



As most of you know technological advances are keeping us on the edge at an ever accelerating pace. This holds true in our daily lives as well as in our hobbies and passions and it's no different in the hunting and angling arenas. Some of those advances are fun and exciting! At the same time, some of those advances, while definitely intriguing, are also quite problematic. One might say, "How can that be?"

- Smart rifles... <http://www.tracking-point.com/how-it-works/>
- Bow Mag... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRavI3tfyGM>
- Airbow... <http://www.crosman.com/airbow>
- Under water drones... <http://powervision.me/en/html/pv/powerray.html>
- Drone fishing... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8sdUZqOoAq4> ,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hqppfBJmng>
- Drone scouting... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5PdVPZpIXI> ,
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QM_5N8AZmg4
- Real time cameras... <http://bit.ly/2paQYVg>
- Portable Wireless network... <http://tcrn.ch/29omiGA>

Another might say, "What's the problem?" The problem is perception, perception, perception...and fair chase coupled with balanced pursuit. The Game & Fish Commission and Department must determine if it is a Fair Chase issue, or a hunting or angling preference.

Some of the questions the Commission must address include the following:

- Is the practice currently legal?
- Is there a benefit to improving competency or recruitment?
- Is it a widely accepted practice or technology?
- Does it give the hunter or angler an improper advantage in the pursuit?
- Does it allow take without acquiring skills or competencies?
- Does it allow pursuit or take without physically being present in the field?
- Does it prevent wildlife from eluding pursuit and make harvest almost certain?

It's imperative we police ourselves and preserve the integrity of our pastimes because the anti-hunting community and enviro-litigants are on the lookout for "opportunities" to chisel away at what we like to do.

In the book *Beyond Fair Chase* by Jim Posewitz, on page 57 he says the following: "Fundamental to ethical hunting is the idea of fair chase. This concept addresses the balance between the hunter and the hunted. It is a balance that allows hunters to occasionally succeed while animals generally avoid being taken." If you're interested, here's a link to the book.

<http://amzn.to/2q4H3h0>

Arizona is changing before our very eyes. Maricopa County had more people move into it in 2016 than any county in the United States. Statistics tell us that most of those "immigrants" are not hunters and anglers, but they also say the majority of the non-hunting public are not against the sport. We need to be cognizant of that fact and make sure those folks don't find a reason to change their mind!

***Yours in Conservation,
Jim Unmacht
Executive Director***

Look for our new billboards!



Upcoming Member Activities

"Come Fish the Best, the Biggest in the WEST!"

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7th Annual

"FlatCat Classic"

April 28th – April 30th 2017

Bartlett Lake, Scottsdale, AZ.

\$60.00 per person entry fee

Includes 1-t shirt, 1 lunch ticket, and entry into 1st -3rd pot, also included Heaviest Channel and Kid's derby if applicable

\$20.00 side pot qualifies you for 4th and 5th place.

(You CAN win the main event and place in this pot)

\$20.00 side pot for Heaviest Carp

Free Derby for kids 16 and younger (with paid adult entry)

Registration starts at 10am, Friday April 28th and ends at 4pm (unless prior arrangements have been made). The event starts at 4pm Friday April 28th, 1st weigh in is 10am Saturday April 29th, followed by lunch and raffle prizes, final weigh in is 9am Sunday April 30th. Registration, weigh in's, lunch and raffles will be held on the dock at Bartlett Lake Marina. Call 602-703-1393 for special arrangements and more info. 95% payout minus operating cost



Start your vacation in Scottsdale after a long winter...



Western Regional Rendezvous: April 28 - 29, 2017

2017 Western Regional Rendezvous April 28 - 29, 2017

- Venue: Saguaro Hotel, Scottsdale (www.thesaguaro.com)
- Meeting follows 8th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference (April 27, 2017) (www.az-tu.com)
- Hosted Fishing Day featuring native and wild trout and a Southwest Bone Fish Experience (aka Grass Carp)
- Companion / Spouse activities offered
- Information and registration at www.az-tu.com
- Visit www.experiencescottsdale.com
- Unique landscape, attractions and unlimited retail therapy
- Variety of travel options to extend your visit into a vacation (Sedona, the Grand Canyon and much more)
- Opportunities for extended and unique fishing experiences
- And...did we mention average temperatures of 86 (high) and 52 (low)



REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

On January 20, 2011, Sergeant Linville was struck by a tertiary device. The explosion inflicted multiple injuries on Sergeant Linville, some visible others not. Sergeant Linville suffered fractures to his right foot including his cuboid, calcaneus, and two outer metatarsals, in addition to fractures sustained in his right middle finger, and amputation of his right ring finger. Once Charlie was flown out of Afghanistan and finally reached his destination at Balboa Naval Hospital where he received multiple surgeries on his hand and foot and had undergone multiple experimental surgeries in order to walk again. Charlie lost his foot to a below the knee amputation.



In the spring of 2014, he agreed to climb Mt. Everest with The Heroes Project. The climb was halted in April 2014 after 16 Sherpas lost their lives in an avalanche and again on their second attempt in April 2015 after the earthquake in Nepal.

On May 19, 2016, Charlie completed the last of The Seven Summits, and became first combat-wounded veteran to reach the top of Mt. Everest.

— OE4A 9TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER —

Keynote Speaker: Charlie Linville • Live Auction • Raffles • Silent Auctions
Saturday May 13, 2017 • Doors open at 5:00 pm • Dinner served at 6:00 pm
Embassy Suites Phoenix-Tempe – 4400 South Rural Road, Tempe

The evening will include dinner, live and silent auctions, raffles for guns, optics, camping equipment, and other items. Tickets are \$75 each with sponsor tables for 10 at \$800. Ticket price includes a salad, plated dinner, dessert, free beer (while it lasts), tea, and water! Child ticket (12 and under) for \$35 includes hamburger, fries, dessert, and drink.

*Get your tickets today! This is a plated dinner
and tickets will NOT be sold at the door.*

Outdoor
Experience **4** All
Changing Lives One Adventure at a Time!

If you have a tag in Arizona that you will not be able to use you can donate it to OE4A for use by one of our special kids or an American Disabled Veteran/Wounded Warrior!

Visit www.OE4A.org or call Eddy Corona at 480-529-8340 for more information.

OE4A SPRING FUNDRAISING RAFFLE!



RAFFLE PACKAGE #1

Ruger Precision Rifle 6.5 Creedmoor Model #18008

Winner gets to choose the riflescope of their choice from one of the following sponsors' 2017 US catalog:



Rifle Retail Value of \$1,500. Scope Retail Value between \$1,000 and \$3,500. Package Valued at up to \$5,000 (depending on the winner's choice of scope)

Tickets are \$25.00 each. 1,000 tickets will be sold.

RAFFLE PACKAGE #2

2015 Solares Trailers 12' Toy Hauler (NEW)

Single Axle • Air Conditioning • Heater
Water Heater • Stove • Microwave
Electric Ice Chest • Small Kitchen Sink
Two Bench Seats that fold flat (beds)
Bathroom with Toilet and Shower



**Tickets are \$25.00 each.
1,000 tickets will be sold.**

MSRP \$12,000

(MSRP was set by the manufacture when purchased in 2015)

THE BONUS PACKAGE!

— NEW FOR 2017 — Swarovski BTX Eyepiece Dual Eyes for ATX with the 95mm Modular Objective

Bonus Package MSRP
Valued at \$5120.00



Tickets are \$50.00 each and enters you in ALL THREE DRAWINGS!
Rifle – Toy Hauler – Swarovski BTX with 95mm Modular Objective

The Bonus Package will only be available for a limited time, depending on available tickets for Package #1 and Package #2.

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT WWW.OE4A.ORG

OE4A takes children who have been diagnosed with a life threaten illness, children with prosthetics or disabilities, and children of our fallen Heroes which include law enforcement, first responders and military, into the outdoors for hunting, fishing, camping or any activity they want to experience in the outdoors. OE4A also works with Disabled Veterans and Wounded Warriors to provide them with hunting and other outdoor experiences.



Club Picnic: Date: May 13, 2017. Location: Graham County Fairgrounds. Fishing, Games, BBQ, and more. Come meet, and visit with all the members. Also yearly elections will be held at the picnic. Dont forget to renew your membership for the Riffle Raffle.

May Water/Habitat Project: Date: May 20, 2017. Location: Muleshoe Ranch, AZGFD Unit #32. This is going to be atleast an all day possibly overnight project. So bring your camping gear if interested. This is a AZGFD Project that has been in the works for some time, and we are excited to get it finished. More details will be sent as it approaches.

ARIZONA ANTELOPE FOUNDATION
MAY 20, 2017
KANE RANCH, BUFFALO AND NORTH CANYON PASTURES/FENCE REMOVAL
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
GRAND CANYON TRUST

Project Location: We will be working in House Rock Valley on the Kane Ranch USFS/BLM allotments between the Buffalo and North Canyon pastures in northeast Arizona, east of the Kaibab Plateau and south of the Paria Plateau/Vermillion Cliffs.

Project Begins: Saturday, May 20th. Meet at camp at 8:00 AM. This is a one day project. Camp sites are available all day Friday the 19th.

Project Activity: We will be modifying approximately 3 miles of old fence by removing and rolling up the wire and cutting off wooden fence posts.

Pronghorn Benefits: This project will help ensure that pronghorn have unimpeded seasonal access to the eastern slope of the Kaibab Plateau. It will assist towards completion of the Grand Canyon Trusts' overall pronghorn fence modification/removal plan in the House Rock Valley.

What to Bring: Workgloves (The AAF will have a limited supply), snacks, water, personal gear.

Meals: Friday night dinner will be provided by the AAF and Saturday night dinner and breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday morning breakfast will be provided by our hosts, the Grand Canyon Trust.

Contact: Glen Dickens at (520-247-4907) **Please RSVP by Friday May 15th** at info@azantelope.org and let us know if you are attending so we can plan to have enough food and tools for everyone.

Directions to Camp:

AAF project/camp site will be at the historic Kane Ranch Headquarters 10 miles south of HW 89A on the House Rock Wildlife Area ranch road. Allow for at least 3.5 hours for travel from Flagstaff and 6 hours from Phoenix.

From Flagstaff take HW 89 north towards Page. Travel 105 miles to the intersection of 89/89A

Turn left on 89A, drive 14.5 miles to Marble Canyon/Lees Ferry, (last reliable gas station until Kanab).

Proceed north (you will be headed west) on 89/A for 23 miles, turn south on the "House Rock Wildlife Area" Road. This turn off is marked by a large wooden/log sign and will have AAF signage on the roadway.

Proceed south for 10 miles, Kane Ranch is located adjacent to the west side of the road where it nears the plateau proper. There is a sign on the right.

Visit our website for a larger printer-friendly map

www.azantelope.org



Long Valley Riparian Meadow Project

MAY 19-21, 2017

Work to be Done:

Riparian Restoration
Tree Thinning
Rock Structure Building
Stream Channel Shaping
Meadow Log Fence



The Arizona Elk Society will be providing meals and refreshments for the Project. Dinner will be served Friday night, Breakfast Lunch and Dinner on Saturday and Breakfast and Lunch on Sunday.

Camp Location:

Main Camp will be at FR702 Group Camp Site. From West Phoenix – Take I-17 North to hwy 260 (Camp Verde). Go east to Clints Well and turn north on FH3 Lake Mary road, take FH3 1 mile to FR702 on your left. Follow signs to FR702A.

Items to Bring: Gloves, Long Sleeve Shirts, Hat, Sunscreen. Be prepared for cool mornings and possible rain. Old clothes are recommended. Tools and safety glasses will be provided.

Space will be available for vehicle, tent and RV camping. Porta Johns and wash stations will be available in camp.

NOTE: We are a family orientated organization, however projects are potentially dangerous working with barbed wire, rocks, logs, branches, saws, tools and vehicles. Kids under 18 need to be supervised by an adult.

PLEASE RSVP ONLINE

For information and map visit the Arizona Elk Society Web Site.

www.arizonaelksociety.org

or contact Tom Schorr - tomschorr@arizonaelksociety.org

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Members

Welcome to our newest members, AZ Taxidermy Association and Kahuna's Kids. We are happy they are on board along with the following:

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| AZ Bass Federation Nation | AZ Big Game Super Raffle | AZ Bowhunters Association |
| AZ Catfish Conservation Assoc | AZ Chapter NWTF | AZ Chapter SCI |
| AZ Council of Trout Unlimited | AZ Deer Association | AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society |
| AZ Elk Society | AZ Flycasters Club | AZ Houndsmen's Association |
| AZ Outdoor Sports | AZ Shooting Sports Education Foundation | AZ Taxidermy Association |
| Back Country Hunters & Anglers | Coconino Sportsmen | Kahuna's Kids |
| Mohave Sportsman Cub | Outdoor Experience 4 All | South Eastern AZ Sportsmen Club |
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By purchasing this plate you will be making a contribution to Arizona's wildlife and wildlife habitat. Seventeen dollars (\$17) of each twenty-five (\$25) special license fee will go to AZSFWC's conservation fund. AZSFWC will review and approve all grants from the special license plate program revenues. These grants will fund important outdoor recreational and educational opportunities and on-the-ground wildlife habitat restoration and enhancement projects.

These plates can be purchased online and can also be personalized. To order an AZSFWC Conservation License Plate go to: <http://www.servicearizona.com> Click on "Personalized/Specialty Plates" then if you wish to personalize it, check its availability. Once you have verified the availability of your personalization, or if you only want to order the AZSFWC Conservation Special Plate, click on "Order My Plate". Order your plate as a sequential shelf plate for \$25.00 per year or as a personalized plate for \$50.00 per year.

Here is another helpful link when ordering your special license plate. You can have many of your questions answered here:

<https://servicearizona.com/webapp/vehicle/plates/showInfoPage.do>

The AZSFWC Conservation Plate gives all Arizonan's an opportunity to contribute to programs that benefit our wild creatures. **Step up and support "Wild Arizona".**

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation is a 501-c-3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to educate and inform sportsmen, wildlife conservation organizations throughout the state and the public at large on important issues related to wildlife and wildlife habitat and to provide, via grants or other sources, funding to conserve Arizona's wildlife populations through habitat enhancement initiatives. The AZSFWC is responsible for managing the conservation license plate program (Wildlife Conservation Habitat Fund). The fund is derived from the sale of wildlife conservation license plates and member organizations as well as non-member organizations are eligible to apply for those funds.

