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The lull is over—1975 is past history and 1976 brings new commitments, challenges for each of us—as individuals and as members of the Society. If we live up to our expectations for this coming year—we must keep our word.

Last year your board was busy—this year they'll be busier—decisions must be made, meetings attended, projects completed, surveys made, awards presented, clinic held and a hunt to name just a few.

Montezuma, Kaiparowitz, Grand Canyon, Harquahalas, Craters, Kofas, Burros, waterhole documentation are just a few of the topics that come up for serious consideration at board meetings, many of which need immediate attention and fast action. More detailed accounts can be found in our *Ram's Horn*, or will appear in the near future.

Credibility is the word—we must do all in our power as members of this organization to warrant its reward. Persons or organizations without credibility have nothing—their word isn't good—their actions and deeds are all for nought.

Commitment—we need each of you to help on our waterhole projects. If more show up each time, it makes it much easier for all of us. Try your best to attend.

Dedication—go the extra mile. We as a society need to stress the importance of proper sheep management to all interested, whether laymen or professional people. We must and we shall for this is the purpose of our great society—we must be the watch dog, for we've committed ourselves to do the task.

1976 is the year to move "Forward"—Let everyone do their share.

Ned Smith

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

A recent reminder notice was mailed to all members who have not renewed for 1976. If you received one, please respond as soon as possible. And while you're at it, how about some extra generosity this year. A \$5 donation does little more than pay for these Ram's Horns and other mailings; the other activities of your Society are covered by your supplemental donations.



Joe Machac, Carl Scrivens and Cecil LeVance applying the final coat of Thoroseal to Lower dam.

SOCKET TANK PROJECT

The weekend of Jan. 17-18 opened the Society's 1976 water hole project season. And what an opening it was—82 members and guests, an all time attendance record, came from all over the country! Out of state representatives were from Wyoming and Oregon; Arizonians came from Ajo, Gila Bend, Roll, Yuma, Mesa, Tempe, Chandler, Phoenix, Dateland, Scottsdale and Paradise Valley. To celebrate this tremendous turnout the weather god—or at least his Arizona representative—ordered one of the most beautiful January weekends weatherwise in recent memory with bright, moonlit skies at night and temperatures in the 60's, bright sunshine and mid 80's during the day.

The whole thing started Friday night with everyone meeting at Dateland and then convoying over 36 dust-laden miles across the desert to our project campsite located at the foot of the Tank Mountains. A friendly campfire and our good friends from AG&F greeted us there and after a few

PROJECTS

Our second project is scheduled for Feb. 21-22. We will be traveling to the extreme western part of the state to do some work in the Trigo Mountains. This is another project where we can use all the help we can get—so talk it up. We plan on sealing some existing potholes, build sheep access ramps into others that are potential death traps, and do miscellaneous maintenance where needed. This one won't be a "back breaker" but we do need the manpower. We will meet at the Cibola Road turnoff on Hwy. 95 that connects Quartzsite and Yuma. The Cibola Rd. turnoff is 28 mi. south of Quartzsite about midway between Palm Canyon and Stone Cabin Roads. Meeting time is 10:00 pm, Friday, Feb. 20th. Be there!

Our third project, which will also be our St. Patrick's Day Project, (Ed Shannahan please take note) will take place on March 13 & 14. It will be back to Lazrus Tank (hopefully for the last time). We will build a shade over the tank to help cut down the tremendous evaporation that takes place during the summer months when the water is needed most, and also increase the storage capacity. If we have enough people we want to also seal other natural potholes in the general area—so bring a buddy, everyone is welcome.

Meeting place is Danny Nasca's old station on Hwy. 60 at 9:30 pm Friday March 12th. Most of the old timers know where Danny's place is because we have met there several times before, but the "first timers" which we hope to have lots of—here are the directions:
The Standard Station 22 miles west of Salome on Highway 60, or 15 miles east of Quartzsite.

This is one of those projects where back pack frames are a necessity as all material has to be back-packed in. Everyone that has such frames—please bring them. Last year on our St. Patrick's Day Project, there were 77 of us, let's try to beat that figure this year.

Our fourth project will be April 10-11 in the Estrella Mountains, and for the fifth project we will be going back to the Black Mountains north of Kingman on May 1-2. More on these last two projects later.

P. D. Holt



Gary Ferrier accepts award given by the Society for the largest ram taken during the 1974 season. Jeff Sievers, donor of the trophy, extends his congratulations.

ANNUAL ADBSS AWARDS BANQUET SLATED FOR MARCH 27

The annual awards banquet will be held at the Desert Hills Hotel, 2707 E. Van Buren, Phoenix.

The "waterhole" will be open at 6:30 and dinner served promptly at 7:30.

Featured this year will be Joe Foss, well-known sportsman and former Governor of South Dakota as M.C.

Allen Stumpf will be speaking on "Sheep Transplants and Environmental Changes."

Also slated will be an outstanding film on sheep, displays, door prizes and a funfilled time to be had by all.

Reservations are \$9.00 per person and may be obtained by contacting Tim Blank at 832-0116 or any other Board member.

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