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## Strange RV Encounters: Giant Golf-Ball House in Arizona

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Would you live in a giant golf ball? What about one perched high off the ground as if on an equally giant golf tee? If the golf-ball home included several little alien spaceships for yard art, would that sweeten the deal?

About an hour and a half west of [Seligman, Arizona, the birthplace of Historic Route 66](#), is another addition to the Weird Homes category: a giant golf-ball house.

Reminiscent of an alien mother ship, the pearl-white orb is easily visible for miles in the middle of the barren desert along I-40 between Kingman and Lake Havasu. There is a little convenience store in a trailer on the property and nothing else for miles.

The "Dinesphere," once slated to be the restaurant of the Lake Havasu Estates resort community development, is now a privately owned residence. Its 3,400 square feet of living area are comprised of three stories and surrounded by yard art of little alien spaceships. Tours of the home are not available at this time, but you can see the interior in [this HGTV video](#) from when previous owners, Mr. and Mrs. Schimmel, renovated the once-abandoned sphere and added spaceship sculptures to the yard.

In the early '70s, the now long-bankrupt Lake Havasu Estates had a deal for you! Not surprisingly, a deal that never reached fruition. According to the [Chicago Tribune](#), they used false advertising to entice buyers, including a picture of a water skier on Lake Havasu, among other tricks. Lake Havasu is about 40 miles southeast of the golf-ball house. There was no water anywhere near the proposed development -- just tumbleweeds and sand.

In a nod to both Route 66 and nearby Area 51, infamously suspected to be an alien crash site, the people who purchased the giant golf-ball home from the Schimmels renamed it Area 66. For some time, there have been rumors the home would be turned into an alien museum open to the public, but it seems that project has not yet reached fruition, either. However, you can walk around the grounds; see the spaceship yard art; and visit the convenience store for sodas, alien memorabilia, and stories.

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