

A Tradition of Fishin!!

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Terror Alert Level Raised “It’s Balloonagedden!” - Alters

Sedona, AZ GWA Security Director John ‘Jackson’ Alters II on Tuesday announced that he was raising the GWA Terror Alert level to ‘Banjo’ in the wake of a third ‘balloon’ being shot down over US airspace.

Speaking on an encrypted line from an undisclosed location in Arizona, Alters screamed “It’s balloonagedden I tell ya!”

Alters then launched onto a half hour long rant on how the Chinese were trying to steal our best fishing spots, identify our hidden caches of beer, and find out where we’re placing our minnow traps.

“If I show up at my favorite crappie spot and there’s a pontoon boat full of Chinese guys anchored on it, I’m just gonna lose it,” muttered Alters through clenched teeth.

“Who knows how long this kind of thing has been going on?” continued Alters. “And now you’ve got the US military flying around and firing missiles at everything that’s more than 15 feet off the ground, hell, nobody is safe. I’m not even gonna let Lard put up his zip line

that he uses to get down to his boat this year.”



Camp Security Director Jackson Alters vows to defend his crappie hot spots against a Chinese invasion.

“Bottom line is, we’re just going to have to do a lot more fishing at night this year to avoid detection. Total stealth mode,” concluded Jackson. “Oh, and I’m bringing my rifle too. If I can hit an elk at 650 yards, I sure should be able to hit a big-ass balloon at forty thousand feet.”

“Seems like Jackson might be over-reacting a little,” assessed Leinie’s Guy Puck Johnson. “But better safe than sorry I guess.”

Terror Level Raised (cont...)

“I’m sure glad we went to the musical instrument scale for the terror level years ago,” acknowledged Leinie’s Guy Joe ‘JJ’ Henry. “Keet is kind of color blind you know.”

“We’ll do whatever we gotta do,” stated Leinie’s Guy and GWA 2022 Angler of the Year recipient Deano Radke. “Yep, we can’t let a bunch of balloons ruin GWA. Just as long as it’s not aliens.”

As a reminder, GWA Terror Alert Levels are as follows, listed in increasing degree of severity:

TAMBORINE ALERT Business as usual. Fish. Drink heavily responsibly. Talk smart. Don’t fish with strangers. Test your knots. Make sure there’s gas in your boat before launching. Locate your raingear. Follow fishing regulations. Use the outhouse. Wear camo. Alternate your beers. Scratch stuff that itches. Fart at will. Wear a hat. Find your sunglasses. Ogle.

MARACAS ALERT There is a 10-70% chance that something unforeseen may or may not happen, with a 30-65% chance that somebody will notice if it does. Fish. Responsibly drink heavily in moderation. Talk smart. Check the minnows. Clean paint out of hook eyes on jigs. Acknowledge that bag limits exist, if only in theory. Put extra beer on ice. Eat nuts. Leer.

BANJO ALERT Slightly heightened awareness recommended. An almost 50-50 chance that temperatures will be colder or warmer than normal. Fish. Take responsibility for drinking moderately heavily. Yell occasionally. Avoid braided fishing line. Stock up on duct tape. Wear waterproof footwear. Be

aware of size limits. Fart loudly and often. Applaud large breasts.

ACCORDION ALERT Extra vigilance required. Make sure there is toilet paper in the stall before sitting down. Change water on the minnows. Put new line on your reels. Throw rocks at random intervals and in random directions. Fish. Drink consistently heavily to cautiously heavily while being able to spell the word ‘responsibly’. Talk smart. Vary your routes to the outhouse. Stay away from bridges. Go heavy on olives. Ignore size limits. Tiptoe. Twerk.

BAGPIPES ALERT 45-60% chance that something 35-40% worse than stuff happening under an Accordion Alert may occur. Carry a condom and keep a beer within reach at all times. Fish. Drink heavily. Forget responsibility. Talk smart, but whisper. Walk serpentine. Breast evaluation hours restricted. Wear sunscreen and protective eyewear. Ignore bag limits. Angle parking. The world is our urinal.

TUBA ALERT There exists a 5-65% chance of events occurring which would result in extreme pants-shitting terror, such as beer supplies and/or bait running low. Fish with really big bait. Drink very heavily and use an alias. Talk smart, but speak in tongues. Use Roman numerals at all times. Sprint everywhere (serpentine). Breast evaluation hours expanded. Ignore all fishing regulations. Stretch frequently. Go Commando. Keep some jerky in your pocket. Look up. Check behind you. Stop using vowels.

“We’re not getting taken down by a bunch of balloons, or aliens, or whatever the heck they are,” sputtered Alters. “Not on my watch!”

Deano Radke's scrapbooking tip of the month:

"I keep my quotes and poems in 2 file folders, adding new computer print outs, clippings, or handwritten notes as I find them. My scraps are divided up by color and placed in separate, large, clear envelopes by "Generations". My small embellishments (stickers and die cuts) go into pockets of "Crop In Style" protective binder sheets. My larger embellishments go into Rubbermaid tubs. So far this has worked for me. I also use two tackle boxes I got a Gander Mountain for all of my buttons, ribbon, metals, beads, etc. I LOVE them. Everything is easier to find in these!"

GWA Wives Reminded to Send in Calendar Photos

The annual 'Wives of GWA' calendar, which is always an inspiration to the Leinie's Guys as well as all other GWA attendees, is in the process of being compiled for GWA-2023.

"Most of the gals have already sent in their photos for this year's calendar," stated Calendar Coordinator, Joe "JJ" Henry. "But there are a few ladies we are still anxiously waiting to hear from. You know who you are."

Henry reminds women that the calendar photos are strictly clothing optional. "Less is more," stated Henry.

Buck Shots...

The wheels are spinning fast, gentlemen. GWA will be here before we know it and there's still a ton of stuff to do.

Get your topics in for the campfire chat series!

The Official Theme Committee will be meeting Wednesdays during happy hour at Pike's Pine Isle.

Re-spool your reels.

Paint some jigs. Clean out your boats. Charge your batteries. Man, the list never ends!!!

The 39th annual Great Walleye Assault will be epic! Honest!
God Bless America!

- Buck

Buck Tailspinner

Where it all began...



Original GWA Charter Members: Keet Moericke, JJ Henry, Lard Krueger

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**May 11-21 at the Big Lake Campground
BE THERE!!!**

(Sites 1836 and 1842 have been reserved for the duration.)