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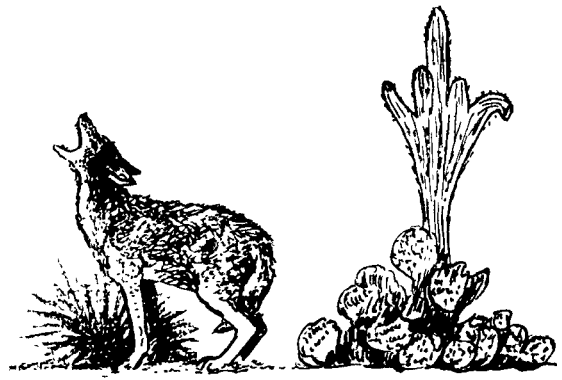


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National Animal Damage Control Association

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THE BORED MEETS

Due to the presence of several Executive Board members in the vicinity (out here a thousand miles is in the vicinity) of Albuquerque, Prexy George Rost called an executive meeting February 3rd to trash out some NADCA business with minimum expense to our meagre resources (NADCA only provided transportation and a couple of meals as George and I put most of them up). VP Homer Ford and RDs Pink Madsen and Howard Merrill along with George and YE ED made up a quorum. We are sorry we couldn't have a full committee meeting, but in addition to the verbal slaughter of countless coyotes and rats we felt it was productive.

The big change as far as the membership is concerned was the redistricting of NADCA regions as we found more sucker- oops - public-spirited persons who have agreed to serve as Regional Directors on the same munificent salary and retirement terms given the rest of us - - zilch. Their backgrounds will be published in the next PROBE. The Directors and their new regions are as follows:

Region I - Willard E. Nelson (13900 SW 102 st., Tigard, OR 97223)
Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

Region II - Clyde R. (Pink) Madsen (PO Box GG, Florence, AZ 85232)
Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah.

Region III - Norton R. Miner (115-7th Ave. Laurel, MT 59044)
Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

Region IV - Milton Caroline (118 Highview, San Antonio, TX 78228)
Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas.

Region V - Wesley R. Jones (Route 3, Hudson, WI 54016)
Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska,
North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Region VI - Dr. Donald A. Spencer (13508 Sherwood Forest Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20904) Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Region VII - Howard A. Merrill (Rood Pond Road, Williamstown, VT 05679) Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont and Virgin Islands.

Regional Director (at large) - John C. Jones (5810 Namakagan Road, Washington, DC 20016)

The current membership (up to presstime) is listed under the new regions on the following page.

The Board also discussed the possibility of holding workshops rather than an annual meeting. One recommendation was the coyote research station at Logan, Utah under Dr. Fred Knowlton.

A dog is a man's best friend - he doesn't give advice, borrow money or have in-laws.

WHERE ARE THE "PROTECTORS" WHEN THEY'RE NEEDED ?

Jess Williams of the New Mexico Fish & Game Department reported (New Mexico Wildlife) on the desert bighorn herd that was rescued and transplanted from the San Andres range to Lordsburg area when an outbreak of scabies threatened to wipe out the herd. The capture and relocation was a very expensive operation costing over \$100,000. As the F&G Department's budget didn't allow for these emergency expenses, contributions were solicited from the public to match Pittman-Robertson funds (administered by the USFWS from taxes on hunting equipment). While over \$23,000 (matched 3:1 by PR money) was collected from various sportsmen's organizations, DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE, FRIENDS OF ANIMALS, THE FUND FOR ANIMALS, ANIMAL WELFARE INSTITUTE, and many others whose self-proclaimed breast beating on behalf of wildlife is loudly publicized not a penny. In fact they didn't even have the courtesy to respond to the request letter - - too busy saving Asiatic lions, snail darters and baby seals ?!!

Seems most environmentalists have a narrow mind and big mouth to match.

TRIED PAYING MY INCOME TAX WITH A SMILE BUT THEY WANTED CASH.

In case you didn't realize it, NADCA is a non-profit (and how) organization. Thus contributions to it are deductible on your income tax. If your cancelled check won't do, try writing your dues payment on the back of your 1980 membership card and filing that with your other receipts. However, if you really feel you need more let me know and I'll send you a receipt.

It's hard to live within your income, but its much harder to live without it.

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REGION 1 - Willard E. Nelson

Ahlstrom, A. Warren
 Allison, Malcolm N.
 Barrett, Joe D.
 Birdsall, Roger L.
 Birmingham, Grant H.
 Brinkoetter, Anthony L.
 *Brinkoetter, Dorothy L.
 Carpenter, Fred W.
 Christopher, Edward
 Clennon, Roy L.
 *Clone, Jim
 Coleman, James C.
 Cunningham, Vernon D.
 Dana, Richard H.
 Edwards, Harvey O.
 Eldredge, Richard D.
 Ford, Homer S.
 *Ford, Mary
 Foster, H. Alan
 Grisham, Jess E.
 Hall, Graydon
 Hetteema, Harold, Jr.
 Howard, Dr. Walter E.
 Hurt, Glenn
 *Johnson, Floyd R.
 Juve, Darrell C.
 *Juve, Eugenie K.
 Maestrelli, John
 Martin, Lee R.
 Miner, Joe E.
 Mitchell, Ken
 *Nelson, Alice
 Nelson, Willard E.
 *Nicholls, Linda
 Nicholls, Thomas E.
 O'Brien, John
 Peterson, Paul W.
 Pifer, Vernon E.
 *Polk County Livestock Assn.
 Potts, Mike
 Prien, Jim
 Quiroz, Robert V.
 *Robert, Victor E.
 Robertson, Wayne R.
 Robinson, Thomas A.
 Rost, Gregory R.

Small, Maynard A.
 Stone, Walter A.
 *Stuart, Gordon W.
 Tucker, Robert K.
 Vandergen, Robert D.
 Votaw, Steve C.
 Webster, Milton H.
 Woodhams, Kerry

Giese, Ernest
 *Concerned Citizens
 Polk Co., Oregon

REGION 2 - Clyde R. Madsen

*Anderson, Berkley
 *Anderson, Michele E.
 Anderson, Terry E.
 Bacus, Leland
 Bloys, Warren D.
 Boddicker, Dr. Major L.
 *Brown, Casey
 Bruggers, Dr. Richard
 Burns, Richard J.
 *Coupland, J.O.
 *Cronberg, M. H.
 *Culverwell, Gerald L.
 DeGrazio, John W.
 Fall, Dr. Michael W.
 *Fitzwater, Ann H.
 Fitzwater, William D.
 Garcia, Victor
 Gustad, Orvis C.
 Hansen, Roland F.
 Hintze, Lee
 *Hintze, Marie L.
 *Hodges, Dorothy G.
 Hoffman, Thomas R.
 *Hood, DonnaLee B.
 Hood, Dr. Glenn A.
 *Johnson, Barbara A.
 Johnson, Norman C.
 Keenan, Victor D.
 Killgo, Larry J.
 Knowlton, Frederick F., Dr.
 Madsen, Clyde R.
 *Madsen, Rose
 Nay, George L.
 Nelson, W. O., Jr.
 *New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc.
 Olson, Edward O.
 Owens, Rick
 Payne, Jerry L.
 Reynolds, Robert N.
 *Roach, Bill
 Rost, George S.
 *Rost, Jean
 Spalsbury, Bill
 Steele, Golden
 Tietjen, Dr. Howard P.
 Zielesch, Donald W.

*Byram, Kenneth

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REGION 3 - Norton R. Miner

Abbey, Dennis R.
 Albrecht, Donald
 Barnes, James L.
 Bean, Jerry R.
 Bice, Russell H.
 Biggs, Dennis
 Blom, Sherman
 Bunke, Paul T.
 Carlin, Avis V.
 Christensen, Fred
 Clucas, Jack L.
 Connolly, Dr. Guy
 Crosby, Lyle A.
 *Good, Faye
 Good, George G.
 Goyn, Dennis R.
 *Guerry, Maurice, Jr.
 Hansen, Jack D.
 *Harris, Arvilla
 Harris, James C.
 *Helle, Joe T.
 Hoover, Jim
 Howey, LaVerne A.
 Hutchinson, Thomas L.
 Isaac, Robert
 *Killen, John
 LaFrantz, Nick H.
 Martin, Richard R.
 *McCone County Sheep Growers
 Metzler, Ken
 *Miner, Dorothy M
 Miner, Norton R.
 *Montana Wool Growers Assn.
 Moore, Warren G.
 *Murphy Ranch Inc.
 *O'Gorman, Craig
 Overcast, Henry L.
 Packham, C. Joe
 Peacock, Eric A.
 Perry, William M.
 Petersen, J. Oliver
 Quiroz, Robert T.
 Ryan, Thomas L.
 Seyler, Edwin E.
 *Seyler, Mary J.
 Stewart, Bill
 Strom, Richard E.
 Tonkin, Donald
 Wonacott, Richard A.
 Zook, Clayton B.
 Zajanc, Ade
 *Laughlin, Delores J.
 Laughlin, James M.

REGION 4 - Milton Caroline

Abraham, George R.
 Barrington, B.J.
 Becker, Alvin E.
 Bierschwale, Byrl
 Birchfield, W. K.
 Bivings, Albert E.
 Boehm, Walter J.
 Booth, Thurman
 Brown, Charles S.
 Caroline, Milton
 Causey, Leslie J.
 Chamberlain, Patricia A.
 Crabb, Loyd
 *Cummings, A.G.
 Dodson, Monte M.
 Erdman, Sally S.
 *Evans, Danny
 *Evans, Fred
 *Evans, Ginger
 *Evans, Goober
 *Evans, Mary
 *Evans, Roger
 *Evans, Shirley
 *Evans, Tanya
 Fletcher, Charles W., Sr.
 Gretz, Darrell I.
 *Hawthorne, Carolyn
 Hawthorne, Don
 *Howard, L. Charles, Jr.
 Hubert, James J.
 *Jackson Hereford Ranch
 Johnson, Calvin W.
 Lilley, James D.
 Lindsey, Joe B.
 Lingo, Harry H.
 Mahan, Sam M.
 Martin, David L.
 *Mayer & Rousselot Inc.
 McVicker, Bob
 Meyers, John C.
 Moffatt, Grover W.
 Murphy, Marshall
 *Norman, Hope
 Nunley, Gary L.
 *Nunley, Pat
 Oglesby, Stanley D.
 Parsons, Virgil V.
 Peterson, Berkeley R.
 Pina, Gregorio, Jr.
 Pitts, James J.
 *Pitts, Janice F.
 Podborny, Kenneth R.
 Ramirez, Marcelo
 *Rousselot, N. W.
 Rowland, C.L.
 Scott, Dwaine
 Simmons, Gary
 Sims, Bob
 Smith, James H.
 Thomas, C.C.
 *Thomas, Larene
 Trampota, Jimmy A.
 Voss, Jim
 Wade, Dr. Dale A.
 Wallace, Ulysees S.
 Walter, Vernon
 Watson, James E.
 Webb, Jodie H.
 Williams, Charles L.
 Wilson, Dale
 Winnat, James
 *Wright, Clayton
 *Wright, William
 Yeary, Michael A.
 White, Johnny W.

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REGION 5 - Wesley R. Jones

Brewer, Charles L.
 Burgee, Robert J.
 Cleary, Ed
 Courtsal, Fred R.
 Dudderar, Glenn R.
 Fryda, Donald G., Jr.
 Hanson, Rew V.
 Heinbaugh, Frank
 Huffman, Louis
 *Hyde, Marshall
 Ingman, Marvin
 Jackson, Dr. William B.
 Jones, Wesley R.
 Knote, Charles E.
 Kopp, Dennis D.
 Lewis, Forrest L.
 Linn, Jonathan W.
 Lundquist, Larry
 Maxwell, Hugh A.
 Pfeifer, William K.
 *Polston, Frances L.
 *Stephan, Fredric J.
 Weber, Walter
 Wetzel, Richard S.
 *Wetzel, Wilda E.
 Worcester, Mark D.

REGION 6 - Donald A. Spencer

Carr, Dr. Richard V.
 Eggborn, W. Philip
 Farringer, Russel T., III
 Faulkner, Clarence E.
 *Faulkner, Irene
 Fisher, Robert M.
 Gnegy, Donald C.
 Harke, Donald T.
 Harrison, Michael J.
 Jackson, Dr. Jeffrey J.
 Karrenbrock, James
 Mason, Carl
 Matheny, Raymond W.
 Ochs, Paul M.
 Pratt, Dr. Harry D.
 Presnall, Clifford C.
 *Presnall, Ruby D.
 Spencer, Dr. Donald A.
 Spencer, H. J.
 Thompson, Richard L.
 *Tinsley, Elizabeth J.
 Tinsley, Leonard
 Tramel, Bobby R.
 *Tramel, Marie
 Walker, Leonard O.
 Williamson, N.F.
 Edstrom, Paul A.

REGION 7 - Howard A. Merrill

Askins, William E.
 Caslick, Dr. James W.
 Kincaid, Stephen P.
 *Merrill, Evelyn
 Merrill, Howard A.
 Walker, Thomas C.
 Weaver, John K.

REGION 8 - John C. Jones

Jones, John C.
 *Jones, Wilma

OVERSEAS

Fennessy, Bernard V. (Aust)
 Fiedler, Lynwood A. (PI)
 Godfrey, Dr. M. (New Zealand)
 Gooding, C.D. (Australia)
 Hirao, Motokazu (Japan)

Region	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	0	Total
Actives	45	31	40	55	22	23	6	1	5	230
Supporting	11	16	11	20	4	4	1	1	0	69
Totals	56	47	51	75	26	27	7	2	5	298

SPIT IN THEIR EYE

One of the latest exotic non-lethal coyote control methods for protecting the little woolies from the big bad coyotes are llamas. A John Lye of Wyoming borrowed three llamas to put out with his sheep on the theory their large size, natural curiosity and ability to spit (one of them caught the family dog right in the eye at 20 feet) might stop coyotes from entering his fields. According to Lye it worked for a month until a success story was run in the Wyoming State Journal. Lye claimed the coyotes must have read it because within 3 days of the article, they killed 1 sheep, 2 newborn lambs and mutilated 4 others. He claims one would decoy the llama off while the others snuck into the herd. Mr. Lye

(are you sure it isn't spelt L-I-E ?) is still interested in llamas but I could never trust an animal that spells his name with a double ll in front. [Energy/Environment Information - 1(2):4 (Jan. 1981)]

I was goin' to learn to ski but I figured I was goin' downhill fast enough.

HERE THEY COME AGAIN !!!

The Wildlife Legislative Fund of America points out that despite the Oregon and South Dakota victories last year, the anti-trappers are at it again. They point out the following bills introduced in the state legislatures last year have a good chance of surfacing again in 1981:

- Alabama - SB 362 to remove the fox and raccoon as furbearers.
- California - SB 1492 and SB 1066 to restrict taking of bobcats.
- Connecticut - SB 62 to prohibit the leghold trap has already been introduced.
- Georgia - SB 414A to outlaw trapping in 2 counties.
HB 1644 to outlaw the use of conibears on land.
- Maryland - HB 125 to limit use of leghold traps.
- Massachusetts - HB 1165 to prohibit the use of leghold traps.
- Michigan - SB 650 and HB 4783 to outlaw leghold traps.
- Mississippi - HB 361 to allow county supervisors to prohibit trapping.
- New Jersey - SB 671 to prohibit the leghold trap is still pending.
- South Carolina - SB 825 to outlaw body grip traps in one game zone.
- Virginia - HB 852 to prohibit the leghold trap.
- West Virginia - HB 1515 to prohibit trapping in Mingo county.
- National - HB 374 has been introduced again.

Back to the front lines !!!

Better to spend like a drunken sailor than a sober Congressman.

HOW TO MAKE AN ASS OF YOURSELF

The wild horse and burro Act is a prime example of how emotional and impractical pressure by arm-chair naturalists and professional holier-than-thou types can upset the natural environment they claim to feel sorry for. The "Wild Horse Annie" Act of 1959 (for which they just erected a monument to the old nag) and Public Law 92-195, "Wild Free Roaming Horses and Burros" Act of 1971, have effectively tied the hands of land management agencies in controlling the disastrous effects these animals have on their habitat.

They require land managers to get permission from the public to carry out good management practices when necessary. RD Madsen and Ye Ed have already testified for granting the National Park Service the right to prevent further deterioration of the habitat in Grand Canyon National Park and Bandelier National Monument. An excellent article by Glen Griffith (Nevada Department of Wildlife) sent to us by Dale Wade recently brings this problem into better focus.

As Griffith points out, the Act of 1971 provided 3 alternatives for handling wild horses and burros:

1. Relocation - This is the capture and replanting of these animals to other public land areas where horses were present before December 15, 1971. As he puts it, this is about as useful as an ash tray on a hang glider as no prudent land manager would want the responsibility of such a large forage user under the management constraints that are part of the parcel.
2. Adoption - This has had much publicity but little success. The holding facilities are very limited and the adoption schedule a real stumbling block. BLM operates Palomino Valley Corrals just north of Reno for this purpose. It is limited by size and the lack of demand for animals for adoption. But instead of recognizing the failure of the "Adopt-A-Horse" program, present discussions center on more distribution centers. The transportation, handling, feeding and medical expenses would be astronomical compared with the benefits. Griffith utters a cry that echos all us taxpayers - - "Is economics no longer a matter of Federal concern ?"
3. Destruction - This suggests shooting and leaving them lay which has objections. The most practical approach is to ambush them at water holes, but imagine the stink (literally and verbally) raised when campers, hikers, fisherman and other outdoor enthusiasts encounter numbers of these critters belly up and bloated ? Furthermore, this would artifically create a food source for predators. When disposed of, the predators would turn their attentions on convenient wild and domestic species and pose another problem. "What we end up with then is a critter that you can't keep, can't give away, can't shoot, or can't turn loose."

Griffith states that in 1977 representatives of such diverse groups as the American Humane Assn., Livestock Assn., Nevada Department of Fish and Game BLM, Horse Protectionists Groups, National Wildlife Federation, etc. met to discuss the problem. In December 1978, this group requested the Secretary

of the Interior (remember ~~that~~ joker ?) to remove 8,000 to 10,000 animals, the estimated 1979 herd increment. They were given polite answers but nothing concrete as to meeting the request. "We have to wait for more studies."

The Federal court system has assumed management responsibilities to further handcuff individuals charged with management responsibilities in the field. "This law has to be scrapped. Amendments, inclusions, National Academy of Sciences designed studies - -these can only prolong the ultimate decision. Scientific, not socio-political or judicial management, must govern." To that I can only say "Amen". There may be a new wind blowing in USDI but write your congressman anyway.

Congressmen wouldn't have to mend fences so often if they wouldn't sit on them so much.

WHEN BIRDIES AND AIRPLANES MIX - LOOK OUT BELOW !

The Air Force has just published a HANDBOOK ON BIRD MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL (AFESC-TR-80-01) written by Vincent J. Lucid and Roy S. Slack. Bill Jackson and I aren't too impressed with it (sour grapes - we thought we had the contract to write it !), but despite its shortcomings it is a manual on the problem of birds and aircraft. You might write Air Force Engineering & Service Center, Tyndall AFB, Florida 32403 for a copy if you are involved in aircraft-bird confrontations.

What ~~scars~~ me is that some day these will be the good ol' days.

ZOO ALERT

There was a note in PEST CONTROL [49(1):54, 1981] from Dr. W. B. Amand, Director of the Philadelphia Zoo, stating a treatment in a walk-in aviary with brodifacoum [TALONTM] in birdproof stations gave good results on mouse control. However, pavement ants and roaches were seen in the stations. Several days later some insectivorous birds died. I imagine the birds were autopsied but I will check this out further as it just doesn't seem possible that brodifacoum was responsible in this manner, but if so it indicates a possible problem that must be recognized.

The government talks about tax returns as if your money was expected to make a round trip.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

YE ED - William D. Fitzwater

This is an extra issue. I had stuff I wanted to get out so I will still try to have another one on the regular schedule for March. You 'll join now :