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THE PROBE

National Animal Damage Control Association

November, 1985 No. 57

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - Raleigh, NC 21 September 1985:
We held a board meeting with only Rost, Fitzwater, J. Jones and W. Jones (which is probably just as well as that really sunk the treasury). We did have in hand a ballot vote on the agenda items so most everybody did get to be heard.

NADCA TREASURER'S REPORT - 09/12/85

Assets	1985	1984
Carry over	$6629.33	$4089.24
Income	1572.11	6002.10
Total Assets	8201.44	10091.34
Expenditures		
Postage	720.71	773.89
Printing	1959.88	2044.70
Per diem	2021.96	0
Travel	921.30	247.23
Miscellaneous	271.47	396.19
Total	5895.32	3462.01
Balance	2306.12	6629.33

The Board voted unanimously to continue with NADCA as we felt we are entering a new era where we might be more effective in helping ADC in general and the USFWS program specifically. Dues were kept the same despite the need for more funding with the exception of increasing "sponsor" dues from $25 to $30. Wes Jones agreed reluctantly to take over the "T" part of S/T Fitzwater's job, effective the first of the year. Checks for NADCA dues should still be sent to Fitz who will forward them to Wes. Travel expenses for official business of the Board members will be $50 per diem and 20.5 ¢ per mile which is the current official USFWS rate.

We will try for federal grants to fund educational projects. Here we would appreciate input from the membership as to techniques and specific projects. Better liaison will be maintained with the fish and wildlife cooperative units, research, state agencies, etc. However, here we are going to have to have better cooperation from persons within individual States. NADCA will prepare a series of position statements to assist individuals in bringing ADC's aims before legislators. We would like to have a more aggressive public action program funded with raffles and graphic symbols (patches, logos, bumper stickers, etc.). A committee chaired by Homer Ford will evaluate submissions of various projects. Don Spencer and Rick Griffiths were asked to continue to submit Federal Register items for use in THE PROBE. We would like volunteers for other columns on at least an irregular basis. An Advisory Board will be established to assist NADCA in furthering the cause of ADC. Nominations are requested for representatives from the woolgrowers, cattlemen, turkey growers, pork producers, sunflower, rice, dairy, public health, forestry, horticulturists, state wildlife agencies, pest control operators, etc. We reluctantly accepted the resignation of Don Spencer as Regional Director for Region VII. Any volunteers ???!!!

You're old when you look at the menu before you look at the waitress.

ADC GOES TO AGRICULTURE ? WHEN?

While we feel the move has gone along too far for them to back out now, our efficient legislators have managed to set the date back from October 1st to November 15th (if they don't break for Christmas by that time).

For those USFWS employees directly concerned we do have some information on what to expect when they end up in USDA. No immediate major changes are anticipated until input is gotten from the professional wildlife biologists conducting the current program. The initial difference will be a change in focus made possible by eliminating the conflicting roles the USDI faced in carrying out this responsibility.

ADC operations will be under USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). ADC program managers could be located at current APHIS offices in each State. Personnel requirements, field operations, control techniques, and tools will continue as before. A headquarters staff will be established in Washington, D.C., area to provide technical support. The ADC managers in each state will report to the Administrator's Office through the Regional Office structure.

Information management systems will be expanded in cooperation with the Agricultural Research Service. The Denver research facility will work closely with the headquarters staff to estabish priorities. Integrated systems will be developed to manage wildlife conflicts by establishing scientific models on which to base overall program direction. Consideration will be given to target species prediction, expected mandatory loss, predator loss estimates, alternative control strategies, damage abatement estimates, effect on nontarget species, and ecological concerns. A national ADC Advisory Committee (on which NADCA has been promised a voice) will be created that represents all interested parties to advise the Secretary on program goals, direction, and philosophy.

All authority associated with the ADC Act of 1931 will be transferred to USDA. Migratory waterfowl provisions of the Lacey Act, animal provisions of the Endangered Species Act, and responsibility for bald and golden eagles will remain in the USDI. USDA hopes to establish a memoranda of understanding with USDI resolving wildlife conflicts involving those animals for which authority cannot be transferred.

Based on FY86 House Appropriations, USDA funding would total $22,924,000. Staffing requirements would be about 426 staff years. Both staffing and funding estimates may be revised after further analysis.

A new fitness performance report will be established:

OUTSTANDING -
- Leaps tall buildings with a single bound.
- Is faster than a speeding bullet.
- Can fly higher than a mighty rocket.
- Move swifter than a diesel train.
- Gives policy guidance to God.

STRONG -
- Must take a running start to leap over tall buildings.
- Is just as fast as a speeding bullet.
- When flying, cannot penetrate the atmosphere.
- Moves as swift as a locomotive.
- Talks with God.

PROFICIENT -
- Can only leap over short buildings.
- Not quite as fast as a speeding bullet.
- Only flies as high as 737s.
- Must hang onto train when running to keep up with it.
- Listens to God.

ADEQUATE -
- Crashes into second floor of buildings when attempting to jump over them.
- Can shoot bullets.
- Has trouble flying.
- Must ride on train in order to keep

up with it.
- Talks to animals.

WEAK -
- Walks into buildings.
- Wounds self with bullets when loading a gun.
- Cannot fly.
- Is afraid of trains.
- Talks to walls. *(J.C.Jones)*

Unemployment is just not working.

MEETINGS. BE THERE !
12/3-5/85: 7th Great Plains Wildlife Damage Control Workshop, San Antonio, TX. Contact: Dr. Dan Fagre Dept. Wildl. & Fish Sci., Texas A&M Univ., College Station, TX 77843

03/4-6/86: 12th Vertebrate Pest Conference;, San Diego, CA. Contact: Rex Marsh, Dept. Wildl. & Fish. Biol., UC-Davis, Davis, CA 95616

Some folks like blisters show up after all the work is done.

HUNTER HARASSMENT
According to THE WILDLIFE LEGISLATIVE FUND OF AMERICA, 3 more states (Texas, Tennessee, and Rhode Island) have joined 11 others to ban the harassment of sportsmen by anti-hunting protestors. Along these lines the ALBUQUERQUE TRIBUNE (2 Oct. 85) had a headline on a recent case in Massachusetts. A Mrs. Checchi-O'Brien, 54-year old Animal Rights activist, was hauled into court for assault and battery on a couple of hunters. It seems that they were attempting to collect a goose for Christmas dinner when they were attacked by this 4-foot-11, 110 pound former nun shouting obscenities and pounding them with her fists (what do they teach them in convents these days ?). According to her defense she called them murderers and slaughterers and "may have used some mild swear words" but they were harassing her for what she called her "pro-life position".

The worst thing about the younger generation is that we're not in it.

IT'S THAT TIME !!!
I know you are amazed at my forebearance for not asking for NADCA dues before this. Be assured I am not getting soft but had to wait for the Board meeting in Raleigh as not only did I not know what the dues were going to be, but I wasn't even sure we were still going to be in business. Well, we are still going to beat our heads against the wall like Greg Rost's demented jackrabbit and kid ourselves into believing money isn't everything. Therefore, the only change in our dues schedule is the replacement of "sponsor" with a "commercial" category tagged at $30. In return, we'll pass out a reasonable number of catalogs, brochures, etc. in our regular mailings.

The new dues are (the registration card doesn't reflect the change as it was printed long ago):

Student	$ 5
Active	$10
Active non-USA	$15
Commercial	$30+
Patron	$100+

But as Nixon once said, "I want to make it perfectly clear -", you do not have to limit yourselves to those amounts. We know it's a tough world out there, but we really do need more income to be more effective. I can't honestly say it will buy you more job security but we can try a little harder. We think we are going to be in a better position when the shift to Agriculture is made. If you can't raise your ante, at least try to get another member. You don't need cards - all I need is name, rank, and serial number and the foldin' money. I am certainly grateful for the extra support some of you have given in the past. It all helps.

Also as a personal favor, I would appreciate getting as many members to sign up before December 31st as possible. I hate the bookkeeping part (thank goodness Wes is going to take some of it) and it sure makes my job easier when they all come in at once.

When the going gets tough, the tough get going and the smart get out.

BEHAVIOR AFFECTS HUNTING ACCESS

A USFWS survey showed that 58% of big game hunters, 71% small game hunters, and 69% of migratory bird hunters pursue their prey on private land. Another survey indicates 46% of private land has some type of hunting-access restrictions. The foremost reason for posting appears to be landowner experience with careless or unethical behavior on the part of hunters.

The favored method of correcting this problem is "hunter education". This is available in all 50 states and in 30 states, certain hunters are required to complete education courses. That this can be effective is shown in New York where fatal accidents have been reduced by more than 70% and also the rate of land posting has been cut in half during the past decade. State employees in these programs are organized under the North American Association of Hunter Safety Coordinators (Box 428, Brighton, IL 62012). This group publishes a bi-monthly newspaper containing the latest information on hunter education in the U.S. and Canada. Anyone can join for $10. (OWAA OUTDOORS UNLIMITED Oct. 85)

Friends may come and friends may go, but enemies accumulate.

BEAR WITH ME

According to Senator Symms, Congress may look into a welfare program for the grizzlies in Yellowstone NP who were displaced by the closing of the Park's dumps. This will be in the review of the Endangered Species Act.

Several articles in the Billings (MT) paper tell of grizzlies treeing two hikers and terrorizing a campground. At least one of the bears was reported as being radio-collared but could not be traced. Another article indicates the State wants to spend $200,000/year for 9 nine years to capture and radio-collar grizzlies in an attempt to census them. As Norton Miner points out, the more they are handled, the meaner they get. Lots o' luck, folks.

Ira Perkins of Bynum, MT, in the spirit of the old independent West, sent a $420 check back to the Great Bear Foundation's (GBF) program. The check was to pay for 5 sheep destroyed by a grizzly on his ranch. "This is a feeble attempt on your part to cover up depredations done by the grizzly.", said Perkins. "To take the money would make me guilty of condoning a policy which you wish to initiate and publicize, one which is not in the interest of stock growers or people who live in this rural community. We're not raising sheep for grizzly bears anyhow." Perkins stated they had had no problem with bears 10-12 years ago before the conservation groups bought up large blocks of land to turn into preserves. The bears are increasing beyond expectations. This results in more confrontations and the residents are worried even though GBF head Lance Olsen says, "(bears and people) can make some adjustments to each other..." Thanx to RD III Norton Miner

There are a couple of new bear books available:
THE BOOK OF THE BLACK BEAR - Richard P. Smith, New Century Publ., 220 Old New Brunswick Rd., Piscataway, NJ 08854. $18.95 - Life history study of the animals, habitat, behavior, sign, bear attacks, etc.
BEAR ATTACKS - THEIR CAUSES AND AVOIDANCE - Stephen Herrero (same publisher) $14.95 - Documents bear:human conflicts for people who live in bear country.

Some people with nothing to do still manage to make a mess of it.

RABIES AND THE EPA

This seems to be a deadly combination in Montana. There is another serious outbreak of skunk rabies spreading to quite a few other animals including a bobcat who nearly killed a boy after the cat had apparently tangled with a rabid skunk. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in its infinite wisdom has decreed that they will no longer extend the exemption that permitted the use of strychnine-poisoned skunk bait in that state. Steve Schatzow who replaced Ed Johnson in EPA says that it doesn't

work and anyway they have rabid 'coons in the East and nobody there would consider poisoning them. As Montana authorities point out, the program was carefully limited to small areas to reduce chance of human exposure in hot spots, not to stop the rabies spread. Now EPA demands they conduct studies costing $200-400 thousand to prove EPA is wrong but as usual EPA doesn't know enough about the problem to tell the State what it wants in the way of data. In the meantime the best advice EPA can give is: "...avoid the skunks and take the livestock losses." Reminds me of the rich oil sheik who asked his two sons that they wanted for their birthdays - one wanted a golf club and the other a Micky Mouse outfit. He gave the first the Burning Tree Golf Club and the other EPA. Thanx to RD III Norton Miner

When in doubt, hesitate.

LETTERS TO YE ED

F. Don Heinbaugh, USFWS, Ainsworth, NE (our best recruiter !)
Here's dues for Len McDaniel. He works on a refuge south of Valentine, NE. They did some ADC work in the past few months and had a real increase in waterfowl production. I don't know if we'll have an ADC program in Nebraska after October 1st. The State legislature shut off funding for our budget for '86. We're trying to keep operating until we can turn the legislature around. I'm not too old to look for a job, but may be too old to get hired. I got "riffed" in South Dakota in 1974 and worked for the State GF&P 5 years before I could get back with the USFWS. Don't have enough time in and not old enough to retire.

This new rule about working 40 hours a week sure cramps my style. They hired me at an annual salary and now won't let me have the time to do the job. We are spread so thin in Nebraska it is tough to get the job done in 40 hours.

If you have to raise the rates, let me know and will send the difference. I really enjoy THE PROBE, including the humor. Though the double column is easier to read, you send it out anyway you want and I'll try to figure out how to read it. I sure appreciate the effort to get it out.

Dr. Major L. Boddicker, Rocky Mt. Wildl. Prod., La Porte, CO 80535:
Just finished reading THE PROBE, very stimulating reading. Congratulations on a great issue and job of editor. Wish I had time to write some comments on Jack Thomas' and Howdy's articles, but have a prairie dog contract to finish. After 9 months of self-employment, it appears that there is life beyond public employment in the wildlife-ADC business. It sure is nice to be able to cut off the pseudo scientific disputes with a "Fine, when you decide your moral obligation to prairie dogs is at an end call me. I can help."

We have placed two new predator calls on the market along with expanded calling and instruction tapes. Will expand our line in the next year.

Jim Hoover, USFWS, Columbus, MT:
Need some membership cards. Extreme draught conditions in Montana have created the worst predator problems I've seen in my 13 years on the job. Coyote population doesn't seem up much but most alternative prey is gone. No rabbits or mice and not much of a bird hatch due to lack of cover. Sheep, deer, and antelope caught hell this summer.

Stanley McBride, rancher, Franklin, TX:
I have been recently helped by the ADC program of the College Station District so am now applying for membership in your organization. I appreciate Jimmy Trampota and Robert Beach stopping the coyotes from catching my pigs.

Craig Swanson, supplier, New Richmond, WI:
Just a quick note to let you know how I made out with your help. BLM in Washington wasn't much help, but I hit the jackpot at the University of Nebraska. Ron Case seemed anxious to try my (pocket gopher) traps and I sent him some. This is great as it will be an excellent unbiased opinion. I wrote to Norton Miner (RD III) and he

forwarded my letter to Monty Sullins, Montana Dept. of Agriculture. Monty is also anxious to try the traps. I have sent some to Vic Garcia too (NM).

I certainly hope NADCA will stay in business. It has helped me very, very much. You have got the most professional organization in trapping today. Not so much BS on meetings, elections, arguments, etc. that wrecks other organizations. I wonder if Bob Gilzvik would run a short article on NADCA in the FUR-FISH-GAME magazine ? Bob has written articles for FFG for many years and is one of the few trapping writers who is OK by me. You sent me all the issues of THE PROBE and I enjoyed them. You are a gifted writer and you'd better believe it. I read hundreds of books and you're right up there in talent. (Thanks, Craig, I couldn't have written that better myself)

Dwight LeBlanc, USFWS, Lafayette, LA:
The encroachment of civilization into agricultural areas throughout the United States has created numerous conflicts between farmers and citizens escaping the 'hustle and bustle' of city life. The result has been the loss and abandoment of historical farmland and the conversion of valuable wildlife habitat into farmable property.

Realizing this real threat to Agriculture, the Louisiana Legislature in 1983 passed a "Right to Farm" law which guarantees that farmers cannot be crowded from existing agricultural areas by suburbanites. Perhaps a similar approach is warranted for problems in Virginia (W.P.Egghorn, THE PROBE #55). This would not be an easy solution to implement, however, it could be the only permanent way to stop the modern country dwellers, who often find it fashionable to bite the hand that feeds. (Thanks. I passed this on to Phil Egghorn. If anyone is interested can send you a copy. This is going to be an even more acute problem in the future and only the lawyers will get rich.)

The world would be a great place if everyone was as pleasant as the one who is trying to skin you.

YOBS BY YIMMNY

The National Trappers Association Inc., Bloomington, IL, is looking for a person to fill the newly authorized position of Executive Secretary to start January 1986. They want an experienced, highly motivated individual with an appreciation of sportsmen's activities who will be largely responsible for financial operations, program immplementation, and personnel management. Applicants should possess skills in membership development, fund raising, communications (written and oral), and media relations. A college degree is preferred. Most important, applicants must have a strong record of achievement, independence and flexibility to excel in a variety of situations, and a committment to organizational expansion. (doesn't say anything about trapping ?)
Salary: $30,000 plus a substantial bonus incentive for organizational income generation, and fringes.
Letter of application, detailed resume, and professional references should be submitted to: Robert T. Crook, NTA Executive Search Chairman, 408 Copse Rd., Madison, CT 06443. (203) 245-9409.
DEADLINE: 1 November 1985

The New Hampshire Fish & Game Commission is looking for a new director. Applicants should have experience in administration, management, leadership, and have knowledge and experience in fish & wildlife conservation. Send resume, current position, and at least 3 non-related business references to: Commissioner John R. Monson, Chairman, Executive Director Search Comm., NH Fish & Game Dept., Box 2317, Concord, NH 03301.

I'm not getting much support from you people in the field on job openings !

I don't want to start any arguments. I just want to explain why you are wrong.

"You'd better learn to hunt, Oog. You can't get by on your looks forever."

SUPPORT FOR THE TRAPPER

The trapper sees wildlife as a God-given, renewable resource as compared with "anti-trapping" groups who view it as a symbol to raise more funds for their personal use. Thus the trapper has a greater interest in the welfare of wildlife than the "antis" with their lack of actual wildlife contacts. Healthy wildlife populations insure him a source of income. If populations are down, he is the first to more directly suffer. It is also to his advantage to minimize pain and anxiety. These symptoms increase the liklihood of struggle and possible escape. Pain and suffering are no stranger to wildlife. These creatures are subjected to it on a daily basis, far beyond that inflicted by a trap. There is no sympathy among wildlife.

The greatest percentage of species now extinct were killed by "Mother Nature" and many of the rest by "cityfied ways". A careful study of population counts done by the Hudson Bay Co. and others in the 1700s show lower population counts than today. Some species now exist where they never had before. Groups viewing trapping activities are committed to them in relation to their need. When a group interested in endangered species finds need of traps, they are seen as necessary; yet if a rancher needs to control coyotes killing livestock, the same group sees them as nonessential. The goal of wildlife managers is to harvest only surplus animals or those that would die of natural environmental causes. The protectionist would prefer the animal die a long, suffering, natural death. Thanx to David Medlar (MOUNTAIN MAIL (Salida, CO) Fall, 85.

To find out what your girl really thinks of you - marry her.

ASSESSMENT OF BLACKBIRD DAMAGE TO SUNFLOWERS

This is an MS Thesis by Thadei M.C. Tarimo at Bowling Green SU for 1985 in Wood County, OH. Just prior to harvest, 16% of sunflower heads were damaged with an average weight loss of 21.1%. Production loss for the field was estimated at 3.3%, but only 1.3% was due to direct feeding - the rest being mechanical losses. Chief depredating species were red-winged blackbird, American goldfinch, and house sparrow, but the impact by blackbirds was not as severe as reported elsewheres. Thanx to Dr. William B. Jackson

What gives time such a great healer reputation when it is such a bust as a beautician ?

OREGON ORDEAL

After 15 years of litagation, the $1.2 million lawsuit against THE WILDLIFE LEGISLATIVE FUND OF AMERICA by Oregon animal rights activisits has finally been settled. In the wake of the ballot defeat of legislation to outlaw traps, they brought suit against WLFA. While the court dismissed the case and ordered a judgment against them in 1982, they appealed. Finally, when WLFA sought to recover the legal fees awarded in the previous court decision and faced with a major drain on their pocketbooks, they did an about face and dropped their appeal. (Why do I get the feeling that money isn't everything - it is the only thing with these people ?) Thanx to UPDATE (WLFA newsletter, 09/85).

Please try to be humble like me. I'm the world's humblest person.

SNUGGLES REVISITED

In THE PROBE (#56) we mentioned the conspiracy between THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE U.S. and Mattel toy manufacturers to promote a cute litte replica of a seal pup doll (Save the Seals) with a buck of the inflated price going into the coffers of HSUS. Mattel gave HSUS $15,000 up front but the promotion was supposed to bring in some real big bucks. But Mattel is currently "relooking" the situation according to their Customer Service Supervisor Mente because of complaints received by sportsmen. "The bottom line is whether Mattel makes money on the deal. If enough controversy comes from this, enough that Mattel doesn't make money on it, I'm sure things will change" said Mente. (And who says big business places philanthropy over making money ?)

So keep those complaints coming in by writing to: President Glenn A. Hasting, Mattel, Inc., 5150 Rosecrans Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250. The less money the animal rightists get the sooner they can't afford those high salaries. Thanx to WLFA (newsletter 09/85).

Money won't buy happiness but it buys misery you can live with.

HOWDY'S REPLY

Didn't expect you to use my letter to the Wildlife Society proposing an international society, but thanks for doing so. We need to shake up TWS. A new journal is a long way off, as no one knows how many university and research types are in the world, and how many would support a scientific journal in ADC. But we do want to establish better lines of communication throughout the world. If successful, we should be able to find new subscribers to NADCA'S THE PROBE rather than compete with it. Now technical ADC papers in the JOURNAL OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT, etc. are written for a non-control oriented audience. The more people we can involve in ADC, the better.

As for helping NADCA get ADC transferred from Interior to Agriculture, I have been testifying, writing, and speaking in favor of the transfer for 13 years. You have my full support. Since I am not a former ADC employee, I push from my academic base.

With best regards, and keep up the good work. We will make sure our new society "pot-stirring" does not jeopardize THE PROBE.

Sometimes I wish I was what I was when I wished I was what I am now.

RAT DAMAGE/CONTROL ON PHILIPPINE COCONUTS

This is a PhD Thesis (1985) by Paciencia P. Miland from Bowling Green SU. Species were R. mindanensis & exulans. Evaluated control methods: crown trapping, ground trapping, ground baiting, trunk baiting, and crown baiting. Crown baiting (broken rice/coconut in coconut husk bait stations + 0.025% warfarin) in 10% of the coconut palms was the most effective control of the techniques evaluated. This resulted in a 104.8% increase in yield, 76.6% reduction in rat damage, and 88.5% reduction in rat activity. With damage threshold level of 5 nuts per tree, current cost of control, and market value of copra, this method is cost-effective and target-specific. Thanx to Dr. William B. Jackson

Confidence is a state of mind before you clearly understand the problem.

HUNTERS BEWARE

We, in ADC, have long been aware that while banning trapping is the first goal of the animal rightist groups, hunting and then fishing are next in line. Our fat friend of the FUND FOR ANIMALS, Cleveland Amory, confirmed this in a recent issue of AGENDA, the Animal Rights Network publication. He said, "Trapping interests have a strength all out of proportion to their real numbers. Hunters are always there in support because they figure if we get our foot in the door by banning trapping, hunting will be next, and so on. And they're right."

In support of this philosophy, the AR people have managed to upset the legislative schedule so that a proposed bill by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to permit a black bear harvest this year by a lottery system was delayed too late to implement. They have also delayed the opening of Michigan's first dove season by getting an injunction when the Lansing circuit court ruled that "Michigan was a pleasant place of shelter for the doves." Thanx to WLFA (newsletter 09/85).

About the only thing you can do now with a shoestring is trip.

KEEP THOSE LETTERS COMIN', FOLKS !

One of the projects discussed at the NADCA Board meeting in North Carolina last month was the need for position papers on matters of concern to the ADC profession and ways of getting these to shape the attitudes of the general

public. As an opening gambit, you will find a separate page included in this issue. It is our forlorn (?) hope that you might keep this sheet when you throw out the rest of THE PROBE. This release was inspired by an article in the recent WLFA newsletter. We will attempt to put together a handbook to give you guidance on how to do battle with the anti-ADC forces. Here again we would appreciate your cooperation in giving us information to use in this manner as well as keeping us informed as new problems arise.

Sure things could get worse. The IRS could start charging for forms.

TAKE A CHANCE ?

RD II 'Pink' Madsen is an accomplished whittler. After all what are we old retirees to do in our 'sunset' years ? But even more than that he has a real interest in the fortunes of ADC. Therefore, he came up with the great idea of donating a couple of his masterpiece carvings to NADCA to raffle off. The first one was a beaver which we took to Raleigh and raffled off at that conference. While all the Board members had some money in the pot hoping to win it for themselves, it was probably just as well that an outsider won it or we might have become real "tar heels" plus feathers when they ran us out of town on a rail. Anyway the lucky winner was Jerry Wendt, Assistant Director, in the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

The second carving is a coyote like our masthead. It is really a nice job that anyone would be glad to have on the mantlepiece. We've gotten permission from Dan Fagre to run another raffle at the Great Plains Wildlife Damage Control Workshop. As we had a little more time to prepare and become a little greedier, we are going to open this raffle to all NADCA members (which will probably kill all my chances of getting it).

Stapled to your membership card you'll find a double raffle ticket. Write your name and address legibly (these eyes are growing old) on the stub printed for that. Keep the other one with the number on it. Send the addressed stub and a buck donation back to me along with your dues (didn't think I'd forget that did you ?). If you want to increase your chances, you can send me more money (ok, we'll give you 6 tickets for $5) and I'll enter a stub(s) in your name and send the number back to you. However, I have to have these in hand by November 28th if they are to go in the drawing which will be held in San Antonio around December 5th. Any received after that I'll send back very reluctantly. Needless to say you needn't be present to win as I'll mail it on to the lucky winner in case it isn't one of the attendees.

My will power is terrific except when I'm tempted.

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