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From the Laptop

Brian Peterson,
President UBM

Still fighting a little
smoke inhalation

from the bonfires and barbecues at the Greater Ozark Mountain Squirrel Hunt, but I'll survive. Thanks to all who made the trip to the middle of nowhere to attend the "hunt" as well as the board meeting. Record time for the meeting and I think we all survived the weekend—can't wait for next year. In the meanwhile, I suspect the upcoming 25th Anniversary Celebration will keep a few of us hopping. Looking

for something to do? Contact one of your board members or representatives and volunteer—the more the merrier, for sure. This years Festival will honor the first 25 years of UBM as well as raise a glass to toast our future. I know there have been heated debates as to the nature, foundation, and future of UBM, but I know that deep down we are all here because we share the same ethics and core values. I hope you will agree and come share the festivities in Jefferson City.

See you soon and keep 'em sharp!

Brian Peterson

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Monty Browning - banquet speaker

Photo Contest

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the UBM conference in February.

1. Bowhunter with game
2. Bowhunting related
3. Wildlife
4. Outdoor theory
5. Trail cam photo

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Crossbow Myths Part 2

By Mike Brust, Chairman
North American Bowhunting Coalition

My last column illustrated that from a performance standpoint modern crossbows are vastly superior, on several levels, to all archery equipment.

One would think that with that type of information now becoming readily available, states would no longer be trying to lump crossbow hunting in with archery hunting, any more than they would be adding rifles to muzzleloader or archery seasons. And yet it continues.

Those that have a financial interest in forcing crossbows into archery seasons instead of their own or other seasons also understand that the charade that modern crossbows are “almost like” bows is just about over. They’ve pretty well abandoned this false pretense that got them into several states, and have adopted a new strategy. Their primary argument is now: by making bowhunting easier and success quicker, crossbows in archery seasons will increase hunter recruitment and retention. After all, who can oppose that?

However, this too is a myth.

Without crossbows, bowhunting has already been a bright spot of hunter recruitment and retention almost universally across the country. This has confounded those that don’t understand bowhunting. After all, it takes too much time, it’s more difficult than it has to be, and the success rate isn’t that good. But to us it makes perfect sense: It’s a close range, high-intensity sport that requires a higher level of commitment; we challenge

ourselves with restrictive rules, and our success is derived as much from the hunt as from the harvest. Unlike other forms of hunting, bowhunting is difficult on purpose. It’s a key reason why we buy bowhunting licenses in the first place.

So why are hunters buying fewer licenses for more efficient forms of hunting when some say we need to make hunting easier and quicker to attract new hunters and keep existing ones? It’s because the reasons we hunt are changing. Not long ago filling the freezer was the primary motivation, while these days it has become more of a chance to challenge ourselves and spend time outdoors. Sound familiar?

With bowhunting already providing the model for hunting’s successful future, why would any state want to change it? Especially to make it easier and more like other hunting methods that are declining.

Bowhunting is unique. There are plenty of other opportunities to harvest game as

expediently as possible. But bowhunting has been amazingly successful for just the opposite reasons. Fundamentally changing it by adding mid-range, pre-loaded weapons like crossbows will affect whether hunters choose to continue participating.

Some states, like Georgia, learned this the hard way. In 2002 they were pressured to change their archery season into a crossbow and archery season, with the promise that the combined season would produce a lot more licensed hunter. It didn’t. In fact for most of the years since, the number of licenses sold for the combined season has been lower than it was for archery alone before the change.

Don’t let this happen in your state. Get involved with your state bowhunting association, game department and even state legislators to resist the onslaught from those that are more interested in marketing a product than the future of hunting, especially bowhunting.

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5th Annual Sheep Eater's Greater Ozark Mountain Squirrel Hunt


Brian Peterson

I'm sitting here trying to recover from the whirlwind weekend that is the Sheep Eater's Greater Ozark Mountain Squirrel Hunt (SEGOMSH to those in the know) and wondering if hitting a squirrel with your vehicle counts? General consensus is that it does, so it looks like we "hunters" won again this year albeit hours after everyone left and with a slightly less than traditional weapon. All in attendance survived the festivities, no thanks to the weather—although it did start out pleasant enough and temperatures remained mild throughout the event. There were mild winds and enough helium left over from the Rendezvous to entertain the shooters as well as the onlookers (I truly believe the horses in the adjacent pasture were smirking at our shooting prowess), but we did manage to pop a few balloons to inflate our egos. The long distance balloon shoot proved to be a "close, but no cigar" affair and the few hunters that braved the Ozark woods saw a squirrel or two, but no shots were fired this year. Wind and rain did their best to dampen our spirits Saturday evening and overnight into Sunday morning, but most attendees stuck around at least until the feast was over. No lamb on the barbee this year as the absence of a ram in the pasture led to the inevitable

lack of edible progeny available for consumption. No worries, though as there was plenty of smoked turkey, burgers venison roasts and bear chili to go around. If you haven't attended one of these UBM "hunts", I would strongly recommend it—all would agree, "It's a blast!" Until next year...



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My 2¢

Brian Peterson, UBM Life Member

Let me toss in my two cents on the subject of “Traditional only” for what it’s worth. I am the first to admit that I wasn’t there when our founding members decided to break form the Missouri Bow Hunters Association to form the United Bowhunters of Missouri, although I have been bowhunting nearly as long. This was a bold and controversial move at the time and one that we members will evidently continue to debate and dissect for years to come. As we have seen in the words of our founders, accounts of the details of the formation of UBM vary from individual to individual; perhaps due to the passage of time; perhaps in an effort to remember things the way we wanted them to be. Suffice it to say, as the UBM Constitution is written, I believe we are spot-on track with the mission of UBM. Yes, Pope & Young as used as our equipment standard (P&Y Rules of Fair Chase) has continued to revise their equipment policies to keep pace with technological “advances” in the archery industry—“sold out to the manufacturers”, as it were. However it appears that our founders were wise in their choice of language to use the phrase “...to maintain the quality of the bowhunting experience and willfully accept the challenge of bowhunting by restricting technology which...diminish[es] the bowhunting experience” rather than specifically restrict our choice of equipment.

This places the responsibility of attaining these lofty goals squarely on the shoulder of the hunter—precisely where they should be. After all, who knows better whether he or she is truly meeting these standards than the person involved; and who are you or I to tell them otherwise? Our founders put the ball firmly in our hands to decide what is right, ethical, and “traditional” for each of us (the word “traditional” does not appear anywhere in the UBM constitution— does anyone realize that?). The laws of physical attraction take over from there and we of like mind and ethics are somehow attracted to each other and to UBM.

There are very few of us that can honestly say they have never shot, owned, or desired

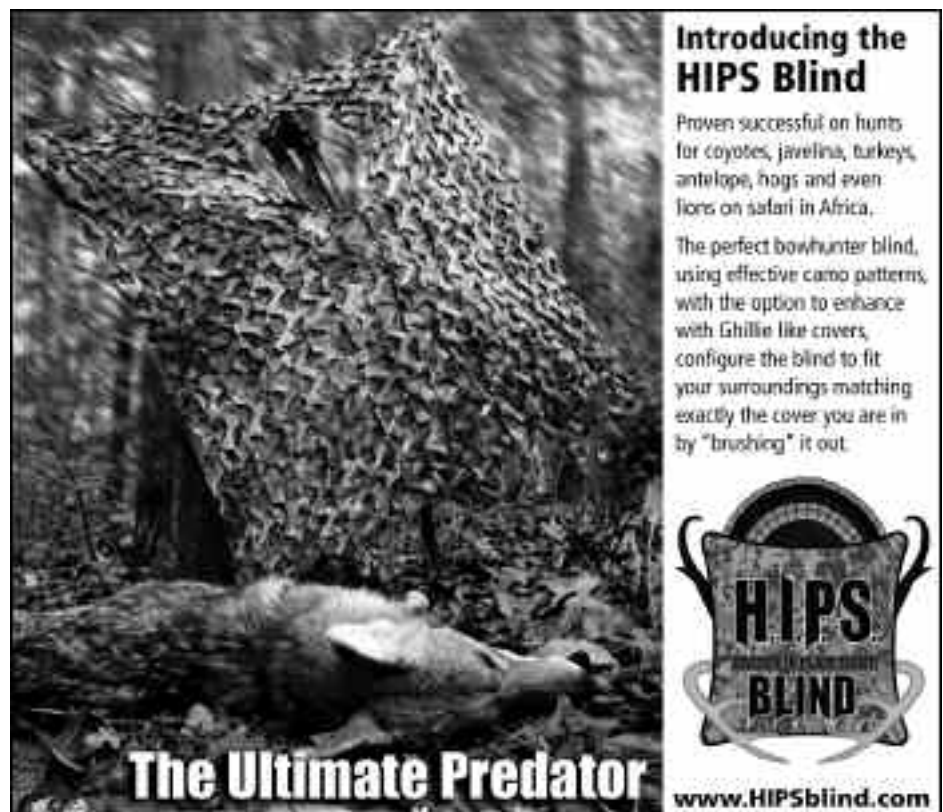
to own a tech bow. I wish I could say I was one of them, but truth be known, like many of you, I cut my teeth learning to bowhunt with a compound bow. When bowhunting became to “easy”, I upgraded to a recurve, then to a longbow, and finally a selfbow. Not because I wanted to wound or miss, but because I embraced the challenge of hunting, not necessarily the killing—getting close and trying to take game on much more personal terms. When I made this life choice, I found UBM and UBM embraced me in return.

While I am not a huge proponent of the “big tent” theory, I do strongly believe that we as archers (in general) and bowhunters (in particular) need to focus our attention towards the betterment and continued value of our sport. Yes, there is without a doubt a huge difference between a modern, high-tech compound bow and a simple stick and string, but let’s face it, even the “simple” stick and string has come a long way in the last 25 years. There will always be technological “improvements” and gimmicks galore available on the market in both venues, but let’s face it, unless you run around in a loin

cloth and hew your bow and arrow straight from the trees, you’ve embraced some form of technology and gimmickry in whatever form that is acceptable to you personally. This is what makes us the bowhunters we are today, and it’s what we do and how we act with these weapons in our hands that makes us the responsible members of the United Bowhunters of Missouri. Let’s lead by example and continue to be just that—the United Bowhunters of Missouri.

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Brian Peterson, UBM

Dave Long, friend, former UBM Board member and current Alaskan resident didn't have to ask me twice if I was interested in returning to the Great White North in pursuit of longbow moose in the fall of 2011. After some discussion as to the logistics of the hunt, we decided to put in for an archery only draw unit (922) along the 10-mile corridor of the Dalton Highway (the "Haul Road" of "Ice Road Truckers" fame) from the Yukon River north to the town of Coldfoot. Lo and behold, we were drawn—game on!

It was decided to forego a motorized boat in lieu of lining a canoe upstream within the 5-mile eastern half of the unit, then floating back to the Haul Rd—hopefully with canoes full of moose meat. After the 600 mile trek from Eagle River to our put-in along the Trans-Alaska Pipeline where it crosses the south fork of the Koyukuk River, we were keyed with anticipation. It didn't hurt that while I stood knee-deep in the river holding the canoes while Dave parked his truck, a small paddle bull trotted across the river a mere 75 yards upstream. This was going to be good!

Timing was perfect for the moose rut, and although it was tempting to head another 300 miles north to pursue some trophy caribou for a few days before we started moose hunting (every vehicle headed south was topped with huge 'bou racks), we were anxious for the task at hand. Non-residents are restricted to shooting 50"-spread antlers or bulls with at least 4 brow tines on one side in this unit; residents are allowed to take "any bull" so this pretty well covered our bases. Any bull moose was going to get some attention between the two of us.

I'm the first to admit that I'm a bit of a novice when it comes to canoes and some of the methods of moving around the streams and tributaries in Alaska, and when Dave told me of his plans to line and float, I reluctantly agreed. "Lining" basically consists of holding on to a fully loaded canoe, wading the river's edge in moving water that can come precariously close to the top of chest waders, crossing the river from



David Long with his "We Go That-A-Way" pose.



Hello, can you hear me now?

gravel bar to gravel bar across slick round rocks and strong currents, and after 2.5 miles of this, and a couple of holes poked in my waders (yes, the water is very cold), I was ready to find a place to set up camp. We settled on a beautiful pea-gravel bar solidly centered within upstream side of the archery corridor. Unloading, sorting and setting up camp took the better part of the afternoon,

but in the end, we had a very comfortable base of operations consisting of Dave's canvas tent (dubbed the "Taj Mahal") complete with woodstove, plenty of firewood cut and stacked, and even a real sit-down privy. It didn't hurt that as we were laying out the poles for the Taj, we looked up to see a cow moose emerge from the willows 100 yards down the beach and cross to the other side. It was going to be serious "game on"!

Day one of actual hunting (September 11) found us at the edge of a beaver slough behind camp contemplating how to climb a blowdown-covered hillside to gain some elevation (harder than it looks) in order to glass the area. Dave gave a little cow call and all hell broke loose in the timber on the other side of the meadow. Grunts and breaking branches were followed by the emergence of a magnificent 60"+ white-paddled bull. Perfectly shaped paddles ringed in points and huge elk-like brow "swords" virtually destroyed a willow stand while we watched trying to form some plan of attack. Dave was stuck midway up the hillside and saw the whole show at 75 yards, I had come down and was trying to flank him but unfavorable wind currents and my inexperience in such situations proved too much



The haul road bull.

for the bull and it was not to be. I should note also, that on a typical day in our area, we would cuss every float plane that flew low overhead shuttling rifle hunters upstream, but the skies were eerily quiet that day until nearly 5 PM. It was truly a relief to hear that first plane so we could make the assumption that all was still well with the USA on this day of remembrance.

Day 2 dawned clear and cool, and after a somewhat disorganized morning around camp we finally lined upstream in search of moose. After rejecting a river crossing (too deep and swift), we had regrouped and were lining up the edge of a willow beach, when Dave happened to notice a cow moose standing in the willows. Then a small 35"-40" bull materialized next to her. With a little intense glassing, it was determined that this little bull did indeed have four brow tines on his left antler—game on for the non-resident! Dave gave a “glunk” call and the pair started towards us at the waters edge. I guess I’d better put the camera down and pay attention, huh? Is this really happening? Dave figured that this young bull was hell-bent on defending his cow and stomping us and/or the canoe, so with arrow knocked and tension on the string, Dave stood and flared the bull at 25-30 yards. Unfortunately, real life rarely mimics what happens on TV, where the bull

would have stood there broadside for a full minute and taken my arrow to the feathers behind the shoulder. As it was, the broadside moment was but a fleeting instant and the pair rushed off to safety across the river (amazing how little the obstacle effected them). I simply wasn’t willing to loose an arrow at a running target (no matter how big) at that distance. Moose win again.

As it turned out, we bumped into the pair in a thick bedding area a couple hours later, and while glassing and trying to figure an approach, I caught glimpse of Dave drawing his bow and releasing. As his arrow noisily clinked off a branch, I was wondering what sort of calling strategy this was. Then I glanced in the direction of his shot and noticed a bull walking in a mere 30 yards from me! He was a “resident-sized” bull, but still mighty impressive (probably a 45"-er), and as he headed towards the bedded pair, I figured fireworks would ensue. The two just stood there, joined by a second cow, then wandered off to greener pastures like long-lost buddies. This was odd considering the rut and the cows involved.... Bottom line—moose win again.

Suffice it to say, despite a short spell of unseasonably warm weather, followed by a period of rain that raised the river to uncrossable depths, and finally a bout of



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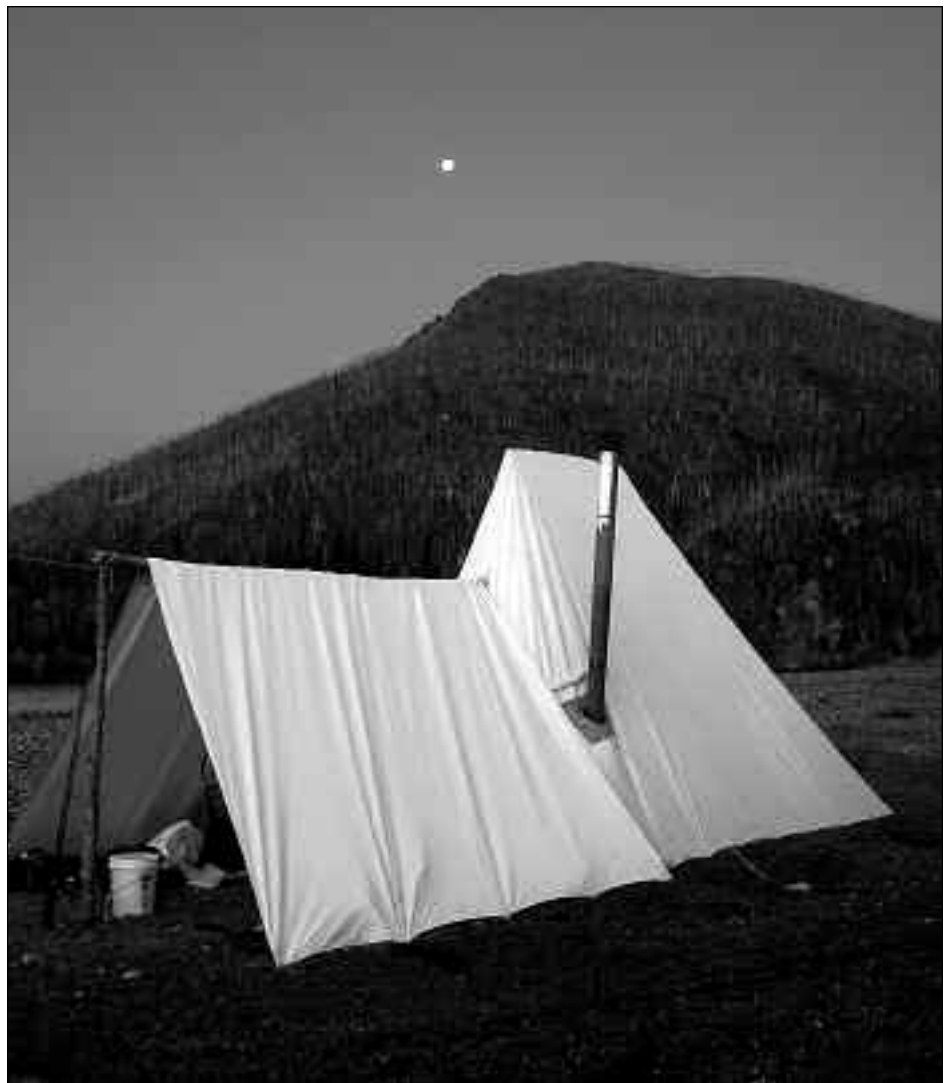
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freezing temps and even some snow flakes, our hunt continued on and by the time the “Fun-Meter” had pegged, we had seen 14 moose (5 of which were legal for at least one of us to consider and two of these wall-hangers for sure), caught a slew of trophy Arctic Grayling, were treated to an unbelievable show of the Northern Lights and basically had the time of our lives. Sure, there were some tediously slow times—that’s hunting, but consider where we were. Man, that’s a trip of a lifetime no matter how you slice it. Next time, to a unit where non-residents can take any-bull. After all, my bucket list just says “Take moose with longbow”—doesn’t say how big it has to be....



Author’s Note: Dave Long is a Deputy U.S. Marshal in charge of the Fugitive Task force in Anchorage, AK. He hairline-fractured his C-7 vertebrae on a training exercise 4 weeks prior to the hunt but insisted on continuing with the planned hunt, tingling fingers and all. He builds one heck of an Osage longbow and makes his own arrow shafts from scratch. To call him “dedicated” is an understatement and he is my inspiration.

I am a taxidermist and museum artist and currently president of the United Bowhunters of Missouri. My main goal is the “doing” and not necessarily the “getting”, so I often eat “Tag Soup”. Someday would like to connect with one of these great northern beasts—maybe next time.





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Fish At Last, Fish At Last

by Kevin Pinckney

I bought this hunt two years ago at the UBM banquet. I wanted to take some one with me but how do I decide who, I talked with a gentleman after the auction that said he may be interested in going but I lost his address and could not remember his name. there was my son Denver, son in law Cory, but as fate would have it my dear friend was in a bad car wreck around the same time so I told him he was going with me on this trip. to give him something to work for and get better, David Finney, aca Shag.



He did but one delay lead to another scheduling flooding in the Missouri River and who knows what put us off until Sept. 10 but we finally got a date we all and hopefully the fish could meet at the same time. We made our way to the north side of St Louis and met up with Robin Parks of Aim Low productions and his crew including a camera man and a boat designed by Robin but to my it looked like a boat designed by the military to kill fish. 20 foot by 8 foot and 4 foot deep OD black and to me beautiful. They launched the barge around dark and we mounted and geared up all compliments of Aim Low Productions and the hunt was on. Robin said we were going to be looking for big head carp but we were welcome to any rough fish that dared show up in range, more like wanted to taunt us. Any way, we started seeing fish, missed many until Shag made his first hit. Then we made contact ever so

often, not enough to brag about but enough to smell like fish and make Robin and crew laugh until they hurt. The big heads were not showing themselves like we hoped but we got shots at grasscarp sliver carp, gar and a few big heads. The amount of fish I killed I could keep track of on my fingers Shag fared much better. We tried our hand at moving targets, the boat moving the fish jumping. I could have done that all night it was so fun. Not a lot of fish got pierced if fact not hardly any, I got hit by more fish than I hit.

Pictured is David, "shag" with his bighead, the biggest one of the night not the biggest we shot at just the biggest in the boat. And me with the smallest kill on record, a frog, go ahead and laugh but not only do I hold the record for the only frog killed out of that boat but also the smallest gar, could be because no else would bother with something that small but I'll take notoriety any way I can.

We shot till my fingers were sore and and our guides faces were sore from laughing at a couple hillbillies from Southern Missouri. I think it was four in the morning when we called it a night.

All said and done it was worth the wait and I would love to do it again. I hope to someday if they will have me.

Thanks to Robin Parks and Aim low Productions, David and I enjoyed it very much

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My First Texas Hunt

by Hunter Morgan

It all started at the UBM Festival in Jefferson City. I heard my uncle Dax Morgan talking about a Texas hunt. Now, ever since I have been little, I have heard my dad, Jodi Morgan, uncle Dax Morgan and my Grandpa, Doug Morgan, talk about Texas. They would always talk about how much fun they would have down in Texas. They would always talk about the abundant wildlife and so far, I had never heard anything bad about hunting in Texas. Well somehow, someone told Dax that their was going to be a Texas hunt on a two week notice. They needed 6 guys to go on this hunt, the price was \$600 for 7 days. Well I was interested, soon as I got home I started scraping change together. I got my Christmas and Birthday money early from parents, aunts, uncle and grandparents early so that I could get to go on this hunt. So everyday after I got back from the Festival I would shoot my recurve, almost all day. I was determined that I was going to get my 4th hog with a bow. I started making arrows and buying broadheads, trying to get ready on such a short notice. Well, we got together four guys, Me, Grandpa, Uncle Dax and Rick Baumhauger and we were going to be meeting Rick Lanham and his friend Vince Bell from Columbia, the two other guys that would be hunting with us. Well, less than ten miles from home we already had a flat tire, so we had a little delay. Then, as we got to Joplin, Rick B. noticed our tire looked weird. No sooner than he said that, I looked back to see the tire come off and bounce maybe 40 ft in the air, flying across the interstate, landing on the other side of the road. No sooner than it landed, some guy stopped and picked it up before we could get to it. So me and Grandpa waited on the side of the road for about an hour while Dax and Rick went to buy a new tire. We finally got back on the road and were anxious to hit Texas.

We stayed in a little hotel right outside of San Antonio where we met up with Rick Lanham and Vince Bell. After that we



Two rattle snakes make for the afternoons entertainment.

only had about a two hour drive south to the ranch. We had plenty of time, so we stopped at Cabela's to get some judos for rabbits. After leaving Cabela's, we were on our way to meet our guide, Lance, who is now one of our good friends. All pumped up and ready to go, we got to the ranch, unpacked and went to bed. The next day we went on a tour of the property. The ranch is awesome, loaded with big bucks. After deciding where we wanted to hunt, we headed back to camp to practice for the evening hunt.

Me and my Grandpa hunted over some corn, we saw two hogs but no luck that first evening. The next day me and Grandpa went to the same spot and not long at all, here came all the hogs. I picked my spot but was a little high. We looked that night for the hog in all the thick thorns but no luck. When we got back to camp we had a surprise, Vince had come back with a big rattle snake. One the trip down I was worried about the snakes and they all bet me that I wouldn't even see one.

The next morning we all got up and started coming the roads and it was dry so we were checking all the ditches for water. As we looked over the bank of a ditch,

Rick spots 2 huge rattle snakes doing their mating dance so we all started flinging arrows. It was one of the neatest things that I have ever seen.

We weren't seeing much for javies, just hogs but when we started coming the roads more, they started to show up. Me and Grandpa had the most fun time chasing javies. We made lots of stalks but we just never could get one to work out. When we got back to camp, Rick Lanham and Vince Bell had pulled up with a javie and two rattle snakes.

After that we all went to an area to chase jackrabbits and cottontails and doing a lot of stump shooting. I shot for a dirt clump and when I went to pull my arrow there was an arrow head laying right beside it.

The next two days we all hunted hard for javies having no luck. Rick Lanham cooked us all a good dinner that evening.

The next day, right at light, my uncle Dax made a perfect shot on a hog, it only ran a couple yards and fell over. So that night we had fresh, right off the fire tender loin. It was so good, it disappeared quickly because it just melts in your mouth. For desert I ate some good cottontail rabbit.

Editor's Notes

by Joe Pendergrass

Well, another year has passed and a big year is in store for the UBM with it's 25th Anniversary. There has been a little discussion about Traditional Only . . . in between the cussing and arguing but it is good for folks to speak their mind. All of you make up the UBM and all of you have a say in the issues that take place in the club. I honestly have been playing a bit of the "Devil's Advocate" in my last two articles in hopes of pulling a few folks out of the shadows and getting people to stand up for what THEY believe in. I thank Dennis Voss for starting the topic. I apologize to him for "blind siding" him with my counter article to his point. I saw an opportunity to jump start a conversation and I took it. Keep the emails coming, good, bad, or ugly.

In regard to the this publication, I love the article (to the left) that was submitted by Hunter Morgan, *My First Texas Hunt*. I love it for several reasons. First that it is a young UBM member recounting the lasting memory of a time in the Texas brush with his grandpa. Hunter has been around the UBM as long as I can remember and it's great to see him growing into a young man in this organization, having the opportunities to spend time with his family outdoors and hopefully learning about the importance of standing with an organization that stands with him. The second reason I love this piece from Hunter is it's title, *My First Texas Hunt* and not *My Texas Hunt*. He is subconsciously (maybe conscious) saying **FIRST**. That trip left such a memorable impact on him I have no doubt that he will return to Texas very soon and for years to come. He took the time to write out his experiences and get some pictures developed and send it off in the mail to me, to share with all of you. Hunter Morgan, thank you for doing that for us.

My hopes for the UBM on this 25th Anniversary is that we look at what we have done in the past 25 years. The group hunting trips, Deaf Camp, Royal Rangers, Shriners, Hunt Of A Lifetime, building kids bows, and all of the hundreds of other things over the past 25 years and say, "That was a pretty good start, what are we going to do now?" How else can the UBM be of service to bowhunters in this great state? How can the UBM get another 25 members added to our ranks this year? How many neighbor kids can I have shooting in my back yard at once. How many flu-flu arrows can I make for UBM events this year? Are there any hunting trips that we can bring a young shooter to?

Thank you Jodi, Dax and Doug for taking Hunter to Texas this past year for his **FIRST** Texas hunting trip . . .

from the UBM.



Hunter Morgan with his first Texas cottontail.

Those 7 days were just awesome, now I love Texas hog hunting. We had so much fun but 7 days weren't enough cause there is so much to do in so little time. I can't wait to go back next year and hopefully get a couple more members of the club to go with us.

Over all, this has been my favorite hunt, I can't wait for next year. We all got shots at hogs and snakes and rabbits. If you ever get the chance to go, do it in a heartbeat, you won't regret it.



Reality Check

By Darren Haverstick

“Uh, the following is a true story. Only the names have been changed to protect the guilty” – Bon Scott, *Ain't no Fun Waiting Round to be a Millionaire*

It all started with a phone call in mid August. I answer my cell and a girl introduces herself as Sarah, tells me that she works for a Hollywood production company, is helping put together a new show for the History Channel, and wants to know if I have a few minutes to talk about bows and bowhunting. Upon hearing the last two words, my interest is immediately piqued and I answer, yes, I have a few minutes, but I am still wondering, “How in the heck did she get this number?” Did Brad and Angie give it to her? I'm gonna have a talk with those two the next time they're in town and tell them not to hand out my contact info to everybody. Meanwhile, Sarah is giving me her spiel about having some vintage Fred Bear recurve bows to auction off and wanting to know if they can ask me some questions about vintage recurve bows in general and how they compare to modern recurve bows. Now, after reading what I have written, if you are completely confused about what I am telling you then you know EXACTLY how I felt while I was having this conversation. The only things I was sure of were 1) Sarah didn't have a clue about what she was talking about and 2) I didn't have a clue about what Sarah was talking about. So I took a deep breath (I suggest you do that now as well), counted to five, and started asking her a lot of pointed questions about what it was she wanted from me. In just a little bit, I learned that they (whoever “they” was) had three “vintage Fred Bear recurve bows” that they were going to auction off and they wanted to talk to someone, on camera, who knew something about recurves to delight the audience with his special knowledge. Sarah went on to suggest that I might shoot these bows on camera and that an actual hunt might even be filmed. She also said I could tell the audience how these “vintage” recurve bows (she kept using that word) would compare, performance wise, to modern recurves. To clarify things in my head, I asked her, “By modern recurves, do

you mean recurves made this year? Or instead, are you talking about compound bows?” Sarah replied honestly, “Well, I don't know”. So I launched into a long dissertation about the differences between traditional bows and compounds, how the compound bow was invented by a Missourian (Holless Allen), and how one of the most well-known names in traditional archery (Black Widow) was also located in Missouri. I could tell she was captivated by my wealth of knowledge because she kept saying things like, “That's great information!”, “I didn't know that.”, and “I'm so glad I called you!”. So after 45 minutes of stroking my ego, Sarah said she would call me again later with more details about the filming and I finally got back to work. I still didn't have a clue about what I was supposed to be doing but I was certainly excited about doing it. I kept thinking that the show had something to do with traditional bowhunting but I was sadly, sadly mistaken.

Over the next few weeks, and several emails and phone calls, I finally began to piece together what was actually going on. First off, I learned that Sarah got my phone number from the UBM website. I also learned that she had already contacted Larry Hesterly and Brian Peterson about this show but they were smart enough to tell her that they were not interested in helping out. The episode that was being filmed was part of a new series for the History Channel about the business of an auction house located near Lake of the Ozarks. Now I have seen several of these auction shows that are currently on television and figured out that my role in this particular piece would be that of the “expert”. These shows are pretty predictable and invariably follow the same formula; a “picker” finds a unique item for the upcoming auction but is unsure about what its true value is. So he takes it to some local “expert” who divulges all the tantalizing details about the item and then assures the picker that the item is truly worth what he thinks it is worth. Unfortunately for me and the audience, I know next to nothing about Bear bows, and

I told Sarah that in one of our conversations. I also told her that there were people who were rabid collectors of these bows and would probably be better suited for the task at hand. Sarah seemed nonplussed by my revelation and said that I would be fine for what they needed. Again, I thought to myself that maybe I just didn't fully understand what was expected of me. What I should have been thinking is, man, these people are clueless!

So now the day of the filming has arrived. It is a Tuesday, just after bow season opened, and it is hot! The shoot is at 2:00 in the afternoon and I have taken the day off from work to drive to a conservation area in Camdenton where the filming will take place. The information I have on the bows I am to inspect is scant; a 62” Kodiak Compass (65# @ 28”), a 60” Grizzly (45# @ 28”), and a 58” Kodiak (50# @ 28”). I don't know the year they were made, what they are made of, or even what kind of shape they are in. In fact, the only stuff I know about Bear bows and the Bear Bow Company is what I have gleaned from a few paragraphs that I read on the internet about how to date these bows. I have made strings for all of them, just in case they need them, and I have brought along a plethora of my own gear to dazzle the audience with. I even brought along a compound bow I borrowed from a friend just for comparison's sake. I finally get to meet Sarah and we wait for the rest of the crew to show up.

Apparently, Hollywood runs on its own time because nobody else shows up until 2:30. I have already been warned that the director, Bonnie, might come across a bit forceful but I am not worried about any of it. I get to meet the whole menagerie, including Bonnie, and the sound guy gets me fitted with a microphone. That is when I first lay eyes on the bows. Wow! They are, indeed, collector's items! And best of all; two of these bows I actually know something about!

In the article that I read about dating Bear bows, the Kodiak Compass they have got its own paragraph and so did the Grizzly. The

Grizzly bow is collectible because of its rarity and because of the material used to make it that caused it to be rare. Made from '49 to '51, Fred used aluminum laminations in the limbs that he got from scrapped WWII B-17 bombers. The aluminum vibrated so badly that it caused a tremendous amount of hand shock and also caused the limbs to delaminate. Many of the bows broke but Fred stood by his warranty and made good on all the defective ones. It was the right thing to do but it almost caused the fledgling company to go bankrupt. The Kodiak Compass, made in 1954, takes its name from the small compass embedded into the riser. It was a cool idea but not one that was structurally sound. Putting the compass into the riser required a significant amount of wood to be removed from it. This left the riser weak and the bows failed in this section. Again, Mr. Bear stood behind his product and, again, the warranty claims almost caused the company to fold. Not many Kodiak Compass bows survived so they are also highly prized by collectors.

So now I'm feeling a little better about my role as the expert. By pure, dumb luck I had recently learned something about the bows at hand and, thanks to being blessed with an eidetic memory, I knew I could regurgitate the article I had read and make it sound like I really knew what I was talking about. I just hoped that the guy who wrote it got his facts

right and that no one who really collected Bear bows would ever see this episode. Telling the ignorant masses something and getting them to believe it is one thing but if I tried to do the same thing with someone like Dick Wood I would be spotted as a phony from a mile away.



The actual filming of the segment was tedious and repetitive. There is no reality to reality TV. Every scene is scripted and every movement is planned out. We would redo a scene several times due to bad lighting, not using the exact phrase the director wanted us to, or not holding our hands just so. I had to swallow my tongue several times to keep from saying, "Do you know how stupid this

sounds to folks who know about this stuff?" And then there was the general I'm-from-Hollywood-so-I-get-to-do-what-I-want attitude from the director. First, she wanted me to drive my truck down in front of the archery butts and I had to explain to her that you can't just drive wherever you please in an MDC conservation area. That's why there's a parking lot. Then they wanted to shoot an apple off the head of a big foam human target that was 3 feet higher than the backstop. It didn't even cross anyone's mind that there might be someone or something downrange that might not look good impaled with an arrow. And they wanted to use my, apparently, disposable arrows to do the shooting with.

It was a long day but I got through it and kept the crew from breaking any of these bows or shooting anyone with an arrow. The only redeeming thing for me was that I was proudly wearing a UBM shirt and got to talk about the organization at great length. Hopefully, they will use some of that footage. I was told the show is supposed to air sometime in 2012 under the name of "Sold!". I just hope I don't get anymore phone calls from folks wanting me to be the expert on their show. I had to complain to one of the production company partners just to get gas money out of these guys so I don't think I can afford to be a reality TV star.

UBM AWARD NOMINATIONS NEEDED!!

UBM is accepting nominations for the awards at the Festival. If you know of a person or animal worthy of being nominated for an award please contact one of the Board members with your nomination.

FRED BEAR AWARD: This award is for an animal which was taken by a member.

BOWHUNTER OF THE YEAR: This award is presented to a member who has served UBM and the Bowhunting community. There are several things that add up for this award. Animals taken in-state, out-of-state, large game, small game, bowfishing, bowhunter education, etc.

HALL OF FAME: Someone who has significantly contributed to bowhunting.

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YOUTH BOWHUNTER: A youth bowhunter under the age of 16 who may have had a good year or taken some game.

AGENT OF THE YEAR: A Conservation agent who has made some cases usually bowhunting related. These usually come from within the Department but if you know of someone worthy let us know.

Texas Javelina hunt info;

UBM Javy hunt is on again for 2012, dates this year are—**Start hunting noon Sunday 3/11, end hunt noon Thursday 3/15**

Hunt is on private ranch (32Sq. miles) in Quitman Mountains of West Texas, about 80 Mi. East of El Paso, right on Rio Grande river. Lots of rocks and cactus, very rough terrain, perfect for spot & stalk hunting. Elevation is around 5500 ft. so weather can be quite cool; we had frost couple mornings, but normally got to 70 or so during day. One big plus is the Javy's are **free of ticks / fleas** in this area. Hunter has choice to set on bait or roam the cactus / mesquite covered hills to find Javelina. We do a combination of setting and still hunting, makes for an interesting hunt!! Over-the-counter license is good for two Javalina, all the rabbits (Cottontail & Jack), Coyotes, Bobcats and Mountain Lions you can shoot! There is a trophy fee for Lions; we saw one on our hunt, no shots. In '08 Jay Fayerty was real close to some Barbary Sheep (Aoudad), they are legal but have a \$1,000.00 trophy fee. Typical success rates for Javalina are about 50% kill, with lots of shot opportunities. We have however, had hunters not see a Javelina and there are those that are picky and don't shoot, this is archery only hunting!

Lodging is provided, basically a huge one-room machine shed, concrete floor with cots for sleeping, fully equipped kitchen with **walk-in** cooler and couple freezers for meat / food / drinks, two bathrooms / shower, (hot water!!) "Barn" has a "Swamp Cooler" in it, cooled down nicely on hot days! Camp is only 8 miles from small town (Sierra Blanco) so hunters can stay in Motel, on their own nickel of course. (I missed the 2010 hunt and understand there have been some improvements in lodging—I thought it was great before!)

Meals are not provided, need to bring your own food or plan on eating in town. We cooked all our meals, splitting grocery bill and cooking duties—worked out great. Washing machine and dryer are also available. No fee for non-hunters but must stay with paying hunter. (**ALSO—KIDS UNDER 16 HUNT FREE!** Must be accompanied by paying hunter.)

Kent Ostrem of Mahaska Custom Bows is the "guide/outfitter" on hunt. Kent does a wonderful job of getting us oriented to hunting areas, provided help on recovering game, is very knowledgeable about habits of these little critters and fun guy to be in camp with! Kent has a web site; **mahaskacustombows.com** has some good pictures & info.

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The dates are set, in past I have asked hunters to send me deposit check for \$200.00, made out to Kent Ostrem and I would forward on to Kent, feel free to do that again or send straight to Kent (address is on web site) I would like to keep track of who is planning to go so let us know.

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Vice President's Report

by Darren Haverstick



Winter 2011-2012

By the time you get to read this, the holidays will all be wrapped up, bow season will be just about over, and the

Festival will soon be upon us. If you are like me, by that time of year you're worn slick as a bald man's head and your wallet is so thin that you have to hold it in the sun twice for it to cast a shadow. Fortunately, you get two months off before you even have to think about hunting javelinas or those blasted turkeys and, hopefully, that will be enough time to recharge your batteries and replenish your bank account.

My hunting season thus far has been just that, a lot of hunting. Doing some killing seems to be the tricky part. Oh sure, I've had some opportunities. All three of them came in a single day and I **BOTCHED EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM!** But at least I've learned not to hang onto my failures as a hunter and replay them over and over in my head like a nightmare you can't wake up from. My therapist says I'm making great progress. I have managed to put some deer meat in the freezer, though. On the opening day of our firearms season I shot a nice little buck and we have enjoyed dining on his carcass. Hopefully, I will have added to my meat collection by the time this is published.

My father, who is almost 70 and has his right bicep detached from his shoulder, has killed two deer with his recurve so far this season. Of course, being the great parent and fine role model that he is, Dad has not even once lorded that tidbit of information over me every single time I come to visit. Keep it up, Old Man! Your other son is a doctor and he's got connections with a lot of nursing homes. Let's see how many deer you kill then.

As far as club business goes, things are progressing smoothly for the upcoming Festival. I have talked with some of our seminar speakers about what topics they were going to speak on and have learned that Nathan Andersohn is going to speak about hunting the big bears; grizzlies, browns, and polars. When we spoke, he had already hunted grizzlies, browns, and blacks this year. TJ Conrads is going to speak on strengthening international relations through bowhunting. He had an interesting experience with some Germans that came over to hunt this year and is going to share that experience with us. Bryce Lambley is going to speak on something whitetail related and our own Ron Mackenberg is going to give us some tips on backing bows with bamboo. Our banquet speaker, Monty Browning, has not told me what his topic will be but, whatever it is, I'm sure it will be entertaining.

On other club topics, now is the time to start thinking about what you can donate to the various auctions we have at the Festival. No item is too small or insignificant. I know there are a lot of skilled artisans in our ranks so please use your gifts to help out your favorite organization. The money raised from these auctions helps pay the bills and a bunch of it is donated to worthy causes like Share the Harvest and Hunt of a Lifetime.

And speaking of Share the Harvest... If you happen to be fortunate enough to kill more deer than you can eat, please donate your bounty to this program. It will help feed those less fortunate than yourself, it will make you feel like you've done something worthwhile, and it makes all of us in the hunting community look like the good folks that we know we are.

Well, that's all I've got for now. I hope to see you all at the Festival. I'll be the feller running around like a chicken with its head cut off. Just trip me in the hallway as I go by and say, "Howdy!"

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UBM Meeting Minutes

December 2012

Place: UBM Greater Ozark Mountain Squirrel Hunt, Cedar creek, MO
Date: Saturday, December 3rd, 2011
Time: 12:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business:

Secretary's Report: (Brian Peterson/Dennis Voss in absentia). Minutes from Rendezvous meeting circulated and approved as written.

Executive Secretary's Report: (Brenda Hudson in absentia). Nothing new to report. Still at around 250 voting members.

Treasurer's Report: (Dan Novotny in absentia). \$17,687.50 current balance in account.

Year Recap: (All)

New Business:

2012 UBM Festival, February 3rd, 4th & 5th 2012—25th Anniversary.

Banquet Chairs: Brian Peterson, Darren Haverstick

Committee Chairs:

- 1. Festival Speaker:** To be Monty Browning
- 2. Seminar Speakers:** (Darren Haverstick). Nathan Andersohn, Bryce Lambley, T.J. Conrads and Ron Mackenberg to give seminars.
- 3. Bow, Arrow, and Auction Donations:** (Mike and Joan Callahan). Letters sent out.
- 4. Hunt Donations:** (Entire Board): Maine Bear Hunt donated, still waiting on Ontario Bear Hunt to see if Doug Parks is still planning to guide next year.
- 5. Vendor Area:** (Dennis Voss): Confirm costs/donations per table. \$100 cash or donation for booth.
- 6. Photo Contest:** (Mike/Tim Wirt). Need to put add in newsletter to increase participation. Try the top four picks for covers for UBM publication.
- 7. Trophy Display:** (Brian Peterson)

New backdrop ideas (BP). Running out of time and foam walls getting tired. Will probably use fabric backdrops on old boards to dress it up this year.

8. Publicity: Joe Pendergrass has placed adds in Rural Missourian and CFM. Vote to approve 1/4 page add in these. Festival posted on Leatherwall, and all encouraged to add to thread.

9. Auctioneers: (Mike Clark)

10. Awards? Place criteria in newsletter again.

Fred Bear:
Bowhunter of the Year:
Hall of Fame:
Jerry Pierce:
District Rep:
Youth Hunter:
Agent of the Year:

11. Hunt of a Lifetime item(s)/arrows for live auction. Brian Peterson has offered to do arrows this year.

25th Anniversary Shirts? Embroidered UBM logo with 25th anniversary ribbon below embroidered on yellow short sleeved polo shirts. Will pre-order 75 in various sizes and offer special orders one time at Festival once sold out. Try to eliminate carrying inventory after event.

Table Favors? Heavy ceramic stoneware mugs with "UBM logo" and "25th anniversary" on sides.

Registration Rates for Festival: Upgrade Meal: Truman to offer Prime Rib + dessert \$19.99 + tax and gratuity as "thanks" for years of business. Able to keep registration at \$35 pre and \$40 day of event.

Early registration prize? Books of Black Widow Raffle tickets.

Vendor's fees — Tiered Rate: \$100 booth + 2 tables. \$25/table after. Maximum tables available determined by how many vendors in area.

Incentives to Attend

Additional Issues:

Vote on New Hotel for Festival: Vote to stay with Truman in Jeff City

Newsletter Feedback: Joe's comments on last issues cover to be thought provoking. Worked. Editor to confine feedback to Editorials. Next deadline Dec. 5, 2011

UBM Donations this year:

Share the Harvest. Voted to donate \$1,000 to CFM for STH Deaf Camp. No request as of yet. Tabled until needed
Create UBM Scholarship?
Decided it is too much for UBM to do their own. No.

How to get family/kids back into the picture? Consider booth again at MO deer classics (Columbia and Chillicothe) and give away PVC bows. Maybe contact Home Depot or Lowe's for materials donations.

Adding/replacing donations to Wounded Warrior or similar (Camp Hope in Farmington). BP to contact Camp Hope for volunteer information.

New Rendezvous venue? To look into the facility at Marshall, MO where they host MO Jam.

Royal Rangers July 2012.

Volunteers needed.
Trading pins? Voted to purchase 1,000 enamel pins to get price break, leftovers to be used as UBM fundraisers.

UBM Trailer: Storage vs. utility trailer. Voted to set aside \$2,000 for enclosed cargo trailer for UBM use. BP to check with local dealers for 5'X8' that would be suitable. Hesterly's to do logo for side. BP will look into title and licensing for club.

Traditional Only — Continued roundtable Discussion.

Squirrel Hunt T-Shirts: \$15 ea for long-sleeved with logo and design. Will bring finished shirts to Festival.

Adjourn at 1:30 PM

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