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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Stan Schepers, APC President

HELLO EVERYONE,

First off I would like to THANK JEFF SERDY for the great information on Skinning & Fur Prep. GREAT JOB JEFF, THANKS.....

The weather has finally changed. This is the best time of the year to get out & call. The fur is prime, the colder it gets the better. Predators need to eat meat for protein to help them stay warm so that helps put the ODDS in your favor, GOOD LUCK.......



The World Championship has come & gone. The weather wasn't too nice; lots of rain. Snow would have been better. We had aprox. 180 coyotes to skin. We barely could find 30 that were good, they turned bad fast, weather was to warm. Last year they were frozen when they checked in. We skinned 80 dogs with only a few bad ones.

The 11TH ANNUAL FUR DONATION HUNT IS JAN. 5TH 2008. I will have a sign up sheet @ the meeting & all information needed. This is a fun hunt. \$ 5.00 fee for all you can eat & lots of prizes.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!!!
WONDERFUL HOLIDAY!!

HOPE EVERYONE HAS A SAFE &

Stan

December Rifle Raffle

Remington Model 700 chambered in .17 Remington Fireball

Raffle tickets will go on sale at the December meeting. Great odds, since there will be only 72 tickets sold. Tickets will be \$10.00 each, no limit on the number of tickets you can purchase.

Coming Events

Dec. General Meeting....13 Dec '07 Jan. Fur Donation Hunt....5 Jan '08 Jan. Hunter Ed Class......8 Jan '08 Jan. General Meeting.....10 Jan '08 See "Hunt Calendar" Inside

Monthly APC meetings are held at the Mesa FOP Hall, 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa, from 7:00 pm until ??

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Treasurers Report

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurers report details all transactions from Oct 1 thru Oct 30, 2007.

Checking Account Beginning Balance..... \$11,676.77

Check #1601 Hunt Expenses
Deposit
Deposit
Ending Balance 10/30/07\$6,281.01

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Petty Cash Beginning Balance.	\$82.22
Call Sales	\$9.00
Merchandise Sales	\$73.90
Dues	\$180.00
WCCC	\$525.00
Raffles	\$118.00
Deposits to Checking	(\$791.00)
Petty Cash End Balance	\$197.12
Total Cash	\$6,478.13

Inventory

lotal inventory	value\$2,861.75
Total Assets	\$9,339.88

APC Video Library

The following indviduals have videos checked out. Please return in a timely manner so others may view also.

4/13/06 11/9/06 11/9/06 1/10/07 1/10/07	Paul CorensCritr Call Instruction Chuck BeshearsElk Calling DVD Chuck BeshearsUtah Raging Bull Paul CorensGuns of Valor Paul CorensHow To Hunt Black Bear
1/10/07	Chuck Beshears.Archery Hunting Tactics for Deer
9/14/07	Conner GrinerPrescription for Success
9/14/07	Conner GrinerTruth #2 Calling All Coyotes
9/14/07	Chuck BeshearsTruth #2 Calling All Coyotes
11/8/07	Chuck BeshearsMastering Predator Calling
11/8/07	Chuck BeshearsReloading II

December Meeting Program

The Arizona Predator Callers are hosting a predator calling seminar on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 7:00 PM. The meeting features a presentation by Mark Zepp.

The meeting will be held in the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #9 at 1450 East Main Street. The FOP Lodge is on the North side of Main Street between Stapley and Gilbert Road in Mesa.

The meeting is free to APC members and students under 18, and \$5 for nonmembers. Refreshments and door prizes are included in the admission price.

Please contact Mike Burris, APC Vice-president at (480) 654-1411, if you have any questions.

2008 Multi-Club Hunt

January 12, 2008

This hunt pits the Arizona Predator Callers against all other Arizona clubs. We need all of our APC members to participate in this one in order to bring the trophy back to our club.

Check-in is 9:00 PM at Park Links Road

Point values are:

Lion....100 Bobcat....50 Coyote....10 All the rest....5

Proof of kill is the whole animal, if skinned you will also need the carcass. All participants will follow the rules of their sponsor club. If your club allows electronics then you follow those rules. If your club does not allow electronics, then you can not use them.

The Skinning Contest will start at about 9:30 PM. The winner will take home a custom skinning knife. Jeff Serdy, the winner of the 2006 contest will be the Judge. Contest will be judged by fastest time with adjustments for mistakes.

Camping is available around the check-in area and all participants are welcome to camp together. At check-in Saturday night, the Phoenix Varmint Callers Inc. will provide dinner. Hamburgers, hotdogs and chili will be served.

Check-in is located at Park Links Road, which is between Picacho Peak exit and Red Rock exit on the Northbound/Westbound side of I-10 between Casa Grande and Tucson.

GPS coordinates are: N 32 36.709' and W 111 18.934'

Map will be posted on the Arizona Predator Callers website, www.azpredatorcallers.com

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Hunt Report

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman

Well, the World Championships are over, and for all of you who missed it, it was a lot of fun. My partner, Tom Thornhill, and I drove up to Williams Thursday afternoon for the pre-hunt sign-in. Seventy some teams were there to pay fees, place bets, sign waivers, and go over the rules. We were cut free around 7 o'clock to scatter like quail, every one heading to their favorite areas. Tom and I headed back to Chandler, as we were hunting south on Friday.

At 5 am we loaded up and headed out to our first stand with great expectations. Everything was right, not many people around, overcast skies, incoming storm and hunting places where I have called and killed before. Eight stands and several hours later not a coyote had been seen, yet there was sign everywhere. Not to be discouraged, we picked up and moved 50 miles to area #2.

Just as we were nearing our next stand the rain hit like a waterfall. We picked our way north trying to call in between showers, still managed to not see any coyotes. The rain eventually got heavier with no breaks. We reached our motel wet and slightly discouraged trying to figure a new battle plan for Saturday.

Saturday morning the rain continued, all of the desert roads leading to our area were blocked by rushing, boiling brown water cluttered with debris. Another jump was in order, 60 miles to a back-up area. The hard rain had turned into brief showers and a cold wind. We still manged 4 more stands and called in a doe but no coyotes. Now we were starting to get discouraged so we headed to the check-

Along the way I remembered a spot where we had called and killed a fox last spring. We took a short side trip, stopped, jumped out, walked in 50 yards to a rocky creek bottom with our shotguns. 90 seconds later, BOOM, one fox in the truck. At least we didn't get completely skunked.

Now we blasted to the check-in, arriving with 5 minutes to spare. Not everyone had bad luck. There was a large trailer piled with stinky coyotes to be skinned. Further down the way was our APC trailer with two beautiful ladies preparing gourmet chili-dogs and cold drinks. What a great sight, doesn't get any better than that. The awards banquet was fun, although it seemed to take a long time (we were pretty tired). With our bellies full of steak and beer we headed down the hill. We made it home after midnight and it was lights out. What a fun time we had. You should try and make it next year. **Dusty**

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill!

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Hunt Calendar

Fur Donation Hunt......January 5, 2008 Cindy Seff 928-300-8684 aztrappers@hughes.net Seligman, AZ **Multi-Club Hunt**January 12, 2008 Contact Phoenix Varmint Callers at 623-434-5299 www.pvci.org Check in will be on Park Links Dr. There will be camping, hamburgers, hot dogs and chili served at check in and a skinning contest with a custom knife for 1st

Antelope Eaters Hunt......March 1-2, 2008

Save-A-Fawn Hunt.......March 15, 16, 2008

Remember to purchase your 2008 Hunting License before the January hunts.

Membership Report

by Kara Jensen, APC Membership



Welcome new members: Bill Hudzietz, James Sloane. Jon Miller, Jack Wiley, Scott Francom, Andrew Kerns, Douglas Greene, and Troy Simmons

Thanks to:

Sid Chalasani, Rich Higgins, Devan Vowell, Jack Walker, Susan Frabotta, Dennis Slade, and Steve Carter

for renewing their memberships.

Memberships Expiring Now Name **Expiration Date**

Bob Allen	11/1/2007
Mark Allen	11/1/2007
Gary Allred	11/1/2007
Craig Barnett	11/1/2007
George Buethe	11/1/2007
Gordon Dolley	11/1/2007
Bob Lewis	11/1/2007
Andy Musacchio	11/1/2007
Mark Plowman	11/1/2007
David Sherwood	11/1/2007
Todd Sherwood	11/1/2007
Mark Verdejo	11/1/2007
Michael Zaccardi	11/1/2007

If you've let your membership with our club expire, please contact us. We would love to have you back! If you have any questions regarding your existing membership, please give me a call at 1-800-756-7094 or you can e-mail me any time at: membership@azpredatorcallers.com

On the Stand

by Larry Walden, APC Special Events Coordinator

This month - On the Stand with APC Member: **Ned Burris**

Ned began hunting with the APC in 1995. Ned is the most consistent producer among all of our club members. When most hunters arrive at check-in with nothing but stories, Ned pulls up and unloads his bag of predators. I have seen this happen time and time again. It doesn't matter what the conditions are... swirling wind, rain or snow, cold or hotNed



brings in the varmints. If my life depended on it and I had to pick one hunter to go out and bring in a predator in order to save meNed is the guy I would pick.

Ned puts up all his fur each year and takes it to the annual sale in Globe, AZ. In 2006 Ned and his partner finished 6th in the World Coyote Calling Championships in Williams, AZ.

1. How did you get started predator hunting?

I noticed an ad in the Mesa Tribune for the Mesa Varmint Callers* who met at the Mesa Public Library on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. "Well it was the 2nd Tuesday", Ned said, "So I went to my first meeting". Note: * The Mesa Varmint Callers have evolved into the Arizona Predator Callers (APC).

- 2. Who has had the most influence on your predator hunting career?

 APC members Leonard Colpits and Jeff Serdy.
- 3. What is your favorite time of the year for hunting predators? December.
- 4. What is your favorite Arizona hunt unit for predator hunting? Unit 41.
- 5. Name a couple of your favorite predator hunting "mouth" calls?

 Tally Ho Pee Wee Critter call
- 6. Do you use electronic calls? If so, what brand/model do you use and what are the three most effective "sounds"?

Yes, FoxPro. Cottontail, Jackrabbit and bird in distress sounds.

7. Do you use decoys? If yes, what kind?

Yes, Feather Flex Turkey decoy and a feather hanging from my FoxPro.

8. Do you use cover scent? If so, what do you use?

Yes, Gray Fox urine.

- 9. Name 3 important factors to consider when on or approaching a predator hunting stand. Of the three which is the <u>most critical</u>?
 - Wind direction
 Being quiet
 Elevation
 Wind direction is the most important.

10. Describe your most memorable predator hunt.

In 1997 Mike* and I hunted our way to Globe, AZ and made a loop back to Phoenix. We got 8 Grey Fox, killed 4 coyotes, called and missed 1 bobcat, and Mike killed a Mountain Lion I called in with a Tally Ho. *Mike Burris (APC Vice President) is Ned's brother.

11. What is your favorite predator to hunt? Why?

Bobcats - because they are the toughest to call.

12. Describe your single most successful predator stand?

I was hunting with Stan Schepers (APC President) and on one stand I called 4 coyotes and 1 bobcat. I got 2 of the coyotes and the bobcat. Ned said, "Stan was positioned on the other side of a Greasewood tree and after it was all over Stan asked me what I was shooting at?"

Note: Stan claims Ned told him to sit down in a hole behind the Greasewood tree where he couldn't see anything.

13. Describe your most disastrous predator hunting adventure?

In 1999 Mike and I began a canoe trip down the Gila River. The canoe turned over and everything, including Mike and I, went into the river. It took us 15 to 20 minutes to locate our gear and get back to the bank. Our guns were locked up with silt so we headed home cold and wet. Then our truck got stuck in the sand. We finally made it back to Phoenix having never hunted during the entire trip.

14. What is your favorite predator hunting rifle/caliber/bullet and shotgun/gauge/load?

22-250 rifle 10 GA shotgun shooting 31/2 " shells loaded with BBs.

Ned takes both rifle and shotgun to each stand.

15. What is your favorite camo / pattern?

Mossy Oak Advantage Leafy Wear.

16. Name your favorite annual APC hunt or activity.

The 3 Club Hunt.

17. What is your number one predator hunting goal?

To call and harvest a bear.

18. What development (equipment, strategy or tactic) has most influenced predator hunting during the last 5-10 years?

FoxPro electronic call

19. What Arizona Game & Fish hunting regulation would you change?

I would like to be able to shoot Mountain Lions with a shotgun using shot.

20. What do you consider to be the greatest threat to the future of predator hunting?

Hunters shooting coyotes and leaving them in the field. Wasting resources.

21. Describe your <u>dream</u> big game/predator hunt.

Hunting whitetails in Canada.

Hunting coyotes and wolves in Canada.

Attention all HUNTERS!

you are invited to the

11th Annual Fur Donation Hunt

January 5, 2008

Entry fee - \$5.00 per person





CHECK IN:

Check-in is 7pm-9 pm. \$5.00 per person. If you have been to a hunt in the past you know how much fun it is, and if it is your first year you'll love it!

Send registration to: Cindy Seff, P.O. Box 762, Seligman, AZ 86337

Directions to Check-in:

Take I-17 or 89 to I-40 then West to Seligman, Rt 66 west to Fort Rock Road, just before Chino Point (Towers on Mountain) 2 miles west of Seligman. South (left) on Fort Rock Road to Sol La, south on Sol La crossing over I-40. Follow road 6 miles south and up the hill to check-in location. There will be signs at all turns and forks beginning at Rt 66 & Fort Rock Road.

Entry fee covers:

Dinner - served all night during check in.

Raffle Ticket (also one ticket per animal checked in)

Sign-up is required prior to hunt. Hunters may hunt any open hunt units. You do not have to check-in prior to hunting, just be pre-registered. Only animals taken that day qualify for ticket. You are not required to donate your fur. Donations benefit Arizona Trappers Association. This hunt was designed to teach hunters how to put up their fur and for the camaraderie in addition to predator control in helping prey species, especially antelope in the hunt units surrounding Seligman. If you don't know how to put up your fur, we will teach you! This is designed to teach you not to waste this valuable renewable resource.

Questions?? Contact Cindy Seff 928-300-8684 aztrappers@hughes.net

Tradition has had check-in at George & Cindy's house outside of Seligman and tradition remains! Check-in location has acreage that connects to state land on 2 sides. PLENTY of room to bring the family. Come set up the day before if you please.



Hunter Education Class In Mesa

Basic and Combo Hunter Education classes will be held at the Poston Jr. High auditorium (located at 2433 E. Adobe in Mesa) starting January 8, 2008 and continuing through February 7. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 9:00. There is a 4 hour required field day on Saturday, February 2 at the Rio Salado Sportsman's Club on Usery Pass Road.

In person registration for both classes will be held at the first class session (January 8) from 6:30 to 7:00pm. Pre-registration for the Combo Class is required and can be done by calling (480) 834-1791 and leaving your name, phone number and the number of students in your group for the Combo class.

Total cost for either class is \$9.00. Checks should be made out to MHEIA. Please bring your Social Security Number or AZ Hunter ID number to registration. Maximum basic class size is 250 persons and 25 persons for the Combo class.

These classes are for all ages. Parents are encouraged to attend with their youth. This class is required for all persons 10 - 14 years old to hunt big game in Arizona. It also qualifies the graduate for a permanent bonus point.

For further information contact Mike at (480) 834-1791. Please do not call Poston Jr. High for details. See Arizona Game and Fish Hunter Education class schedule at:

http://www.azgfd.com

Sincerely, Mike Zaccardi Chief Instructor

Where: Mesa

Poston Jr. High School 2433 E. Adobe St. Mesa AZ 85213

(Between Gilbert & Lindsay and University & Brown) What: Combo

When: January 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 29 February 5, 7, 2008 6:45 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Field Day - February 9, 2008 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

(Online students not eligible for this field day)

Cost: \$9.00 Registration:

Pre-Registration contact Mike Zaccardi at (480) 834-1791. In person registration is January 8th at 6:30 P.M.

Fur Processing Equipment List

As suggested by Jeff Serdy

Plastic Trash Bags "Seven" Pesticide Dust or Raid Spray Dog Choke Chain with fastener hook (replaces gambrel) Skinning Knife Knife Sharpener Surgical Rubber or Latex Gloves Tail Stripper – metal preferred Tail Zipper Fur Brush (for removing burrs) Fleshing Knife (2 handle) Fleshing Board 20 Mule Team Borax **Paper Towels** Apron Flashlight for your hat or head Wire or Wooden Fur Stretchers

Many items can be purchased at your local grocery, hardware, or pet store. APC can supply the Tail Stripper and Tail Zipper while the Wire Fur Stretchers and Fleshing Knife may need to be purchased from one of the following trapping and predator equipment vendors:

Sportsman's Warehouse

13277 W. McDowell Rd. Goodyear, AZ 85338 623-536-0700 Editor Note: *This is the only Sportsman's Warehouse in the valley that I know of that does carry trapping supplies.*

Montgomery Fur Co.

(Always attends the Arizona Trappers Assoc. Convention) 1539 W. 3375 S. Ogden, UT 84401 1-801-394-9828 www.montgomeryfur.com

Rocky Mountain Fur Co.

14950 Hwy 20/26 Caldwell, ID 83607 208-459-6894 rockymtnfireworksandfur.com

R-P Outdoors

P.O. Box 1170 Mansfield, LA 71052 1-800-762-2706 www.rpoutdoors.com

Hoosier Trapper Supply Inc.

1155 N. Mathews Rd. Greenwood, IN 46143 1-317-881-3075

www.hoosiertrappersupply.com

Duke Company

P.O. Box 555 West Point, MS 39773 662-494-6767 www.duketraps.com

Northern Sport Co.

9191 Leavitt Rd. Elvyria, OH 44035 440-986-3366 www.molnaroutdoor.com

Funke Tags & Supplies

2151 Eastman Ave. State Center, IA 50247 641-483-2597 www.funketraptags.com

www.murrayslures.com

www.schmittent.com

Vendor list was compiled from advertisements in the "Trapper & Predator Caller" magazine, <u>www.trapperpredatorcaller.com</u>

Could You Survive?

by Mike Mosier

For just one night, alone, in the White Mountains of Arizona, could you survive? With night temperatures below freezing, could you do it? If you had a survival kit and all the resources needed, would you know how to use everything to stay alive? Would you stay calm? How would you do it? As an Eagle Scout, born into an outdoor family, I knew I could. The story of my recent disorientation becoming a survival situation may help you better understand how simple it can be.

In the late fall, the scenery in the White Mountains, just South of Alpine, AZ, is breathtaking. My father, my sister and I, had deer tags for Unit 27, so we decided to hunt the north edge, where lots of big trees, big canyons and big mountains, make ATV use ideal. In this primitive country along the eastern edge of Arizona, the roads are many, and spider web throughout the big country. The difference between this honeycomb of roads and ones found in the desert are elevation. Many roads parallel each other at different levels of a canyon, reaching out, connecting and allowing access to meadows, saddles, ridges and valleys. Many have forks that are directional, meaning the other road is at an angle, and may not be visible from both directions. This can get confusing and misleading, especially after dark, where the tall trees, deep canyons and big mountains, make for a very, very dark night, when even the star's light is blocked. This situation caused my disorientation.

Friday morning I sat at the edge of a huge field waiting and watching for deer. After the constant aerial attack of debris from the squirrels, I realized, again, that the deer must've read the paper. I packed up, headed back to bike, and started looking for predators. I found a couple great spots, called, but to no prevail. On the last stand, I set up at the bottom of two canyons, and started calling. 30 minutes in, the hair on the back of my neck started to crawl. I turned around real slow to find two wolves, less than 30 yards up the hill behind me. Both, after looking at me, behind them, then back at me, sulked away. I knew there were more, probably trying to slash my tires. I packed up, crept up the hill, and drove off into the setting sun. Now it was getting dark, fast. So, I began the trip back to camp, but thanks to the directional forks in the roads, I soon became disoriented. By the fourth time driving past the same ugly tree stump, I grew frustrated. With half a tank of gas, and who knows how far from camp, I knew what I needed to do.

Cold, hungry, and frustrated with myself, an Eagle Scout who is LOST, I prayed. Turning at a bend in the road, I spotted a fire pit. As I drove into the empty campsite, I noticed a huge pile of split logs, a gift from God. Parked with headlights shining, I built a fire. With night-log in place, fire blazing, I started building a lean-to at the mouth of the fire pit. Walls almost 2 feet high, the horseshoe shape reflected most of its heat out of the opening into my shelter. I moved

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the woodpile within arms reach from my bed of green pine bows.

Using my emergency sleeping bag to line the inside of my lean-to, I created an oven. With the cold no longer a problem, my hunger set in. Did you know how awesome fire-roasted-beef-jerky is? It tastes like a very well done steak. Jerky, trail mix, fruit and granola bars made a great dinner. I'm warm, fed, and now ready for bed. A little uncomfortable sleeping on the ground, but the pine bows helped. Waking up every 30-45 minutes to throw another log on, my fire stayed hot all night long. I only had to get up, three times, to feed more of the night-log into the fire. Morning is approaching, the air is cold, and light begins to creep across the sky, as I throw the last bit of firewood on.

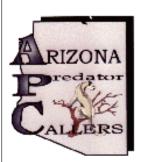
Sunlight, alas, the night has ended. I pack up, and let the bike warm up. Taking inventory of my water supply, I realize that I can only spare 2 quarts. I spread out the ashes, kick in the rocks, and remove what is left of the night-log. I do my best to extinguish the fire, before heading back to camp. Back tracking, in the daylight, I see all the wrong turns I made the night before. As I work my way home, I ponder: would any of my friends survive the night? My dad would have, his life long friend would have. Would you have? Could you survive? For just one night, alone, in the White Mountains of Arizona, would you survive?

~*~ Have Fun, Be Safe ~*~

For a membership application, please visit our website at: www.azpredatorcallers.com or sign up at the door during the meetings held the second Thursday of every month.

Please send us your hunt photos and articles. You can email them to: editor@azpredatorcallers.com

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Address Correction Requested

