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The President's Message

by Rich Higgins, APC President

Dusty Mosier, Arizona Predator Callers Hunt Coordinator, is going to be very busy this month. Dusty is our featured speaker at the APC Oct. meeting on the 10th. He will give his dyno-mite presentation on all things calling with special emphasis on safety. Dusty approaches calling with his own personal flavor and will share all of it with the club members Thursday night.



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

On Saturday Dusty will tow the clubs trailer out to the rendezvous area south of Florence Junction and set it up so we can cook dinner for the members that come to the check in. I hope we have a good turn out this month.

I like hunting and calling stories. Memorable stories, because they are educational, entertaining or just unusual in anyway. I like stories. Share yours at the meeting. I will break the ice with one or two and then I'm going to step back and enjoy yours. John Arterburn has a dandy story to share and he deserves a big THUMBS UP for providing the firearms for the raffle each month.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting.

Call 'em close,

Rich

Coming Events

APC Meeting.....October 10, 2013
Novice Hunt #1.....October 12, 2013

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

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Membership Report

We welcome New members:

Ken Bird of Casa Grande and
Robert Elliott Jr. of Rio Rico

Thanks to the following members for renewing their APC memberships:

Alfred Suscavage, Bill Rice, Hank Scutoski, Jim Hawkins, Chuck Flewelling, Ken Waddill, Sid Chalasani, Mark Miller and Paul Melching

The following members will be **expiring soon**, if not renewed:

October expirations:

Steve Miller and Ron Buckner

November expirations:

Troy Simmons, Bob Jeffery, Gary Clevenger, Chuck Hagen, Tim Banach, Skip Bargman, Steve Miller and Ron Buchner

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

Ray Areola Jr., Duane Blau, Mike Borge, Travis Bradford, Dale Butler, Don Canine, Kelin Dewey, Katt Fedor, Walter Gallaher, Jeff Grant, Kirk Griffin, Jerry Lape, cluff Nordyke, Doug Petit, Leanna Potter, Jeremy Roberts, Ron Sega, Jared Tompkinson, Michael Thurmond, Mike Trafficano, Chris Vermeer, Bob Welch, Michael Zaccardi and Kurt Zoellner

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.

September Meeting Program "Dusty Mosier"

APC will be hosting a presentation by **Dusty Mosier**. Dusty will be discussing "**Camo, Equipment, Painting Your Firearm and Novice Discipline**" in preparation for our first Novice Hunt. Great topics for novice predator callers.

The Arizona Predator Callers meeting is on **Thursday, October 10, 2013 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 the admission price.

Please contact Rich Higgins, APC President, at 480-385-9772 or richaz1221@aol.com if you have any questions.

Treasurer's Report

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Beginning Balance 9-01-13..\$7,989.64
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 Deposit - memberships.....\$800.00
9/30/13 end balance.....\$7,008.01
 Petty Cash Beginning Balance...\$129.61
 Call Sales.....\$0.00
 Merchandise.....\$0.00
 Dues Received.....\$190.00
 Raffles Received.....\$476.00
 Deposit to Checking.....(\$650.00)
Petty Cash Ending Balance....\$145.61
Total cash.....\$7,153.62
Total Inventory of Goods.....\$1,249.75
Total Assets.....\$8,403.37

APC Video Library

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

9/20/13 Steve Miller.....Coming to the Call
 9/12/13 Dave Warren.....Coyote Dose
 9/12/13 Dave Warren....Coyote Rage-Free Grass
 & No Fences
 9/12/13 Parker Haywood.....Coyote Rage-Free
 Grass & No Fences
 9/12/13 Dave Warren...Free Grass & No Fences
 1/10/13 Robert LaVole.....Fooling With Foxes
 9/12/13 Steve Miller.....Hunting in the East
 9/12/13 Dave Warren.....Mastering the Art of
 Predator Calling
 9/12/13 Parker Haywood.....Operation Predator
 9/12/13 Parker Haywood.....Power Howling
 Coyotes
 9/12/13 Parker Haywood.....Predators #1
 9/12/13 Steve Miller....Truth #2 Calling All Coyotes
 9/12/13 Tammy Ahlstrom....Up Close & Personal
 with Rich Higgins
 9/12/13 Steve Miller.....Winter Magic

Thanks *Jerry*

**Share the adventure.
 Send your articles and
 photos to:
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Hunt Report

by Dusty Mosier, Hunt Chairman



It's finally starting to cool off, I have zeroed all my rifles and patterned the shotguns. My ammo bag is packed and all my hunting clothes have been washed with baking soda. Just a few more details to attend to and I'll be ready to roll. Like many of you I have a routine that I follow each fall to prepare for the hunting season.

Once a year I have my truck checked over to try and head off any potential problems. Tires, belt(s), hoses, the batteries, oil, anti-freeze, a good "going over" hoping to avoid being left high and dry in some remote part of our state. However, if that should happen I am prepared for that too. I always carry two spare tires, tools, lots of water, extra food, a couple of sleeping bags, tarps, and a coleman stove and lantern.

Just a few simple items can turn a potentially dangerous situation into an inconvenient night out, no matter what the weather is like. I always top off my fuel tank the night before, as to not get that diesel smell on my hunting clothes. Also with a full tank I can go over 600 miles, which is usually two to three times what I will drive on a weekend hunt.

Having done all this preparation I can concentrate on calling predators instead of worrying about fuel or tires or if the batteries might fail. One last comment, if you have not checked to zero on your rifle(s) or patterned your shotgun(s) since last year, then you better get to a shooting range before you go out. It's a bitch to call something in, only to miss it because your sights are off.

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

Hunt and Events Calender

APC General Meeting.....	October 10, 2013
Novice Hunt #1.....	October 12, 2013
APC Board Meeting.....	October 28, 2013
APC General Meeting.....	November 14, 2013
Novice Hunt #2.....	November 16, 2013
APC Board Meeting.....	November 25, 2013
APC General Meeting.....	December 12, 2013

More to come.

Please get these dates and events onto your calendar.

Club hunting events are in red type.

Dates and events are subject to change.

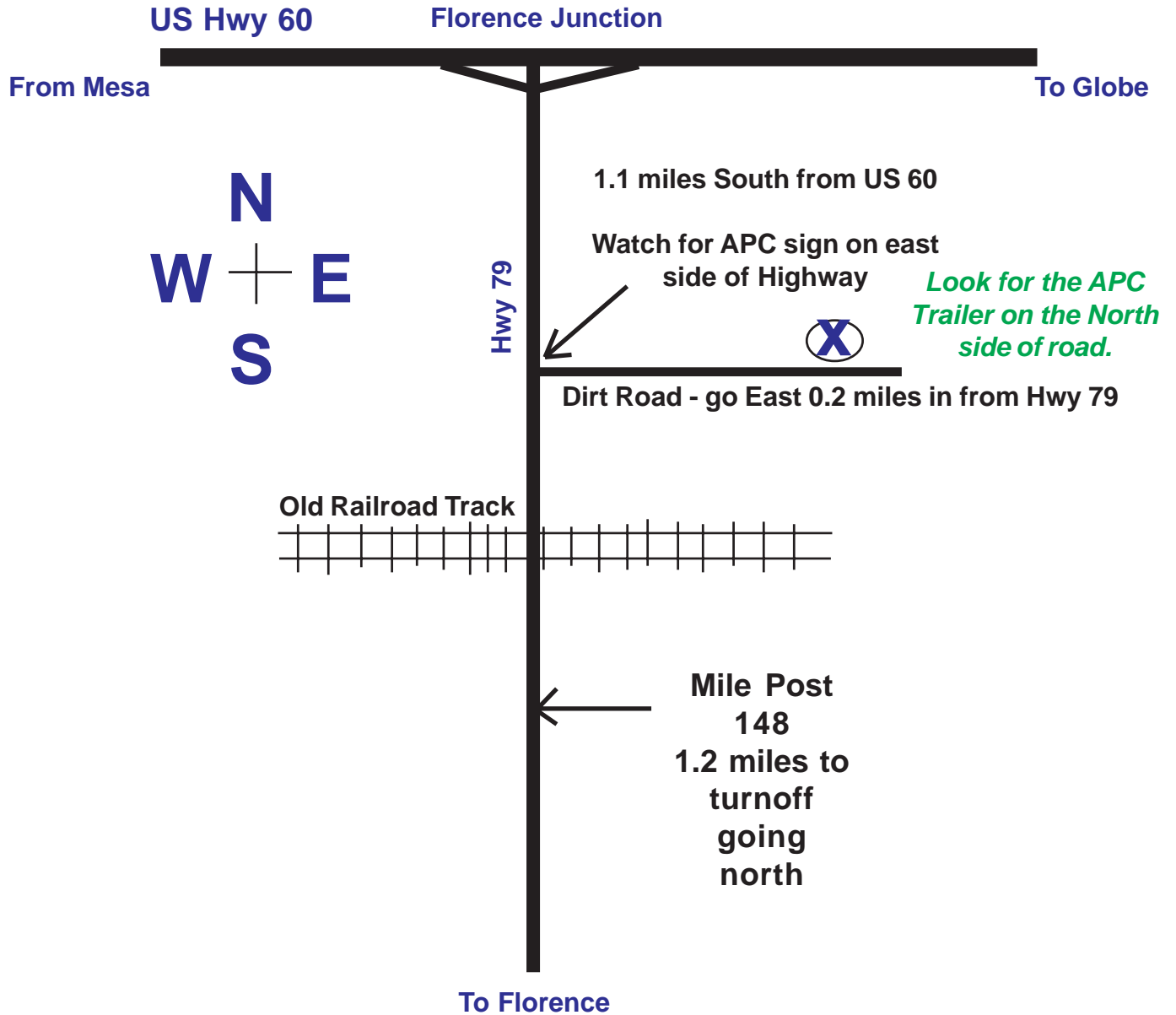
All APC General meetings are held on the **second Thursday** of each month.

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

Ask A Pro

Predator Pride is starting up a column that allows members to "Ask A Pro" any kind of question that relates to Predator Hunting. Just email your question to the editor: johnalbin1@msn.com and we will post it with an answer from one of our experienced APC members.

Novice Hunt Check-In Map



Check-in will be from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

A dinner will be provided for all participants. Bring your appetite, even if you don't have any critters to check in.

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.

Novice Hunt

Our first Novice Hunt will be held Saturday, October 12, 2013. If you are a novice and have an interest in being teamed up with one of the APC experienced hunters, make sure you sign up at the October 10th meeting. If you can not attend the meeting, contact Hunt Chairman, Dusty Mosier at 480-889-1121.

A first rate dinner will be supplied by APC and cooked by professional chefs for your enjoyment. Join in the story telling and watch the skinning demonstra-



Photos from previous Novice hunts.



Novice hunts will take place on October 12 and November 16. All novices are encouraged to sign up at the meetings proceeding these dates and get teamed up with an experienced caller.

Novice boot camp will be held again this year. The date and location has not been set yet, but plan on attending. Last year's event was well attended and provided hunters with excellent information from experienced callers who shared their knowledge in this great sport.

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Arizona Game and Fish Commission votes to approach federal agencies about using department resources to maintain hunting and fishing access

Oct. 4, 2013

PHOENIX — The Arizona Game and Fish Commission met today (Oct. 4) in a public session to receive an update on federal closures of certain lands and facilities due to the current federal government shutdown. Some of these closures restrict citizens' access to hunting and fishing recreation and negatively impact rural economies.

The commission voted to authorize the department to approach federal land management agencies for the purpose of discussing the possibility of using Arizona Game and Fish Department resources to maintain hunting and fishing access to certain now-closed federal lands or facilities.

The formal motion approved by the commission was as follows:

That the Commission authorize the Department to offer to enter into discussions with appropriate federal land management agencies about providing Department manpower and services for the purpose of maintaining essential access to or through federal key sites and facilities for the purpose of maintaining hunting and fishing access for our citizens. The Department will monitor any associated costs and will report to the Commission should those costs become of concern.

Earlier in the week, the commission voted to direct the department to approach the National Park Service to discuss the possibility of offering resources to maintain public access at Lees Ferry. As of this time, the department has received no response to its letter to the National Park Service director.

Despite the federal government shutdown, there are still many hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreational opportunities available in Arizona, and outdoor recreationists are encouraged to get outside and take advantage of them. For information on some of the opportunities, [click here](#).

Hunting and fishing opportunities abound in Arizona despite federal government shutdown

Oct. 4, 2013

Many hunters, anglers and other outdoor recreationists have been wondering how the current federal government shutdown, which began Oct. 1, will impact their upcoming outings.

Despite closures by federal land management agencies of their administrative offices and some controlled access points and facilities, there are numerous opportunities available to Arizonans for outdoor recreation.

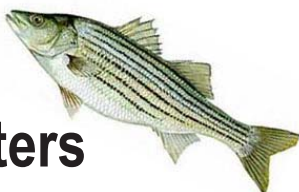
Please keep in mind that, with regard to federal lands, official information on closures is the responsibility of the respective federal land management agencies. The Arizona Game and Fish Department is providing this unofficial update as a service to constituents based on the best information we have available at this time, and that information is subject to change.

Hunting

Most Forest Service and BLM lands where hunting was previously allowed should still be open to hunting, as long as it is in accordance with Arizona hunting laws. Areas with controlled access points (such as developed recreational sites and campgrounds) may be closed. Be advised that federal wildlife refuges are currently closed, as are national parks under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. Certain hunts begin this weekend in Arizona for turkey, quail, tree squirrels, ducks (mountain zone), and juniors-only javelina. Enjoy your hunt.

Capt. Don Martin

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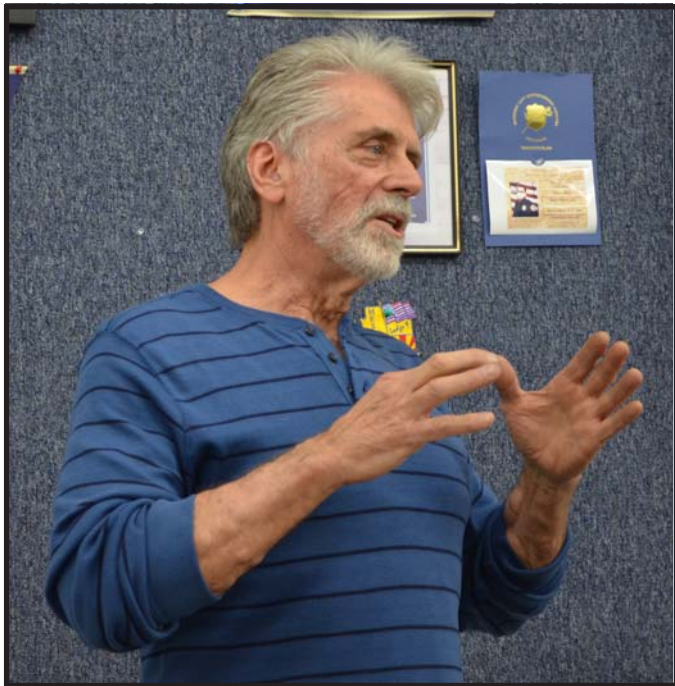
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September Meeting Highlights

Our September meeting had President Rich Higgins and APC member Joe Melching as speakers. Rich discussed “Coyote Behavior and Reasons They Behave As They Do When Coming To The Call” and Paul countered with “Tactics and Techniques and How To Exploit That Behavior”.



Stan Schepers brought in a coatimundi that he trapped near the lakes and then had mounted by APC member Eric Leffler.

Stan says there have been reports of monkeys near the water at the Salt River lakes. They are in fact Coatis that scamper around and look like monkeys to the untrained eye.





Robert Hedrick was the lucky winner our the October meetings firearm raffle, a Savage Axis in 22/250 with scope.

With Robert are his son Alec and friend John Dicky.

Supplier of our firearms is John Arterburn of Pinnacle Peak Ace Home Center

John Albin received the plaque for "Sportsman of the Year 2012/2013" for his continuing service to the club as Newsletter Editor. Presented by Jerry Thorson.



Classified Ads

We would like to start up the Classified Ad section again. If any members have anything they would like to sell and list in the newsletter, please get it to the Editor at: johnalbin1@msn.com

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Contact Craig Barnett at: cbarnett5@cox.net or call 480-216-2166



Trappers Education Class

(Sponsored by Arizona Game and Fish Department)

APC and ATA member **Stan Schepers** will be teaching an upcoming Trappers Education Class. The class will be held **Sunday morning, October 13, 2013** at the Region VI office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 7200 E. University Drive, Mesa, AZ 85207. The AGFD office is located just East of Power Road on University Drive. Start time for the class is 8:00 AM.

Successful completion of this course is required for anyone wishing to obtain an Arizona Trapping License who was born on or after January 1, 1967.

For more information on the Trappers Ed class, call Stan at 602-499-0505.

Stan will also have new and used cage traps for sale that he has built.

Florida Wild Hog Hunting

by APC Member John Arterburn

I traveled to Tampa, Florida in August to go hunting wild hogs with my friend Mark, I had not seen in 32 years. My friend set up a hunt at the Hunt Camp of his friend Chris, in a 17,000 acre hunting preserve. Chris owns 75 acres within the hunting preserve.

We traveled 130 miles to the north of Tampa to an area near Cedar Key on the gulf side of Florida. We talked over old times during the drive. By the time we got to the area nightfall had set in. Chris had driven up earlier and dinner was waiting.

The area has no utilizes within miles. As we drove in the four miles off the highway through the forest / wetlands, we ran across a handful of hogs walking through the water. The animals view this preserve as their domain, which creates a hunters paradise.

These Hunt Camps are created by each family who owns land in the hunting preserve, anywhere from several acres to hundreds of acres. The accommodations range from shacks or lean-to to what Chris has created at his camp with all creature comforts. My hat is off to Chris for the creation and ingenuity of hos camp. I slept and eat wild hog cuisine in air conditioned comfort.

Hunting in this environment is accomplished on hunting stands with feed stations. The camp and hunting lanes are cut out of this dense dense forest one tree and bush at a time. No clear land exists. The land was logged twenty years ago with trees now standing 40 feet tall.

As with predators in AZ., we hunted each morning and evening. The first morning I went to a hunt stand closest to the camp before sun up. We wore earmuffs, which amplify the sound. As I sat in the stand I could hear what I thought was running water at the feed station 42 yards away. As it became lighter I could make out two large hogs, but it was not light enough to get a shot. What I later realized was the running

water, was the two hogs walking through the water to the feed station. It was an incredible experience to start the weekend.



John's friend with one of the wild hogs taken during their hunt.

About an hour later I heard the report of a rifle. Chris texted me to ask if the shot was mine? This is a fantastic method of communication up in the stands. The shot was Mark bagging the first hog. The hog was brought back to the camp on the back of a quad. An hour later the 115-pound hog was dressed and meat now on ice. We spent the day working on the stations and around the camp.

The evening stands did not yield any hogs but incurred three inches of rain while we were sitting on stand. Thanks to Chris I was wearing a pair of muck boots and was able to walk through the swamp back to camp. It had been a dry walk out to the stand before the hour-long rainstorm.

Part two next month.

Arizona Predator Callers - Membership Application

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