

## Douglas Towne

Before writing this month's cover story (page 88), frequent *PHOENIX* magazine history writer Douglas Towne thought he knew about Phoenix in the 1920s. "It seemed to be a very proper era. People were very polite and followed the rules," Towne says. Yeah, right. "I found out that Phoenix was this wide-open society. Prohibition was going on, but it was laughable. They had so many sources of liquor and so many speakeasies. No one had any trouble getting the cocktails they wanted.... There were laws, but it seems like they were mere suggestions." When he's not surveying groundwater for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality or editing the *Society for Commercial Archeology Journal*, Towne indulges in his own vice: "I'm a badminton junkie."

