



SUMMER 2014

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The ATA Summer Convention

Its that time of year again. Summer. For centuries this is the time when trappers get together to see old friends, make new ones and talk about trapping. Historically this has been called "The Rendezvous" and many state trapping organizations still call it this. In Arizona our fellow state trapping organization, The Southwest Furharvesters, recognize their summer get together with this name. The ATA calls our summer meeting The Convention.

This year our summer Convention will be on July 18th and 19th at the Gila County Fairgrounds in Globe. For those of you who have not attended in the past or are new to trapping this is an event you should not miss. This is where you learn to trap, how to put up fur correctly, and where you can talk to vendors about their supplies as well as how to use them.

This year our guest speaker will be Vern Howey. Vern is from Wyoming and will share his expertise and help make you a better trapper. Don't miss the opportunity to listen to his presentations or talk with him one on one during the convention.

In addition to the presentations on Friday and Saturday, you will see on the agenda our summer meeting occurs on Saturday. Please plan on staying for the meeting. We will be discussing this past February's Fur Sale and possible to changes for the 2015 sale.

Stay Cool and we'll see you at the Convention,

Ron

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Message from the Vice President

Hello Trappers,

The 2014 ATA summer convention is right around the corner. The date is set for July 18th and 19th at the Gila County Fairgrounds north of Globe. Brent Parker is the convention director this year and has Vern Howey lined up as our keynote speaker. If anyone is interested in setting up a booth or giving a demo please contact Brent Parker. As always, any help at the convention would be greatly appreciated!

I am sure than many of you are tired of me ranting about fur put up...but after seeing so much poorly put up fur at the 2014 fur sale I refuse to let it rest. If you are a new trapper or just getting back into trapping again after a lay off,

PLEASE get someone to mentor you on your fur put up. I get tired of hearing trappers complaining about their average when their fur is poorly put up. There are several good video out there on the subject that will pay for themselves time and time again.

If anyone is interested in teaching or helping teach a Trapper's Education class please contact myself or Ron Day. We are always in need of more instructors willing to donate a few hours. Suggestions, recommendations, feedback and volunteer help are always welcome.

Scott Trowbridge - ATA VP
Chinle, AZ



Right around the Corner:

by Brent Parker

Trappers,

It is getting to be that time of the year again where the season is right around the corner. It is time to start dragging gear out from last year and getting it ready. Far too often we wait till the last minute to get things ordered, prepped, and ready. Get everything cleaned up, fix all those bent dogs, get pans adjusted, levers tweaked and pan tension set. Cable stakes made, drags checked over and sharpened, and just a general overview of all your gear in general. I lose trapping equipment every year on the line. I try to have two of everything, hammers, sifters and anything else I use regularly. The old adage "Two is one, and one is none" still holds true. Getting pan covers cut, collecting T-bones and cutting PVC pipes for sets. Get bait and lure ordered soon to avoid the big rush that's coming. Getting prepared and ready before season will save you time on the line to set more gear.

Now is the time to start looking your different traplines over. Look at getting a few new locations to trap. I gain access for bobcat trapping every year by trapping and hunting the coyotes as well. Start with scent circles to check out

both old and new locations. If you can afford it a few game cameras will help scouting far out spots to and see what is traveling thru the area. Have a pre-determined route before the season. It's the little things that add up costing you time and money.

Lastly is the truck. It needs a good going over to make sure it's ready for season. Beside just good general maintenance, belts, hoses, fluids, have the front end checked over, look at your tires, and check the spare. I prefer to carry two spares now after getting stranded one night with just one. Run good tires! Check ride height, I have broken several pairs of leaf springs and check ride height to see how they are doing. Always carry extra water, oil, and basic survival gear.

Hope this helps and hope everyone has a good season, see you at the convention!

Brent Parker

ATA 2014 Convention

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2014

8:00 - 12:00		Set Up
12:00 - 12:15	EXHIBITS OPEN	Greeting from the ATA President and Chairman
12:15 - 2:00		Camo Contest - Silent Auction Begins
2:00 - 3:00		<i>Vern Howey Coyotes</i>
3:00 - 4:00		Brent Parker Fur Put Up
4:30 - 5:30		To be Determined
5:30 - 6:30		Steak Fry (Bring your own or buy one from us)
6:00 - 7:00		ATA Board Meeting
7:30		Nickel Poker \$6 buy in

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2014

6:00		Trapping Class Starts
7:00		Kitchen Opens
7:00 - 7:30	EXHIBITS OPEN	Welcome and Fur Auction Report
7:30 - 8:30		Ron Day - Were You can Trap in Arizona
8:30 - 9:30		Vern Howey- Coyote Trapping
9:30 - 10:30		Brent Parker - Using Dogs for Predators both Calling and Trapping
10:30 - 11:30		April Howard and Ron Day - AZ Laws & Regulations, Predator Populations.
11:30 - 12:30		Scott Trowbridge - Fur Prep Tips and Tricks
12:30 - 1:00		Jeff Carpenter - Bobcat Trapping with Cages
1:00 - 2:00		Vern Howey - Bobcat Trapping
2:00 - 3:00		Round Table Discussion - Ron Day, Scott Trowbridge, Jeff Carpenter
3:00 - 3:30		Pie Eating Contest
3:30 - 4:30		To be Determined
4:30 - 5:30		Live Auction Starts - Silent Auction ends
5:30 - 6:30		Awards, Raffle Drawings, General Membership Meeting and Election
6:30		



Hey Trapper's



Hello trappers,

It's hard to believe that the summer convention is just around the corner! The fur auction in Feb was good for the membership. We signed up about 35 new members. There have been some big changes since the fur auction and hopefully they will bring back some of those trappers that have left the ATA. It would be such a good thing if the Southwest Fur Harvesters would rejoin with ATA. Some of the county directors like Scott Trowbridge, Brent Parker, Mike Huffer and Stan Schepers have done a great job getting people to sign up too! I know it's hard in this economy we have now to let go of even \$30 dollars but if you break it down it is only \$2.50 a month to support your association. If you could give up say,, a \$1.25 cup of coffee or soda just twice a month it

would pay for your membership. I had hoped to remain your membership secretary for a long time but that may not be the case. I may be leaving at this summer's convention. The directors will vote to either retain me or remove me. If I do end up leaving, I want all of you to know that it has been a pleasure and a privilege to have met all of you and worked for your association. I hope to see you all at the convention.

Thank you,
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