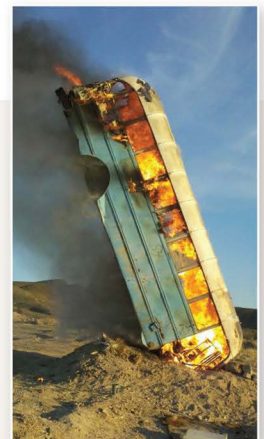
## International Car Forest of the Last Church

The term “only in Nevada” gets uttered a lot when it comes to the state’s tourism oddities, but this—surprisingly—is not entirely unique in the United States.

In true Nevada fashion, though, the Silver State can claim the *largest* car forest, at least according to Chad Sorg, past president of the Goldfield Chamber of Commerce. “We are the largest roadside attraction of its kind (40 cars erected so far),” says Sorg, who also holds the unofficial title of chief artist at the Car Forest. “Other famous locations include Nebraska’s Carhenge (27 cars, I think) and Texas’ Cadillac Ranch (10 cars).”

Sorg and Mark Rippie named the attraction last year. International? Because Goldfield gets so many international visitors. Car Forest? Use your imagination. Last Church? “Because Mr. Rippie believes that the last church is within us—truly independent and autonomous spirituality,” Sorg says.

Igniting buses—with the volunteer fire department on hand—has become a tradition at the Car Forest. “We burnt a bus on the premises during our End of the World Party, during August’s Goldfield Days,” Sorg adds. “100 people visited that day.” [goldfieldnevada.org](http://goldfieldnevada.org), 775-485-3560



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