

**AZ Home and Hangar Newsletter**  
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**Inside story**

**Whales with the Baja  
Bush Pilots**



Pet a Whale!



50 Aircraft in search of the mighty  
Grey Whale!

**AZ Home and Hangar photo of the month**

*Turbine DC 3. San Felipe MX AOE*



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**AZ Home and Hangar Top Pick**  
**True adobe masterpiece-Sky Ranch at Carefree AZ-\$3,395,000**



**4000 ft Runway and a Top 100 golf course-5576 sq ft true adobe-home with massive beams and posts-  
Available furnished-54 ft hangar door and outdoor area face runway**

## Whales with the Baja Bush Pilots!

From the right seat of the 500 Shrike Twin Commander, call sign "Baja 1" we are leading the way for the annual Baja Bush Pilot Whales trip as we set course in search of the California Gray Whale.

The mighty Grey Whale makes a yearly migration to the warm protected bays of Baja California's West coast each year. The Gray Whales natural color is actually black. The whales can grow to more than 50 feet long and up to 35 tons.

The San Felipe airport is a fast and simple AOE (Airport of Entry) for Customs and Immigration. After clearing Customs we push the throttles forward and fly low along the east coastline. Continuing south we land at Mulege's Hotel Serenidad landing on the 1900 ft long hard packed dirt strip. We were careful not to prop blast other aircraft parked there. We are in a day ahead of nearly upwards of 50 aircraft. 150 persons will be attending the annual Baja Bush Pilot "whales" migration in search of the mighty Gray Whale. Jack McCormick is in charge. With tasks delegated, we confirm hotel reservations for 100 plus rooms in three separate hotels, coordinate 450 meals at 3 different restaurants, set up communications via radios and repeaters, commander taxi's for Baja Bush Pilot transportation, and then hit the pool bar for a cold one. It is imperative to use extreme caution as the Grande Margaritas will make you do things you might regret.

The next morning we see perfect weather. The handheld radio comes alive around 10:00 am as Pilots and guests are arriving via private aircraft of all types. 5 hours later we have 50 aircraft parked and the Baja Bush Pilots and guests explore the



## Stellar Airpark Estates-\$3,100,000



**5790 sq ft basement home loaded with electronics and other upgrades 50 x 40 hangar with RV access-gated taxiway access**

## Stellar Airpark Estates-\$2,400,000



**4580 sq ft home -hangar-plus 4 car garage-gated taxiway access-award winning architect-great room opens to outdoor living area via glass wall**

## Mogollon Airpark-\$1,298,777



**6000 sq ft living area in home and hangar- surrounded by Ponderosa pines. Owner financing options.**

### Pegasus Airpark-\$ 874,900



**Equestrian lot-  
separate general  
aviation hangars  
available-5800 sq ft  
Tuscan style home-  
basement-theater-4  
car garage-guest  
casita with separate  
entrance**

### Aviation Real Estate Values



**Buyers!** It is my personal opinion aviation properties in Arizona have never been a better value for the buyer. Relocation and "Sell Buy" program available. Do you have a dream home and hangar in mind? Call Erik.

**Sellers!** Thinking of selling? The Home and Hangar newsletter is distributed electronically to over 5000 aviator home owners world wide.

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### Mogollon Airpark area-\$289,900



**True log home with  
loft-auto garage-2  
lots. mountain pines  
and cool summers-  
short drive to air-  
park.**

### Lakeside Ski Village-\$475,000



**2000 sq ft home On  
the lake runway  
access-private  
dock boat lift  
ski year round**

quaint town. Later comes the Opening Dinner and Pilots Meeting for all to discuss the next day's flight to San Ignacio Bay. San Ignacio has a 5000' shell runway with no services. You board a van for a bouncy ride to the whale watching staging territory. At first look a Panga seems like a bad idea. Later you find that this boat is proven to be seaworthy. The air is brisk as we motor out to the watching area and I wish I would have brought a jacket. Suddenly we notice some splashing and the skipper positions the boat upwind. The motor is shut down and we drift directly over a mother and a baby. It is at that point you realize a gray whale is 2 -3 times the length of the boat you are sitting in. With the flip of a tail we would all go swimming. Curiously the baby, at over 14 feet long, rolls over and looks directly into my eyes. The baby seems curious to learn and in my personal opinion and random observations note that the whales seem to stay longer if children are in the panga. Some get to touch the whales and some try to actually kiss a whale. 2 hours and over 25 close whale sightings later we finish the ride. Then we take a short flight back to the East coast of the Sea of Cortez. The Bush Pilots congregate at the Hotel Serenidad for its famous Saturday night Pig Roast Dinner mixed with flying and whale stories. The official trip is over. The next morning some head south for fuel at Loreto and some have the range to fly north. Some head east to Guaymas and then north to Arizona.

Each March the Baja Bush Pilots make the trip as a group or you can do it on your own. For flying information check with official sources prior to departure and be sure you are properly prepared before crossing international borders in a private aircraft. Specific rules need to be followed. It is simple with a small amount of planning. The reward of flying south of the border is well worth the effort.





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**Home and Hangar Top Pick**

**True Adobe Home and Hangar, Carefree Sky Ranch.**  
Carefree, AZ, United States

Price: \$3,395,000  
Type: Other

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- March, Whale watching

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