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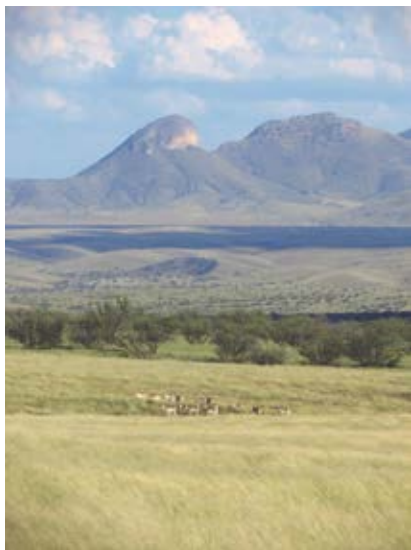
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AAF Mission Statement:

The Arizona Antelope Foundation is an organization dedicated to the welfare of pronghorn antelope. The Foundation's Mission is to actively seek to increase pronghorn populations in Arizona through habitat improvements, habitat acquisition, the translocation of animals to historic range, and public comment on activities affecting pronghorn and their habitat.



ON OUR COVER

Thanks once again the Betty Dickens for capturing this shot during our October Mesquite Removal project.

Pronghorn is a quarterly newsletter for the members of AAF. Letters, comments, news items, articles, pictures and stories are all welcome and will be considered for publication. Address all such items to: Tracy Unmacht, Pronghorn Editor, PO Box 12590, Glendale, AZ 85318, or by email at info@azantelope.org.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write my last message as president of this fine organization I am filled with nothing but pride. During my tenure as president, this organization has grown leaps and bounds, accomplished things we could only dream about and has become a major player in habitat improvement. The beauty is, all of this would have happened no matter who was sitting in the top chair. This group has officer titles, but when you boil it all down it is one team with a common goal, improving antelope and their habitat. Everyone picks up the slack and the organization keeps steaming along.

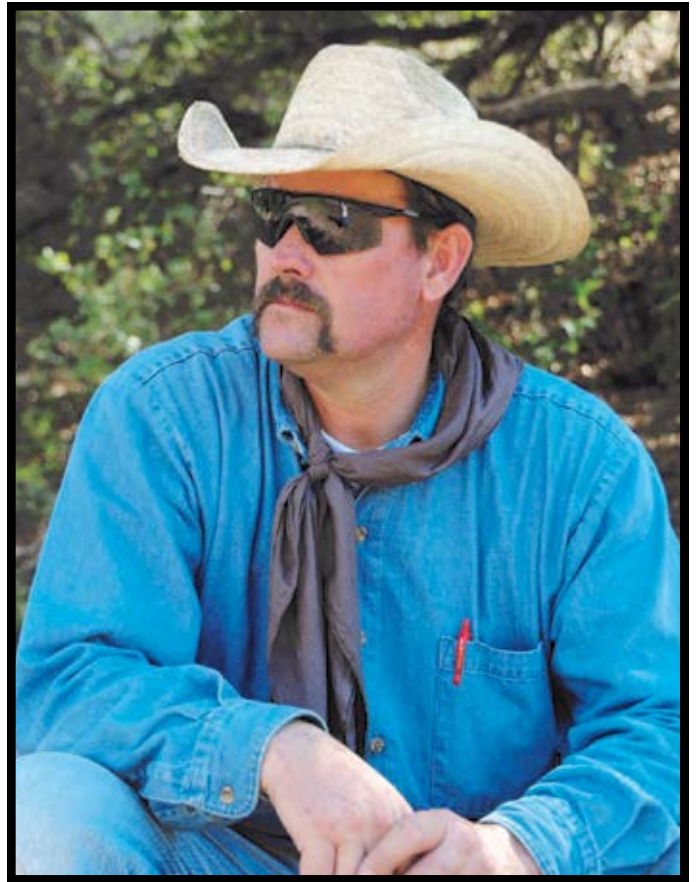
I have served as president for 5 years, been on the board for 10 and as happens many times in life our situations change. My normal job and responsibilities are very consuming, and it doesn't allow me the time to devote to my fun volunteer job. This is a blessing, only under new leadership will this great organization take new paths and be led by a new set of eyes and ideals. Term limits are good!!! Ha-ha

I would like to thank every one of you for your belief in me. Thanks for giving me an outlet to show my children the importance of giving back; they are better because of you. Thanks for the lifelong friendships I have developed. This has meant the most to me!! I jumped head first into a career when I was 18 years old that was very consuming and didn't allow myself to slow down long enough to nurture friendships. As I got older I truly realized how important they are. Each one of you means a great deal to me and my family. Thank You!!!

Thank you all for allowing me to serve for the last decade!!

I would just like to ask one favor of each of you.....

Renew or upgrade your membership, and encourage (1) friend to become a member. Arizona's Pronghorn are in jeopardy now more than ever. The Arizona Antelope Foundation is working diligently to preserve this noble species. We cannot further this mission without the financial support of our membership. This is why we need you to do your part, and renew your membership in the AAF. Why not consider upgrading to a Family or Sustaining Membership. You can also make a long term commitment and become a Life member. This commitment will eliminate future renewal responsibilities and will add much needed funding to our Permanent Endowment. We will continue to do our part, but we need your help!



As the AAF moves into 2016, I am excited at the possibilities we have before us to make a difference in the betterment of one of the states greatest resources. We will continue to remain steadfast and diligent in our efforts to ensure Arizona's pronghorn herds have a voice.

I'll leave you with this verse from Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

May your Holidays be pleasant and bountiful, and may you hear the call of conservation.

God bless each and every one of you,

Shane Stewart, President

"LIBERTAS AD VAGOR"....

FREEDOM TO ROAM"

BONITA GRASSLANDS PROJECT REPORT

BY GLEN DICKENS, AAF VICE PRESIDENT AND PROJECT/GRANTS MANAGER

Another successful AAF fence modification/removal project was completed by 30 volunteers in Southeastern Arizona on September 19, 2015 in the northwest end of game management unit 32. This was a joint project sponsored by the AAF in conjunction with the Southeastern Arizona Sportsmen's Club (SEAZSC) from Thatcher.

The project weekend had two elements; the first modifying 2 miles of existing right-of-way fencing along High Creek Road with contiguous pronghorn habitat and use both north and south of the roadway. It required that the existing smooth-wire bottom and wooden stays to be disconnected and lifted to a height of 16 inches. The second element of the work day we completely removed approximately 1 mile of old fence line that was adjacent to a new wildlife friendly fence that was causing connectivity issues for both mule deer and pronghorn.

During the course of the project weekend multiple sight-

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ings of rutting pronghorn occurred by most everyone traveling to the camp site on USFS land at the western end of the High Creek Road.

This effort is located in direct proximity to ongoing mesquite removal for the Bonita Grasslands NRCS/AGFD restoration project with a goal of improving an additional 6,000 acres in the next 4 years. These projects will help ensure that resident pronghorn and mule deer can safely utilize open grassland corridors without interference due to fence line obstructions. It assisted in accomplishing a key portion of the overall Bonita Plains pronghorn travel corridor improvement project.

This project effort benefits the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant in that all labor hours, materials and mileage from this project were used to match the AAF's \$430K 6-year grant for our "Southeastern Arizona Grasslands Pronghorn Initiative". The grant has a goal of improving up to 100,000 acres of "Pronghorn habitat connectivity".

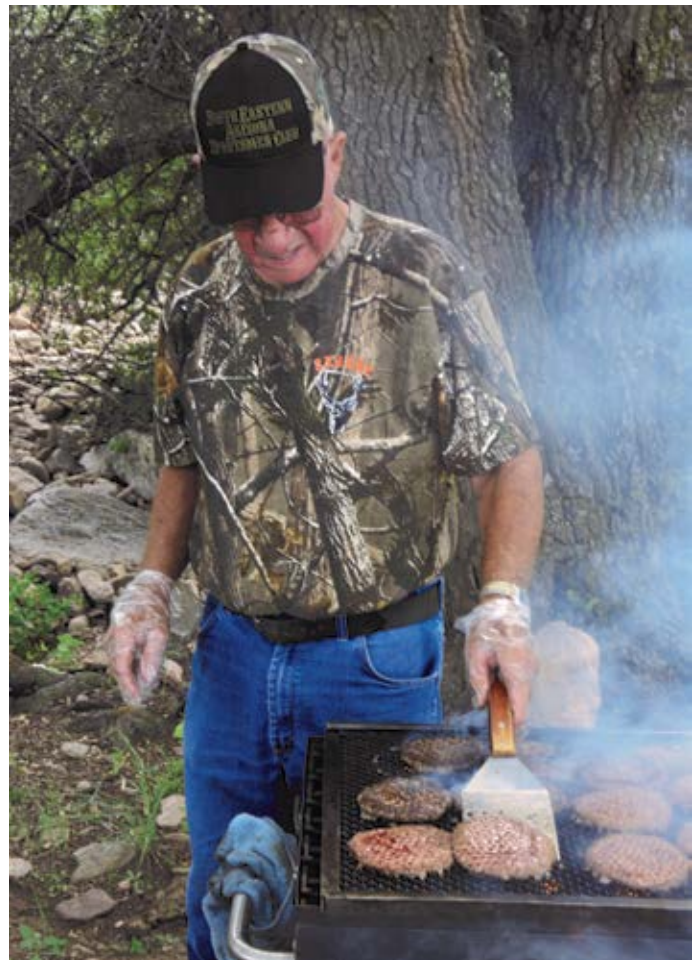
Lunch was donated by and grilled at the camp site on the project site by SEAZSC. Special thanks go to Bill Hoopes and two other SEAZSC volunteers for that effort. Dinners were served on Friday and Saturday nights with the sides provided by Mary and Bill Keebler and they hosted Saturday and Sunday morning breakfasts as well. Thanks Mary and Bill!

Thanks go out to several groups of folks that contributed to this successful project...

- Representing the AAF Board: Dave Cruce, Tice Suplee, Joe Bill Pickrell, Al Sue and yours truly.
- Representing SEAZSC: Bill Hoopes, Daniel and Jacob Ward and two other cooks
- Representing the Mule Deer Foundation: Sherry Kapaldo
- Other AAF members and volunteers: Ken and Kathy Cook, Jim Warren, Rayburn Smith, Robert Turman, John Millican, Brian Taylor, Patti Riook, Keith Callaway, Richard Ockenfels, Mary and Bill Keebler, Edward Anston, Ali Truman Mark Looney, Tim Linden, Gary Boyer and Sue Moeller.
- Game & Fish personnel: John Bacorn, Troy Christensen, Devin Skinner and Mike Richens.

Thanks everyone for your efforts!

Photos by Richard Ockenfels



SONOITA PLAINS PRONGHORN VALUES OPINION SURVEY RESULTS BY GLEN DICKENS, AAF VICE PRESIDENT AND PROJECT/GRANTS MANAGER



In June of this year I received a surprise and welcome call from Karen Gravely of the Wofford College of Environmental Studies. Karen was looking for a qualifying undergraduate

“Senior Capstone Project”. At the time Karen was interning for the summer with Ron Pulliam of Borderlands Restoration headquartered in Patagonia. Karen was interested in our connectivity work that had been accomplished on the Sonoita Plains after a June field trip with Ron and wanted to know if and how she could assist our efforts in the time she had remaining in Patagonia. I mentioned that one element of our project that needed to be completed after four years of our project work on the Sonoita Plains was a “Pronghorn Values Opinion Survey” of local businesses, vineyards, homeowner associations and private ranch owners. These types of wildlife surveys are categorized as “Human Dimensions Surveys”.

Karen enthusiastically agreed to provide the necessary labor and data analysis and make the calls and personal visits that such a survey would entail during July and August. I drafted the base questions and then working with Loren Chase the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Human Dimensions Program Manager created a professional survey for Karen to administer. One caution here is that surveys with such a limited sample size often times are not considered statistically valid. That said the open ended questions and the respondents answers do provide us with a solid sense of how the participants “see” pronghorn and their possible values on the Sonoita Plains.

The AAF owes a particular thank you to Karen Gravely and her demonstrated personal and professional initiative for taking this project to completion while interning at Borderlands Restoration. It also reinforces the AAF's continued commitment to youth involvement and development to every degree possible in our *Southeastern Pronghorn Initiative*.

What follows are the overall survey results. In the case of the open ended questions of the 19 responses we have not printed all of those but selected 10 responses from each category and not given the name of the respondent but listed them by business type. This approach will still give you a solid sense of the value of the Sonoita Pronghorn herd to the residents of the Sonoita Plains. Overall Pronghorn are perceived as a very positive presence on the Plains but read the responses for yourself and see if you agree.

Eighteen out of 19 survey takers answered the weighted questions (with a 1 being disagree and 5 being highly agree), and the averages were:

- I value the presence of pronghorn on the Sonoita Plains. **4.8**
- Pronghorn contribute to my quality of life. **4.4 (with 2 NA)**
- The presence of pronghorn adds value to my business. **4.5 (with 3 NA)**
- The presence of pronghorn adds value to my property. **4.1 (with 1 NA)**
- I have noticed an increase in pronghorn population in the past two years. **4.3**

All 19 survey takers responded to the write-in questions as follows:

Overall, do you feel that having pronghorn on the Sonoita Plains is positive, negative or both?

1. Home Owners Association: Positive. Wildlife is always beneficial to where we live. It probably shows the health of the habitat.
2. Realty: Positive. People come to this area for the outdoor activities and related, like the vineyards. Seeing pronghorn enhances their experience.
3. Motel: Positive. Visitors to the Inn will ask about them. Also, people living in this area value nature and peace, so pronghorn are included in that.
4. Café: Positive. Having pronghorn shows the balance of the ecosystem and helps tourism, but they are dangerous for cars on the roads and eat grapevines.
5. Winery: Positive. A lot of people enjoy watching them. The more that others hear about the pronghorn, the more people will visit, which is better for tourism and the wineries.
6. Winery: Positive. Customers at the winery like them, they keep the grass down, and history shows that they belong here.
7. Winery: Positive. I think having the pronghorn pro-

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vide a wonderful back drop to this area. I know all our customers love to sit on our porch with a glass of wine and watch these animals.

8. Winery: Positive. They're such a timid creature. It's fun to see them on nearby fields. They're another reason Sonoita and Elgin are special.
9. Ranch: Positive. People come to the ranch, and it's a great experience for people to see them because it's not an animal you normally see.
10. Ranch: Positive. Biodiversity is necessary for overall environmental health. As development and human populations increase, it requires more management to maintain native populations.

Before today have you heard about the effort to increase the pronghorn populations by the Arizona Antelope Foundation and the Arizona Game & Fish Department?

1. Home Owners Association: Yes. We attended a meeting by the AAF at the SEESI firehouse. Unfortunately, we were not able to participate in the work event.
2. Realty: Yes. From friends.
3. Realty: Yes. From the bulletin. I know people who are involved.
4. Motel: No. I haven't heard about these particular efforts, but I heard about releasing new antelopes.
5. Café: No.
6. Winery: Yes. A visitor to the vineyards about a month or two ago said he knew about the project and had recently counted more antelope in the last year than in previous years.
7. Winery: Yes. From a newsprint ad and I witnessed the release.
8. Winery: Yes. I am friends with a scientist at the Research Ranch and have been here for 12 years.
9. Ranch: Yes. Direct interaction with Antelope Foundation and AZGFD to improve habitat on our property by fencing modifications, water development, and depredation of coyote.
10. Ranch: Yes. I have worked with Antelope Foundation.

Do you support future projects to increase and maintain the pronghorn populations by the Arizona Antelope Foundation and the Arizona Game & Fish Department?

1. Home Owners Association: Yes. Clear out the mesquites.
2. Home Owners Association: Yes. You have our strong support.
3. Realty: Yes. I do not support predator removal, though, because everything is here for a reason.
4. Realty: Yes.

5. Motel: Yes.
6. Café: Yes. If their habitat is in danger.
7. Winery: Yes. The pronghorns are beautiful and definitely help our business, which is based on sales direct to visitors.
8. Winery: No, if it increases my personal or business taxes then I am not in favor of it.
9. Ranch: Yes. Stabilizing restored populations requires a long term commitment.
10. Ranch: Yes.

Do you have any suggestions/comments or ideas you would like to share regarding pronghorn management on the Sonoita Plains?

1. Home Owners Association: My wife and I are pleased to report that a young pronghorn buck has visited our pasture which is generally one mile north of the Historical Marker on SR 82 (near mile marker 29) for 2 years in a row in the spring. No does.
2. Realty: Put up "Pronghorn Crossing" caution signs to draw attention the fact that they are here.
3. Realty: They are beautiful. I worry they would be harmed if the wolves are relocated here which is a bad idea.
4. Motel: I was very excited to see the baby antelope on Hwy 83 while driving to work.
5. Winery: I am surprised that people don't take more notice, so try to bring more attention to them. Also, would there be a way to keep them out of the vineyards?
6. Winery: Advertise the release more thoroughly. Other than that, great job.
7. Winery: The pronghorn collars are weird.
8. Winery: 1) Perhaps share what's going on and the population numbers to the Sonoita/Elgin Chamber of Commerce, so they can relay information. 2) Provide brochures/pamphlets to the wineries/tasting rooms about pronghorn and their presence in the Sonoita/Elgin area. Lots of wine tasters will be interested in learning about them.
9. Ranch: The current plan seems to be working.
10. Ranch: Must keep developing awareness and recruiting volunteers. Maintaining open space corridors is critical.

One clarifying comment; local mule deer are likely the offending vineyard "pronghorn" that are jumping the fences in dry spring years e.g. April-May-June and helping themselves to the first green spring feed that is available. As we know pronghorn do not jump fences and a majority of the local vineyards have installed sheep fence in the lower portion of their protective fences.

YOU NEVER KNOW WHO YOU'LL MEET!

BY AL & MARSHA PETRIE SUE

Loving the outdoors is a true a passion of ours. Whether we are working on an Antelope conservation project, hunting or fishing. Deciding to fish British Columbia again did not take much thought. August is an especially good time to fish for Salmon (all varieties), Halibut, Yellow Eye, Rock Fish and more not only is fun but also fills the freezer.

We contacted our friend at Queen Charlotte Safaris in Sand Spit, booked our trip and arrived ready to 'catch the big one!' As the owner, Valerie always fills her fishing slots with great people who have the same passion for nature and fishing. We fished with Mike Spence and Caren McCurdy who were celebrating their third Wedding anniversary. Just about limiting out on Chinook, Coho, Yellow Eye, Halibut and many other varieties of fish during our three days was terrific. Karen caught a 39-pound Flounder (that is huge), Al brought in a 140-pound Halibut (catch and release that monster), Mike caught a 200-pound Skate (like a sting ray and really ugly) and that just names a few of the great catches! Thanks to our amazing guide Steve, who has the eyes of a hawk and sense of Neptune to find the best places to fish.

Caren and Mike are both U.S. Navy . . . Caren a Commanding Officer and Mike retired. We laughed, imbibed and shared meals with this wonderful couple knowing we will see them again for another adventure.

We truly lived a National Geographic classic and saw Orcas, Humpbacks, a 1000-pound Sun Fish, Bear, Deer, Puffins and Sharks. Watch-

ing a Bald Eagle swoop down on the water and pick up a dead China Fish was the closing scene of a three-day wonderland usually only seen in a movie.

We were also pleased to see Art Pearce and Donna at the lodge. Art was the first Life Member of Arizona Antelope Foundation. With Al on the board we had ample opportunity to share stories and catch up on all our play-time activities!

Suggestion? Go do something different, take a chance because you never know who you'll meet.

AAF Life Member Al Sue (front right) serves as a director on the AAF Board of Directors. He and his wife Marsha (front left) spend countless hours volunteering at our habitat projects and other activities. Marsha also serves and Chair of the Women's Outdoor Media Association (WOMA) and contributes to this publication on occasion.



HIGHWAY 83 NORTH MESQUITE REMOVAL PROJECT OCTOBER 2-4, 2015 BY GLEN DICKENS, AAF VICE PRESIDENT AND PROJECT/GRANTS MANAGER

Another successful AAF project was completed by 14 volunteers, the Arizona Elk Society (AES), Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) personnel in southeastern Arizona on October 2-4 2015. We removed 71 mesquite trees at 2 known Pronghorn crossing zones in the highway right-of-way (ROW) on both sides of Highway 83 one mile south of the Las Cienegas Ranch Road. This segment of ROW fence was modified to Pronghorn standards earlier this year in April when we modified fence in 5 known and documented Pronghorn crossing zones between the Las Cienegas Ranch Road and Sonoita to the south. This mesquite removal is expected to improve motorist safety and significantly safer pronghorn crossing opportunities. It plays a key part in completing the critical north-western portion of the overall Santa Cruz Plains pronghorn corridor improvement project.

We want to extend our special thanks to our partner conservation organization the AES as they provided 4 key folks that are federally certified "Sawyers". Lead by Greg Godbehere, Glen Jones, Adam Jones and Paul Dicerbo worked tirelessly replacing chains on their 4 saws as they were cutting as the very hard/green mesquite took its toll. And believe it or not they had dropped all 71 trees and bucked them into 4 foot segments by 2pm Saturday afternoon! While in fact there are no elk populations in the proximity of the project the AES was instrumental at volunteering their expertise

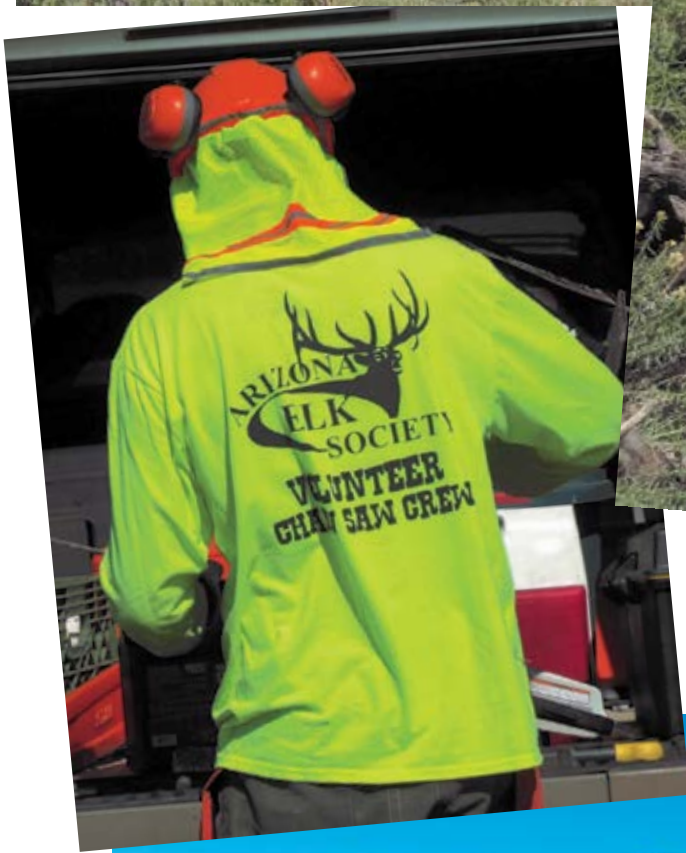
and members time to help the AAF achieve its Pronghorn objectives in this area of southeastern Arizona. We owe them one!!

We want to thank as well RMCA Enterprises owned by Mark Adkins who gave a 100% donation of their large dump trailer and truck use for 2 days which allowed us to move the more than 20 cords of bucked up mesquite back to the camp site. Thanks Mark!



We owe a big thanks as well to the Arizona Department of Transportation Tucson Office for working with the AZGFD and AAF to aid in the improvement of Pronghorn connectivity and public safety along the stretches of Highway 83 ROW that were modified. Two of their

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personnel were present on both work days and sprayed each of the mesquite stumps as they were cut to eliminate any re-sprouting.

The rental fees for the large chipper and highway safety signs for this project were paid for with National Fish and Wildlife Grant funds. This effort benefits the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant in that all labor hours and mileage from this project will be used to match the AAF's \$430K 6-year grant for our "Southeastern Arizona Grasslands Pronghorn Initiative". The grant has a goal of improving up to 100,000 acres of "Pronghorn habitat connectivity".

Camp was located adjacent to HW 83 and the Las Cienegas Ranch road. Thanks to the BLM Tucson Office for working with the AAF to secure the camp area. Dinner was provided on Friday and Saturday nights by Glen and Betty Dickens, they hosted Saturday and Sunday morning breakfasts as well.

Over the next 2 years in April of 2016/17, fence modifications along specific stretches of Highway 82 and 83, south of the Elgin School will be completed by AAF volunteers.

Thanks go out to several groups of folks that contributed to this successful project;
-Representing the AAF Board: Dave Cruce

and yours truly.

-Other AAF members and volunteers: Brian Taylor, Betty Dickens, John Millican, Warren Adams, Chad Villamon, and Mark Adkins.

-Arizona Elk Society: Greg Godbehere, Glen Jones, Adam Jones and Paul Dicerbo

-Game & Fish personnel: Brittney Olsen, Aaron Miller and Robert Fink.

Thanks everyone for your efforts!

Photos by Betty Dickens





SONORAN PRONGHORN UPDATE



BY JILL BRIGHT AZ GAME & FISH
SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2015

Captive Breeding:

Cabeza Prieta Captive Breeding Pen

There are 77 pronghorn in the pen including 22 fawns. There are five pronghorn the pen biologists are monitoring closely; all appear to be in the same or better condition as last month.

Illegal alien/smuggling activity is still high in the vicinity of the pen with pen personnel encountering and reporting illegals at least 3 times during the month. In addition, several instances of vandalism around the pen are suspected to be the result of illegal activity/people around the pen.

The pen crew has been preparing for the December captures in the pen. The padding and shade cloth was put up on the boma corral traps in early October, and the crew began feeding in the vicinity of the bomas. By the end of October, both herds are consistently feeding inside the bomas.

The capture is scheduled for December 10 -12. There are up to 30 animals that could be released if they are caught in the bomas. This year, we will release most of the pronghorn into a new area on the BMGR on the east side of Highway 85. This area is historic range, does not currently have any pronghorn occupying it. Pronghorn will be moved by trailers to a large holding pen, and then released from the pen after an acclimation period. If more animals are caught than are needed to start the new population, some may be moved by trailer to the holding pen in Organ Pipe Cactus NM that has been used for the last several years.

Cabeza Pen

NORTH HALF		SOUTH HALF	
Adult Females	10	Adult Females	13
Yearling Females (b 2014)	5	Yearling Females (b 2014)	8
Breeding Buck (from wild, L Yellow 55)	1	Breeding Buck (b 2013, L Black 8)	1
Back-up Buck (b 2013, L Blue 52)	1	Buck (b 2013, Black collar)	1
Yearling Bucks (b 2014)	7	Yearling Bucks (b2014)	8
Fawns (born 2015)	6	Fawns (born 2015)	16
TOTAL	30	TOTAL	47
Total Pen	77		

Kofa Captive Breeding Pen

There are 53 pronghorn in the Kofa pen; 34 adults and yearlings and 19 fawns.

The pen crew has been working on getting the capture bomas ready in the Kofa pen. They are also getting the pronghorn

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used to feeding in the vicinity of the bomas, and will move the feeders further into the bomas as the pronghorn adapt.

The capture and release from this pen is scheduled for January 7-8, 2016. There are 21 animals to be released if caught. They will be moved to the holding section of the Kofa pen and held to be sure there are no injuries or ill effects from the capture and handling, and then released into the wild from the Kofa release pen.

Kofa Pen

May 2015	
Adult Females	12
Yearling Females (b 2014)	11
Adult Males	7
Yearling Males (b 2014)	4
Fawns (born 2015)	19
TOTAL	53

2014 Released Pronghorn - KOFA

The released pronghorn continue to use the same general areas. The buck on the west side of Highway 95 has remained in the same area, using a green area north of Stone Cabin. The two females near the Gila Bend Mountains have remained in the same area as well.

We had a mortality of a recently released pronghorn. On the September 4 telemetry flight, a 2-year old doe that had not been heard for several months was found on mortality. It was investigated but too much time had passed to determine any cause of death.

Water Projects: Recent rains have kept most of our waters on both Cabeza and Kofa full or nearly full. Antelope Hills Tank water is now full and will be monitored for a possible leak.

Forage Enhancements: N/A

Wild Pronghorn Cabeza/ORPI/BMGR Herd: The radio-collared pronghorn are mostly using the same areas as last month. The pronghorn are beginning to group up in larger groups for the winter season. On the last telemetry flight, we observed 114 pronghorn, including 38 females and 34 fawns. Range conditions continue to be good to excellent.

There was a mortality of a 3-year buck that was released in 2013 in the north part of Child's Valley. His collar malfunctioned and did not go on mortality. By the time we realized he was likely dead, too much time had passed to determine any cause of death.

Wild Pronghorn KOFA Herd: The pronghorn on Kofa have generally been using the same areas around King Valley on the Kofa NWR and Yuma Proving Ground. The buck on the west side of Highway 95 has remained in the same area, using a green area north of Stone Cabin. The two females near the Gila Bend Mountains have remained in the same area as well. A doe that had been north of King Valley in Kofa Mountains has moved further north near New Water Well. Kofa/YPG remains in good condition in the areas the pronghorn are using.

Other Projects: We completed the fawn survey in Sonora Mexico in October. Results will be available soon. We are planning the biennial range wide survey for Sonora November 18 – 22.

AAF MEMBER HUNTING SUCCESS



Gary Evenson

Green Score
Gross 81 4/8"
Net 80 6/8"

Here is my "Labor Day" Trophy Buck. He was shot at 7:04 am from 299.5 yards after a 2 mile walk, 100 yard crouch, 75 yard crawl and a 25 yard slither all the while being feasted on by an Alfred Hitchcock like level of Mosquitos. He had a Harem of 14 Does that he kept herded up tighter than a Rack of Billiard Balls. I watched him through my Zeiss Scope for a full minute or so before he separated himself from the Harem and I squeezed the trigger of my Kimber 8400 Montana 270 WSM and sent a Barnes 129 gr LR X Bullet through his heart. He never knew we were there or what hit him. Thank you for your help and understand that you have a member of the Arizona Antelope Foundation for as long as a Hunter's Blood courses through my veins!

Scott Bring

My first successful Antelope Hunt in Unit 1. A big thanks to the Arizona Antelope Foundation and the 2015 seminar.



Both Gary and Scott attended the 2015 Annual AAF Hunter Clinic. We congratulate them on their success!



AAF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEET YOUR 2016 BOARD:

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THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE

The AAF would like to thank outgoing board members **Shane Stewart** and **Mike Wondrash**. If you've attended one of our projects, fundraisers, or tabling events, no doubt you've seen these individuals in action. A special thanks goes to **Shane** for dedicating **5 years of service as President** of this organization, and several prior to that as a Director. This was a big commitment for Shane and his family, Jodi, Cade and Maci, who served in many capacities right along side Shane over the years. We watched Cade and Maci group up to be young adults, spending many hours volunteering at our projects and various events. Thanks for all of your hard work Stewart family!

CALL TO ACTION

You have read in this publication time and again about the activities the AAF participates in. Habitat projects, communications with governmental agencies involved with pronghorn management, tabling events, outreach, education, and fundraising efforts don't magically happen. It takes a team of dedicated volunteers to make sure everything possible is done to preserve places for pronghorn.

THAT IS WHY WE ARE CALLING ON YOU!

We are still in need of an individual to serve on the 2016 Board in the capacity of Treasurer. The 2016 President, Brian George is a CPA and will assist the person who volunteers for this position. In addition, our administrator performs the mundane bookkeeping tasks, so duties are relatively light. Meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month, January - November, usually at Bass Pro Shops in Mesa. Please consider volunteering a few hours a month and help us help antelope. If you are available to serve, please contact Brian George 480-946-5209.

OUR WORK MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Linda Kennedy, Ph.D., Director
Of the National Audubon Society Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch captured this photo on November 19th just west of the Elgin-Canelo Road. The fence in the foreground was modified during one of our projects in the area. She counted 27 in the herd with at least 2 sporting eartags - members of one of our previous capture efforts. Linda didn't see the entire herd, but later that morning a friend saw the same herd and counted 53!

Thanks to your contributions and our volunteers, we continue to make a difference in southeastern Arizona!





SHORT SHOTS

AAF NEW ONLINE RAFFLE PROGRAM

The AAF board is launching a new program as an alternate funding tool to assist with all of the important work we do. We will be conducting occasional online-only raffles through our website and Facebook page. The first raffle of a range finder will kick off soon. Watch our website and for an enews bulletin when sales kick off.

CONGRESSMAN PAUL GOSAR MEETS WITH CONSERVATION GROUPS

AAF Director Tice Supplee joined representatives of other Arizona conservation organizations in a visit with Rep. Gosar. The congressman is sponsoring a bill for renewable energy development on public lands that has a % going to public access and fish and wildlife conservation.



AZ BIG GAME SUPER RAFFLE

Speaking of raffles, sales have begun for the 2016 AZ Big Game Super Raffle campaign.

This program is important to the AAF because funds that are raised through the sales of tickets for the antelope tag are used directly to benefit antelope. In 2015 the raffle generated nearly \$600,000 for wildlife conservation, \$43,840 of that for pronghorn. The AAF participates in the Habitat Partnership Committee process to determine how the funds raised by this raffle will be used to best reach conservation goals for antelope.

Winners of the tags can hunt for 365 days almost anywhere in the state. Additional prizes offered are a Swarovski optics package valued at \$13,850, and a New Mexico Trophy Elk hunt. **And new this year, monthly incentive drawings for lots of great prizes for those placing online orders.**

Sales will continue through the first part of July, and the drawing will take place on July 21st. Visit their website for more information.



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2016 TENTATIVE PROJECT SCHEDULE

APRIL 15-16-17, HW 82 SONOITA
JUNE 18, SPRINGVILLE
AUGUST 13, UNIT 7
SEPTEMBER 24, BONITA

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