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The President's Message

by Rich Higgins, APC President

The weather is cooling off and the cats fur is almost prime at the higher elevations. Go calling.

Coyotes are approaching the middle of the recovery biological season and dispersal has peaked which means that there are more transients and nomads at this time than any other month of the year. Consider this if using vocalizations on your calling stand.

Predator calling is the fastest growing of the shooting/hunting sports and there are more novice callers afield making every conceivable mistake

possible resulting in more coyotes surviving the calling experience and passing along their resultant diminished security levels and knowledge that distress sounds should be approached with caution, if at all, to their family/group members.

APC members will address these problems and how best to solve them at the **Predator Callers Workshop on Nov. 15**. I invite all advanced callers in the club to attend if just to answer questions informally throughout the day. Anyone willing to present a demonstration or seminar please contact me before the club meeting Thursday November 13.

This workshop series is APC's contribution to the AZG&F recruitment and retention campaign. Please participate and contribute your knowledge and skills. We will be emphasizing firearm safety first and foremost and Jeff Cooper's four cardinal rules will be our mantra.

1. ALL GUNS ARE ALWAYS LOADED

2. NEVER LET THE MUZZLE COVER ANYTHING YOU DO NOT WISH TO DESTROY.

3. KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL THE SIGHTS ARE ON THE TARGET.

4. ALWAYS BE CERTAIN OF YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND.

Be safe, have fun and I'll see you at the meeting.

Call 'em close,

Rich



Rich Higgins, in his camo netting, eyes a coyote that has come to the call.

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Coming Events

APC MeetingNovember 13, 2014
Predator Caller's Workshop.....

November 15, 2014

APC Board Meeting.....Nov. 24, 2014
Monthly APC meetings are held at the
Mesa FOP Hall, 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa,
from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm

Membership Report

We welcome New members:

Doug Williams of Mesa
Art Gransee of Gilbert

Thanks to the following members for renewing their APC memberships:

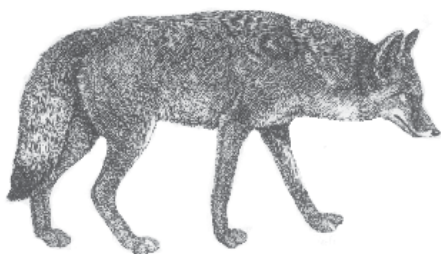
Ray Arreola Jr., Troy Clark,
Jason Mosier, James Petersen, Bill Rice, Dennis Slade and Ken Waddill

Expiring Soon:

Parker Heywood, Wayne Moss, Leanna Potter, Chuck Hagen, Steve Miller, Michael Zaccardi, don Canine, Jerry Lape, Patrick Zerr, Marco Ricotta, Trent Barber, Scott Tamorski

Recently expired. We'd love to have you back:

Susan Frabotta, Steve Jansen, Robert LaVoie, Ron Day, Don Liona, James Ringle, Mark Saunders, John Schwab, Jerry Snodgrass, Michael Munroe, Ken Bird, Sid Chalasani, Robert Elliot, AJ Suscavage, Chuck Flewelling, Jeff Hawkins and Paul Melching



November Meeting Program "Ballistics for Predators"

The guest speaker for our November APC meeting will be **Dan Carey** of Carey Custom Rifle Company. Dan will explain proper bullet selection for specific hunting species, with emphasis on predator hunting. Dan will also discuss bullet weights and coefficients. This helpful information just might help you finally knock down that coyote and maybe not destroy the fur.

The Arizona Predator Callers meeting is on **Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM.**

The meeting will be held at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #9 at 1450 E. Main Street, Mesa. The FOP Lodge is on the north side of Main Street between Stapley and Gilbert Road in Mesa, 2 doors west of the Radio Shack.

The meeting is free to APC members and students under 18, and \$5 for non-members. Refreshments and door prizes are included in

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance	
Beginning Balance	
10-01-14.....	\$4,634.13
Check #1860...John Harry.....	(\$28.95)
E-payments	
Pinnacle Peak Ace Hdwr.....	(\$301.18)
Deposits-	
Memberships.....	\$820.00
WCCCC.....	\$3,500.00
10/31/14 end balance.....	\$8,624.00
Petty Cash Beginning Balance...	\$115.61
Call Sales.....	\$9.00
Merchandise.....	\$0.00
Dues Received.....	\$185.00
Raffles Received.....	\$494.00
Deposit to Checking.....	(\$720.00)
Petty Cash Ending Balance.....	\$83.61
Total cash.....	\$8,707.61
Total Inventory of Goods.....	\$1,575.75
Total Assets.....	\$10,283.36

APC Video Library

The following individuals have videos checked out.

Please return in a timely manner so others may view also.

- 3/13/14 John Anderson.....Bullet Myths
- 10/9/14 Don Canine..Calling Coyotes Like the Pros
- 3/13/14 Jerry Snodgrass.....Coyote Behavior
- 10/9/14 Don Canine...Mastering the Art Predator Calling

Thanks *Jerry*

Please renew your APC membership before it expires. You don't want to miss a single issue of "Predator Pride". The membership form is available on the last page of the newsletter.



Hunt Report

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman



My elk hunt last month was unsuccessful, however we had a great time. The weather and scenery was beautiful and we had a great camp. A number of very large bulls were seen, unfortunately it was a cow hunt. I did however see dozens of mule deer (pictured below) and turkey. Good food and great company made it a memorable hunt.

Our predator hunting workshop is coming up quick and we hope to have a large turnout, please try a make it. Lots of good information will be presented and you will have an opportunity to pattern your shotguns. See more information on the event on pg 11.

Also, the world coyote calling championships are coming up and if you want more information please see our web sight.

Remember to keep up with your hunt records as I will be asking for them in April (it takes only seconds to fill in after you make a kill).

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill !

Dusty



Hunt and Events Calender

- APC General Meeting.....November 13, 2014
- Predator Caller's Workshop.....November 15, 2014**
- APC Board Meeting.....November 24, 2014
- Denny's at 1368 N. Cooper Rd., Gilbert, AZ
- World Coyote Calling Championship, Williams, AZ.....
- December 11-14, 2014
- APC General Meeting.....December 11, 2014

Please get these dates and events onto your calendar.
Club hunting events are in red type.

Dates and events are subject to change.

All APC General meetings are held on the **second Thursday** of each month.

All APC Board meetings are held on the last Monday of each month. Any APC member is welcome to attend.

November Firearm Raffle



This months firearm will be a Ruger 6926 Bolt Action Rifle in 22-250

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The Ruger American All Weather rifle comes with a Ruger Marksman Adjustable trigger, which offers a crisp release with a pull weight that is adjustable between 3 and 5 pounds. The three-lug 70 degree bolt provides ample scope clearance and utilizes a full diameter bolt body and dual cocking cams for smooth, easy cycling from the shoulder. This model also features a hammer-forged barrel, soft rubber recoil pad, Power Bedding and tang safety.

Buy your tickets at the meeting. 5 tickets for \$20.00 or \$5.00 each.

We Get Emails

I like the new APC website and I'm happy to see the News page addressing the attack on lead ammo. There is tons of misinformation in the media regarding lead ammo and even AZ Game & Fish is falling for it, as well as many hunting and fishing organizations.

AZ G&F says it supports the voluntary use of non-lead ammo while at the same time actively encouraging its use. Their position on "bad" lead ammo is discussed on their website, in the annual printed hunting regulations, and they even have a person assigned to promote non-lead ammo at various Outdoors events. They love to show a fragmented bullet in a block of ballistics gel. I'm sure we have all seen it.

While the block of gel with bullet fragments is a great visual, it is misleading to the point of being dishonest. Chunks of lead are INSOLUBLE and will usually pass through an animal mostly unchanged. Lead poisoning found in animals is more likely to have been the result of ingesting SOLUBLE lead found in paint, gasoline, and pesticides.

Scientific data on lead ammo is presented and explained in detail on a website hosted by the law firm representing the CA Rifle & Pistol Association. <http://www.huntfortruth.org/>

Regardless of how you may personally feel about the use of lead ammo I think you owe it to yourself and future generations of hunters to get factual information on this issue. I encourage you to study this website and to consider posting the link on the APC website.

This is a battle we must win.

Hank Scutoski

APC Member

Bear Hunting Tactics

*The October APC Meeting had guest speaker **Jake Jaycox** teaching us how to locate bear sign and then call to the sign. Below are a few of the main points Jake made in his presentation. Thanks Jake.*

BASICS: Call the AGFD Bear Hotline to make sure the area you intend to hunt is open. Call Wednesdays after dark. Be Prepared. Carry a backpack with items like Water, Sharp Knives (multiple), saw to cut through bone, Food for yourself (it may take more time than anticipated to get the bear out), Snake boots or leggings (lightweight plastic to knee are available) to prevent bites. If you are bit, call DPS to fly you out by chopper.

BEAR HABITAT: Start at around 4,000 feet elevation in Fall (depending on food supply). Find Oak, Manzanita, rock bluffs, the thicker the better. Juniper berries. If you see Coos deer, bear are going to be there also. Scout up to 6,000 feet. Prickly pear fruit are a draw for bear. Hunt the prickly pear areas to October. When they fall off of the cactus and you step on them and they explode, this is the ripist and favorite to bears. Pine tree areas down to prickly pear and pathways down to the prickly pear fruit are good to hunt. Fine the ripest prickly pear fruit area as high as you can. Manzanita is a good food source in August. Rocks are a great area. They feed on grubs that are found under the rocks. You may hear bear moving the rocks. The further back in from roads the better.

SCOUTING: Put your time in. Know the country, canyons and water. Find the areas where the Pine trees funnel down to the Oak, Manzanita and then Prickly Pear. Find where the water is only a mile to a mile and a half from the food sources. If you find a funnel down to the food sources, SIT ON IT. Call if you want to. Talk to the locals, ranchers, cowboys etc. They know where the bears are.

SIGN: Look for scat in the funnel areas. Look for rolled rocks that bears may have moved.

GLASSING: Use a tripod as light as you can. 12 Power binoculars at a minimum. 15 power are better. 15x56 are great. Glass those areas defined above. Field of view should start high. Move glass and scan to the right and then back and move down and repeat. Then move tripod to look further to the right and repeat.

MEAT PACKING: Make sure you have bungees to strap the meat to your pack. Hunt with a partner to help pack out. Cape out and get the fat and meat off of the hide. Get the hide out and on ice as fast as you can. Have frozen 2 litter bottles to put inside the pelt to keep cool going home. Smoke the bear meat like you would a ham.

Gary Thompson Calls His First Bob Cat

by Gary Thompson

This was the 1st bobcat that I've called in that I know of. It was shot by **Dave Warren** about 10 minutes into the 3rd set at approx 9:30am on 10/14/2014. Location was north of Florence. Dave was shooting his Tikka .243 with a Vortex scope. The bobcat came in directly downwind from Dave's set position and sat down at about 50 yards just watching him. Dave looked at it thru the scope and said (paraphrased) "Pretty cat, but a little early in the year for bobcat fur to be good." Then continued looking for coyotes. The cat just sat there begging for it, so Dave finally obliged her. It was a female of about 15-18 lbs. Beautiful spots on its belly and the fur was actually pretty nice. I called it in with the Primos AlphaDogg ecaller using mostly rabbit distress.

We did one more stand, just a stone's throw (or two) from our normal rendezvous spot just South of Florence Junction, and then we figured we should get the cat back as soon as possible and sneak it into Dave's son's deep freeze, hopefully to confuse him by adding it to his trapped cats, and maybe he will skin and stretch it.



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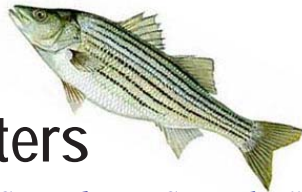
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NEWS RELEASE

For immediate release, Oct. 17, 2014

Arizona Game and Fish commits \$1 million to improving mule deer and quail habitat

(PHOENIX)-The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) has committed \$1 million in an effort to increase the state's populations of mule deer and scaled quail. Using funds made available under the Wildlife Restoration Program, AZGFD is partnering with the Bureau of Land Management to improve mule deer habitat in Unit 16A through a series of prescribed burns to re-open and re-invigorate some of the state's desert shrublands that have become overgrown with thick vegetation.

The Wildlife Restoration Program provides grant funds for wildlife and habitat conservation projects through a federal excise tax paid by manufacturers on firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment. AZGFD received more funds from the Wildlife Restoration Program this year, and according to Assistant Director Jim deVos, decided to put some of the funds toward habitat improvements aimed at increasing the mule deer and scaled quail populations.

"Both these popular species are currently below population objectives, and conventional thought is that poor habitat quality impedes their recovery," said deVos. "One of the challenges to wildlife management agencies is to increase wildlife populations and meet the demand for both hunters and wildlife watchers. Prescribed burns, dense shrub and tree removal, and improvements to wildlife waters will help restore these habitats and improve conditions for mule deer and scaled quail."

The restoration for mule deer will concentrate on two hunt units that historically had high numbers of mule deer but have experienced declines due to changing habitat. For scaled quail, actions to improve habitat will be focused in Units 31 and 32. Once the burns and other planned treatments have been completed, new growth of shrubs and grasses will become a food source for mule deer, quail and many other species.

"Growing these populations will take aggressive action," said deVos. "This new funding has allowed us to go into arenas where we couldn't go before."

Game and Fish Commission Appointment Recommendation Board to interview four commission applicants

Oct. 23, 2014

PHOENIX — The Arizona Game and Fish Commission Appointment Recommendation Board will interview four candidates for the governor's appointment to fill the 2015 vacancy on the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. The interviews will take place at the board's public meeting on Monday, Nov. 10, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Arizona Game and Fish Department headquarters at 5000 W. Carefree Highway in Phoenix. View the [meeting agenda](#).

The following candidates will be interviewed: John "Doyel" Shamley; Eric Slocum Sparks; Chad T. Villamor; and James S. Zieler. They were chosen from a list of 16 applicants considered by the board at its Oct. 22 public meeting.

After the interviews, the board will select finalists to forward to the governor for consideration.

Per Arizona State Statute 17-202, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission Appointment Recommendation Board shall assist the governor by interviewing, evaluating and recommending candidates for appointment to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. The Commission Appointment Recommendation Board shall recommend at least two, but no more than five, candidates to the governor. The governor must select and appoint a commissioner from the list submitted by the board.

For additional information about the Commission Appointment Recommendation Board, contact the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions at (602) 542-2449 or toll free at 1-800-253-0883 or on the web at www.azgovernor.gov.

For more information on the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, visit www.azgfd.gov/commission.

October APC Meeting Highlights



The October APC Meeting featured guest speaker **Jake Jaycox** teaching us how to locate bear sign and then call to the sign. Jake is an accomplished bear hunter with years of experience and is a Long Range shooting specialist.



Ned Burris was the raffle winner of the CZ Home Defense Shotgun.





October Door Prize winners



October Raffle winners

Special December Firearm Raffle

Bushmaster SM-15 ORC



BUSHMASTER FIREARMS INTER Carbine Optics Ready

Bushmaster 90391 XM-15 AR-15 Carbine ORC Semi-Auto 223/5.56 16" 30+1 Black

The Bushmaster XM-15 ORC (Optics Ready Carbine) with Telestock features a 16" M4 profile barrel that is chrome-lined in both the bore and the chamber, an A2 birdcage-type flash hider, and heavy oval M4-type handguards. The receiver-length Picatinny optics rail features two 1-1/4" optics riser blocks, and the six-position telestock reduces overall length by 4" when fully collapsed.

Tickets will be on sale at the October, November and December APC meetings. 5 tickets for \$20.00 or \$5.00 each. APC will soon have the ability to accept credit cards.

Anti-Anti-Gun Story of the Month

Today I swung my front door wide open and placed my Remington 30.06 right in my doorway. I left 6 shells beside it, then left it alone and went about my business.

While I was gone, the mailman delivered my mail, the neighbor boy across the street mowed the yard, a girl walked her dog down the street, and quite a few cars stopped at the stop sign near the front of our house.

After about an hour, I checked on the gun. It was still sitting there, right where I had left it. It hadn't moved itself outside. It certainly hadn't killed anyone, even with the numerous opportunities it had been presented to do so. In fact, it hadn't even loaded itself.

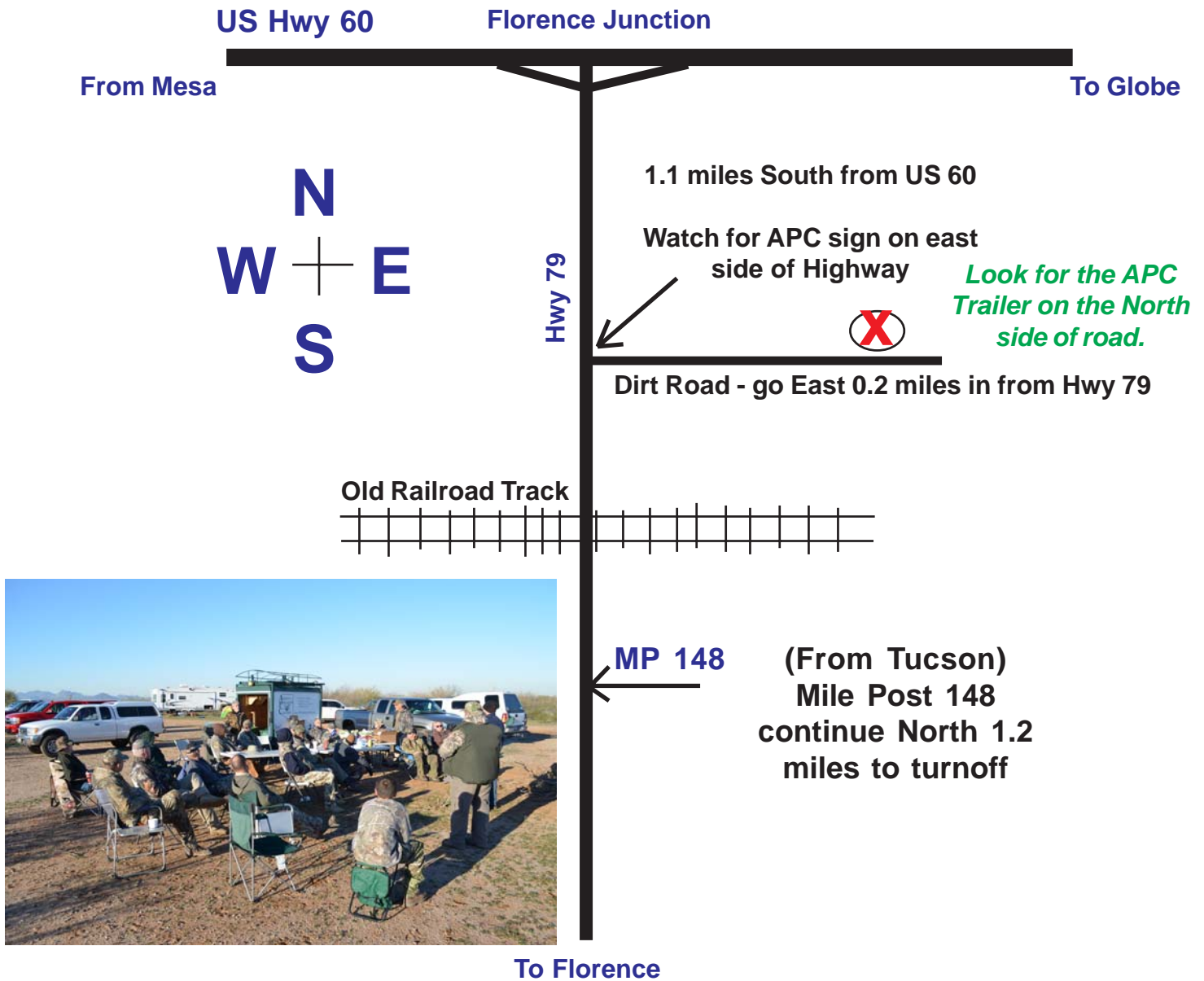
Well you can imagine my surprise, with all the media hype about how dangerous guns are and how they kill people. Either the media is wrong or I'm in possession of the laziest gun in the world.

The United States is 3rd in Murders throughout the World. But if you take out Chicago, Detroit, Washington DC, and New Orleans, the United States is 4th from the bottom for Murders. These 4 Cities also have the toughest Gun Control Laws in the United States. All 4 are controlled by Democrats. It would be absurd to draw any conclusions from this data - right?

Well, I'm off to check on my spoons. I hear they're making people fat.

Predator Caller's Workshop Map

Saturday, November 15, 2014



Breakfast at 7:00 AM Saturday. Workshops start at 8:30 AM

A skinning demonstration will be held for our novice members and the skinning racks will be set up at the trailer for you to skin out your own harvests.

Predator Caller's Workshop & Novice Hunt

Saturday, November 15, 2014

The Arizona Predator Callers will conduct a "Predator Caller's Workshop" on **Saturday November 15, 2014** one mile south of Florence Junction. The first seminar will begin at 8:30 AM. We will present demonstrations and seminars for hunters of all experience levels from novice to expert. We will address everything required for successful predator calling.

Admission is Free. Please bring your camp chairs.

Topics that will be covered include:

- * Basic equipment: this is a large category and includes firearms, optics, bullet/shot selection, camo, seats, shooting sticks, electronic calls, hand calls, etc.
- * Scouting
- * Stand selection
- * Calling techniques
- * Call stand discipline
- * How to handle approaching predators
- * Tips, tactics and techniques for taking all of Arizona's many predators
- * Firearm Safety
- * Hand Calling
- * How to Pattern a shotgun for predators
- * How to skin and prep skulls and pelts

Demonstrations will include:

- * Hand calling
- * Ladder hunting
- * Camo painting a firearm
- * Proper camoflauge

AZG&F officers and biologists will discuss predator biology and rules and regulations that concern predator callers

We will provide breakfast at 7:00 AM Saturday and lunch at 12:00 PM. Snacks and drinks will be available throughout the day.

We will campout on site Friday and Saturday nights. Anyone who wishes to join us will be welcome. Bring the whole family.

Please RSVP with the number in your party no later than November 13 to 480-385-9772 or by email to: richaz1221@aol.com

Visit us at azpredatorcallers.com



Photos from previous events



Arizona Predator Callers - Membership Application

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