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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ned Burris, APC President

Hello fellow callers, I hope you all had a successful October. I'm glad that we are past the ghosts and goblins and on to the turkeys and pies. Speaking of turkeys, I hope you all remembered to put in for spring turkey. I forgot!! I have been working and teaching, working and teaching. I haven't had much time for my family or hunting. I have managed to get out a few times, but there is nothing to brag about. I have one more class to teach and then it's on to hunting. The weather has been good, but I am looking forward to the cold, and the big cats and dogs.

This months meeting is all about predator hunting/calling. I will be bringing my bags of tricks and gear. My wife says that I used to have better luck when I didn't have all this gear. There is some truth to that. I used to have a cheap cassette player, wash my clothes in baking soda, and carry around a bottle of rabbit urine. Now I sometimes use the urine, but have stopped washing my clothes in baking soda! However, there is one more device I would like to buy, the FoxPro FX3. Maybe my wife will get it for me for Christmas or before the *World Championships*. Hint, Hint! If you have any questions about guns, calls, ammo, or where to call, we will try to answer all your questions. I hope you can all make this meeting! I'm looking forward to your questions and input.

The October novice hunt was a success. I didn't get to hunt, but I

showed up with the food and my skinning gear. I skinned a bobcat and a coyote and enjoyed the great company. I want to thank Dusty for doing the cooking. I really appreciated it. Thank you to all who participated. I hope that you novices don't get easily discouraged. I've had many a day when I didn't call in a thing. Keep practicing!! I hope many of you will once again volunteer to take the novices for the November hunt.

I was hoping that some of you successful and maybe not so successful hunters would help our club out by writing articles for the newsletter about your victories and defeats. I haven't hunted much this year and therefore; don't have much to write about. I'm sure that some of you are excellent writers and story tellers, but you just don't know it yet! Please help us out!! Please submit your articles to editor@azpredatorcallers.com.

Please consider the up coming elections. I'm sorry I wasn't able to do more. I really hope that someone who has the time would step up and be the President. Think about it.

One last thought! I hope that all you deer, and elk hunters harvest every coyote that you have the opportunity to. We need all the help we can get!

That's all for now. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Ned



COMING EVENTS

November General Meeting . . . 10 Nov '05
Predator Hunting
 November Novice Hunt 12 Nov '05
 November Board Meeting 28 Nov '05
 December General Meeting 8 Dec '05
 December Board Meeting 26 Dec '05

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

The Arizona Predator Callers are hosting a predator hunting seminar on Thursday, November 10, 2005 at 7:00pm. The meeting will feature several of our more experienced and successful callers from the club who will show you some of the things that work for them and will be happy to answer any questions that you might have. The meeting will be held in the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #9, located at 1450 E Main Street, in Mesa. The FOP Lodge is on the north side of Main Street, between Stapley and Gilbert Roads.

The meeting is free to APC members and students under 18, and \$5 for non-members. 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.

Mike

TREASURERS REPORT

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

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

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance..... \$5,055.90
 Check #1442 Pitney Bowes (Postage) (17.07)
 Check #1443 Ned Burris - Ice..... (11.50)
 Check #1444 AWF - 12 Memberships..... (78.00)
 Deposit (memberships & cash)..... 625.00
Ending Balance 10/30/05 \$5,502.89

PETTY CASH

Petty Cash Beginning Balance..... 84.42
 Call Sales..... 4.10
 Merchandise.....11.00
 Dues..... 280.00
 Rifle & Caller Raffle 90.00
 Raffles.....110.00
 Deposit to Checking.....(500.00)
Petty Cash Ending Balance 79.52

INVENTORY

Crit'r Call Standard..... 13...@.....\$9.00
 Crit'r Call PeeWee..... 42...@.....\$9.00

Crit'r Call Reeds 16.. @\$1.50
 Crit'r Call Instruct Tape ..2.. @\$12.00
 Tally-Ho31.. @\$8.00
 Tally-Ho Reeds.....22.. @\$1.50
 Tally-Ho Inserts.....200.. @\$0.25
 T-Shirts16.. @\$12.00
 WCCC T-Shirts LS7.. @\$6.00
 WCCC T-Shirts SS11.. @\$6.00
 Caps.....7.. @\$15.00
 Tail Strippers.....1.. @\$6.00
 Tail Zippers.....5.. @\$6.00
 Knife Sharpeners4.. @\$3.00
 Decals898.. @\$1.00
Total Inventory \$2,375.00
Total Assets \$7,957.41
Total Liabilities (\$0.00)
Net Worth \$7,526.32

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
 5/13/04 Ken McKenna.....Whitetails II
 8/12/04 Scott Koch .. Power Howling Coyotes
 8/12/04 Scott Koch Black Bear

Jerry

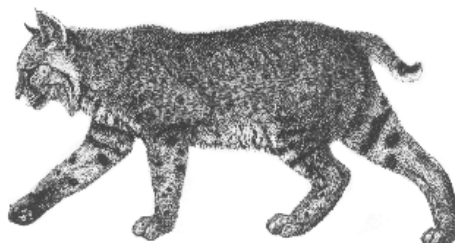
MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Mike Clerc, APC Membership

I would like to welcome new members Geoffrey Larson, Neil Pitcher, Jourdy Thro, Sid Chalasani, Craig Barnett and Mark Verdejo. I would also like to thank Andy Musacchio, Dave Warren, John McDonald, Andrew Peterson, Jeff Heinze and Pat Jenkins for renewing their memberships.

The following members have expired:

Name	Expires
Kara Jensen	01-Nov-05
Bruce Painter	01-Nov-05
Dan Solow	01-Nov-05
Michael Wildman	01-Nov-05
Jim Hogue	01-Dec-05
Fred Johnson	01-Dec-05
John Koleszar	01-Dec-05
Larry Scribner	01-Dec-05



expire soon:

Name	Expires
Bill Cole	1-Dec-05
Allan Gay	1-Dec-05
Van Hallman, Jr	1-Dec-05
Ed Hermaniski	1-Dec-05
Paul Melching	1-Dec-05
Don Martin	1-Jan-06
Jason Juday	1-Jan-06
Mark Miller	1-Jan-06
Reed Peterson	1-Jan-06
Ron Scribner	1-Jan-06
Jack Triplett	1-Jan-06
Ron Sega	1-Jan-06
Bob Bogard	1-Feb-06
John S. Cline	1-Feb-06
Owen Garner	1-Feb-06
Paul Hobel	1-Feb-06
Jack Johnson	1-Feb-06
Eric Loeffler	1-Feb-06
Dan Morris	1-Feb-06
Mark Roland	1-Feb-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 anytime.

Mike

THE HUNT REPORT

by Dusty Mosier, Hunts Co-Chair

Well, our first novice hunt of the year was a success, six teams came out to play, four animals were checked in and nobody got hurt. Isaac Ramos and I took off before daylight and ended after sunset and had called over a dozen stands. We made a 200 mile loop setting up everywhere I had called animals before, but not this time, we didn't see anything. There where two bobcats, a coyote, and a fox brought to the check-in, however the fox and one bobcat where road kills. After a lot of joking the two stinky animals (which were slowly getting larger) were disposed of in the desert. We had plenty of hamburgers, chips, Ned's famous salsa, and cold drinks to go around. Ned skinned the fresh coyote and bobcat by lantern light, we cleaned up, packed up and the

convoy pulled out around 11pm. What a long and fun day. I sent my son Michael with new club member Forest Kirchner, they had an interesting day but I'll let Michael tell their story.

The next novice hunt in November is on Saturday, November 12th. We currently have seven new people that would like to go and will need some experienced hunters to take them out. So please let me know if you can help out.

I have plenty of blank Hunt Records, so if you need one or additional ones please see me. I would really like for everyone to turn one in this year so I don't have to spend hours trying to contact everyone.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill!!!

Dusty

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:

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NINE LIVES TO LOOSE

by Michael Mosier, APC Member

I went out with Forest Kirchner, since he owns a truck and I don't, he picked me up and we headed out. We got to our first stand while it was still dark, it was a great spot, lots of track and sign, the whole area screamed bobcat. We snuck in, got set up, and waited, once everything had calmed down, I started calling. After 45 minutes, nothing prevailed, so we snuck out, leaving the area as undisturbed as possible.

Our second stand was at a place I've called coyotes before. After 15 minutes of listening to Forest call, there it was, meandering along the road, not a care in the world. At first I thought coyote, but it was walking kind of funny, and with no tail, I realized we had a bobcat coming. I watched him from about 150 yards, as he vanished, reappearing at 75, taking his time. It was fascinating, he was only interested in the noises (calling) otherwise he was oblivious. During one of the breaks between calling, he sat down, like a dog, looked around, and started watching a butterfly. Then when the calling started again, he got up, and started moving, it was crazy. At 40 yards I decided that the next place he sits will be the last. He stopped, sat down, so I raised the Mini 14, sighting in for the boiler room, and squeezed the trigger.....CLICK!! Oh no, I realized that in my effort to keep the noise down I had closed the bolt too softly and it wasn't locked. Luckily the bobcat was oblivious to me and only interested in the sound coming from Forest. So I quickly racked another round, aimed and fired. BANG...hit! He jumped 3-4 feet into the air, lands on his feet and as Forest calls again, he starts walking toward the noise, unaware he'd been shot. So I sighted in and quickly shot again, not realizing that my rifle is off, and shooting way low. This time, thinking I had hit him twice now, watched as he started walking away. So I fired again, this aiming a little high, hitting his front leg. He starts limping, still unaware what was happening, so I fired again. This time he starts limping/trotting, and I'm out of ammo. I yell to forest, and point him in the right direction, "Hit it with the 12 gauge." As I run down the hill into the saddle where I'd seen it last, BANG! Forest fires,

BANG he fires again. I walk over to where he's standing and sure enough the bobcat was lying on the ground looking dead. Forest put the butt of his shotgun on him as if to pose for a picture. Now the cat gained new life and all hell broke loose as he started hissing and snapping at us. He then bit the butt of the shotgun and hung on. He wouldn't let go even when he was off the ground with Forest shaking him, finally he let go. Hissing, snapping, and swinging at us with one good claw, I knew he had only a few more lives to lose. So we discussed non-pelt-destructing methods of ending the ordeal. Finally, I sent Forest to his truck to get some quail loads, while I kept watch. Once he returned, I backed up a good 10-15 yards, and he got up, so I hit it with the 12 gauge, then he sits back up, like a dog, still hissing and growling, so I hit it again, taking his 9th and final life, and sending him to Bobkitty heaven. Moral of the story; make sure your guns are sighted-in, and make sure the animal is indeed dead before you touch it.

Mike

PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT

from AG&F Department

The *Arizona Game and Fish Department* is seeking public comment on a proposed increase in the cost of hunting and fishing licenses, stamps and big game tags. The potential increases and the rationale behind them can be viewed on the department's Web site at azgfd.gov. Comments can be submitted by e-mail to rulemaking@azgfd.gov or by attending one of the public meetings that will be held across the state from November 9-21.

"The *Arizona Game and Fish Commission* has directed the department to develop a fee proposal that will provide revenue to meet the rising costs of doing business, and will address commission-identified priorities for the department," says Steve Ferrell, deputy director for the *Arizona Game and Fish Department*. "We are now taking this proposal to the public for their input before making a formal proposal to the commission at its December meeting."

Earlier this year, the Arizona Legislature passed a bill raising the fee

ceilings under which the Arizona Game and Fish Commission is authorized to establish license, tag, stamp and permit prices. This was the first time the fee ceilings had been raised by the Legislature since 1998.

Any fee increases, if approved by the commission, would go through the formal rulemaking process. The increases would affect licenses, tags and stamps that will be used beginning in 2007.

The public meetings will be held on the following dates:

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m., Arizona Game and Fish Department's headquarters, Roadrunner Room, 2222 W. Greenway Road, Phoenix.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 6 p.m., Arizona Game and Fish Department's Mesa regional office, 7200 E. University Drive, Mesa.

Monday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m., Arizona Game and Fish Department's Yuma regional office, 9140 E. 28th St., Yuma.

Monday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m., Best Western Payson Inn, 801 N. Beeline Highway, Payson.

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m., Arizona Game and Fish Department's Pinetop regional office, 2878 E. White Mountain Blvd., Pinetop.

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m., Prescott Resort Conference Center, 1500 Highway 69, Prescott.

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6 p.m., Arizona Game and Fish Department's Tucson regional office, 555 N. Greasewood Road, Tucson.

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6 p.m., U.S. Forest Service Supervisor's Office, 309 S. Mountain Blvd., Springerville.

Thursday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m., Arizona Game and Fish Department's Flagstaff regional office, 3500 S. Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff.

Thursday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m., Quality Inn and Suites, 420 E. Highway 70, Safford.

Friday, Nov. 18, 6 p.m., Arizona Game and Fish Department's Kingman regional office, 5325 N. Stockton Hill Road, Kingman.

Monday, Nov. 21, 6 p.m., Windemere Hotel, 2047 S. Highway 92, Sierra Vista.

The December meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, at which a formal fee proposal will be made, is on Dec. 9-10, at the Francisco Grande Resort, 26000 W. Gila Bend Highway, Casa Grande.

To see the list of proposed fee changes, visit the following web site:

http://www.azgfd.gov/temp/fee_increase.shtml

HELPFUL TIPS & TIDBITS TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR YOUR NOVICE HUNT

by Eddie Murdock - Phoenix Varmint Callers

(This article is being printed in the APC newsletter, as we felt that this was a PERFECT way to maybe help a novice get acquainted with some of the "expectations" when attending their first Novice Hunt. Eddie Murdock is a long time member of the Phoenix Varmint Callers, and he gave us permission to re-print his article in our newsletter. . . THANKS EDDIE!!! -editor)

This article is mainly devoted to you though there are still many of you older novices that may also benefit. Hopefully you were or will soon be matched up with an expert or master caller for the *Novice Hunt!* Now I don't care who you are or what your hunting experience(s) have been. I don't care how many big game animals you have taken from how many different countries. I don't care how good a shot you are with a rifle or shotgun. Until you have actually been on a real bona-fide predator hunt and experienced what actually happens and get used to what happens, well until then you can really have some embarrassing moments. Missing close shots, shooting too soon at something too far away, not shooting at all, absolutely freaking out when a coyote or fox or bear suddenly appears close out of seemingly nowhere!!! You see this type of hunting (predator-calling) will probably be different than anything you have ever done before because instead of going out looking for something to harvest, you are calling things, coy-

otes, fox, bobcat, mountain lions and bears to you by sounding like dinner. These critters will actually approach you, many times with the intent of eating you and well this approach of the critter towards you, sometimes very rapidly; well it can just unnerve some people and make you look like a shooting idiot (smile). I am going to attempt to give you some non-nonsense, straight-talk advice on preparing yourself for this hunt and give you some tips on just what might be going through the mind of the *Expert* or *Master Caller* that you are going with or maybe someday hope to go with.

Picking partners or getting picked: So you think you want to be a varmint caller and you think you want to go out on a hunt? One of the quickest ways to advance your calling career confidence and expertise is to go hunt with someone who has actually harvested critters and listen to and learn from them. Of course one of the most intimidating moments for many both new and older members is the actual asking, "Can I go with you?" For some others the intimidating moment may be the time leading up to the moment before you do the asking? Regardless, I guess it is mostly the thought that, "I'm not a good enough caller," and the fear of rejection, the fear of being told, "No," that stops many of us. Well guess what: If you really do want to go hunting with someone, then someday, sometime, you are going to have to ask. It is not the Club's responsibility to guarantee you a hunt partner every time you want to go hunting. Even during the September Meeting, when we are trying to get all the Novices partners to hunt with, even then there is just no guarantee. Sometimes a member may even approach you, if you are approachable. Again it is not their responsibility though.

Now when you do ask to go hunting with someone, sometimes you may be told, "No." That's life; I mean these people do have lives and may be busy with other plans. You may not be the only member wanting to hunt with them and don't forget that many have wives,

girlfriends, kids, etc. that also demand time. In 99% of the cases a, "No," means, No not now but maybe sometime in the future. It will be very rare that the No means, "No, I don't want to hunt with you ever, please go away." If this does happen, most likely you have earned it somehow. Have you ever stopped and asked yourself, what kind of person you really are? Are you of the desirable or of the undesirable type? Are you really approachable, would others have cause to have fear around you (remember you are both going to have guns), not from your eyes but from theirs? Be honest, if you didn't know you, would you really want to go hunting with you?

***Okay, the hard part is over, you are paired up with one or more other hunters. Next you will most likely be asked some questions.

QUESTIONS:

- #1) Do you have your own camouflage? Do you have a face mask?
- #2) Do you own a weapon(s)?
- #3) Do you have predator-killing ammo for your weapons?
- #4) Can you stay out overnight?
- #5) Can you help with the gas money and other expenses?

ANSWERS: Your answers of course are going to be:

- #1) Either yes I do or I can get some. Ditto for the face mask question.
- #2) Owning both a shotgun and a (flat-shooting rifle, above .22 long) rifle would be most desirable. Then you bring both on the hunt. If a choice of owning one or the other, for me, have a 12 ga. shotgun that is more than a single-shot. In addition, (Optional) I was told to paint my shotgun on my Novice Hunt.
- #3) For shotguns this usually means 3" copper-plated BB's or 3" #4 buckshot. For rifles the calibers vary too much to list.
- #4) Preferably your answer is, "Yes, I can stay out, I do have a bedroll, it is not a problem to my spouse, job

or pets. A No, because of a job or spouse, is a problem but it can usually be worked around. We just can't go as far to hunt and must return to town each night. A No, because of no bedroll and sometimes because of pets, is inexcusable. We are only talking 2 days and at the most, 2 nights.

#5) You probably won't be asked, it will just be assumed that you are ready, willing and able to pitch in. Please be able to help with something and if you are low on money for gas, purchasing gear, etc. say something now. We want you to go and sometimes we have extra things that you can borrow like a shotgun, camo, face mask, ammo, etc. Let us know up front though please!

Please remember to RESPECT the places where you are taken to hunt. If hunting on private property where only a few people are allowed in at a time and the owner is contacted before the hunt, well it would be in poor taste for you to show up afterwards, sneaking in with your buddies and abusing the place by leaving trash, shooting too close to buildings, etc. Even on public land, if you are asked not to go back, without your mentor, respect that. Yes it is public land that we all own, but you didn't have to be shown the spot to begin with. On public land my policy is to feel free to come back. I may even give you tips on what to do if you do come back. My only stipulation in a good area is to just be careful who you bring back with you, as some members tend to over hunt an area. Once they know about it you can't get them and/or their buddies to leave it alone. Some say that you can't over hunt coyotes (*they said the same thing about the passenger pigeon whose flocks used to block out the sun*). I say that man has the ability to make any species extinct, especially in a certain area. Be it bobcat, fox, coyote, etc. leave a few animals for seed.

One of the most important things you will be watched for while on your outing that will probably decide if you are asked back out again will be your gun handling skills and how safe you are perceived to be. For me, there are only two safe gun-pointing positions, up or down. The only time a gun should be held level is when you are shooting at something. Now you are supposed to treat every gun like it is loaded, yet it is amazing to me how many times gun muzzles are held and even loaded level and inadvertently pointed in all manner of directions at everything. Accidents do happen, twice I've seen a firearm go off while it was being loaded, thank goodness no one happen to be in the line of fire. Also, while setting up on a stand, remain standing until everyone has there positions, then you know where everyone is located. Only shoot critters in your zone. Expert or Master it is up to you to say something and correct it if you see unsafe gun handling. Everyone has a different level of experience, don't assume because they own a firearm that they automatically know how to handle it. You are in charge; this task is your responsibility. Other factors to look for include your willingness to call and how good a shot you are or aren't. Don't forget a camera and an alarm clock!

****TIP...I believe the New Novice will be better off starting with a shotgun, you will miss less critters. The action is often so fast, close and personal that often there is just no time to find the critter in a scope! If you do take a rifle, keep the scope on **lowest** setting!*





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Upcoming Mesa Hunter Education Class Announcement

November 3, 2005

Arizona Predator Callers (APC),

Press release for January 2006 Hunter Education Class in Mesa, AZ

Basic and Combo Hunter Education classes will be held at the Poston Jr. High auditorium (located at 2433 E. Adobe in Mesa) starting January 10, 2006 and continuing through February 9. 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 4 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 10) 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 \$8.00. Checks should be made out to MHEIA. Please bring your Social Security Number or Hunt 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 children. 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
AZG&F Chief Instructor
Mesa Hunter Education Instructor Association

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Primary Annual Membership \$30.00
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