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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Stan Schepers, APC President

HELLO EVERYONE!

First off I would like to thank Steve Craig for the great seminar on calling lions...I hope you were there.

The weather is starting to turn and that means it's time to start hunting. We have a novice hunt coming up and in preparation for that hunt there are a few things I think you should look at and think about. A predator can see better, hear better and smell better than you or I. I believe the best way to harvest predators is to see them before they see or smell you...

This means you need to camouflage everything. Paint your gun with flat paint that won't reflect. Gloves and face mask are a must, you move these two areas the most during the hunt and you need to conceal them as best you can. Predator hearing is excellent so DON'T slam doors. Predators hear car and truck doors all the time, but when they hear a door slam they associate that with humans. I lube up my truck door hinges at the beginning of every season so that the doors open and close smoothly and quietly. Also put tape on anything that makes noise, gun slings, stools, etc.

A predators sense of smell is absolutely unmatched anywhere in the animal world. They use their noses more than any other sense. Doing any type of hunting you will find that most animals will circle you trying to wind you, this is how the animal identifies what you are.

A few more things that will help your hunt be succesful is fuel up your truck the night before the hunt so that no fuel vapors on clothes or hands will be problematic. These aren't natural smells out there. Wash your clothes in baking soda or scent free detergents. When showering use scent free soap and deodorant. Don't eat foods the night before the hunt that will give you gas. If you do you probably won't see any predators and your partner won't be very happy with you either.

If you are a novice hunter, being taken out by an experienced caller for the first time, REMEMBER they have taken this day to help you and they really want you to get a coyote. So listen to what they have to say. You will probably leave early



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Coming Events

Oct. General Meeting.....	11 Oct '07
Oct. Novice Hunt #1.....	27 Oct '07
Oct. Board Meeting.....	29 Oct '07
Nov. General Meeting.....	8 Oct '07
Nov. Novice Hunt #2.....	10 Nov '07

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

Treasurers Report

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

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

Checking Account

Beginning Balance..... \$4,569.05

Check #1590 Pitney Bowe Postage.(\$111.99)
Check #1591 Legends Express...(\$107.95)
Check #1592 Les Johnson Spkr...(\$300.00)
Check #1593 AWF - 14 members...(\$91.00)

Deposits.....\$1,887.00

Ending Balance 9/30/07.....\$5,845.11

Petty Cash

Petty Cash Beginning Balance....\$87.02

Merchandise Sales.....\$303.00
Dues.....\$180.00

Rifle & Knife Raffle.....\$210.00
Raffles.....\$124.00
Deposits to Checking.....(\$815.00)

Petty Cash End Balance.....\$89.02

Total Cash.....\$5,934.13

Inventory

Total Inventory Value.....\$2,861.75

Total Assets.....\$8,795.88

APC Video Library

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

- 4/13/06 Paul Corens...Critr Call Instruction
- 11/9/06 Chuck Beshears....Elk Calling DVD
- 11/9/06 Chuck Beshears..Utah Raging Bull
- 1/10/07 Paul Corens.....Guns of Valor
- 1/10/07 Paul Corens.....How To Hunt Black Bear
- 1/10/07 Chuck Beshears.Archery Hunting Tactics for Deer
- 9/14/07 Conner Griner..Prescription for Success
- 9/14/07 Conner Griner..Truth #2 Calling All Coyotes
- 9/14/07 Chuck Beshears..Truth #2 Calling All Coyotes

Thanks *Jerry*



October Meeting Program

The Arizona Predator Callers are hosting an "Electronic Calling" seminar by Gary Cleavenger on Thursday, October 11, 2007 at 7:00 PM. Les Johnson will also be speaking on Predator Hunting.

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 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.

Meet Your APC Board Members



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APC Classified Ads

Individual classified ads are listed free in the Predator's Pride to all APC members.

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The President's Message cont'd

in the morning so that you can be on a stand at first light and you will probably be on a stand at dusk, so you'll need to bring a lunch as well as any snacks to get you through the day. Also, with the cost of fuel these days the experienced hunter should not be expected to pay for all of the fuel used during your hunt.. He's taking the time to help you, the least you can do is help out by splitting the cost of the fuel used.

These are just some of the things I do and hope they will help you. But remember, everyone does things differently, and you can do everything right and still not harvest a predator. Just don't be discouraged. It happens to all of us, SO DON'T GIVE UP. Keep going out and trying and you will eventually be successful. I probably have 2-3 unsuccessful days for every successful day. That is why it is called hunting, not killing.

GOODLUCK, *Stan*

Hunt Report

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman

This month we have (had) the bear hunt in unit 27 on October 5,6,&7th. There will be more about that next month. October 27th is our first novice hunt. If you would like to sign up, please see me at the meeting. I have plenty of blank hunt records, so make sure you are keeping track of your kills. I will be asking for those completed forms next April. No hunting stories for me, as I haven't been out yet this season.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to Kill ! Dusty

Dusty

Hunt Calendar

- Novice Hunt.....October 27,2007
- Novice Hunt,.....November 10, 2007
- World Championship Hunt...
.....November 29, 30, 2007 & December 1, 2007
- Fur Donation Hunt.....January 5, 2008
- Antelope Eaters Hunt.....March 1-2, 2008
- Save-A-Fawn Hunt.....(Date Change).....March 15, 16, 2008



Rifle Raffle

Arizona Predator Callers invites you to purchase raffle tickets for another quality firearm. This month's raffle will be for a Ruger M77 Rifle chambered in Remington .280. This fine rifle is in stainless steel with a synthetic stock. Purchase your tickets soon. They are going fast. Out of 56 tickets to be sold, there are only 17 tickets left. The drawing will be as soon as all 56 tickets are sold. Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be available at the meeting. See Jerry at the door.

Membership Report

by Kara Jensen, APC Membership

Welcome new members **Craig Albin, AJ Suscavage, Fred Johnson, Craig Kennedy, Randal Ash and Alex House.**

Thanks to:

Jeff Heinze, William Baber, Bruce Pedersen, Terry Jones, Denzil Dunham, Terry Schardyn, and Tom Sylvester for renewing their memberships.

Memberships Expiring Now

Name	Expiration Date
Craig Borsheim	10/1/2007
Jason Cappelletty	10/1/2007
Susan Frabotta	10/1/2007
William Sheridan	10/1/2007
Ed Stephens	10/1/2007
Larry Walden	10/1/2007
Jack Walker	10/1/2007

Memberships Expiring Soon

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
Sid Chalasani	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
Devan Vowell	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

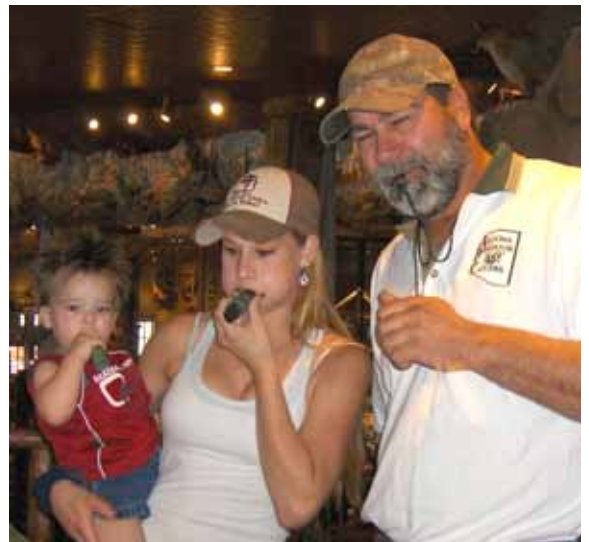
Kara

On the Stand

by Larry Walden, APC Special Events Coordinator

This month - On the Stand with: APC President **Stan Schepers**

Stan is the current APC President and has been calling predators for several years with the APC. He has called in and harvested three mountain lions. Stan is one of the most consistent producers in the APC. Also, Stan has had a lot of big game success with his bow over the years. Before assuming the presidency Stan shared the APC Hunt Chairman duties.



Stan, daughter Alex and Bailer (grandson 16 months old). Three generations of APC callers.

1. How did you get started predator hunting?

I stopped by the APC booth at the Sportsman's Expo in Phoenix and learned about the APC. My daughter Alex wanted to go predator hunting so we attended an APC meeting and member John Schwartzlow took Alex and me on our first predator hunt.

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

Ned Burris. Ned always checks in with something, and his success gave me the confidence to continue.

3. What is your favorite time of the year for hunting predators?

November, December and January.

4. What is your favorite Arizona hunt unit for predator hunting?

None. The entire state of Arizona.

5. Name a couple of your favorite predator hunting "mouth" calls?

Pee Wee Crit-R-Call

Tally-Ho

6. Do you use electronic calls? If so, what brand/model do you use and what are the three most effective "sounds"?

Yes, a FoxPro. Rabbit and rodent sounds.

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

Sometimes. I have tried everything – turkey, rabbit, feathers, anything.

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

Not as much as I used to. When hiking into a remote area I use skunk scent.

9. What are 3 important factors to consider when on, or approaching, a predator hunting stand? Of the three which is the most critical ?

- Wind direction.
- Shooting lanes.
- Sign in the area. Gut feelings about the area. Intangibles.

Wind direction is the most important.

10. Describe your most memorable predator hunt.

Bear hunting (calling) with my son-in-law. Called in a lion and shot it. I could not have planned it better.

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

Cats. Bobcats and mountain lions.

12. Describe your single most successful predator stand.

Three coyotes came in running hard and Alex (daughter) killed two of them.

13. Describe your most disastrous predator hunting adventure.

Don't consider any of them to be a disaster. Enjoyed every one of them.

Note: Then Stan mentioned last year's Antelope Eaters hunt with me – we did not call in a single predator over the two day hunt.

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

AR-15 in .223 Remington. Mossberg 12 GA. with 3 1/2 " Dead Coyote Hevi-shot.

15. What is your favorite camo / pattern?

No favorite. I like to mix up the top and bottom with different patterns.

16. Name your favorite annual APC hunt or activity.

APC novice hunts. Getting a novice to score a predator is great.

17. What is your number one predator hunting goal?

To call in and harvest a bear.

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

FoxPro electronic calls. Before the digital calls the tapes made a big impact.

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

Allow night hunting for predators.

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

Hunters themselves. Hunters must become proactive not reactive in the public's eye. We must influence public opinion.

21. Describe your dream big game/predator hunt.

Call and harvest a bear and a lion on the same hunt.



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 7-9 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.

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.

Entry fee covers:

Dinner - served all night during check in.
Raffle Ticket (also one ticket per animal checked in)

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

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.

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www.koa.com/where/az/03164/index.htm

My First Coyote With A Bow by Sid Chalasani

It all started when I took my three year old son and my friend's son to catch some crayfish. We caught them crayfish with fishing net in a little stream for couple of hours and were heading back towards my SUV. The kids were talking and shouting as they were still very excited to see the crayfish. A coyote started to yep and howl in response to the kids voices. I stopped and had the kids do it again, and the coyote responded again. We headed back home and I could not wait to get up the next morning and go out there with my bow.

I woke up early and put my bow in my SUV, grabbed my caller and headed over to get the dog. I was there at about 5:50 AM and I quietly opened my bow case and took my bow out. I realized that I forgot to bring my arrow box. After whispering some choice words to myself, I searched under the seats in the SUV and found one arrow. I grabbed it and screwed on a broad head.

I walked over into the thicket where I heard the coyote and set the caller on one side of a small dry wash and I went over and stood by a tree on the other side of the wash. I was about 20 yards away from the caller. I let loose the distressed rabbit hiding in my caller and it started doing its job. After about 10 minutes, I saw the coyote at about 15 yards distance approaching the caller. It stopped and it started going around some brush to come to the caller from a different side. When it disappeared behind the brush I pulled my bow and was ready for it. The coyote did not come out from behind the brush, but it stopped and was looking at the caller through the brush. I held on at full draw for about one minute (which felt like an hour) and when I could not hold it any longer and was afraid that the coyote would hear my heart beat, I let the arrow fly through a small shooting lane in the brush. I heard a nice thud and I could hear lot of commotion in the bush. I knew that I did not have to track the coyote as it was dead right there in the brush. I stopped the caller as I did not have any more arrows, waited for about 5 minutes and went looking for my coyote. I found my arrow soaked in blood, the broad head did a good job.

I found the coyote within 10 yards away from where I shot him. I turned him around and his gut pile fell out. I was surprised to see the damage that the broad head did. As the arrow was

still in good shape, I went ahead and did another stand but nothing came in. I called it a day and went back home.

I went back to the same area a few days later with Mark. I was in the thick brush standing with my bow and Mark was sitting with his rifle on the other side of the caller. I could not see the caller from where I was standing. I was standing at about 25 yards away from the caller. After about 3 minutes of calling, a couple of bobcats came out of a wash and sat down within 5 yards of me and were staring in the direction of the caller. Sadly, I could not shoot them as it was not bobcat season. I watched them for about 3 to 4 minutes. They did not move and were staring at the caller through the thick brush and I was staring at them enjoying every moment of it. Both of them were completely gray in color with few nice spots on the belly side, one was a little bit smaller than the other. The smaller one might have been a kitten or they might have been a male and a female. (This is the first time I am seeing bobcats in the wild).

Mark stopped the caller and was trying to switch to a different sound and he paused before starting the other sound. As soon as the sound stopped, the cats lost interest and they started looking around. One of them, which was closer to me, saw my hands which were not camouflaged and it got suspicious. It stood up right away and stared at me and was twitching its tail. After about 10 seconds it got really uncomfortable. (I got a little uncomfortable too as I was not sure what it was going to do.) It slowly slipped into the brush and other one followed it into the brush.

This is one of the best experiences of my life as I got to see such beautiful animals from such close quarters for such a long time.

Well, as you can guess, I was standing in the same spot at 5:30 AM on Aug 1st which is when bobcat season opened and tried to call the cats in. Because of the rains we had, there was water flowing through the wash and there were lots of mosquitoes and they were driving me crazy. I could not stand it and I quit after calling for about 4 minutes. I did not get a chance to go back to the area after that as I was busy trying to fill my archery Deer and Javelina tags. If I go there and get one of them cats, I will write about it in the newsletter.



Arizona Predator Callers - Membership Application

Name: _____ Hm Phone: _____ Wk Phone: _____

Address: _____ Fax #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ DOB: _____

email address: _____

Additional Family Members

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ DOB: _____

Primary Annual Membership.....\$30.00

Family Membership add \$5.00.....\$35.00

Lifetime Individual Membership.....\$350.00

New Membership

Renewal

Send To:
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Amount Enclosed _____

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