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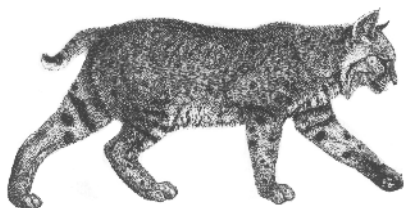
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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

by Mike Burris, President

Well I was caught off guard at the last meeting to say the least. It's not very often that I am at a loss for words, but any of you that were at the last meeting got to see just that! I would like to say thank you to everyone who took part in surprising me with the presentation of the plaque and the M1 Garrand.

How about the last meeting? I think we all got an education on elk in Arizona and their history here. I know I did and I will be putting in for the draw in the future so that Chris and I can try some of what Don taught us.

With my return to school this year my hunting time is going to be limited so I am going to have to maximize the days that I will have. My son, Chris and I will be having fun deer hunting in 20A. We plan on practicing Don's method of glassing to scout for antlers. Hopefully this will pay off since I am not familiar with this area so we will be doing some scouting and calling in September and early October.

In this upcoming year we have several hunts planned so check your calendar of events to make sure you aren't left out of all the fun!

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting where we will hear about deer hunting. . . bring a friend and enjoy the evening!

Mike

FROM THE V.P.

by Dan Solow, APC Vice President

Howdy Members, here we are already in to our second newsletter of the new season. as you read this, the dove season will already be under way. Arizona is divided into two zones, north and south, and as well in having a split season. the first part of the dove season is from September 1 thru September 15, and the second half runs November 21 thru January 4, 2004. Morning dove and white wing dove may be shot, with a daily limit of 10 birds. Please check your dove regulations of bag aggregate, and shooting hours. Also, you will need to purchase a dove stamp for your hunting license.

I did hear some news from Arizona Fish and Game, the Ben Avery Range plan is done, and the only change that can take place is on the I-17, Carefree Hwy corner, may go for stores, but no change in the over all range. You never know as the Phoenix population expands.

There is a great web site for small caliber shooters, the forum deals with hunting, and 12, 14, 17, 19, 20, calibers. The web site is <http://www.saubier.com>.

I hope to see you at our next meeting, be safe out there.

Dan



COMING EVENTS

September General Meeting . . . 11 Sept '03
Deer Hunting In Arizona
 September Board Meeting . . . 29 Sept '03
 Novice Hunt No 1 11 Oct '03
 Novice Hunt No 2 15 Nov '03

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.

TREASURERS REPORT

by Jerry Thorson, APC Treasurer

This Treasurers report details all transactions from August 1, 2003 through August 31, 2003.

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance..... \$3,635.50
 Check #1320 Pitney Bowes..... (100.00)
 Check #1321 396th ATRS (donation) ... (200.00)
 Check #1322 Common Ground - newsletter (36.00)
 Check #1323 Mike Burris (meeting food)(35.33)
 Check #1324 Scott Breseman (raffle) (27.72)
 Check #1325 Schwag Awards (25.87)
 Check #1326 AWF Dues (9 members)... (58.50)
 Deposit 7/31 (Dues & WCCC) 1,206.00
 Deposit 8/15 (WCCC) 1,945.00
Ending Balance 8/31/03 \$6,303.08

PETTY CASH

Petty Cash Beginning Balance 74.95
 Call Sales & Raffles 209.93
 Deposits to Checking (225.00)
Petty Cash Ending Balance 59.88
Total Cash 8/31/03 \$6,392.96

INVENTORY

Crit'r Call Magnum3 ..@..... \$10.00
 Crit'r Call Standard8 ..@..... \$9.00
 Crit'r Call PeeWee.....7 ..@..... \$9.00
 Crit'r Call Reeds.....20 ..@..... \$1.50
 Crit'r Call Song Dog5 ..@..... \$18.00
 Tally-Ho.....16 ..@..... \$8.00
 Tally-Ho Reeds115 ..@..... \$1.50
 Tally-Ho Inserts261 ..@..... \$0.25
 T-Shirts25 ..@..... \$12.00
 APC Caps0 ..@..... \$15.00
 WCCC Caps49 ..@..... \$20.00
 Decals900 ..@..... \$1.00
Total Inventory \$2,830.75
Total Assets \$9,193.71
Total Liabilities..... (\$0.00)
Net Worth \$9,193.71

APC VIDEO LIBRARY

The following individuals have videos checked out:

4/10/03.. Russ Runyan Monster Bucks II
 4/10/03.. Russ RunyanPower Howling Coyotes
 4/10/03.. Clyde Turkeys - Antley
 4/10/03.. Clyde..... Turkeys - Fears
 8/14/03.. Ed Volk Callers of the Wild
 8/14/03.. Mike Gilbert..... Calling All Coyotes

Jerry

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Debbie Burris, APC Membership

We have had a few new members sign up since our meeting last month and I would like take a minute to recognize these individuals: Gene Elms of Bagdad, Mike Gilbert of Chandler, Russell Legg of Mesa, Don Llona of Chandler and Keith Paul of Phoenix. Thank you for your interest in our club guys!

We have also had Royce Bradsher and Ed Volk both renew their memberships. Thanks for your continued support gentlemen!

My son Christopher has just entered his sophomore year at Mesa High School. He has aspirations of going to the Air Force Academy in Colorado once he graduates in three (3) years. He was just recently commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force Explorers program out at Sky Harbor Airport, will be on the Varsity Drill Team with his Air Force JROTC unit and is on the Varsity Swim Team at his high school (could he pack anymore into his day?). My husband Mike is now attending classes at the Silver State Helicopter School located at Williams Gateway Airpark. He will be working very hard to train as a wild land fire fighting helicopter pilot (way to go Mike!). With all of the activities facing the two men of my life I have made the decision to resign as the *Membership Chairman* at the end of this term of office. This will free up more of my time to support my husband and my son in their upcoming endeavors. I have enjoyed working with this club over the years, being a part of the APC family and meeting so many good, down to earth people.

Once we hold the elections in January and we have our new *Membership Chairman*, I will do whatever is necessary to ensure that the transition is a smooth one. I would also like to thank each and every one of you for showing so much support through the years for my husband as your *President* and for the club that we both hold very dear to our hearts.

These Members Have Expired:

Gene Ries9/1/03
 Jose Valencia9/1/03

These Members Will Expire Soon:

Susan Frabotta..... 10/1/03
 Bambi Goff..... 10/1/03
 Michael Mares..... 10/1/03
 Stephen Mares..... 10/1/03
 John Schwartzlow 10/1/03

If you have 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) 654-1411 or you can e-mail me at membership@azpredatorcallers.com anytime.

Debbie

HUNT REPORT

by Dusty Mosier, Hunts Co-Chair

The Season Begins

August 1st marked the beginning of predator season for most of Arizona. Our club season doesn't start until October 1st, but you can still get out and start snooping around. Several weeks ago bear season opened in unit 27, and I went on my annual trek to eastern Arizona. As usual, more bear than bear were killed, but it's a trip I wouldn't miss. There were eleven hunters in our party and in 2½ days on quads we covered about one hundred square miles. Only two bear were seen, both were out of range of any rifles we had. As with most hunting trips, the kill is not as important as the trip itself. Everytime I go out I learn something new or am reminded of things I forgot.

This fall we have two novice hunts planned, the first one is on October 11th, the second one is on November 15th. If you are new to predator hunting or just new to the club, this is a great way to meet someone who shares the same interest as you. At the end of the day we meet up to share some stories, good food, and hopefully skin some critters. I really encourage any new members to participate and we need some experienced hunters to sign up as well. If you are interested please see me or Stan Shepers, or call me at 480-899-1121.

Be Safe, Have Fun, Shoot to kill !

Dusty

PROGRAM REPORT

by Scott Breseman, Program Director

Don Martin did a great job with his elk seminar. I found his techniques and ideas insightful and felt his years of experience speaking to me. He stressed the importance of using high quality optics and glassing. Along those same lines was the importance of scouting. These things sound very basic and certainly the idea of glassing and scouting are not new. However, Don Martin's matter of fact style drives the ideas home. Thanks again Don, we appreciate you coming down to the valley and spending time sharing information with us.



This month's guest speaker will talk about deer hunting. I am currently trying to book a speaker and have two possible guides to talk with us sharing their experiences on how to find the bucks in AZ. I hope you can come spend the evening with us & learn a trick or two for your deer hunting handbook.

Congratulations to *APC President* Mike Burris. Mike has been the *President of APC* for over six years. During his term in office, Mike began attending *Arizona Wildlife Foundation* meetings, and *AZ Wildlife Conservation Council* meetings. The *APC* are members of these larger organizations but, no one from *APC* took the time to attend the meetings and learn what was going on. At the same time Mike took over president of *APC* predator callers were under attack & faced the legal battle of losing the right to have a calling contest. Mike attended various meetings and learned the straight scoop from local politicians and anti-hunters who wanted to end calling contests in Arizona. Mike shared

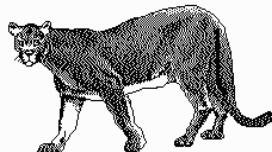
this information and gathered support in defense of calling contests. This began Mike's career as *APC* president. During the past six years, Mike Burris has continued to lead *APC* with this same diligence and commitment as he had when fighting the contest hunting ban. Under

Mike's leadership, the *APC* has more respect and many people in the sportsmen's political arena now have new respect for *APC*.

As a tangible thank you and show of appreciation for Mike's long term commitment to the *APC*, members made a special donation to purchase Mike a rifle. The question was, which rifle, Mike has several hunting rifles. Mike served in the U.S. Air Force and has great respect for veterans and current US military members. A rifle that served our country and helped us win wars symbolized the service Mike has provided to our club; a Springfield M-1 Garand was presented to Mike at our August 14th meeting.

From sportsmen everywhere and from *APC*, **Thank You Mike.**

Breeze



A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

from the Associated Press

TOO HOT FOR ARIZONA CONVICTS

It's even hotter than usual in Phoenix, the *Associated Press* reports: About 2,000 inmates living in a barbed-wire-surrounded tent encampment at the Maricopa County Jail have been given permission to strip down to their government-issued pink boxer shorts.

On Wednesday, hundreds of men wearing boxers were either curled up on their bunk beds or chatted in the tents, which reached 138 degrees inside the week before. Many were also swathed in wet, pink towels as sweat collected on their chests and dripped down to their pink socks.

"It feels like you are in a furnace," said James Zanzo't, an inmate who has lived in the tents for 1½ years. "It's inhumane."

Joe Arpaio, the tough-guy sheriff who created the tent city and long ago started making his prisoners wear pink, is not sympathetic. He said Wednesday that he told the inmates: "It's 120 degrees in Iraq and the soldiers are living in tents and they didn't commit any crimes, so shut your mouths."

KIND OF PUTS THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE DOESN'T IT?.

BARREL BREAK-IN

Note: This discussion was copied from the (now) non-existent site of Darren Dong at <http://www.darren-dong.com>. That site now seems to be defunct, as such the discussion is placed here in its entirety. If the site now exists elsewhere, or if this discussion actually took place on some other site we would like to hear about it, and have the correct details, in order to give credit where

credit is due. This discussion is a series of questions from individuals, answered by Gale McMillan of McMillan Rifles.

Question: I've seen messages posted on this board referring to breaking in of new barrels. What is this procedure? Is it different for chrome lined vs. regular barrels?

Gale's Answer: The break-in fad was started by a fellow I helped get started in the barrel business. He started putting a set of break in instructions in every barrel he shipped. One came into the shop to be installed and I read it and the next time I saw him I asked him what was with this break-in crap? His answer was "Mac, my share of the market is about 700 barrels a year. I cater to the target crowd and they shoot a barrel about 3000 rounds before they change it. If each one uses up 100 rounds of each barrel breaking it in you can figure out how many more barrels I will get to make each year. If you will stop and think that the barrel doesn't know whether you are cleaning it every shot or every 5 shots and if you are removing all foreign material that has been deposited in it since the last time you cleaned it what more can you do? When I ship a barrel I send a recommendation with it that you clean it ever chance you get with a brass brush pushed through it at least 12 times with a good solvent and followed by two and only 2 soft patches. This means if you are a bench rest shooter you clean every 7 or 8 rounds. If you are a high power shooter you clean it when you come off the line after 20 rounds. If you follow the fad of cleaning every shot for X amount and every 2 shots for X amount and so on the only thing you are accomplishing is shortening the life of the barrel by the amount of rounds you shot during this process."

I always say Monkey see Monkey do, now I will wait on the flames but before you write them, please include what you think is happening inside your barrel during break-in, that is worth the expense and time you are spending during break-in.

Question: No flame here Mr. Mac. When my personal history is comparable to yours, I may throw rocks - not until then though. I have done this on factory barrels and had good results. I usually use JB compound for the first

few shots and thorough cleaning after range sessions. The aggressive use of JB seems to smooth things up pretty quickly. (duh) I do not have a custom barrel on any of my rifles. (yet) Would you still hold that the procedure is unneeded on factory barrels?

Gale's Answer:

I answered this and lost it on transfer so will shorten this one and try to get my point across in fewer words. When some one uses JB on one of my rifles I void the warranty! For two reasons; it dimensionally alters the barrel dimensions and not evenly and second, is the barrel maker laps the barrel with a grit of lapping compound that is most effective in preventing metal fouling. Then a customer polishes that finish away with JB. I wouldn't be as opposed to it if it were applied on a lead lap and very sparingly. It is very obvious when you look at a barrel with a bore scopes all the sharp edges are worn off the rifling. if it has JB used on it on a regular basis. As you know, it is an abrasive of about 1000 grit. As for using it on factory barrels I will say that while it is difficult to hurt a production barrel, the thing that hurts a match barrel will do the same to a factory barrel.

Question: I understand what you are saying about JB compound, but, for example, I have a rifle in .375x.338 Mag that copper fouls so badly that even JB bore paste doesn't do it. Even the stronger solvents don't seem to phase the stuff. I have several other rifles that are just as bad. What would you suggest I do? Please don't say buy another rifle. If I do, my wife will kill me.

Gale's Answer: Paul, I would rather see you use Otters Foul-Out, as it is easy on the barrel. I have only used it on my .50, but it worked well.

Question: Gale, Please excuse my poor memory 8^ If I remember correctly, at AR15.com or maybe at Bushmaster's site I read something about having to fire 100 - 150 rounds with no cleaning or perhaps minimal cleaning. The article said something about leaving some residue in the barrel to help polish/smooth the barrel's internal finish. To clean the barrel before completing this break in procedure would put you back at square one. This pertained to an AR15 with a chrome lined barrel. From

what you are saying... I take it the break-in will only be a waste of ammo. Am I understanding you correctly?

Gale's Answer: That's right, it's a waste of barrel and time. I don't know much about lined barrels but it may be that the barrel is rough due to the plating process. With high volume fire as in full auto it helps to protect against erosion and no one is concerned with accuracy as it is spray and pray.

Question: My credentials aren't as impressive as Mr. McMillan's, but I do have some experience with new factory barrels and used ones that have been neglected or abused by previous owners. Factory barrels aren't lapped or polished as a rule; the first couple of hundred shots through therefore, apparently serve to 'season' the bore, wearing away microscopic imperfections. Especially during this time, firing too many rounds too fast is not a good practice. I try to keep the barrel cool, especially until a few hundred shots have gone down the bore. That means that at least at first, I shoot only a few shots per session, and of course cleaning after each session. It's not so much the cleaning that helps is the gradual wearing in. I have used JB Paste for years on neglected barrels, to scour out years of fouling there was nothing better until the electric de-reunplaters came along. Maybe JB isn't good for fine lapped bores. All I know is that it is a rejuvenator and accuracy restorer on neglected barrels of the ordinary kind. As for chrome plated bores I have little experience with them, and can make no recommendation.

Gale's Answer: Barrel makers luv ya! If you have a bad barrel there isn't much that can hurt it or help it for that matter.

Question: Gale, may I pick your brain on a question I have been wondering about? It has nothing to do with bbl break in, but this is as good a place as any to ask it. You mentioned above that JB, and I'm sure other compounds or cleaning methods (I think the 'tornado' brushes are a plot by the factory bbl manufacturers), will wear down the sharp edges of the rifling. My question is how important is the sharpness of the rifling to accuracy. Have you done any experiments with sharp vs. dull rifling, all other aspects of the bbl being equal? Maybe this type of examination would

be a better test of when a bbl has bit the dust instead of throat wear, for instance.

Gale's Answer: Look at it this way, A barrel starts out with nice sharp areas of the corners of the rifling. Along the way you build a big fire in it a few thousand times and it burns the corners off. Now take a barrel that to break in you put an abrasive on a patch and run it in and out. The result is that you take the corners off the rifling so that all that fire which would have started with sharp rifling is now starting with rifling that is thousands of rounds old. Which means that a lot of the life is gone. A lap always cuts more on each end where the compound reverses direction as it starts back through the barrel which means that it is enlarging the bore at each ends of the barrel. And last, picture a patch riding along the barrel with abrasive on it. It is removing material at a given rate. It comes to a place where there is copper fouling and it rides over it cutting the same amount that it was cutting before it came to the copper. You continue until all the fouling is gone and what have you done? You have put the same contour in the barrel steel that was in it when it was metal fouled. It would not be as bad if it were used on a lead lap but I ask why would you want to abuse the barrel when you can accomplish the same thing without the bad side effects. There is Sweats, Otters Foul-Out or just a good daily cleaning with a good bore cleaner until the fouling is gone. To top this off I will relate a true happening. I built a bench rest rifle for a customer and as usual I fired 5 groups of 5 shots and calculated the aggregate. It was good enough to see that the rifle was capable of winning the Nationals so I shipped it. I got a call from the new owner saying how happy he was with it the way it shot. About 4 weeks later the rifle showed up with a note saying it wouldn't shoot. Sure enough when I tested it was shooting groups three times the size of the ones I had shot before I shipped it. When I bore scoped it the barrel looked like a mirror and the rifling wasn't square it was half round. From that time on I put a flyer in each gun saying if any abrasive was used in it, it voided the warranty. Now I am not trying to stop you from doing what you want but just inform you what is happening when you use JB. Brass brushes are softer than barrel steel and does no

harm. S/S brushes are harder than barrel steel is definitely a no no. Nylon may surprise you to know is very abrasive If you doubt this look at the carbide eye on your fishing rod where nylon line has worn groves into it.

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