

GPS Solutions Create Efficiency and Security

USING AN APPLICATION more commonly known for recreational purposes from companies such as Garmin or Magellan, Myron Hammes, owner of GPS Fleet Management in Phoenix, offers services that combine Global Positioning System-based tracking data with proprietary software to deliver a cost-effective method for monitoring drivers' efficiency.

"The majority of my customers say the service pays for itself within 90 days," Hammes said.

Using an embedded GPS transmitter/receiver and a small antenna linked to the GPS network on each vehicle, GPS' systems provide managers with key vehicle data such as start/stop times, number of stops by address per day, time spent at each stop, mileage, speed, idle times and routes traveled.

Developed in the 1970s by the U.S. military and declassified for commercial use

in 1982, the Global Position System uses 24 orbiting satellites capable of relaying detailed time and positioning information back to Earth.

Last June, GPS assisted in the recovery of a client's stolen truck. Since the vehicle was equipped with a GPS fleet tracking system, the owner was notified via text message that his truck was moving early one morning. The police were notified and the truck—in addition to two other companies' trucks, two construction trailers and thousands of dollars worth of stolen tools—was recovered in less than two hours. Five thieves were taken into custody as well.

"This event further validates the effectiveness of our technology in protecting our clients' fleets," Hammes said.

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Hammes and the GPS fleet tracking system.

Wigwam Golf Resort & Spa Reborn



The pool at The Red Door Spa, The Wigwam Golf Resort & Spa

WITH LAST YEAR'S COMPLETION of a \$15 million renovation of The Wigwam Golf Resort & Spa in Litchfield Park, the legendary retreat has added an assortment of amenities for visitors looking to bask in the lap of luxury or challenge their golf skills. Built in 1918 to accommodate up to 24 guests, the resort's original cottages have been replaced today with 331 casita-style guestrooms, 54 holes of

championship golf, a full-service spa, award-winning restaurants, nine tennis courts, two pools, and more than 38,000 square feet of meeting and convention space.

Among the recent renovations – and one of the biggest requests from visitors, according to The Wigwam's public relations manager, Lance Burton – was the addition of a spa. Opened last May, the Elizabeth Arden Red

Door Spa offers resort guests a full line of services, including massages, facials, wraps, manicures, pedicures and hair styling.

Ideal for golf enthusiasts, The Wigwam is Arizona's only resort offering three 18-hole golf courses on-site.

Built in the mid '60s, the resort's Gold Course was completely renovated in 2005 using historic aerial photography and original plans. Bunkers and greens were returned to the exact shapes and depths as originally built. Similar changes were also made to the Blue Course, where four new holes were created.

"We decided to bring those back to the standard for which they were originally designed and make The Wigwam a true golf resort," Burton added.

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