



AZ's Spring Backcountry Fly-in Lineup

[Pleasant Valley \(24AZ Young AZ\) April 4-6th](#)

[Grapevine \(Roosevelt Lake\) April 18th-20th](#)

[Double Circle Ranch \(Eagle Creek\) May 2-4th](#)

Pleasant Valley (24AZ Young AZ) -I don't know about you, but I've always enjoyed spring, even here in Arizona where we may not experience the dramatic changes folks in other areas of the country do.



Spring begins in Arizona when the days begin to grow longer, the trees, at least in my area, begin to send out leaves, and I find myself wanting to get outside, and any excuse will do! With that in mind, I'm really looking forward to a couple of backcountry weekends coming up. The air will still be cool in Young Arizona for our annual fly in camp at [24AZ Pleasant Valley](#) April 4-6th, and I always enjoy a trip into Young, especially for a meal at the

Antler's restaurant. Camping at Pleasant Valley is basic, but comfortable if you prepare properly. Bring you tent, warm sleeping bag, plenty of snacks, a potluck dish for Saturday, and your own facility. That's a nice way of saying your own honey pot, or just a five gallon bucket for your personal bathroom!





The Pleasant Valley (Young) airstrip is smooth dirt/gravel, and landing to the west you'll have a bit of an offset threshold. Let's hope for low winds and blue skies for this one, but we're holding the 12-14th as a backup in case spring winds kick up on the 4-6th.

Grapevine (Roosevelt Lake) -The third weekend in April will once again bring us to the Grapevine airstrip just a few miles east of the dam, and ending only



1400' from the south shore of Roosevelt Lake. This airstrip is quickly becoming an Arizona favorite, as it was before its closure in 1997. Even with the predicted high winds of the last weekend at Grapevine, many folks showed up with 8 to 10 camping out both Friday and Saturday nights. For those who don't like roughing it, your APA provides a port-a-john at the site for your use, and like all our backcountry sites, picnic tables, a fire pit with cooking grate and great company are included.



Double Circle Ranch (Eagle Creek) – If you’ve not been to the historic Double Circle Ranch, take this opportunity to join us at what is one of the most historic sites of the old southwest. From its early Pueblo inhabitants, to the Apache, to the Kansas City cattle barrens and outlaws, this ranch has seen them all. The locals will be joining us once again in a potluck BBQ, meat and beans provided by

your APA. Pack up your camping gear, including honey pot, a potluck dish and prepare to enjoy one of the most incredible backcountry airstrips in the southwest. From the old lodge building, the flowing creeks to the 100+ foot tall cottonwoods, you’ll enjoy exploring this old site for many hours.

Just after noon on Saturday we’ll be having BBQ and Beans in the old lodge, potluck style along with many of the local ranchers and old timers of the area. It’ll be old stories and friendship around the campfire in the evenings. [Please RSVP here!](#)



This airstrip is narrow, but smooth dirt/gravel, slightly uphill to the north. As always, please check in at our event page and let us know you are coming so we can plan food accordingly. Also, please be certain to down load our pilot briefs for any of these airstrips under our Resources tab. Know your skills and aircraft performance!



We’ll be looking for you at the Old Double Circle!

