

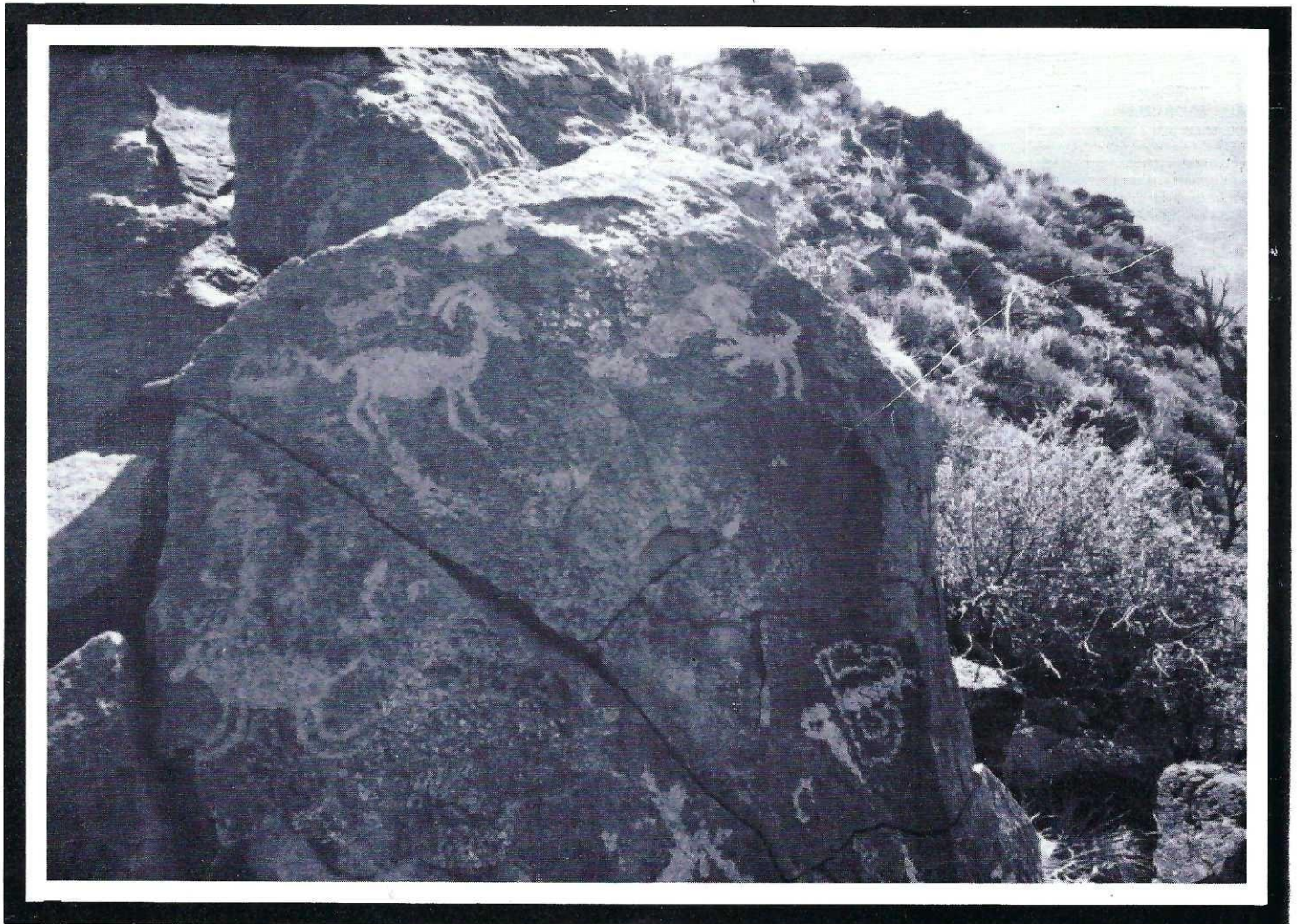
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1987

Waterhole Projects

January 10/11	AGF
Jan. 31/Feb. 1	Fish & Wildlife — Kofa
February 21/22	Foundation for North American Wild Sheep
March 7/8	Minn/Wisc Chapter
March 21/22	Triple Eye
April 11/12	Dominy Pothole
May 2/3	Kingman-Lost Cabin Springs

Events

February 7	4th Annual Fund Raiser Hyatt Regency — Phoenix
May 15	Annual Steak Fry
Oct. 3	Hunter Clinic & Awards Banquet
Sept. 9	Annual Membership Meeting

COVER PHOTO

Provided by:

Tom Boggess

PETROGLYPH Harcuvar Mountains

— By Tom Boggess



Indians employed two basic techniques to make a picture on stone. They painted pictures with pigment and oil (pictographs) or marked the surface of patinated rock (petroglyphs).

The patina on rock surfaces used to make petroglyphs is commonly known as “desert varnish”. The desert varnish forms as rocks are repeatedly wet and dried, bringing minerals to the surface through capillary action. These minerals oxidize and bake to form the desert varnish. The Indians would strike the desert varnish with a hard object to chip or rub away the surface to expose the lighter rock underneath. The picture made is known as a petroglyph.

The petroglyphs are made for a number of reasons: ceremonial, memory aids, doodlings, copying, location markers, hunting magic or to record some important event. I think the petroglyph in the picture may have been a record of an important event.

I was contacted by Matt Pierce and Dave Conrad last year to investigate the Harcuvar Mountains for the potential to harvest a desert mountain lion with the aid of hounds. We have investigated the Harcuvar and Harquahala Mountains for the past six months; and we enjoyed learning something about the dynamics of mountain lion and deer. Regretfully, we have not seen much evidence of desert bighorn sheep.

I suspect the petroglyph recorded in the eastern part of the Harcuvar Mountains was made when desert sheep were quite common in the mountain. The predator in the petroglyph could be a wolf, coyote or mountain lion. I think the long tail would appear to substantiate my suspicion, it is a lion.

I was hunting with Dr. Tom Tyler and Paul Dent from Venice, Florida last February. We were trailing a bobcat when Paul noticed the petroglyphs. Later in the year, Matt Pierce and I trailed a large male mountain lion past the rocks containing the petroglyphs. There are numerous mountain lion scrapes and scats within twenty yards of the petroglyph. I suspect the mountain lion may be the only descendant of the event recorded 1-3,000 years ago. The Indians are gone; the sheep are gone; but the mountain lions have preserved.

I hope one day the sheep will be reintroduced in significant numbers to the Harcuvar Mountains. Maybe the Indian was foretelling the future.

**REMINDER!! Send in your Sheep Hunt Raffle Tickets!
Drawing will be August 8.
Contact Bill Hook (602) 945-7379 for tickets.**

BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

February 11, 1987

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Jim Marquardt at 7:12 p.m. Introductions were made.

SELECTION TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS: John Houzenga was selected to represent the Board of Governors.

1) F & W KOFA: Pete Cimellaro reported that Bob Van Den Berge has moved to North Dakota. There is no replacement yet. Steve Williams moved that the Society present him with a special recognition plaque. Bob Orth seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.** Dean Bowdoin was appointed to make arrangements for the award.

c) FOUNDATION: Dean Bowdoin reported that the Arizona auction permit was sold for \$39,000.00. The next convention will be in Reno on February 24, 1988.

b) Jim Marquardt was contacted by George Colvin of the Sacramento Safari Club. They are interested in the possibility of framing and auctioning a 110 in the Shade at their Fund Raiser and splitting the proceeds with the Society.

(f) MEMBERSHIP: Bob Orth reported that the Society has 23 life members.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Pete Cimellaro announced that Walter Collins, President of the Arizona Bow Hunters Association called and the G & F Department has authorized a committee to be formed to deal with legislation for land-locked land. They have invited a member of the Society to be a part of that committee. Pete moved that ADBSS have a member serve on that committee. Steve Williams seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.** Jim Marquardt appointed Pete Cimellaro. Pete will accept the appointment when he finds out more about this committee and if he is able to serve. He will let the Executive Board know as soon as he does.

March 11, 1987

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Jim Marquardt at 7:20 p.m. Introductions were made.

SELECTION TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Dean Bowdoin was selected to represent the Board of Governors.

d) John Cook of the ASU Wildlife Society wrote a letter stating what a pleasure it has been to work with the Society and included an article that had been written in their newsletter.

d) Pete Cimellaro reported on the land access committee formed by Commissioner Larry Adams. There have been 2 meetings with the main topic of discussion being why sportsmen are being denied access to the land. Most of the problems are in Region I, II and IV. They are now trying to find a way to protect the sportsmen's rights. Beau made the suggestion of having the BLM get involved with the committee.

m) F & W CABEZA PRIETA: Larry Heathington reported that he had a discussion with Steve Van Riper about the sheep that were collared last October. As of this month, all the sheep are in the same mountain range. One sheep had wandered but is expected to come back to the range. Others were spotted within 3 miles from where they were collared. There is a ram in Mexico that may have a broken leg, but otherwise no fatalities.

n) G & F: Bill Hook reported that the purchase of helicopter nets must come from the raffle/auction funds.

A new director has been appointed. Temple Reynolds will take office in April for a 2 year term.

He also reported that a ram was shot at Apache Lake. The ram was decapitated, castrated and had his heart cut out. A reward has been posted by the G & F Dept. for \$1,700.00. Bill Hook moved that the Society offer an additional \$2,300.00 reward for a total reward of \$4,000.00 to be paid upon conviction. Joe Bill Pickrell seconded. Following discussion, Pete Cimellaro moved to amend Bill's motion to reduce the reward to a total of \$2,500.00. Kris Miller seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

a) Jim Marquardt announced that the AWF Convention will be held April 3-5 at the Grand Inn. Someone needs to represent the Society at the convention.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Steve Williams reported that a request was submitted to his committee for the purchase of a radio for Fernando Lizzarraga. Larry Heathington announced that the Gilbert Police Department is putting in a requisition for him to have 2 radios donated to the Society that had been used in police cars and are not being used now. They have 4 channels but need to have the crystal changed. A crystal can be purchased for \$68.00. Larry will see if these radios are compatible with Fernando's frequencies. Joe Bill Pickrell moved that Larry Heathington investigate, through the Gilbert Police Department, the possibility of having these radio's donated, if compatible. If not, the Board authorize up to \$1,500.00 for the purchase of a radio for Fernando Lizzarraga. Dean Bowdoin seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

b) Dean Bowdoin reported that he purchased a trophy of appreciation to be sent to Bob Van Den Berge for a job well done. He will take a picture of it for the Ram's Horn.

a) Jim Marquardt reported that Gannett Corporation had contributed \$450.00 to the Society.

Dean expressed to Beau McClure, BLM, the importance of the cooperation needed between ADBSS and the BLM wilderness specialist at the waterhole projects. A committee meeting will be scheduled in the near future between the BLM, ADBSSD and G & F Department. Beau reported on water appropriation and that anything within a drainage will require a permit. They are now working out which waters will require a permit and which will not. The BLM has opposed the application that involves sheep waters.

The Cabeza Prieta has informed the Society that they would like a project done. Larry Heathington reported that he looked at

North Penta Tank as a possible project. The tank has never been filled to capacity. The drainage is fine, but it just does not get enough rain. A storage can be built. Larry told Steve Van Riper that the project is too major to be completed this year. Larry will be going back to the Cabeza and looking at 8 additional projects to be done in the future. They will be evaluated to decide what has priority. Dean suggested that maybe in June a small project could be done but otherwise there is just no time this year for anything else.

Letter to the Society

Friday, February 20th, I had the privilege of working with members of the Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Arizona Game and Fish Department, and Luke Air Force Base. The occasion was a water catchment construction project within the rugged Sand Tank Mountains. The project would benefit the resident wildlife, including the elusive desert bighorn sheep.

John Gunn, of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, directed the project. Dean Bowdoin, of the Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, provided his expertise, and Luke Air Force Base provided a crew and two helicopters. The Air Force flew 10 workers deep into the mountains near the upper portion of a small drainage, and provided day-long air support bringing equipment to the work site. The work was strenuous, but day-end the steel was in place and was ready for the concrete and stone, which would be applied the following day.

During the day we had the satisfaction of finding bighorn sheep signs. The site apparently had plenty of good forage, and the new dam should enhance the wildlife potential of this desert mountain habitat. For myself it was satisfying to contribute to the welfare of this Sonoran desert wildlife community. In the words of John Gunn, "it was technology's finest hour". A well deserved thank you is due to the United States Air Force, the Desert Bighorn Sheep Society volunteers, and the employees of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

John W. Cook
ASU Wildlife Society
Arizona Wildlife Federation

LOST MEMBERS

Following is a list of members who we are unable to contact because of recent moves and/or no forwarding address. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the members, please contact the Administrative Office.

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SUCCESSFUL '86 HUNTS

CATALINA MONARCH

Bob Christy of Tucson took full advantage of his desert sheep permit by taking a dandy that officially scored $180\frac{1}{8}$ B.C. points.

Bob's hunt took place in the rough and beautiful Catalina Mountains in Unit 33.

Assisting on the hunt was Niel Sutherland of Tucson.



PLOMOSA RAM

Al Del Ray Jr. took a nice ram from the Plomosa Mountains in Unit 44B North during his December '86' hunt.

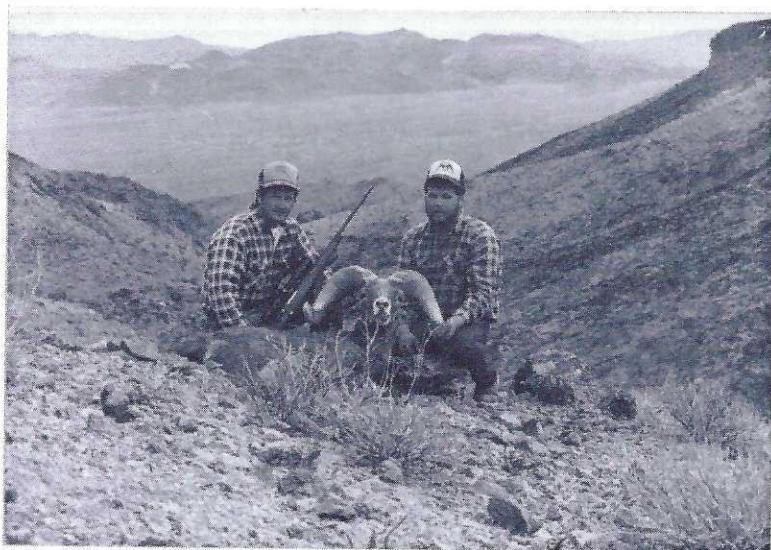
Assisting were Jim Del Rey, Joe Del Rey, Niel Lawson, Lyman Beecher, Ron Beecher, Al Personey, and Kirk Hoover. The ram was taken on the sixth day and scored 168 B.C. points.

CASTLE DOME HUNT

Dr. Syd Palmer looks happy with his 10 year old. Ram taken on the first day in Unit 45C. The Castle Dome Mountains are a constant producer, and an old ram like Syd's is a trophy in every respect. The desert sheep scored $160\frac{1}{8}$ B.C. points.



HUNTS Continued ...



KINGMAN REGION

Ruby Wells connected with ram from Unit 15C during the December '86' hunt.

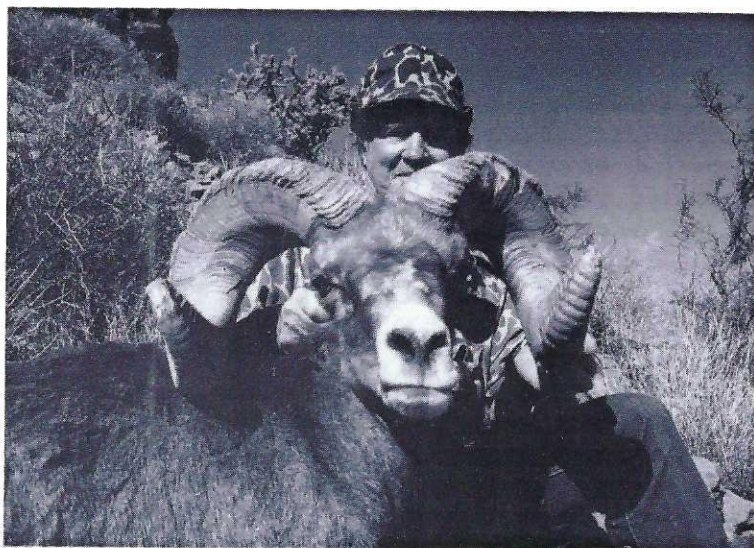
Assisting was Chris Harlow. Ruby's ram is a good example of the wide flaring horn characteristic displayed by rams from the northern part of the state.

WEST KOFA RAM

Pictured with his 11 year old ram is Leland Speakes of Cleveland, Mississippi.

Leland reports being very happy with all aspects of the hunt and speaks highly of the Society.

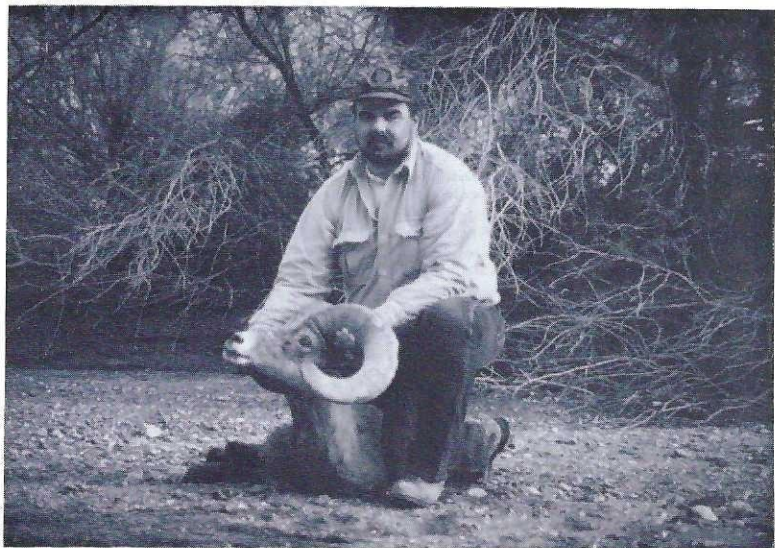
The ram was taken on the fourth day of his hunt in Unit 45A, and was assisted by Dean Bowdoin.



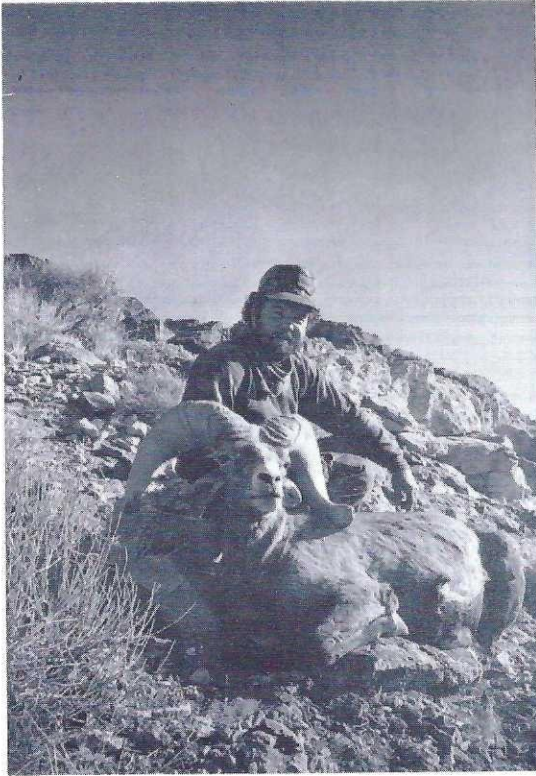
NORTHERN RAM

David Neighbor, of Kansas, completed his desert sheep hunt with a 10 year old ram from Unit 15B east.

Assisting were Tom Martin and Joe Bill Pickerell.



HUNTS Continued ...



BLACK MOUNTAINS

Unit 15D annually produces several rams and last year was no exception.

Dennis Stoger completed his desert sheep hunt with a ram scoring 161 B.C. points.

Assisting on the hunt was Peter Cimellaro.

LOOKING FOR SUCCESSFUL SHEEP HUNTERS

As the '86 Desert sheep hunt has drawn to a close, the memories of your once-in-a-lifetime adventure will last an eternity. I would like to congratulate the successful hunters on fulfilling a dream that for the most of us truly comes once in a lifetime.

An important aspect of the "Ram's Horn" publication is to recognize those rams taken by including an article and photo of the hunt in future issues. We need your help and are asking each successful hunter to *please* send a photo and short story, or pertinent information about the hunt so we can share your hunt with other ADBSS members.

It is important that the information be sent as soon as possible so we can get *your* story in the next issue possible. Please indicate whether or not the photo need be returned.

Send the material to The Administrators at 3602 E. Campbell, Phoenix, AZ 85018, or directly to me, Bryon Wiley at 1638 E. Paradise Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85022.

An Apology Is In Order

The Sheep Society would like to take this time to recognize Mr. Don Turner of Turner Custom Stocks, California, who was inadvertently left off the Fund Raiser Banquet Donor's List.

Should there be others we have failed to recognize, please accept our sincere apologies for that omission and accept our thanks for your many generous contributions in the past, for it is through these contributions and efforts of such dedicated individuals that the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society has been best able to benefit the Desert Bighorn Sheep of Arizona.

Thanks,

Paul Ruskaup, ADBSS Fund Raising Chairman

ADAM'S WELL

Castle Dome Mountains

This project is located approximately in the center of the Castle Dome Mountains on the KOFA NATIONAL WILDLIFE RANGE.

The project is very critical to the survival of the desert bighorn sheep as well as deer and many other species of wildlife.

Adam's Well was originally dug by a prospector looking for gold around the turn of the century. The hole did not produce much gold, but did provide Mr. Adams with the opportunity to sell water to an active mine on the other side of the mountain.

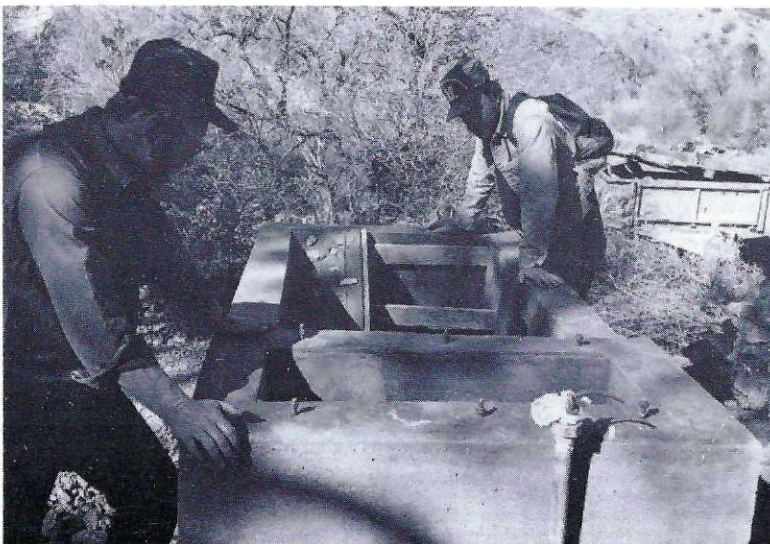
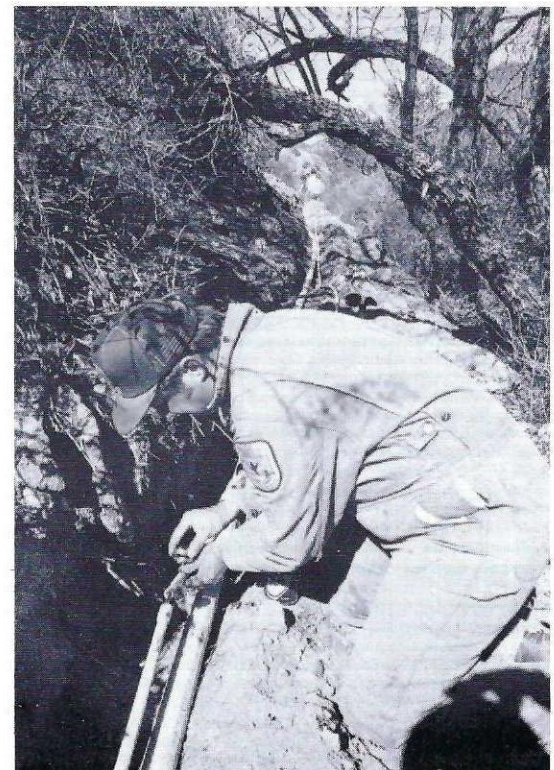
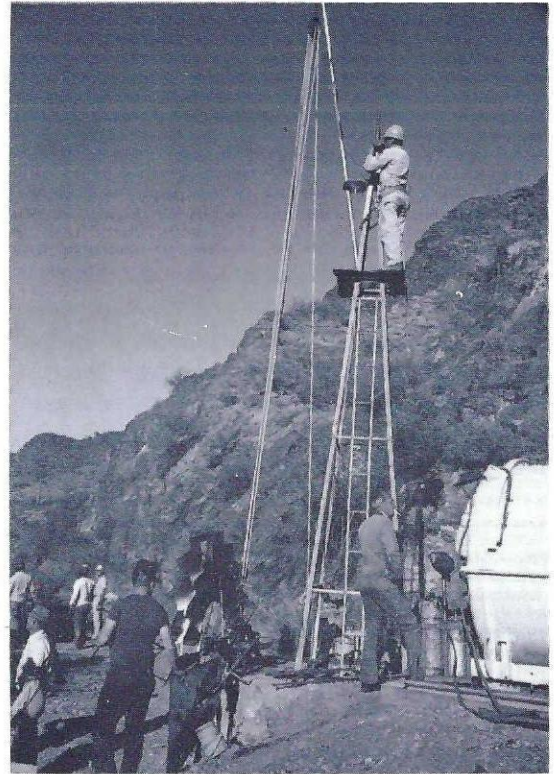
A new mill head was furnished by the Sheep Society and was installed on the windmill. To insure adequate storage a fiberglass tank was installed from which new piping will carry water to a large concrete-poured drinker. The water level on the trough is controlled by a float valve. Other materials such as concrete, pipe, etc. was also furnished by the Sheep Society.

A large flood control masonry wall was constructed to protect the drinker in the event of heavy flooding.

Solar powered sensors were installed to monitor the level of water in the tank and in the drinker. In the event either one should have a problem in water level, a signal is automatically sent to the Yuma office to alert the Fish & Wildlife personnel that something is wrong and immediate attention is necessary. This will insure that the project will not go dry during the critical times.

Everyone who participated had an enjoyable time and worked hard, but could come away with the satisfaction of a job well done.

Our thanks to all who participated in making this another successful project.



JUNIPER TANKS

Sand Tank Mountains February 21/22, 1987

On February 21/22, members of the Sheep Society gathered with participants from the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Bureau of Land Management and Air Force personnel from Luke Air Force Base to construct a most critical water source in the Sand Tank Mountains. This project was funded by the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep and we were very pleased to have several members of FNAWS present. We were also pleased to have members from the California Conservation for Desert Bighorn Sheep.

There was well over a hundred people who participated in this project. Each and everyone can have the satisfaction that they have really contributed to a worthwhile water development that will benefit the desert bighorn for years into the future.

This project is located near the center of the Sand Tank Mountains south of I-8 between Casa Grande and Gila Bend. The site is located high in the mountains where ewes do climb. Sheep were spotted at the project site when the first helicopter arrived.

The Air Force flew over seventy workers to the project site on Saturday and a few souls walked to the site which is located over 2 hours from the nearest road.

All the materials and work crews were flown to the site by Air Force helicopters and our thanks and appreciation goes to the military for their participation in a job well done.

Materials and a small work crew were flown to the job on Friday, where the re-bar for two dams was installed which insured that the activity on Saturday could be completed so that no one needed to be back on Sunday.

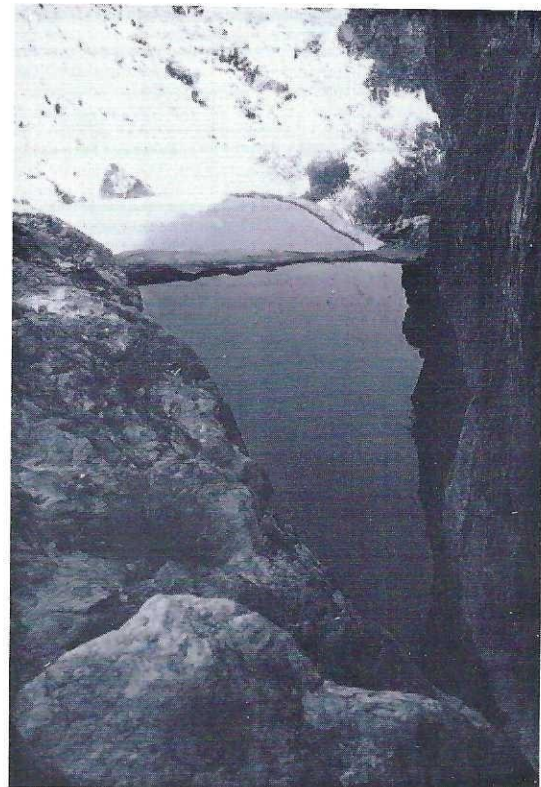
The project consisted of constructing two masonry dams each about 7 feet high and 15 feet across and will provide from 12 to 15 thousand gallons of permanent water storage.

A silt control basket was constructed upstream approximately 5 feet high and 35 feet across, which will help to keep silt and rocks out of the dams below.

Saturday evening found over a hundred tired & weary workers around the campfire after enjoying a superb steak dinner. Our thanks and appreciation goes out to the cook crew and the effort they spent in making the project a success.

During the week following the completion of the project, we were blessed with some of that badly needed rain and John Gunn, Ariz. Game & Fish visited the site and reported that both dams were level full and functioning beautifully.

Once again, our thanks goes to all the organizations and agencies that came together to make this project a success.



Pictures show the two tanks completely full the week after completion.

WOOLSEY PEAK

Gila Bend Mountains

March 7/8, 1987

Woolsey Peak is located approximately 10 miles southwest of Buckeye in the Gila Bend Mountains. All materials and helicopter time for this project was funded by the Minn/Wisc chapter of the FNAWS.

We had five members of the Minn/Wisc chapter on the project:

Craig Johnson, Pres.

Neil McKenzie

Wally Anderson

Brad Kadlec

Curtis Judd

A special thanks and appreciation goes to the Minn/Wisc chapter for their generous contribution to such a worthwhile project.

This project is located in a mountain where no permanent water currently exists and is extremely critical since this mountain is targeted for a future sheep transplant.

Approx. 60 people participated in making this a successful project. The work involved building a masonry dam about six feet high and 8 feet across. A two inch pipe was installed in the upper ¼ of the dam to take water to a fiberglass tank which was located approx. 30 feet away. A drinker was installed with a float valve to provide water for wildlife. Above the dam we constructed a silt diversion basket approx. 40 feet long and 5 feet high which will insure that the area behind the dam does not fill up with silt and rocks. The total project should provide about 4 thousand gallons of critical water for wildlife.

A pipe fence was also constructed across the mouth of the drainage to discourage unwanted domestic animals from drinking the wildlife water.

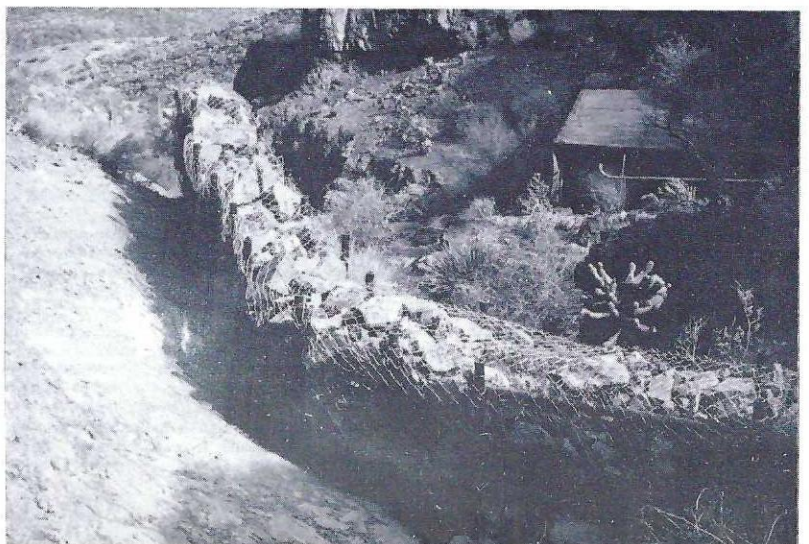
The project is located in a wilderness study area and close cooperation with the BLM was maintained to insure the construction did not take away from the wilderness aspect, keeping in mind at all times the importance of this water development to the wildlife in the area.

Our thanks goes also to the Arizona Game and Fish Dept. and the Bureau of Land Management, where by a close, cooperative working relationship is so vital if critical projects such as these are to continue.

We should all remember that when it's all said and done, the work being done is for the wildlife to insure that our posterity in the future will be able to enjoy and the various species of wildlife that will benefit from this water will continue to be around for many years into the future.

We do want to recognize the cook crew and all the hard work they do to make the project a success. It is really appreciated to be able to come off the mountain after a hard day's work and have a delicious meal waiting. We really missed the pocket rockets.

Thanks to all who participated and to the Minn/Wisc chapter for the badly needed funding.



ATTENDEES ON WATERHOLE PROJECTS

ADAM'S WELL

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SOUTHWEST TOUR

On Thursday night, March 19th, 1987, Pete Cimellaro and Larry Heathington struggled into the Plomosa Mountains to Lazarus Tank on the beginning of what will become known as the Southwest Tour. They were there along with Joe Bill Pickrell and Joe Mahac to assist members of the Arizona Game and Fish Department and BLM with the resealing of the upper Pothole at Lazarus prior to it being pumped full of water for the coming summer months.

Friday morning found everyone hauling materials and hose-up the mountain on packframes to begin this work on a very important waterhole to the hundreds of sheep that inhabit the Plomosas. When the pothole was finally sealed and the pumps were working away at sending the water up the mountain, Pickrell, Heathington and Cimellaro took a short but bumpy detour around to the west side of the Mountain to check on Little Bones Tank, which was almost full and holding nicely.

Saturday morning found everyone packing up to move the 40 miles to Triple Eye in the Eagletails where work was underway to complete an upper Silt Diversion dam and Burro/Cattle fence. The turnout was good and the work went exceedingly well, causing the crews to be finished well before sundown Saturday night. Even though the wind howled and it rained on our parade, the evening meal and Sunday morning breakfast were exceptional as usual.

With no real work to do on Sunday, a short excursion was made to the south to look at Dead Deer Tank. This out of the way Tank is probably as pretty a water as you would ever expect to find in a desert mountain range. Everytime I've been there, it's brimming full of water and seems to have sheep around it year round, as evidenced by the ewes and lambs that were seen nearby.

The tour really got under at that point with Heathington and Cimellaro heading south to the Cabeza Prietas Refuge for a look at some of their waterholes with future development in mind. In conjunction with the Cabeza staff we drove 150 miles along the Mexican border from Ajo to Tacna, to observe Charlie Bell Well, Granite Pass Tank, Bassirus Tank, Papago Well, Tuseral Tank, Tule Well, Halfway Tank, and Buck Mountain Tank. For those of you who have never been there, those tanks cover the majority of the mountain ranges in the Cabeza Prieta Game Range and a whole lot of pristine desert inbetween. Sheep sightings were short but 2 Sonoran Pronghorns were observed in the area of Charlie Bell Well. The sheep were there, but when you drive most of the day, you don't get much of a chance to look.

At the end of the tour approximately 500 miles had been covered along with 8 mountain ranges, and 12 waterholes in 5 days. It was a busy time but rewarding, with the desert in full bloom and the sheep beginning to multiply.

DON BELKNAP — RETIRES

We have just learned that our long time friend is retiring. Don has been very instrumental in the successful water developments for wildlife while employed with the Arizona Game & Fish Department.

The Sheep Society wishes to express our sincere appreciation to Don for the many years of effort he has contributed to the wildlife in Arizona.

GOAT MOUNTAIN RAM POACHED



REWARD INCREASES TO \$4,000 IN GOAT MTN. SHEEP POACHING

Rewards offered in the case of a desert bighorn sheep that was illegally killed on the north shore of Apache Lake the weekend of February 14, have been increased to \$4,000, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department now has additional information about the poaching suspects and about the dead ram.

The higher rewards are being offered by the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society in conjunction with the Department's Operation Game Thief program.

Game and Fish learned about the dead sheep February 15 thanks to a citizen report that the bighorn's carcass could be seen from the water and was located on Goat Mountain directly across from the Apache Lake Marina. Mesa regional officers investigated February 16.

It is believed that the sheep was shot from the water that Saturday or Sunday. Only the animal's head was taken by poachers. The carcass was left to rot.

Operation Game Thief Coordinator Bill Powers says the Department has made some progress in investigating the incident and has learned more about the poachers and the sheep.

The suspects are now believed to have used an older, 15-foot outboard aluminum boat with a decked-over bow and a windshield.

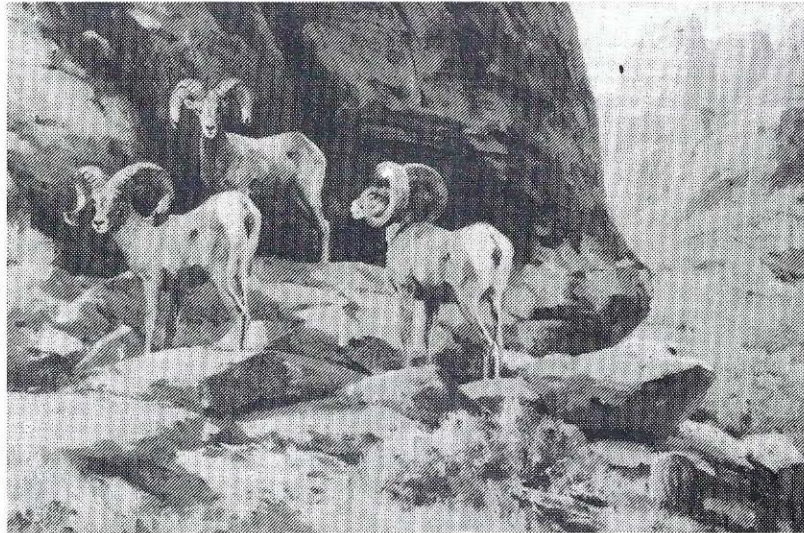
Despite the theft of its head and horns, the poached ram has now been precisely identified. Bighorn sheep were introduced to Goat Mountain by Game and Fish with transplants in November, 1980, and November, 1981. Because of the interest in these transplanted sheep, the animals were widely photographed, and a picture has been found which shows the animal when it was alive.

Sheep horns are as different from one another as human fingerprints, and the photo of this particular ram shows a distinctive chip missing from his left horn along the crest approximately 6 inches from the base. Department officers are now looking for a specific head.

Powers urges anyone with information about this bighorn sheep killing to please call the Department's toll-free, 24-hour Operation Game Thief Line at 1-800-352-0700. Callers need not give their names to collect the reward.

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The Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society and its 600 members are dedicated to increasing the population of the desert bighorn sheep within Arizona. Since the Society's beginning in 1967, the Society has developed ninety-two new water sources in either existing or historic sheep habitat. The development of these water sources represents the donation of over 80,000 hours of labor by sheep enthusiasts. The Society has received fourteen state and national awards for its conservation efforts from organizations such as the National Wildlife Federation, the Desert Bighorn Council, and the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep.

Since 1980, when the Society began to actively pursue fundraising, over \$504,000 has been raised for sheep management projects in Arizona. As a result, fourteen transplant herds have been established that have a total population of 880 sheep. Prior to this financial support, only 71 desert bighorns had been transplanted in Arizona.

These accomplishments are primarily the result of support from sportsmen who understand and appreciate the opportunity to participate in this successful program. The continued increase in the bighorn population and increases in sheep hunting opportunities in Arizona require this continued support. Through the generous contribution of Collectors Covey and Ken Carlson, one hundred percent of the funds raised from the sale of these prints will be utilized to continue these programs.

Ken Carlson is one of the world's leading wildlife artists. His work has been featured in Sports Afield, Sporting Classics, Midwest Art, and Southwest Art. His art has been utilized by such prestigious conservation organizations as the Boone and Crocket Club, The Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, The Ruffed Grouse Society, and The National Wild Turkey Foundation.

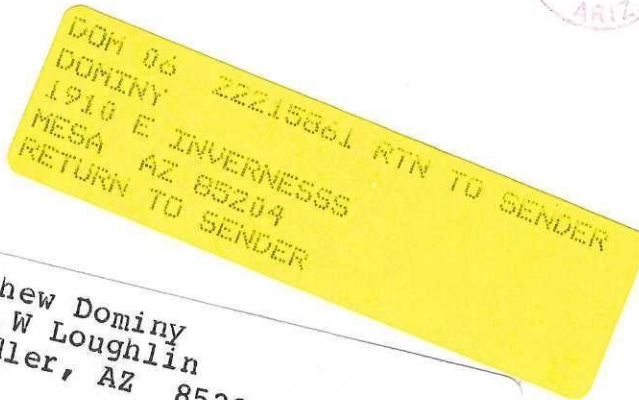
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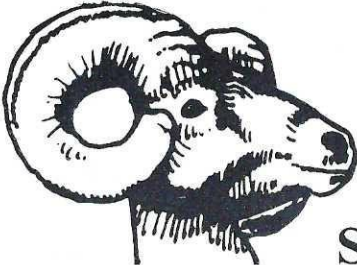
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Contact Kris Miller, 841-5899

Any member interested in serving on a committee, contact Society President Jim Marquardt 922-7220 or 996-1997.

MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

Individuals who are interested in promoting the welfare of the Desert Bighorn Sheep and desire to affiliate with an organization dedicated to this purpose may do so by joining the Arizona Bighorn Sheep Society, Inc.

The membership roster of the Society includes conservationists, sportsmen, professional wildlife managers, educators, biologists, photographers and just plain folks all interested in the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep.

The Society undertakes an annual program of several (usually 5) major habitat improvement construction projects in cooperation with and under the direction of the State and Federal agencies responsible for management of the Desert Bighorn Sheep.

One of the more important projects of the Society is the conduction of the annual Sheep Clinic training program.

In addition to projects, members of the Society participate in other conservation and game management activities; a special legislative committee of the Society closely watches legislation that may affect the sheep or its habitat and general welfare.

While the opportunities for active participation are numerous, such participation is not a prerequisite for membership. All interested persons are encouraged to join, the Society needs and welcomes your moral and financial support.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby make application for membership in the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Inc., and enclose my membership donation. DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

New membership prices are as follow:

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