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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ned Burris, APC President

Hello fellow callers, I hope your holidays were great! I am very excited to still have half of the hunting season left. Speaking of the holidays, I did get to hunt some on my days off. One day I got four coyotes and a grey fox and that made me feel much better because it had been awhile since I had shot anything. I have been using my new Fox Pro caller. This machine works great! I don't like all of the sounds that I have loaded on it, but some are calling in the animals. I'm hoping to put some of my old Johnny Stewart tapes on it.

I also went out hunting after Christmas and got seven grey fox and a bobcat. Maybe I'm on a roll!! So, I do have some fur for the upcoming fur sale in Globe. I'm just not sure if I have time to do it. It does take a great deal of time to put up fur, but not if you are Jeff Zerdy, who can skin in a matter of minutes. For those of you who didn't make that last meeting, you really missed it! I want to thank Jeff for his skinning demonstration at December's meeting. He did an awesome job!

I started teaching my class again January 7th, so my Saturdays are booked up for the next 8 weeks. Therefore, I was unable to make the Fur Donation Hunt. I hope many of you were able to participate. There are still a few more hunts this season and I would recommend that even you novices try to make a least one. There is much to be learned at these hunts and a good time is had

by all!

This is the last Ned Burris President's Message. I joined this club in the winter of 95'-96', when my wife was pregnant with Clayton. I was new to predator hunting, but very excited and am still just as excited today! It is election time again and I want to thank all of you for putting up with me. There is much to be done as President. I hope that the next President will do an awesome job!! Thanks to all the other Board members for their time and effort.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Happy Hunting & Happy Holidays!!

Ned



COMING EVENTS

Fur Donation Hunt 7 Jan '06
 January General Meeting. 12 Jan '06
 Save-A-Fawn Hunt. 14 & 15 Jan '06
 Annual Multi-Club Hunt 21 Jan '06
 January Board Meeting 30 Jan '06
 February General Meeting. 9 Feb '06
 ATA Fur Sale/Auction. 11 Feb '06
 February Board Meeting 27 Feb '06

Monthly APC meetings are held at the Mesa FOP Hall, 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa, from 7:00 p.m. until ????. Board meetings are held at the Arizona Wildlife Federation office at 7:00 p.m.

PROGRAM REPORT

by Mike Kannapel, Program Director

Speakers for our January general meeting will be Pat Barber, fur biologist for the AG&Fish Department and Leonard Ordway, Big Game Chief. Pat will be speaking at our meeting for several reasons:

1) Recruit APC members to attend and provide calling demonstrations for their Outdoor Expo at the Ben Avery Shooting range on March 25th and 26th, 2006. So far Mike Burris and Stan Schepers have volunteered. We need more than 2 callers. The department has always provided us with knowledgeable speakers when we needed them so we should step up and support them at their outdoor show.

2) Assist APC with our 3rd Annual Save-A-Fawn event, provide our members with places the department wishes us to call to save the department valuable manpower and money in aerial gunning for coyotes. We could save the department from \$10,000 to as much as \$30,000 by having a good harvest of predators January 14th and 15th, 2006. Please plan to attend. APC will provide food Saturday night and Sunday afternoon plus cash prizes and raffles.

Leonard Ordway, Big Game Chief will also accompany Pat, speaking on the latest department proposals to aid in hunter recruitment. These involve changes in permit numbers, changes in permit application dates, changes in archery elk hunts, changes in whitetail late rut season hunts and changes in javelina hunt dates.

You won't want to miss this meeting.

Directions to Save-A-Fawn Event: Travel north on Hwy 260 out of Payson, AZ to approximately 8 miles south of Heber. Turn north at Hwy marker 301 on Forest Service Rd

210, go north 2.3 miles to our camp. There will be APC signs at the turn-off to camp.

Good luck hunting.

Mike

TREASURERS REPORT

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurers report details all transactions from December 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance\$5,437.17
 Check #1452 Mike Clerc - Newsletter(126.10)
 Check #1453 Mike Burris - Meeting Food..(13.34)
 Check #1454 AWF - 7 Memberships (71.50)
 Check #1455 Jerry Thorson - Raffle Prizes (35.64)
 Deposit (memberships & cash) 530.00
 Deposit (memberships & cash) 65.00
Ending Balance 12/31/05 \$5,785.39

PETTY CASH

Petty Cash Beginning Balance 109.52
 Call Sales17.00
 Merchandise00
 Dues65.00
 Rifle & Caller Raffle..... 110.00
 Raffles182.00
 Deposit to Checking.....(381.00)
Petty Cash Ending Balance.....102.52

INVENTORY

Crit'r Call Standard 10 .. @\$9.00
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 Crit'r Call Reeds 13 .. @\$1.50
 Crit'r Call Instruct Tape .. 2 .. @\$12.00
 Tally-Ho 26 .. @\$8.00
 Tally-Ho Reeds 22 .. @\$1.50
 Tally-Ho Inserts..... 200 .. @\$0.25
 T-Shirts 10 .. @\$12.00
 WCCC T-Shirts LS 7 .. @\$6.00
 WCCC T-Shirts SS 9 .. @\$6.00
 Caps 6 .. @\$15.00
 Tail Strippers..... 0 .. @\$6.00
 Tail Zippers 5 .. @\$6.00
 Knife Sharpeners 1 .. @\$3.00
 Decals 898 .. @\$1.00
Total Inventory \$2,081.50
Total Assets \$7,969.41
Total Liabilities (\$0.00)
Net Worth \$7,969.41

APC VIDEO LIBRARY

The following individuals have videos checked out:
 4/10/03 ClydeTurkeys - Antley
 4/10/03 Clyde Turkeys - Fears
 10/13/05Mark Miller.... How To Hunt Black Bear
 10/13/05Mark Miller..... Reloading II
 11/11/04 Andres Perez..... Callers of the Wild
 9/12/03 Ed Volk Calling All Coyotes
 8/12/04 Scott Koch .. Power Howling Coyotes
 8/12/04 Scott Koch Black Bear
 11/10/05Dave Warren..... Whitetails II
 11/10/05Dave Warren..... Whitetail Pursuit
 11/10/05Dave Warren..... How to Talk to Deer
 11/10/05Dave Warren..... Big Bucks
 11/10/05Issac Ramos..... Operation Predator

Jerry

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Mike Clerc, APC Membership

I would like to welcome new members George Bargman, Steve Carter, Al Childs, Lee Hopkins, Robert Lake, Joseph Porath, Terry Schardyn and Tom Sylvester. I would also like to thank John Cline, Dan Solow, Michael Wildman, Larry Scribner, Reed Peterson, Tim O'Grady and Jeff Serdy, for renewing their memberships.

The following members have expired:

Name	Expired
Bill Cole	15-Dec-05
Allan Gay	15-Dec-05
Ed Hermaniski	15-Dec-05
Don Martin	01-Jan-06
Jason Juday	13-Jan-06
Mark Miller	13-Jan-06
Ron Scribner	13-Jan-06
Jack Triplett	13-Jan-06
Ron Sega	31-Jan-06

The following memberships will expire soon:

Name	Expires
Bob Bogard	01-Feb-06
Owen Gamer	01-Feb-06
Paul Hobel	01-Feb-06
Jack Johnson	01-Feb-06
Eric Loeffler	01-Feb-06
Dan Morris	01-Feb-06
William Kienitz	15-Feb-06
Michael R. Burris	01-Mar-06
Daniel Dooney	01-Mar-06
Larry Eichman	01-Mar-06
Craig Gombos	01-Mar-06
Kenneth McKenna	01-Mar-06
Kevin Parcell	01-Mar-06
Tom Thomhill	01-Mar-06
Jim Fuller	01-Apr-06
Hank Gonzales	01-Apr-06
Bob Hisserich	01-Apr-06
Dennis Slade	01-Apr-06
Brian Williams	01-Apr-06

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 (480) 890-7801 or you can e-mail me at membership@azpredatorcallers.com any-time.

Mike

THE HUNT REPORT

by Dusty Moiser, Hunts Co-Chair

Well, I hope all of you had a great holiday season, and were able to get out and do some calling. Unfortunately, I had a house full of in-laws and outlaws, so I wasn't able to hunt as much as I wanted. However, last Thursday and Friday I was finally able to hit the road. Thursday Craig Combos and I headed north toward Flagstaff hoping for a cat. We called all day, seen lots of sign, including fresh lion tracks, but never seen anything to shoot.

We headed south on Friday, to some spots near Gila Bend that I visit once a year. Things started off bad, as we couldn't find my road do to the fact that a new divided highway had been built. We arrived at the area that I wanted to call 15 minutes late. We went to set up and things were not very smooth, I forgot to get Craig's stool out of the back when I grabbed mine. I sat down and got ready, Craig set up the decoy and FoxPro and then realized that the remote was still in the truck. After another trip back to the truck it was starting to get pretty funny. But we decided to try it anyway, and started calling. Several minutes into the call, two coyotes jumped up about a mile away and started running across the far side of the field. They hit the road and turned toward us and continued lopping in. They stopped at around 150 yards and started acting nervous, they couldn't see the decoy because of a mound of dirt. Finally one sat down while the other moved in 10 yards closer. Now was the time. . . BANG, BANG!! we both fired at almost the same time. Unfortunately we both shot at the same dog, she went down, her companion took off and the shoot was on, after every round the dog shifted gears until it disappeared into the low rising sun. We continued to call for another 5 minutes, and another coyote appeared out of the treeline and then vanished. It was then that I noticed that the hit coyote was gone!!! Craig started walking down the road while I packed up and drove down to help. After a short search we found her in a ditch, one dog in the truck.

We moved a mile or so and sat up again, after a few minutes another dog jumped up a half mile away and took off. We made a number of stands but never saw anything else the rest of the day. There was a handy limb at our last stand so we

skinned the lone dog and headed home.

A lot of the places that I hunt I only visit once a year, so once in a while things change, it might be a good idea to check them out periodically and make sure there is still access.

Make sure you have your 2006 hunting license AND a mountain lion tag with you.

We have three hunts this month, by the time you read this the Fur Donation Hunt will be over. On the 14th & 15th is the Save-A-Fawn Hunt near Heber and on the 21st the Multi-Club Hunt. Hope to see all of you there.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill !

Dusty

NINE LIVES OF A CAT

by Tom Thornhill, APC Member

Whoever said that cats have 9 lives was right. I'm a witness.

I went archery javelina hunting over New Years weekend with Dusty Mosier. We got there early and hunted until 11:30am. We found a lot of good sign, but no pigs. We went back out at 3:00pm to watch the area that we saw all the sign. No luck. Hunted until dark and went back to camp.

Dusty had to leave that night, bumper! I got up early the next morning and got on the trail but still saw nothing! When I got done at 11:30 I thought I would go back to camp and pack up and go home. I got back and ate some lunch and thought about doing some calling. The day before when we pulled up where we were going to park the quad, we saw a fox run off. Did I mention we were archery hunting? No shots fired.

After I ate lunch I thought to myself, "What the heck, I'll go back and try to call the fox in". I went back and parked my quad about 300 yards around the corner, put on my leafy wear and set out. When I set up, I had a .357 magnum and a bow. Fifteen minutes into the stand, I saw something out of the corner of my eye. Wasn't sure what it was at that time. When it moved closer I realized what it was. A bobcat!! I have never called a bobcat in before. At that point, I got excited, shaking a little. . . Okay, a lot!!! I thought that I would use the .357 to take it out, but boy was I wrong. I couldn't believe the bobcat didn't move at all through all six shots. I guess she thought she was invisible. After the 6th shot, I was

out of bullets and the cat was still standing there!

At that point I had no choice, so I picked up my bow.

The first shot was wide left, but she still stood there. The second shot was wide left. I was still shaking and the cat was still there. Wow! The third arrow was a kill shot! She walked about 15 feet and checked out.

I can't believe she used all nine lives in one day.

I'm happy and she's not. I can't wait to go back and call for the fox.

I hope you are as lucky as I was
Call 'em in and get excited!

Tom

APC CLASSIFIEDS

Individual classified ads are listed free in the Varmints Voice to all APC members. For commercial ads, please contact the newsletter editor.

For Sale:

Dennis Kirk electronic wildlife caller. this is a tape player, excellent condition, \$75.00. Contact Dan @ (480) 883-7148.

For Sale:

Winchester model 67 youth rifle .22 cal. fires .22 shorts, long, & long rifle, new front & rear sights, excellent bluing, good wood. \$125.00 obo Scott (602) 319-0459

For Sale:

Marlin model 922M .22WMR (.22mag) semi-automatic, magazine fed, camo finish, includes two magazines, rings & bases. \$225.00 firm Scott (602) 319-0459

For Sale:

Beretta model 21A pistol .22LR semi-automatic, black with black grips tip-up barrel, external safety shoots good, reliable, good backup gun \$200.00 obo Scott (602) 319-0459

For Sale:

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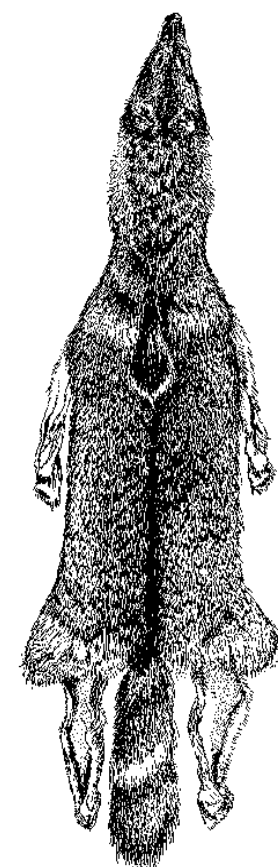
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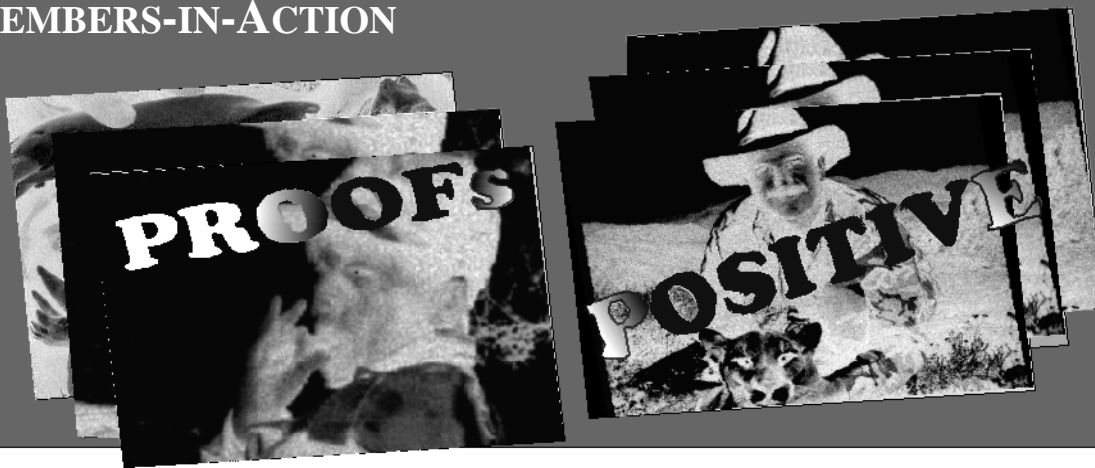


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APC MEMBERS-IN-ACTION



New members Mark Devin Verdejo and Sid Chalasani shot these two fox and coyote. Sid wrote, "In both cases Mark called them in and they came from my direction and I took the shot. We are new members who joined APC and are now hooked on to this calling."



Phoenix Varmint Callers Inc.
 Subject: 2006 Multi-Club Hunt
 When: January 21st, 2006

The 2006 Multi-Club Hunt will be held at Chauncey Ranch, On January 21st 2006

Facilities at Chauncey Ranch are provided by **Predator X-Treme Magazine** and will include an indoor dining hall, indoor restrooms and a camping area for those who wish to spend the night. Activities will start at dusk and will include a skinning contest, a youth calling contest, a chili cook off and a campfire to tell all of the hunting stories by. It's not necessary to have animals for check in to participate, be there to support your club. Dinner will start at 7:00pm and will be available while supplies last; it will consist of hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, chips and soft drinks.

The traditions of this hunt date back approximately 50 years. The winning club of the 2006 Multi-Club hunt will receive the honor of hosting the 2007 Multi-Club hunt. Good Luck!!!

The 2006 Multi-Club hunt rules:

There will be a 1 mile no hunt zone surrounding the parameter of Chauncey Ranch!! Chauncey Ranch has requested this no hunt zone due to a youth upland bird hunt at the ranch on Saturday. Please be safe and honor the no hunt zone.

Each participant will follow the rules of their sponsor club, ie. if you hunt for *APC* and they allow electronic callers you can use them, if you hunt for *PVCI*, they do not allow electronics so you must follow *PVCI* rules. All animals must be called. No freebies and no road kill! Only animals taken on Saturday, January 21st, 2006 can be checked in. Proof of kill is the whole animal, if skinned you will also need the carcass, gun cartridge is not required. All Arizona Game and Fish rules apply!! All animals must be taken legally with all permits and tags required

Last check in will be animals "at the check in table" at 9:00pm by Rays Verizon cell phone. 9:01pm and later will be disqualified.

All decisions made by the judges' will be considered final.

Point Values:

Fox, Badger, Ringtail, Raccoon..... 5 points
 Coyote 10 points
 Bobcat..... 30 points
 Lion, Bear..... 50 points

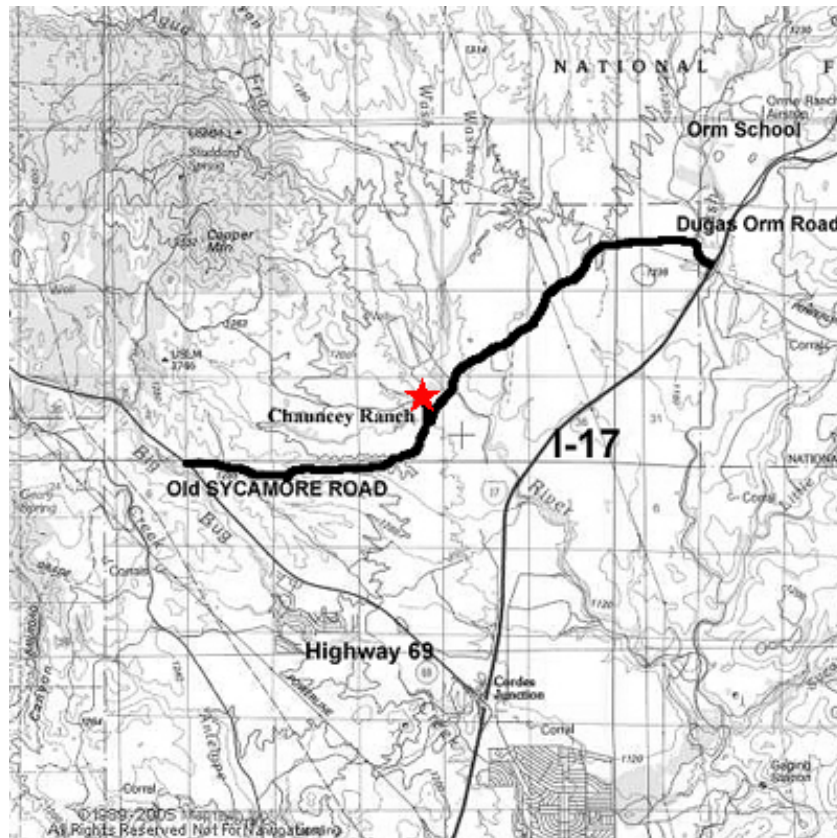
Games :

Coyote skinning contest – A timed contest to see who is the fastest skinner with the fewest errors. Winner will receive a custom handmade skinning knife.

Kids calling contest – Calling contest for children ages 15 and younger. Plus all children attending the 2006 Multi-Club hunt will be in a drawing for fun prizes.

Chili Cook Off – A tradition at the Multi-Club hunts of the past, bring your best Chili.

For further information contact Ray at (602) 320-8909



Map and Direction on page 2

Chauncey Ranch Directions

From Phoenix take I-17 North to the Cordes Junction exit. Exit onto Highway 69 toward Prescott. Travel 5 miles from Cordes Junction until you reach OLD SYCAMORE ROAD (approximately 20-30 yards after milepost 267) and turn right. Travel another 3 to 4 miles on this dirt road until you see a sign for Chauncey Ranch and turn left.

From Prescott proceed East until you reach Old Sycamore Road (approximately 4 miles past the Circle K in Mayer and between mileposts 267 and 268). Turn onto Old Sycamore and proceed for 4 miles.

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