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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 the Cover

Terry Herndon shares his photo of a buck seen on the Las Vegas Ranch in unit 17A while driving on Williamson Valley Road. This shot was taken in late June when the buck was starting to chase does. If you notice this buck has an injury that runs from his front shoulder to his rump--possibly from barbed wire, which magnifies the importance of the work that the AAF does to modify fences making them wildlife friendly.

Terry is a native Arizonan and currently resides in Phoenix with his wife Margie. He has been blessed with two beautiful daughters and a grandson who already thinks antelope are the best animal in Arizona! Terry loves the outdoors and owns Arizona Outfitter and Guides Service where he specializes in Pronghorn hunts.

"The North American Pronghorn are the prettiest animals on earth if you ask me. When I am out and about I will go out of my way to get good photos of antelope or any animal that will stand still long enough."

Thanks for sharing Terry!

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: Pronghorn Editor, PO Box 12590, Glendale, AZ 85318, or by email at info@azantelope.org.

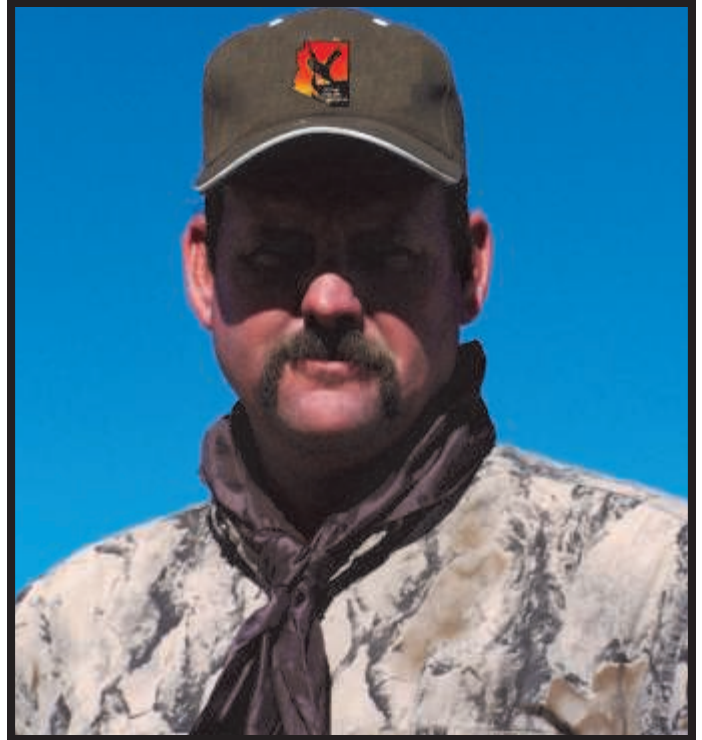
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My grandma used to say, “you get what you get and you don’t throw a fit”. This is a great saying, as life sometimes will throw you a curve ball. This happened to the AAF and our annual fundraiser. AAF tried a completely new format this year, but due to lack of ticket sales we had to cancel that event. Instead, Arizona Deer Association was gracious enough to let us combine efforts and together we held a fundraiser on June 5th. The event was a success and we were able to raise some money for both deer and antelope on that night. On that note, AAF is still a non-profit who operates based on the generous donations of our constituents. With that being said, we are always looking for donations of either goods or services we can parlay or monetary donations. The sad fact is the dollar doesn’t stretch as far as it used to, and we need operating capital to continue our work. Thanks to all of you who continually support our organization, we are working hard for you.

By the time you are reading this we will already have completed, our Hopi 3 Canyon Ranch work project on June 12th. The work projects we complete are one of the single biggest things we do as an organization to impact antelope and their habitat in a positive way. I encourage you to get on our website www.azantelope.org and get the details on our next gathering and try to join us, it will be an experience you will never forget.

AAF held it’s annual hunter clinic at the Arizona Game and Fish main branch on May 8th. Again this year we had a full house and sent many first time antelope hunters away with valuable information that will hopefully allow them to fill their tags. I would like to thank the many volunteers and presenters who made this year’s clinic a huge success.

In closing I would like to echo a sentiment you will here from me many times, “GET INVOLVED”. I



would encourage you come to a board meeting, run for an office, chair a committee, come to a work project. The single biggest thing you can do to impact the future of antelope and their habitat is to get involved. We are a very small group and we are always looking for additional volunteers to help us in our cause. The higher our numbers the bigger the impact we can make!

“LIBERTAS AD VAGOR”.... FREEDOM TO ROAM

Shane Stewart

Hopi 3 Canyon Clear Creek Ranch Project By Jim Unmacht, Past President

Another successful AAF project hit the books June 12th! If you haven't been on a project lately, try and take the time to attend. Project work is not only a fulfilling way to volunteer your time, but the end result helps out a species that continues to have a need, and helps establish and reinforce relationships that can last a long time!

We had 40+ people this past weekend making a difference for pronghorn and improving a couple of

miles of fence on the Hopi 3 Canyon - Clear Creek Ranch south of Winslow. While pronghorn migration corridors were enhanced, so was the AAF's standing in working in collaboration with the Hopis.

Following the Navajo/Hopi land resolution, the Hopi tribe purchased several ranches in Northern Arizona, and fortunately for us, the AZ Game & Fish and the tribe are working closely on keeping those lands

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open to public hunting. Wildlife management and law enforcement are a couple of those key components. Another key piece is that which we do, volunteer with the landowner and the department, likely through the HPC process to collectively get things done.

This past weekend we removed a mile of sheep fence, rebuilt it to wildlife friendly standards, reconstructed a different 1/2 mile of fence, and laboriously (my word and my contribution to the weekend!) added stays to almost a mile of recently rebuilt wildlife friendly fence! We ran out of wire and beat the rain!

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

-Scott Anderson again for organizing the effort, and wife Jen and her Girl Scout Troop # 9.

-The Boswell family...Art, Mark and his three sons, Kyler, Zach and Samuel.

-Representing the AAF Board: Art of course, Treasurer Mary Keebler, Past President Bill Keebler, yours truly and our AAF Administrator Tracy Unmacht.

-Happy Jack crew (just happened to be in the neighborhood): Cecil Schmitz, James Hyslip, Bob Dahlgren, Pat McFall, Mark Stephenson

-Antelope Tag holders for 5: Me again, Dave Cruce and the McGhee family: Patrick, Matt & Hunter

-Other AAF members and volunteers: Oscar Oland, Dory Raddatz, Dan Clark, Rhena Martinez, Shea Durham, and David Anderson

-Game & Fish personnel: Garrett Fabian, Tom McCall and Kathy

-and finally our canine corps... Molly, Mylie, Cali, and Yogi...who entertained us all weekend!

Great food again thanks to Mary Keebler and Mark & Kyler Boswell!

Thanks everyone for your efforts!



Photos by Jim Unmacht and Hayl Daugherty

Predation

By Shane Stewart, AAF President

The old black and white photo you see here was taken in 1906 near the homestead of my great grandpa Albert Noland (left) and his brother Levi Noland (right) in Paradise, Az. which is no longer there but is near the town of Portal in the Chiracahua Mountains Albert Frank Noland was born 2/09/1887 on the "Blue" near Springerville. His brother William Levi who was 2 years older and born in 1885. Tragically, Levi was killed just 2 years after this photo was taken. Albert Noland was 1 of 8...5 boys & 1 girl. His father died shortly after the birth of the last child which was a boy named Tom. Sometime later after my Great Great Grandfather's death the family moved to Paradise area where my Great Grandpa homesteaded 66 sections.

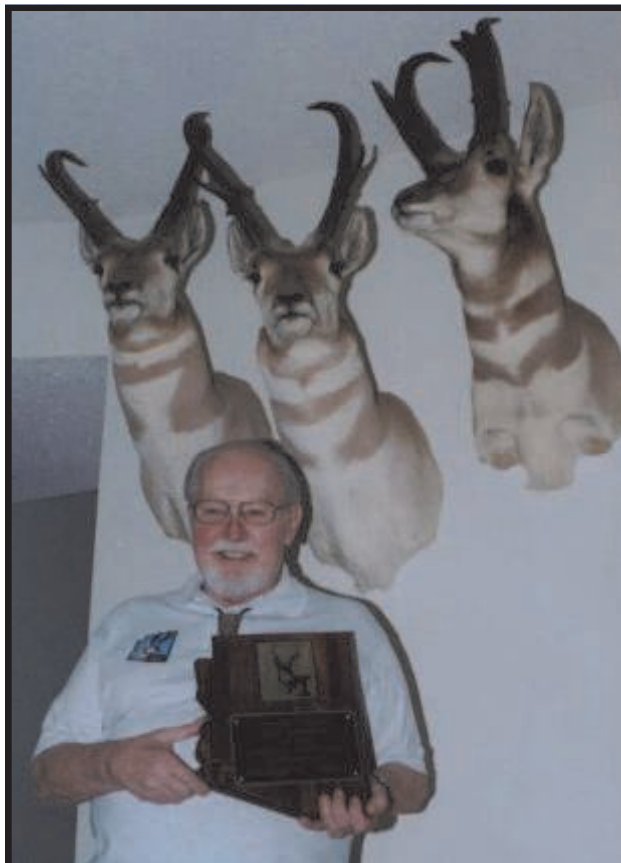
Predation was a constant issue that ranchers, both then and now, struggle with. My Grandma Frances Noland Lawshe told me stories about how big the mountain lions were and how many there were threatening the cattle and horses that grazed the land they owned



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George Welsh 1925 - 2009

By Paul M. Webb



Conservationists and sportsmen lost one of their longest and most avid supporters on December 17, 2009 when George Welsh passed away after a long illness at age 84. A former biologist and officer with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, George left a long list of accomplishments in his wake. He greatly influenced those who knew him as his enthusiasm for seeking knowledge about the wildlife species he managed knew no bounds. A wildlife biologist's biologist, George was a teacher, a mentor, and a source of inspiration to all with whom he came in contact.

George Welsh was born to William and Harriet Welsh on August 31, 1925 in Clarendon Hills, an affluent village in DuPage County, very close to Chicago, Illinois. After attending elementary school in Clarendon Hills, he was graduated from Hinsdale High School in 1944.

In 1949, he married Amalia Martinez from Taos, New Mexico and they produced a son, William (Billy) Wilson Welsh, who was born in Chicago in 1952. Sadly, Amalia passed away six weeks after giving birth and George was left with a wife to mourn and a son to raise.

In 1953, George visited Spain to attend summer school and study Spanish. And, then, to further his developing interest in conservation, he enrolled at Colorado A and M College (now Colorado State University). Initially, he majored in Forestry,

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Doing the Work - Volunteers in Action

by Richard Ockenfels, AAF Director

Non-profit organizations don't just happen. It takes hard work and dedication from concerned and involved individuals to make an organization like the Arizona Antelope Foundation successful and long-lasting. Following is one of a series of articles on a Foundation "mover and shaker". Here, you can learn a little about one of these interesting individuals that I will be profiling.

Jim Unmacht: Involved, Engaged, a Leading Force in Arizona Conservation

Webster's Dictionary defines to involve as "to draw in as a participant" and to engage is to be "actively committed, as to a cause." This is certainly true of Jim, who for 16 years has been an involved and engaged member of the Arizona Antelope Foundation. He served as a Board Member, Secretary, Vice President, and finally as President of our fine organization. In fact, Jim is the only President to serve 2 terms, first in 2004, then again in 2005. Beyond the major offices, Jim also served as the editor of our newsletter, the **Pronghorn**, a position now being done by his wife Tracy, and as Projects Chair—the person responsible for setting up and organizing the yearly work projects with governmental agencies, other non-profits, and the ranching community. And, when Jim engages, he brings his entire family into the mix. Wife Tracy is the Foundation's paid Administrative Assistant and a regular volunteer too. Daughter Grace, a recent ASU graduate, and son Jimmy, a graduating high-school student, grew up assisting at AAF events and work projects. The Unmacht

family motto must be "work outdoors together" for they are a perfect example of what the Foundation strives for, getting the family involved in conservation. None of the four Unmachts are afraid of getting dirty in the field, pulling fence wire, cutting junipers down, and doing the many tasks necessary to ensure a successful work project.



Jim is the Regional Claims Manager for Federated Insurance Company, a firm that he has worked for over 30 years. Prior to moving to Arizona 20 years ago to run the region, he was at the firm in Minnesota. True to his nature, Jim has ensured that Federated Insurance has been a good corporate partner in conservation. A true Midwestern kid, born and raised in Dubuque, Iowa, Jim completed a B.A. in Arts Degree at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, but doubled in Biology and Business Administration. It seems to me that he has successfully fused all of his passions together.

Like most outdoorsmen, Jim was introduced to nature by his Dad. He is an avid outdoorsman, both hunting and fishing, as well as simply enjoying the out-

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doors with his family on camping trips and vacations. Because Dubuque is on the Mississippi River, Jim remembers “sitting on a 5-gallon bucket in below freezing weather trying to bring crappies through a 6-in hole in the ice!” as a young kid, when his Dad took him fishing on the “Great American River”. As with many of us who grow up in the outdoors, picking a favorite memory is almost impossible, because there are so many great memories. He fondly remembers, “back in the day”, becoming an Eagle Scout in 1973 and attending Philmont Scout Ranch in 1974. However, being the true family guy, most of what Jim related to me involved his wife and kids. Jim certainly remembers his harvesting a desert bighorn, soon to be followed by son Jimmy harvesting a desert bighorn ram at the tender age of 11—he might be the youngest to harvest a ram in Arizona, or certainly close to the youngest. He noted wife Tracy getting her first big game harvest, a cow elk, in 2008. And, he also noted “daughter Grace’s selection s the Arizona Wildlife Federation’s Youth Conservations of the Year in 2007 and son Jimmy receiving an Award of Excellence from the Arizona Game & Fish Commission that same year, both particularly proud moments for Mom & Dad!”

But, back to being engaged and a leader in conservation. Jim just completed his term as President of The Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, another non-profit that Jim has been actively involved with for many years. He was also a Vice-President of the Arizona Wildlife Federation, and is on the Arizona Super Raffle Board. He is a member of many of the other major conservation organizations in Arizona, such as Arizona Deer Association, Arizona Elk Society, and national organizations like Ducks Unlimited, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, and Wildlife Forever. And, he is serving as a director for the Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation, the conservation arm of AZSFW. If there is a cause, Jim is in the middle of it.

He gets involved beyond being a member and simply paying his dues. Such dedication hasn’t gone unnoticed by his outdoor peers. Recently, at the January 2010 Meet the Commission Event in Phoenix, where the Arizona Game and Fish Commission presents its annual awards to deserving individuals and organizations in Arizona who have made a difference in conservation, Jim was awarded the “**Conservationist of the Year**”. Truly, an award well deserved by such a fine, wonderful human being. This is a man who can join me around the campfire any time!



Mark your calendar

Upcoming AAF Projects

July 17 - Ohaco Ranch Unit 4A

Fall 2010 - SE Arizona TBA

Spring 2011 - Unit 21 TBA

Other Events

July 15 Outdoor Experience 4 All Banquet

July 15 AZ Big Game Super Raffle Drawing

September 29-30 Antelope Capture & Collar

October 30 AAF Volunteer Awards Banquet

Board Meeting Schedule

July 12

August 9

September 13

All meetings are at 6:30pm at El Zaribah Shrine in Phoenix

WCC Meeting Schedule

July 27

August 24

September 28



SONORAN PRONGHORN UPDATE



Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge has begun a public comment period on efforts to provide beneficial waters for endangered Sonoran pronghorn in southern Arizona. Presently, Sonoran pronghorn occupy less than 10 percent of their historic range which originally included most of southwestern Arizona and an equally large area within northwestern Sonora, Mexico. Approximately 80 Sonoran pronghorn survive in the wild within the Arizona portion of their current range.

The availability of water to pronghorn is vital, particularly during drought periods. Access to water is essential for digestion of food and for keeping the body cool. Drinking free-standing water also enables pronghorn to consume and use forage of higher nutritional quality. Following an internal review of the factors threatening the pronghorn population and possible actions, the Refuge is proposing to construct four new

11,000-gallon Sonoran pronghorn water sources within designated wilderness, and to enlarge 6 pronghorn water sources already on the Refuge.

Consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, through this scoping process the Refuge is seeking public input to identify potential issues and concerns. Comments collected during this period will help inform the creation of the draft Environmental Assessment (EA). The draft EA will be provided for further public review and comment once completed.

Comments will be accepted through **July 19, 2010**. Comments should be mailed to Refuge Manager, Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, 1611 N. Second Ave, Ajo, AZ 85321.

For a copy of the complete scoping notice, including a list of the full range of possible actions being considered at this time please visit: www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/arizona/cabeza/index.html



Arizona Wildlife Book Review

By Jim Unmacht

As you reached the peak of the mountain you just climbed, maybe in search of some elusive animal sign, or that hidden stream holding some native fish, I'll bet you probably wondered to yourself...what was it like here 100 years ago? Am I the first person to capture the view from this very spot?

How did those early pioneers, explorers, miners, and cattlemen see this land? How did some of them make a living out of this land called Arizona...with no cell phones, computers, GPS units, trucks, strip malls, heck, paved roads for that matter?

Here is your chance to catch a glimpse of that era in David Brown's book, *Arizona Wildlife, the Territorial Years, 1863-1912*. This is the second book in a series published by the Arizona Game & Fish Department, edited and compiled by David Brown, with contributions from Neil Carmony, Harley Shaw, and W.L. Minckley. The first book in the series was titled *Man and Wildlife in Arizona: the American Exploration Period, 1824-1865*.

This book takes you through a series of synopses and recollections exposing the period from 1863 to 1912 through the newspapers of the day, government reports on the activities of the period, a review of period documents and biographical sketches of some of the key players of the era.

The time period tracks with the Territorial years, so one must remember that most of the government activity was driven by the US Army. Not only did they undertake the protection of white settlers, but they had their share of skirmishes with the natives. In the interim, they did survey work, "collected" and counted animals of all sorts, from game to non-game, and plants as well. They explored the territory on horse back, in wagons, on boats and on foot.

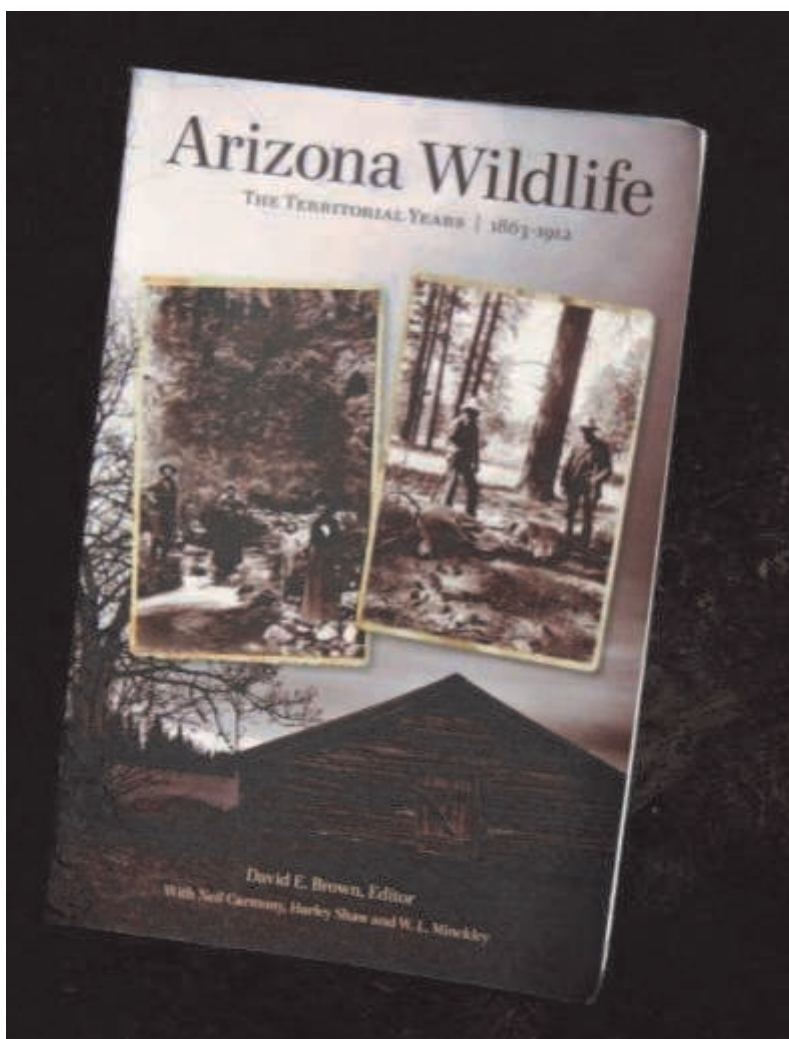
Envisioning some of the exploits of these men and women seems extraordinary in comparison to many of our own weekend adventures. Likely the experiences were incredible, but not without peril in many instances, too. The wherewithal, the endurance, and the fortitude to do or re-enact some of these treks might be considered herculean by today's standards. Back then, you did what you had to, or you didn't survive.

The book gives you a good perspective on the wildlife that existed then. It elaborates on the impact the settlers had on those populations, and in some cases why. For the novice, it also gives you some clues as to why some animals are called what they are today. Where did the "Coues" of Coues whitetail come from? Who were Mearns, Merriam, and Nelson? If you ever wondered why, this book provides clues and answers to some of those questions.

The book isn't a story per se, but you could take a step back and view it as one, as the story of Arizona's wildlife history. In fact the book is a collection of articles, observations and reports that collectively gives the reader an idea of what our state used to be like during the territorial years leading up to statehood.

A fine addition to your Outdoors Library!

This book is available for purchase from the Arizona Game & Fish Department. Please visit the Publications section on their website for more information.



2010 Clinic

Our 18th Annual Hunter's Clinic took place on May 8th at AZ Game & Fish headquarters. Over 50 hunters and their guests were treated to a wide variety of presentations on subjects important to the outcome of their upcoming hunts. Topics included Optics, Trophy Evaluation, Pronghorn Growth, Taxidermy, Practical Field Care, and Hunting Tactics for Firearms and Archery.

In addition to the formal presentations, representatives of the five AG&FD regions with antelope hunts this fall were on hand to discuss the specific hot-spots in the game management units drawn by the hunters in the audience.

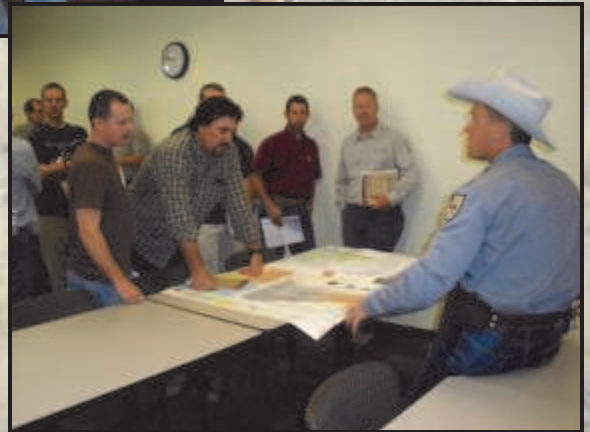
There were 26 attendees who decided to join or

renew their memberships that morning and were entered into a special drawing for a rifle generously donated by AAF President Shane Stewart.

A special thanks to our volunteer presenters:

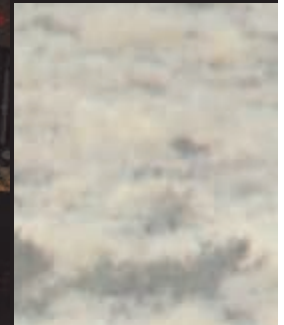
David Brown
Terry Herndon
Todd Hulm
Greg McBride
and all the Game & Fish Reps

Also thanks to the AZ Game & Fish Department for use of their facilities. They provided the perfect setting for our event!



Banquet 2010

After a rocky start having to cancel our planned Antelope Daze event on May 8th, the Arizona Deer Association came to the rescue and offered to share their venue with the AAF. All in all it was deemed a success. We were able to offer some fine items donated by generous folks for auction and raffle, and raised some much needed funds. The AAF extends its deepest appreciation to the AZ Deer Association and all the donors listed below. Our continued success in providing places for pronghorn to roam in Arizona couldn't have happened without their help!



2010 Banquet Donors

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however, he soon changed his major to Game Management and graduated in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science degree in his chosen field.

George joined the Arizona Game and Fish Department in 1957, working out of Prescott as the state's antelope biologist. This was quite a challenge for a tenderfoot biologist as he was responsible for developing survey schedules and hunt designs for this species—an interest that he maintained throughout his life. So fascinated with pronghorn did George become that he would spend more time hunting antelope than any other big game species. It also prompted him to become a charter member and, later, a life member of the Arizona Antelope Foundation.

The Department reorganized in 1960 and George was reassigned to Kingman, Arizona, where he was eventually commissioned as a Wildlife Manager. This new assignment sparked a new fascination, this time with desert bighorn sheep as this animal was the predominant big game species in the game management unit for which he was now responsible. Accordingly, he became a charter and life member of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society as well as a member of several local organizations including the Kingman chapters of the BPOE, Toastmasters, Rotary Club and the Colorado River Council of Boy Scouts.

Bighorn sheep and their management now became a focal point in George's life and he served as a technical staff member for the Desert Bighorn Council—a position that he held for most of his career. In this capacity George received some of the most significant of his many awards for exemplary wildlife work that included the development of bighorn census techniques with helicopters and the many technical presentations he made on bighorn sheep management. So important were George's contributions that he was later presented with "The Health of the Land Award" from the Bureau of Land Management for his work on the Black Mountain Ecosystem Management Team, the "John Russo Award" from the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society for a lifetime of work with bighorn sheep, and the Desert Bighorn Council's "Outstanding Contribution Trophy" for 24 years of dedicated service, intensive studies, and pioneering work to benefit Arizona's desert bighorn.

An even greater contribution was George's assistance and influence when it came to other Department personnel, veterans and novices alike. George had an extraordinary ability to interact with others, biologists as well as lay persons. He stood particularly tall with a cadre of young Wildlife Managers and greatly influenced their careers. In this regard he was particu-

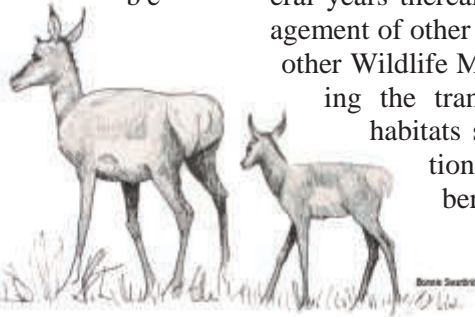
larly helpful in teaching them the nuances in collecting the most useful data inherent in antelope and bighorn surveys as well as assisting them in the development of formulae for determining permit numbers for hunting seasons.

George, along with a handful of other Wildlife Managers, became adept at darting bighorn with a tranquilizer gun from a helicopter and marking the animals with colored collars for identification purposes. This was before the use of sophisticated drugs and radio-collars so that it was quite an achievement when he marked three ewes in one year—one of which was seen for several years thereafter. George also assisted in the management of other species including javelina. He and two other Wildlife Managers wrote a proposal recommending the translocation of javelina to unoccupied habitats south of Kingman. This recommendation was approved and resulted in a number of javelina becoming established in the release area and spreading to adjacent areas.

George loved to hunt. Every year he submitted applications to all of the big game hunts for which he qualified in a drawing. As a result, his walls contain several outstanding trophies including a very large mule deer from the Kaibab, three antelope (one from Arizona and two from Wyoming), a black bear from Vancouver Island, Canada, a buffalo from Raymond Ranch in Arizona, and a trophy bighorn with a 163 5/8 Boone and Crockett score taken in his district in Mohave County's Black Mountains. Year after year, George traveled to Wyoming to hunt antelope—his favorite game—because it was so hard to get drawn in Arizona.

One of the more perplexing aspects of bighorn sheep management involved the problem of feral burros. These exotic animals were then ubiquitous throughout the bighorn's range and very destructive to desert vegetation. Realizing that the burros were in direct competition with the bighorn for food, water and space, George set about removing as many of these exotics as possible before passage of the Wild Horse and Burro Act made such management measures illegal. Through the use of this and other management measures, George revived an "ailing" population of bighorn in his Black Mountain Game Management Unit through hard work and persistence. The resulting increase in bighorn produced more than enough rams to not only provide a huntable surplus, but to supply sufficient numbers of sheep for transplants to areas north of the Colorado River in Arizona and other Mohave Desert locales. So successful were these translocations that George has often been referred to as "The Father of Bighorn Sheep in Mohave County!" This title and others such as "Mr. Antelope," bestowed upon him by the Arizona Antelope Foundation attest to

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the value others have placed on George's expertise and his contributions to these big game species.

George had many friends. One in particular was a German Shorthair Pointer named "Schultz," who accompanied George everywhere. "Schultzie," as he was commonly referred to by his adoring master, not only possessed a high degree of intelligence, he had been taught to do a whole retinue of tricks. So accomplished had Schultz become, that a rumor persisted that George had trained him to point bighorn sheep from a helicopter during sheep surveys! What was less conjectural was that Schultz often did see bighorn sheep before George did and was quick to point them out to his boss!

Those lucky enough to camp out with George were treated to luxury field living. Camp fare was typically a steak or brace of quail cooked directly over coals at just the right temperature accompanied by a baked potato (cooked for exactly 45 minutes), a fresh vegetable, a salad, and wine! Mid-day meals were nearly as sumptuous; a classic *Welsh Lunch* consisted of gourmet sandwich meat served with hot tea, snacks, and dessert on a table cloth laid out on the ground. As one correspondent succinctly put it, "George really knows how to live."

On February 16, 1980, George married Margaret Sinclair, an elementary school teacher in Kingman, Arizona. Margaret proved to be an accomplished help mate taking care of George on a part time basis when he became ill. The time she devoted to him as a care giver gradually increased over the years until it was a full time job in the last three years of George's life. He could not have been blessed with a better companion.

George retired on December 31, 1983, after experiencing quadruple bypass surgery in January of that same year. Although the operation slowed him down it did not affect the part of his heart that mattered and he continued on as before. Even after retirement he helped out when he could—leading trips to hidden petroglyph

sites, recording data from sheep trapped for translocation purposes, and mapping springs and other natural area locations. Most of all he continued advising others on bighorn sheep and antelope management along with other natural history subjects. He formed his own company advertised with a business card entitled "*Wildlife Perceptions.*" George also wrote an "*Elk Management Plan*" and a "*Desert Bighorn Sheep Management Plan*" for the Hualapai Indian Reservation complete with recommendations for conducting surveys, mapping vegetation, and determining hunt permit numbers.

George was a personable man, who supported his fellow workers at all times, particularly the newer, younger employees who had yet to learn from their mistakes. He was interested in all phases of wildlife management emphasizing of course his two favorite species. Those who knew him best were hard pressed to determine whether he was most fond of the state's antelope or his county's bighorn. He was a great inspiration to his peers and understood the value of being a public service figure, not only joining sportsmen and other civic clubs, and enrolling in professional societies, but encouraging others to do the same.

Possessed of a good memory, George was a storehouse of natural history knowledge. One of his protégés, Art Fuller, recently had this to say about him, "*The last time I was at his house I interviewed him about the javelina transplant project and he helped me with approximate dates, which helped me find the data in the Regional files. His mind was sharp to the end.*" We will all follow George in the end, but few of us will make the contribution he made to wildlife. He will be sorely missed!

George is survived by his wife, Margaret, his son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Ellen Welsh of Kanab, Utah, his brother-in-law Neill Emmons of Plano, Illinois, and three nieces and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents, and in 2007, by his sister, Parkie Emmons.



Pronghorn Aging Study Results 2009

In 2005, the Arizona Antelope Foundation in cooperation with the Armendaris Ranch in New Mexico began a study to age harvested pronghorn antelope and compare their respective horn size and B & C score. The hope was to obtain some meaningful results that will be useful in determining which age classes to manage for, and how it may impact the various pronghorn herds. Here are the preliminary results from 2009. Thanks to all the hunters who submitted teeth for this analysis. If you are fortunate enough to hunt antelope this fall, you can help us with this study by sending us a tooth from your animal. Look for more information on the study and how you can help on our website www.azantelope.org

AGING STUDY DATA 2009					
Catalog #	Hunter Name	B&C Score	Age	Kill Date	Location
A-0857 #1	John Vanko	81 1/8	4	10/8/2008	AAF
A-0858 #2	John Vanko	78 1/2	5	10/5/2008	AAF
A-0801	Delbert Wheeler	74 3/8	3	8/17/2008	Armendaris
A-0901	Jim Gollnick	87 1/8	4	10/3/2009	Armendaris
A-0902	Evan HedLund	70 5/8	4	10/4/2009	Armendaris
A-0903	Jeff Wheeler	78 1/4	4	10/4/2009	Armendaris
A-0904	Arron HedLund	77 5/8	4	10/4/2009	Armendaris
A-0905	Robert Wagner	73 1/2	4	10/4/2009	Armendaris
A-0906	Dan Gorecki	75 7/8	4	10/3/2009	Armendaris
A-0907	Anthony Bernadt	73 5/8	6	10/3/2009	Armendaris
A-0908	Bruce Ford	71 7/8	5	10/3/2009	Armendaris
A-0909	Albert Smith	71 7/8	4	10/3/2009	Armendaris
A-0910	Bob Baker	56 7/8	2	8/16/2009	Armendaris
A-0911	Kelly Liljenquist	75 3/8	4	8/16/2009	Armendaris
A-0912	Ron Wheeler	66 1/4	2	8/15/2009	Armendaris
A-0913	Travis Cleveland	62 3/4	2	8/16/2009	Armendaris
A-0915	Jeremy Cox	74	5	9/4/2009	AAF GMU 10
A-0916	Matthew McGee	72 7/8	5	8/28/2009	AAF GMU 5A
A-0917	Barry Smith	?	5	9/4/2009	AAF (GMU 5A)
A-0918	Jake Vannlippe		4	Unknown	AAF (GMU 7)
A-0919	Drake L. Cales		9	9/4/2009	AAF (19B)
A-0920	Lawrence L. Cales		4	9/13/2009	AAF (19B)
A-0921	Mike Nolan	70	4	9/11/2009	AAF (19A)
A-0922	Shaun T. Schiltz		6	9/10/2009	AAF (19B)
A-0923	John Robles	70	pending	9/4/2009	AAF (GMU 21)
A-0924	Gary Taylor	72 3/4	pending	9/10/2009	AAF (GMU 21)
A-0925	John Vanko	84	pending	9/12/2009	AAF (37-Lincoln Co. NM)
A-0926	John Vanko	82 1/8	pending	10/3/2009	AAF(Moffat Co.CO)
TO-1	David Whalen	66 3/8	2	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-2	Sam Luccentor	72 7/8	5	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-3	Adrow Cloward	78 1/4	4	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-4	Casey Nelson	71 1/2	4	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-5	Jerry Banks	72 1/8	8	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-6	Tim Martin	76 1/4	4	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-7	Steve Cunico	71 1/4	4	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-8	Pete Maningas	79	3	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-9	Jared Troupe	79 3/4	6	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-10	Dully Gilcrist	78 1/2	6	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-11	Danny Banks	79 1/4	5	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-12	Susan Maningas	80 3/8	4	Fall 2009	TO Ranch

Catalog #	Hunter Name	B&C Score	Age	Kill Date	Location
TO-13	John McNair	75	5	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-14	Bill Tate	75 7/8	4	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-15	Kurt Donne	75 3/8	X (BR)	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-16	Curt Jacob	73 1/4	4	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-17	Aurora Zebert	72	X (BR)	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-18	Eric Hearn	77 7/8	4	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-19	Warren Troupe	76 1/2	3	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-20	D. Valenti	74 1/8	3	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-21	Damon Swenson	80 5/8	3	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-22	Lee Zebert	75 1/8	X (BR)	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-23	Dwayne Keek	82 7/8	5	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-24	Ryan Wilson	84	3	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-25	Leo Petrusi	76 7/8	4	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-26	Kenneth McNair	66	1	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-27	John Pinkett	73	8	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-28	Rod Pinkett	74	5	9/12/2009	TO Ranch
TO-29	Terry Bowker	Unknown	4	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-30	Ty Bowker	Unknown	4	9/12/2009	TO Ranch
TO-31	Ed Forella	72 3/8	3	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-32	Justin Troupe	77 5/8	5	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-33	James Pinkett	77	5	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-34	Bob Kau	79 3/8	4	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-35	Jack Russo	73 1/2	5	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-36	Angelo Russo	74	4	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-37	Mark Maxwell	73 5/8	X (BR)	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-38	William McNair	69 3/8	3	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-39	Steve Parks	74 5/8	3	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-40	Randy Bell	77 3/8	4	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-41	Tony Grasso	76 3/4	2	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-42	Gray	70 5/8	5	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-43	Greg Degelbede	77 1/4	5	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-44	David Gray	74 3/8	5	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-45	John Gray	78 1/8	4	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-46	Unkown	73	5	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-47	Unkown	61	2	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-48	Unkown	77	5	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-49	Unkown	73	6	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-50	Unkown	73	5	Fall 2009	TO Ranch
TO-51	Unkown	73	3	Fall 2010	TO Ranch
TO-52	Unkown	72	3	Fall 2011	TO Ranch
TO-53	Unkown	76	5	Fall 2012	TO Ranch
TO-54	Unkown	76	5	Fall 2013	TO Ranch
TO-55	Clark Day	73	4	8/30/2008	TO Ranch
TO-56	Bob Wojak	71	X (BR)	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-57	Richard Peters	59 3/4	2	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-58	Danny Kokaska	73 1/2	3	8/31/2008	TO Ranch
TO-59	George Blankenship	70 1/2	3	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-60	Ken Markin	66 3/8	8	8/30/2008	TO Ranch
TO-61	Tim Fischer	79 1/4	3	9/22/2008	TO Ranch
TO-62	Pete Roggeri	65 3/8	3	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-63	Cyndi Flannigan	79	4	Fall 2008	TO Ranch

Catalog #	Hunter Name	B&C Score	Age	Kill Date	Location
TO-64	Braney Craig	75	4	8/23/2008	TO Ranch
TO-65	Taylor Burke	72 1/2	3	8/23/2008	TO Ranch
TO-66	Ryan Burke	69	4	8/23/2008	TO Ranch
TO-67	Leno Marin	68	3	8/23/2008	TO Ranch
TO-68	John Allen	74 1/2	3	8/23/2008	TO Ranch
TO-69	Jonathon Quint	68	3	8/23/2008	TO Ranch
TO-70	Richard Burke	69	2	8/23/2008	TO Ranch
TO-71	Patrick McMullen	71	3	8/23/2008	TO Ranch
TO-72	Carlton savoy	71	4	8/22/2008	TO Ranch
TO-73	James Childree	77	4	8/24/2008	TO Ranch
TO-74	John Waldrop	66	4	8/24/2008	TO Ranch
TO-75	Mulford Waldrop	76 1/4	5	8/24/2008	TO Ranch
TO-76	Larry Rice	76 3/8	3	8/24/2008	TO Ranch
TO-77	Dan Drohman	76 1/8	5	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-78	Ron Spomer	80 1/8	3	9/13/2008	TO Ranch
TO-79	Richard Bland	69 1/2	3	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-80	Jon Wright	75 1/5	4	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-81	Mark Catton	61 3/8	2	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-82	Lee Bonner	Unknown	8	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-83	Terry Moore	75	3	9/13/2008	TO Ranch
TO-84	Haley Ktaganua	78	5	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-85	Mark Carrier	80 1/8	3	9/13/2008	TO Ranch
TO-86	Anna Lanier	73 1/8	3	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-87	Jared Berger	75 4/5	4	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-88	Troy Rodenlo	77	4	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-89	Rod Pinkett	78 1/2	3	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-90	Jeff Berger	74 3/5	7	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-91	Craig Buosuski	75 1/5	4	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-92	Joey Carrie	75 7/8	4	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-93	George Kostuheyz	77	3	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-94	Clay Wolter	77 1/8	4	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-95	Mike Terry	71 2/7	3	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-96	Leo Petroni	64 5/7	7	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-97	Jim Allen	62 1/9	5	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-98	Bo Newsom	66 2/7	3	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-99	John Scarbrough	74 7/8	3	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-100	Daryl Smith	67 5/8	3	9/14/2008	TO Ranch
TO-101	Edward Stenmeyer	71	3	9/14/2008	TO Ranch
TO-102	Kurt Hamilton	63 5/8	3	9/13/2008	TO Ranch
TO-103	Ryan	82 3/8	5	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-104	Rusty	71 7/8	3	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-105	Brandon Barrett	80 3/8	4	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-106	Brandon Rooks	80 5/8	3	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-107	Phillip Barret	78 1/4	4	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-108	Unkown	Unknown	3	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-109	Unkown	Unknown	3	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-110	Unkown	Unknown	9	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-111	Unkown	Unknown	8	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-112	Unkown	Unknown	9	Fall 2008	TO Ranch
TO-113	Scott Ebling	68 7/8	4	9/7/2008	Elbert Cty, CO
TO-114	John Mentzer	71 7/8	X (BR)	9/7/2008	Elbert Cty, CO
TO-115	Jake M. Vannlipe	15 1/4	4	9/7/2008	Elbert Cty, CO

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as well as other wildlife, such as the deer which was part of the family's regular diet there on the ranch. Although this cannot be confirmed, I suspect they still had grizzlies in that part of the country based on the trap on the right side of the photo. This was a much different time indeed in the state of Arizona.

Although many things back then were very different, many things are still the same. Predation is still a major issue we are dealing with. Last year the fawn recruitment rate for antelope was just 3%. For every 100 fawns that hit the ground only 3 actually survived. The

largest cause in the low recruitment rates is due to predation. Coyote numbers are out of control in most regions of the state (antelope's biggest predator).

If we are truly to be conservators of antelope and other wildlife, we must make a concerted effort to help control predator numbers. We must utilize legal methods to decrease predatory numbers. There are programs in place as we speak that are working to control coyote numbers, but they make a very small effect when you look at the big picture. I would encourage everyone to take up varmint calling. It can be done year around and enjoyed by hunters of all ages and abilities. There are many groups out there that can lead you in the right direction if you are a first time caller. By decreasing predator numbers, we will increase antelope numbers. All animals have some place in the ecosystem, but at the same time they must in appropriate numbers that don't adversely effect the other animals in said ecosystem.

Years ago predation was an issue as it still is today, it probably always will be. However, if we all keep working together we can help keep the "balance" correct. My Grandpa Joe Lawshe said to me once "when all things are gone from this earth, there will only be two things left, cockroaches and coyotes." I suspect there may be some truth in that, and there is a level of respect that comes to a creature with that sort of resilience.





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