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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

TEARS AND CHEERS!!

MONUMENTAL UNDERTAKING BY MANY VOLUNTEERS TO ACHIEVE THESE RESULTS.

PHOTO CREDIT KARA JENSEN

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:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Summer 2018 *Pronghorn*, the quarterly publication of the Arizona Antelope Foundation - we have another information packed issue for you!

Glen Dickens, AAF Vice President and Project Chairman, has an excellent article on the seven-year effort to increase antelope habitat connectivity in southern Arizona. In April, the fence project down near Sonoita completed the goal of 100,000 acres of connectivity in southern Arizona. I don't want to steal Glen's thunder in his article, but it is efforts such as this where the AAF has been instrumental in helping the various land agencies and the Arizona Game & Fish Department make a real difference for pronghorn and their habitat. We have literally opened up thousands of acres of habitat unoccupied by antelope for generations and they are now using that habitat; this is a Huge Accomplishment!! So, this begs the question, "HOW HUGE IS IT?" This is going to sound conceited since I am the President of this fine organization, but the AAF indeed was a piece in the puzzle...what has been accomplished for antelope in this *Southeastern Arizona Grasslands Pronghorn Initiative* has to be one of the greatest wildlife accomplishments for wildlife management in the history of Arizona!! Now the SAD Part - NO ONE KNOWS.

I recently had a conversation with one of our charter members, also a past President of the AAF, who had spoken with a Past President of another Arizona wildlife group. Our Past AAF President mentioned,



"Isn't it wonderful what the AAF has helped accomplish in southern Arizona?" and that person then asked what he was talking about. That person had NO IDEA of the work being done in southern Arizona for antelope or grassland habitat. The past AAF President made the comment, "If our own peers don't know what we're doing, or the issues facing wildlife, then how is the general public going to know what is going on?" That is the conundrum each group is facing. Though there are some great things happening, these great things are missed by the general public and our peers. So, please share your PRONGHORN with folks, direct non-members to our website, and help spread the word!

Unfortunately, due to the extreme drought conditions we had to cancel the June project in the Greer Region near Big Lake. Hopefully, we have good summer rains and the rest of the projects come off as planned and next year we return to the Big Lake area again helping antelope.
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CELEBRATING 100,000 acres of connectivity!

SOUTHEAST SONOITA PLAINS PASTURE FENCE PROJECTS & 100,000 ACRES COMPLETED!!

APRIL 13-15, 2018

BY GLEN DICKENS, VP/GRANTS/ PROJECTS MANAGER

Photos by Betty Dickens

Another successful AAF project was completed by 39 volunteers and Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) personnel in southeastern Arizona on April 13-15, 2018. On Friday we modified and repaired a quarter mile section of fence that is an entrance into a newly identified 320 acre “Fawning Pasture” as well as modified a 500-foot section of fence on the south end of the Upper Elgin Road allowing access to a 2,400-acre pasture. We removed the bottom strand of barbed wire, replacing it with a single strand of smooth wire at a height of 18 inches and replaced all fence stays and posts as needed. Within just 2 weeks of the fence modification 17 pronghorn were observed in the 2,400-acre pasture and in early June a fawn and mother were observed in this newly accessible pasture. Success!

On Saturday we modified 2 fences both approximately .75 miles in length that bordered a horse pasture to the northeast of the 2,400-acre pasture. This permits pronghorn to pass through the horse pasture to the south as well as gives them access to a permanent water source they could not previously utilize. This modification improved pronghorn access to another 3,000 acres of habitat. Fence modifications were similar to those listed previously.

The really good news! All 4 of these fence modifications have been caused by the increased herd in this area (now 120 animals minimum, up from 17 in 2012) utilizing and pioneering suitable habitat areas previously unoccupied by Pronghorn. This project is likely a final “Capstone” effort and will complete free pronghorn access in the southeastern portion of the Santa Cruz Plains pronghorn corridor improvement project. Everyone who worked on both days enjoyed multiple sightings of the resident pronghorn.

All fence materials for this project were purchased with National Fish and Wildlife Grant funds and this effort benefits the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant in that all labor hours, materials and mileage from this project will be used to match the AAF’s \$430K 7-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.” This project put us over that magic mark!!!



Camp was located at the Rose Tree Ranch Corrals. Thanks, as always goes to Bill Brake and Al Wilcox for again agreeing to host our camp site. Dinners were served on Friday and Saturday nights 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: Al Sue, Ken Meadors, Kara Jensen, Terry Schupp, Connie Taylor, Gary Boyer, and yours truly

-Other AAF members and volunteers: John Millican, Joe-Bill Pickrell, Dave Laird, Richard Roller, Colin Hurkett, William Gray, Tyler Mayberry, Dave Cruce, Bill/Mary Keebler, Betty Dickens, Warren Adams, Ray Blanchard, Jay/Connie Leadabrand, Rene Dube, Sherry Kapaldo, Ray Emmerich, AE Montiel, Bill McClendon, David Breeden, Johnny Johnson, Jason Angell, Darrel Wood, and Robert Velasco

-University of Arizona Wildlife Club; Ben Morrison

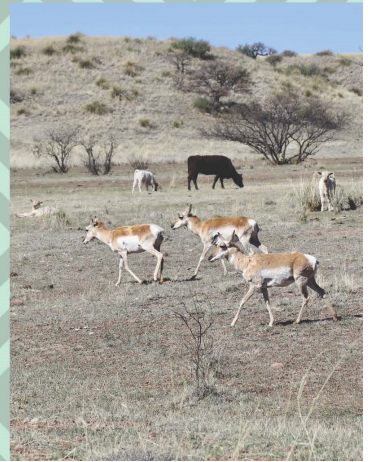
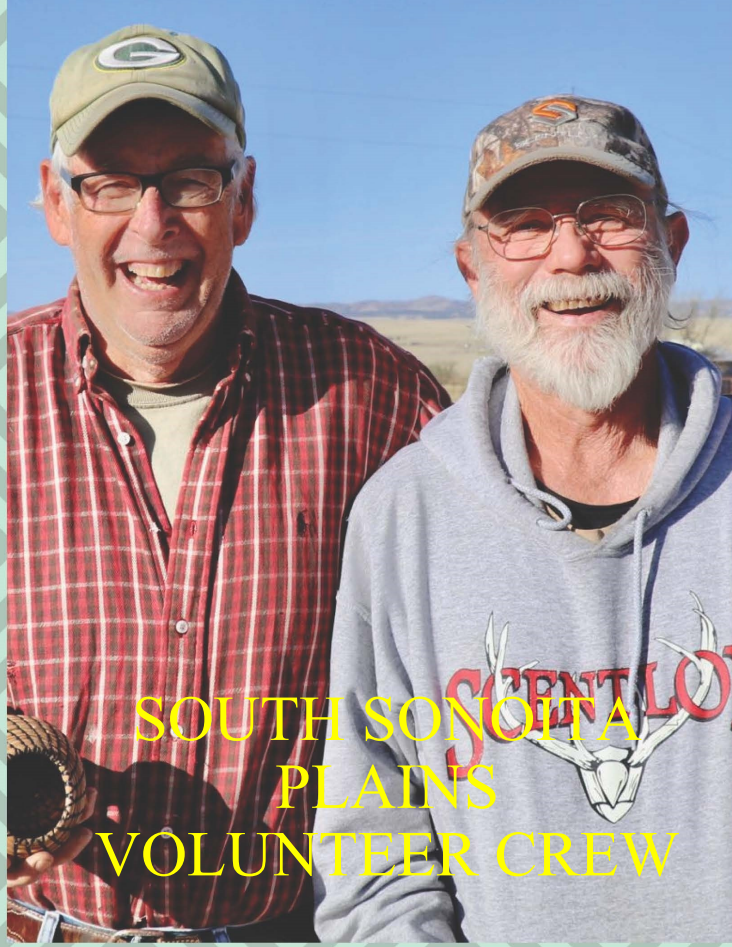
-AZ Land and Water Trust; Cameron Becker

-Game & Fish personnel: Brad Fulk, Rana Tucker, Troy Christensen, Jered Ellingson and Brittney Olsen

Thanks, everyone, for your efforts!



See more of our VOLUNTEERS on the next page!



2018 ARIZONA ANTELOPE FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING AND RECOGNITION BANQUET RECAP

BY GLEN DICKENS, VP/GRANTS/ PROJECTS MANAGER

The third annual AAF Fundraising and Recognition Banquet was celebrated in Tempe on June 16th.

Imagine the setting and excitement with 11 live auction items, including the Arizona Special Pronghorn Antelope Tag which alone brought in a ten-year record amount of \$55,000 for the Habitat Partnership Program. In addition, there were 31 bucket items, 11 silent auction items a \$500 cash raffle, blitz for a Canyon Cooler, and a special mug cup combo with an AAF logo, adoptions of Andy the Antelope Plush, and AAF T-shirts.

A myriad of opportunities were available to appeal to anyone and everyone. For example, a weekend South-east Arizona Wine Adventure, a Lake Mead Striper fishing trip, an Arizona Antelope Foundation Lifetime Membership, and a Mexico Get Away in Cabo San Lucas. Donors went all out on behalf of the antelope, and we are grateful for their support:

A Very Special Thank You to the Banquet Donors!

We would like to acknowledge those who helped make this annual event a memorable gathering as well as something to look forward to and mark on the calendar for next year:

Gary Boyer, Art & Susan Boswell, Ken & Kathy Cook, Rene Dube, Dave & Sue Laird, Andrew Lopez, Ken Meadors, Joe Bill Pickrell, Terry Schupp, Darrel Wood, Millers Southwest Process, Canyon Coolers, Tim Diehl, Rancho Rossa, Don Martin, Glen & Betty Dickens, Lightening Ridge Cellars, La Hacienda de Sonoita, Jon Hopkins, Stephen Williams, Chris Holleman, Michael Quantin, Bill Keebler, Johnny Johnson, Pete & Ann Rathwell, Outdoorsmans, and Jole Guthery, Rangler Kelly, Pearson Taxidermy, Vortex, Embassy Suites, AZ Wildlife Federation, HMI Landscaping, Jim McCasland, Wilderness Athlete, Outdoorsmans, O'Reillys, Jerry Jenkins, and Western Hunter Magazine. Here are a few of the moments their support brought to the AAF:



And the award for Best Camp Cooks goes to Bill and Mary Keebler! Thanks for keeping the troops strong throughout the projects!

Below, a table full of winners!



SAVE THE DATE

**JUNE 22, 2019
BANQUET AT
EMBASSY SUITES
IN
TEMPE**



Congratulations to the Commissioner's Auction Winner Robert Bueche! He is also a new member of the AAF. Thanks for your support!

While you peruse these pages for the names and photos, keep in mind we would love to see you here next year.

Watch for more information through email, through the website at azantelope.org, and through our quarterly magazine, the *Pronghorn*.

For information about being a donor, contact info@azantelope.org.



Tracy is retiring, but that won't change her heart for the pronghorn, and other wildlife! Thanks Tracy!

2017 Successful Pronghorn Hunters & Recipients of Arizona Wildlife Trophies
At the
Arizona Antelope Foundation Banquet

2017 AZ Antelope Foundation Certificates presented by AAF President Brian George to successful hunters: Danny Hensley (Unit 18B), Denise Holyoak (Unit 3A), Louis Horvath (Unit 7) Phil Kisselburg (Unit 8), Doug Kuhn (Unit 32), Larry Littlefield (Unit 6A), Andrew Lopez (Unit 19A), Neil Motter (Unit 10), Ben Shelby (Unit 10), and Jim Wood (Unit6A).

The 2017 annual Arizona Wildlife Trophies book awards were presented by Bill Keebler to: Joseph A. Dietrich, Robin Wills Bechtel, Lucas Williams, Aspen Mathis, Sheldon Murphy, Mike Ronning, Lewis Wallace, David Hussey, Steven Stayner, Glen Dickens, Mark D. Sipe, Jarron Fischer, Hunter Carmen Lopez, James Pyburn, and Drew Gunnell received certificates for their entries in the book.

Five special awards were presented. Anton "Skip" Rimsza, Brian Rimsza and David Hussey received AZ Big Game Heads & Horns. David Hussey also received the AZ Big Game Award AND the AZ Trophy Hunter. David was also awarded the Bronze Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep Award. Quite the accomplishment! Starting with the harvest of a Desert Bighorn Sheep in 1979 and finishing with a Rocky Mountain Sheep in 2017, it was a 39-year adventure to earn his AZ Trophy Hunter Award. Congratulations David!

Our successful hunter certificate recipient photos are on page 9. See the list of awards on page 10 & 14. For more information on the Arizona Trophy Book awards program, please visit azwildlife.org

President Brian Hands Out Successful Hunter Certificates

ANDREW LOPEZ



BEN SHELBY



DANNY HENSLEY



DOUG KUHN



JIM WOOD



DENISE HOLYOAK



LOUIS HORVATH



LARRY LITTLEFIELD



PHIL KISSELBURG



NEIL MOTTER



2017 Arizona Antelope Foundation Certificates

Danny Hensley	Pronghorn	Unit 18B
Denise Holyoak	Pronghorn	Unit 3A
Louis Horvath	Pronghorn	Unit 7
Phil Kisselburg	Pronghorn	Unit 8
Doug Kuhn	Pronghorn	Unit 32
Larry Littlefield	Pronghorn	Unit 6A
Andrew Lopez	Pronghorn	Unit 19A
Neil Motter	Pronghorn	Unit 10
Ben Shelby	Pronghorn	Unit 10
Jim Wood	Pronghorn	Unit 6A

2017 AWF TROPHY BOOK AWARDS

Louis Horvath	Pronghorn	Score	84 4/8	Unit 7	Certificate
Joseph A. Dietrich	Typical Coues Deer	Score	127	Unit 21	Bronze
Robin Wills Becthel	Typical Coues Deer	Score	117 4/8	Unit 31	Honorable Mention
Lucas Williams	Typical Mule Deer	Score	191 5/8	School House Road	Bronze
Aspen Mathis	Non Typical Mule Deer	Score	224 1/8	Wolf Hole	Bronze
Sheldon Murphy	Typical Elk	Score	401 2/8	Unit 10	Bronze
Mike Ronning	Non Typical Elk	Score	424 6/8	Hualapai Reserva- tion	Bronze
Robin Wills Becthel	Non Typical Elk	Score	393 1/8	Unit 23	Honorable Mention
Lewis Wallace	Desert Sheep	Score	177 3/8	Unit 37A	Bronze
David Hussey	Rocky Mountain Sheep	Score	181 5/8	Unit 6A	Bronze
Steven J. Stayner	Rocky Mountain Sheep	Score	181 3/8	Unit 27	Honorable Mention
Glen Dickens	Rocky Mountain Sheep	Score	178 2/8	Unit 22N	Certificate
Mark D. Sipe	Turkey	Score	1 14/16	Unit 13B	Bronze
Jarron Fischer	Turkey	Score	2 1/8	Maverick Outlook	Certificate
Hunter Carmen Lopez	Javelina	Score	15	Unit 30A	Bronze
Robin Wills Bechtel	Javelina	Score	14 6/16	Unit 31	Honorable Mention
James Pyburn	Black Bear	Score	21 14/16	Greenback Peak	Bronze
Drew Gunnell	Black Bear	Score	20 13/16	Punkin Center	Certificate

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HABITAT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE RESULTS

Bonita Grassland Restoration Project:

Project Title: Bonita Grasslands Restoration Phase 4 — KJ Ranch Windmill Pasture	
Project Proponent: Rancher	
Region and Game Management Unit: Region V — GMU 32	
Local Habitat Partnership Committee: Safford HPC	
Special Big Game License Tag Funds:	\$30,000
Special Mule Deer Tag Funds	
Special Pronghorn Tag Funds	
Cost-Share Funds:	\$90,272
NFWF	
Rancher	
Total Project Costs:	\$120,272

- ⇒ multi-phased project, encompassing more than 20,000 acres of landscape-level grassland restoration
- ⇒ project involves many partners, including the National Resources Conservation Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ranchers, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and Arizona Game and Fish.
- ⇒ this phase of the Bonita Grassland Restoration Project has restored 320 acres of historical semi-desert grassland that was encroached on by mesquite trees.
- ⇒ Restoration was accomplished by the use of mechanical grubbing and pile burning. Burning/removal of the carcass is necessary to restore the desired vegetation composition.

History

Habitat degradation and fragmentation have negatively impacted grassland species such as pronghorn over the past few decades.

Future

This project will help restore grasslands and corridors that many species rely on. The combination of this grassland restoration and predator control will continue to aid recovery of grassland species such as pronghorn.

Summary

This project is a great example of a landscape-level effort with many layers that benefit wildlife.

Pasture after grubbing





SONORAN PRONGHORN UPDATE



BY JILL BRIGHT AZ GAME & FISH
MAY 2018

Captive Breeding: **Cabeza Pen**

All adult pronghorn and all 12 fawns in each pen have been accounted for on a weekly basis and everyone seems in good health with regular behavior. Tan doe in North has been on the thin side during nursing; however this also occurred during nursing last year. She is eating and drinking daily and we are keeping an eye on her. Both herds have started to form larger groups. In north herd, the yearlings are often grazing on the west side of the pen while the adult does and fawns stay on the eastern half. South herd utilizes the western half of the pen more than north herd. but similar to north, most often the yearlings that are using the western half on a semi-regular basis. All the fawns in both pens are feeding from feeders with the adults. No predators have been observed or documented on camera in the pen. The north half of the pen was irrigated for 4 hours, south half 5 hours. The irrigation lines have needed several repairs.

NORTH HALF		SOUTH HALF	
Adult Females	10	Adult Females	11
Yearling Females (<i>b 2017</i>)	9	Yearling Females (<i>b 2017</i>)	10
Adult Males	4	Adult Males	6
Yearling Males (<i>b 2017</i>)	7	Yearling Males (<i>b 2017</i>)	5
Fawns (<i>b 2018</i>)	12	Fawns (<i>b 2018</i>)	12
TOTAL	42	TOTAL	44
Total Pen	86		

Kofa Pen

All the pronghorn in the pen appear to be doing well. A bobcat was removed from the pen on April 11, and we have not documented any more predators in the pen, nor have we lost any more animals. The pen crew and USFWS personnel made significant improvements to the perimeter fence during April in an attempt to make it more predator proof. The fawns are generally staying close to the nursing does but are being seen more regularly at the feeders. The fighting between bucks has decreased significantly since last month; there has been minimal sparring and chasing among the bucks. We are continuing to feed alfalfa hay at the south release site due to extremely dry forage conditions around the pen and surrounding areas. Numerous (22+) wild pronghorn are consuming the hay and using the water on a regular basis.

On average, the holding tank is losing about 90 gallons of water a day. The contractors have been working on converting the well to a solar pump and this should be completed soon.

Adult Females	11
Yearling Females (b 2017)	5
Adult Males	4
Yearling Males (b 2017)	4
Fawns (born 2018)	7
TOTAL	31

Wild Pronghorn Cabeza/ORPI/BMGR Herd:

The doe released from the Marine holding pen that was east of the Gila Mountains and then at the Devils Hills area has now moved northeast, crossed Interstate 8 (we suspect she went through an underpass) and has been on YPG, Kofa and near the agricultural areas near Roll. Both the buck and doe released on Organ Pipe Cactus NM that went to Mexico have returned to the Valley of the Ajo on ORPI. Most of the other pronghorn continue to use the same general areas.

Wild Pronghorn Kofa Herd: The radio collared doe remains in the same area near Highway 95; she still has 2 fawns. The other animals that ventured out to the highway have returned to the King Valley. Most of the pronghorn are either in the vicinity of the pen or near Clancy Tank utilizing the hay and water available at both these areas. The remaining animals are east of YPG near agricultural areas. The Kofa range is very dry. We believe there are only 3 fawns surviving so far. Two adult does were found dead during telemetry flights in the King Valley. No sign leading to a cause of death could be found during the ground investigation but predation is suspected. Both does were documented on cameras at South Release and Clancy shortly before their deaths and both looked healthy.

Wild Pronghorn BMGR East of Highway 85 Herd: These pronghorn are typically in one or two groups south of the Saucedo Mountains, with another group north of the mountains. These animals continue to use the same general areas, and mix between groups frequently. We believe there are two fawns in this herd. The two females that have been missing since February were found on the last telemetry flight and were south of the normal herd areas.

Forage Enhancements: Irrigation continues at Charlie Bell (8 hours) and Lower Well. Twenty pronghorn including 12 unmarked does and 3 fawns have been photographed at Charlie Bell. Numerous pronghorn are using Devils Hills (7 adults) and Point of the Pintas (11+ adults, 3 fawns). Numerous pronghorn are also using Morgart (20 adults, no fawns), and Knucklehead (16 adults, no fawns). At Kofa, hay is being provided at Clancy Tank and several animals are using it.

Other Projects: We are still very short staffed on the pronghorn project. We have hired a temporary technician for the Kofa pen and have an intern working there now. We are in the process of starting recruitment for a technician at Kofa and one at Cabeza, but we've also just learned that 1 of the 2 current technicians at Cabeza is resigning in mid June.

Written June 4, 2018

BANQUET—AZ BIG GAME AWARDS (CONTINUED)

ARIZONA BIG GAME HEADS & HORNS

Anton "Skip" Rimsza	Pronghorn	Score	72 2/8	2000
	Desert Big Horn			
	Sheep	Score	175 4/8	1982
	Cougar	Score	14 3/16	2015
Brian A. Rimsza	Bear	Score	21 3/16	1983
	Pronghorn	Score	75 6/8	2014
	Rocky Mountain			
	Sheep	Score	176 4/8	2013
	Cougar	Score	13 12/16	2007
David Hussey	Javelina	Score	14 1/2	2013
	Pronghorn	Score	73 4/8	2001
	Rocky Mountain			
	Sheep	Score	181 5/8	2017
	Cougar	Score	14	2005
	Bear	Score	20 1/16	1988

ARIZONA BIG GAME AWARD

David Hussey	Pronghorn	Score	73 4/8	2001
	Bear	Score	20 1/16	1988
	Typical Coues Deer	Score	97 5/8	2005
	Typical Elk	Score	326 5/8	2011
	Javelina	Score	13 10/16	2011
	Cougar	Score	14	2005
	Typical Mule Deer	Score	164 7/8	2004
	Rocky Mountain			
	Sheep	Score	181 5/8	2017
	Turkey	Score	1 12/16	2015

ARIZONA TROPHY HUNTER

David Hussey	Arizona Big Game Award, plus Desert Big Horn			
	Sheep	Score	148 5/8	1979

***AWF Awards
X4 to David
Hussey—Bill
Keebler had
to help hold
them!***



Here are some of our other supporters in photos, all helping to make the Arizona Antelope Foundation a successful entity able to protect the pronghorn habitat and access to it.

VAN PELT—EARLY ENTRY RECIPIENT



HOPKINS WINS HUSSEY 500



AAF VOLUNTEERS AND AUCTION BIDDERS AL AND MARSHA SUE



THOWE WINS A SCOPE



LIFE MEMBERS BILLIE AND ROBIN BECHTEL



END OF A SUCCESSFUL BANQUET





PART OF THE 100,000 ACRES OF
CONNECTIVITY!!

BRING A FRIEND, COME ALONG TO A
PROJECT!!

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WHY DO YOU SUPPORT THE ARIZONA ANTELOPE FOUNDATION?

Why I Do It

By Jimmy Mehen, AAF Life Member

Editor's Note: This has been edited from its original which ran in the 2007, 4th quarter Pronghorn.

The Arizona Antelope Foundation (AAF) helped me harvest my first buck antelope in 1996. I attended the AAF Annual Hunters' Clinic. The knowledge I was freely given by AAF members that night served me well that year by coming home with my buck. The night of the Clinic I joined the AAF as an Individual 1-year member and thought no more about it until the first quarterly newsletter The Pronghorn arrived in my mailbox. I was reminded of the many things I had learned and the fun and excitement of the successful hunt.

Later the next year, I received the annual renewal notice. Well, by then I had received and read all four quarterly Pronghorns. I noticed on the renewal form that AAF had a "Sustaining" membership category. So I upped my membership to thank them for helping me with the knowledge to successfully harvest my buck. I kept getting the Pronghorn and notices of the AAF's many "Field Work Projects".

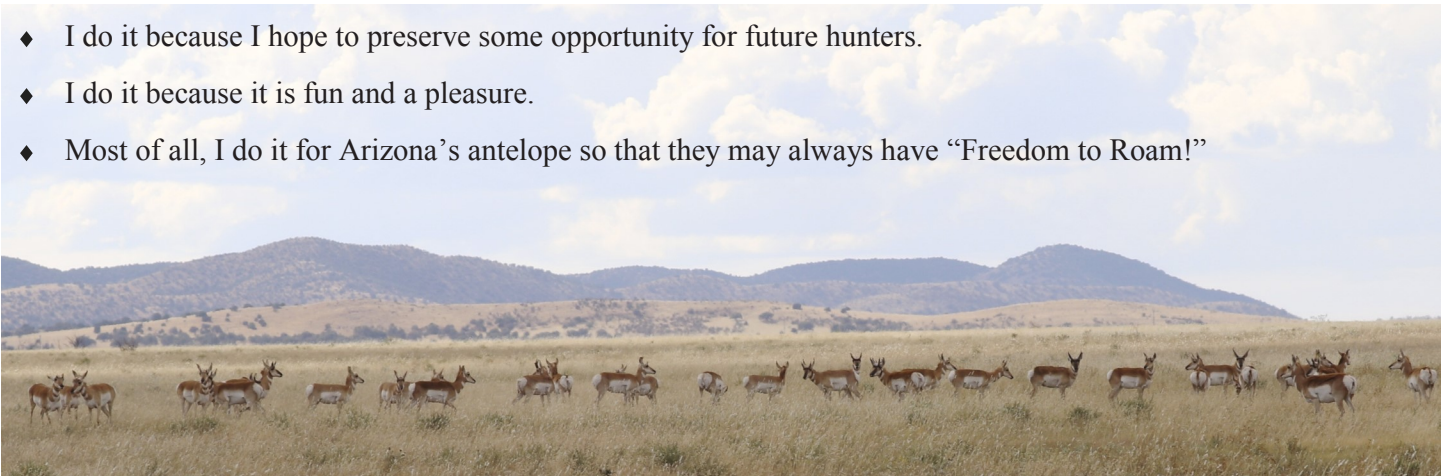
I continued to read the Pronghorn but never attended a Project. In 2000 I received notice of a Project near Flagstaff (my home) at the Raymond Buffalo Ranch. I thought what the heck-I'd go to this one and so I did. I met wonderful people with the AAF, some Game & Fish personnel, and other volunteers. We removed miles of unwanted interior fencing and support posts. It was hot and dusty but we all pitched in and "got 'er done". On Saturday evening the AAF hosted a wonderful steak dinner with all the trimmings. Needless to say, I really enjoyed myself.

I was invited to come to a Board meeting a month or so later and I did that. I was later invited to serve on the Board and I'm glad I agreed. I've served on the Board for 7 years now, the last 3 as Treasurer. It has been a pleasure and an honor. I've seen AAF grow in excess of 150 new members or so and from barely able to make ends meet to having contributed in excess of \$50,000 for Antelope research and habitat restoration and improvement from its own treasury. AAF now has 28 Life Members and adds new ones each year.

AAF works closely with Game & Fish in selecting worthy projects for the money raised by the Special Tag auctions each year. Over the years hundreds of thousands of dollars have been put to beneficial use for Arizona's antelope.

SO, WHY DO I DO IT?

- ◆ I do it because 11 years ago I was freely given something of value by AAF that was a benefit to me.
- ◆ I do it because I am trying to return something to AAF.
- ◆ I do it because I have met and associated with wonderful people in AAF, Game & Fish, as well as other organizations.
- ◆ I do it because I believe in the conservation of Arizona's wildlife and their habitat.
- ◆ I do it because I hope to preserve some opportunity for future hunters.
- ◆ I do it because it is fun and a pleasure.
- ◆ Most of all, I do it for Arizona's antelope so that they may always have "Freedom to Roam!"



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This year's Banquet and Hunter's Clinic was a big success! I wish to Thank the committee and everyone that helped out. In particular, I wish to THANK – Tracy Unmacht and Kara Jensen!! Without these two this event wouldn't be what it is, and that is Excellent!! Held the weekend of June 16th at the Embassy Suites on Rural Road in Tempe, we had 49 attendees to the clinic and the Banquet was sold out at 245 tickets, we will be looking to possibly rearrange the seating next year to seat potentially 280. The highlight of the evening as always was the auction of the 2nd Commissioner's Antelope Tag and this year's tag went for \$55,000.00!!

Those funds will go to the Arizona Game & Fish's Habitat Partnership Committee (HPC) fund and will be used for antelope habitat projects in Arizona. These funds are crucial to many of the antelope projects that are happening around the state.

In closing, our administrator Tracy Unmacht is leaving us. Tracy has been our administrator for 16 years and was the PRONGHORN Editor until very recently as well. Tracy wants to take a little more time to enjoy life, we will certainly Miss Her! She has been the glue that held everything together for many years and we thank her for her dedication, support and professionalism! Thank You!!



If anyone has any thoughts or comments regarding this issue of the Pronghorn, please write or email us at www.azantelope.org

Sincerely,

Brian R. George

President

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

GREETINGS!



We'd love to hear the genesis of what got YOU started as a member of the Arizona Antelope Foundation, and what keeps you going. Board member Gary Boyer mentioned the article by Jimmy Mehen from a past issue which outlines where his inspiration comes from....this, of course, makes us curious as to why all of you became involved. Email us with your story! It's a nice *Thank You* to those who unknowingly inspired you.

We want to thank Tracy Unmacht for her years of active service to this organization as well as the foundation of the Pronghorn. She announced her retirement at the Banquet. And while she will be missed, you might run across her as her dedication to wildlife continues. Taking over her admin duties will be Kimberly Rush. Welcome!

Thank you for your support of the Arizona Antelope Foundation. We're all in this together and appreciate your contributions. Let's go after the next 100,000 acres! Best to you, Lenée