

The Trapline

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President's Report

This is a request for all lifetime members to check in at the MTPCA booth during the convention. We are trying to get the membership rolls up to date. If you know of a lifetime member and this person is not at the convention, please let the Membership Secretary know.

By now everybody should have gotten a card asking if you would want to help out at the convention. If you can help, please send in the card. The more volunteers we have the more everybody can enjoy the convention.

We still need a volunteer to become the National Trapper Director for the association. Ed Lundborg agreed to stay on last year for one more year but has asked to be relieved of this very important duty. If anybody would like to know more about this position, they can contact me or Ed and we will try to answer your questions.

Thank you,
Mark Spencer
President
Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers
Remember **"KIDS WHO HUNT, FISH OR TRAP DON'T MUG LITTLE OLD LADIES"**

Membership Secretary- Steve Campbell

My name is Steve Campbell and I'm looking forward to being the new membership secretary and working alongside the board. I want to thank Bruce for the help and insights he gave me at the last fur sale and for his years of service. If there are any concerns or ideas about membership issues, please feel free to reach out to me.

Tight chains to all. Thank you.

Steve

Letter from the Editor:

Hello, Trappers and Callers!

Convention is almost here! I'm mentally ready but still haven't gotten my stuff together.

We'll be having our 19th Annual Kid Raffle on Saturday. (No- we're not raffling off kids. If you bring them, you have to take the home.) Some of you older folks may remember we held the first one in honor of Tim Caven in 2003. Since then, donations from kind sportsmen and women have made it quite an event! Last year we had enough donations to have eighteen grand prizes and every kid won a small prize just for entering! Obviously its free for the kids to enter. Sign up starts at 9:00am on Saturday and the Grand Prize drawings are at 4:00pm after the Association Raffle Drawing.

We also have elections and a few proposed changes to the By Laws to vote on. Ballots will be sent to all members via US Mail. You have to either send in the original ballot (so it will be received no later than August 15) or bring it to the MTPCA Booth by noon Saturday at Convention.

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Hope to see you there, My Friends!

John Caretti
Editor

NTA Director's Report:

Hello, Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers!

I hope this edition of the Trapline finds everyone happy and healthy. The trapping season is not far off now. Please remember to include your wives, kids, and friends on the trapline. Remember, money is not the motivation this year. Instead, this will be a great time outdoors together!

Also – remember that convention time is here and the National is in Lima, Ohio on July 28th, 29th, and 30th.

Please remember to keep your memberships current. We need all the help we can get.

Ed Lundborg
NTA Director
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FTA/Raffle Report--FTA-Rep Craig Schafer

Events 2022
July 15-16 2022
UP Trappers Convention
UP State Fairgrounds
Escanaba, MI. 49829

July 28-31, 2022
NTA Convention
Allen County Fairgrounds
Lima, OH

August 19-20, 2022
MTPCA Convention
Osceola County Fairgrounds
Ewart, MI 49631

NGLFH Convention
September 23-24, 2022

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Chippewa County Fairgrounds
Kinross, MI 49752

FTA Report.

The FTA continues to fight hand in hand with the NTA for the Trappers of the USA. If you have not already, join the FTA. www.furtakersofamerica.com The FTA Convention in Kansas has come and gone. The Kansas trappers put on a good show. Visit the FTA Web page or FB for more details.

The 2023 FTA Convention will be in Jefferson, Wisconsin, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. As usual it will be in June.

Michigan Trappers Predator Callers Association

Raffle

Drawing Date

August 20th, 2022

3:00 PM

Osceola County Fairgrounds

Ewart MI 49631

6 Tickets for \$20

\$2,000 shopping spree Jay's Sporting Goods

4 Man Walleye Charter *

Savage 350 Legend

Shooter Girl Ammunition Jewelry Ladies Pkg

1 DZ Feather Lite DP's

BOG FieldPod

Pistol Vault

1 DZ 160 RBG

Ruger 6.5 Creedmoore

Joe Goodman/Tom Miranda Books

RRKW Knife *

2 Man Bird Hunt *

J3 Outdoorz Pkg *

Stealth Cam

Cyclops LED Light

AuSable Knife Pkg & Videos

Ruger 243 Winchester

1 DZ MB 450's

Boot Dryer

NightSnipe Hunting Light

Trigger Stick

Ruger 22-250

FoxPro Caller

Beaver Hat/Mittens

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Game Scale
1 DZ MB 550's
Ruger 10-22
Tanned Wolf *
RRKW Knife *
Tanned Wolverine *
Stevens 12 ga Pump

Prizes sponsored by:

Barnes Hide & Fur
Bear Creek Hunt Club
Bob's Gun & Tackle
FnT Fur Harvesters,
Gold Star Outdoors
Jay's Sporting Goods
J3 Outdoorz,
Joe Goodman and Tom Miranda
PCS Outdoors
Rapid River Knife Works
Reel Live-Action Charters
ShooterGirl Ammunition Jewelry
Superior Furs

The MTPCA will have booths at the UP Trappers and the NTA. At the NTA the MTPCA will be set up next to the UP Trappers. That will be fun. If you are attending these shows stop by, introduce yourself, get involved with the Associations. Sign up, become a member.

At the end of June, the MTPCA did a mass mailing. If you received this mailing. Please mail the stamped card back as soon as you can. Doing this will help the MTPCA out.
As always, the MTPCA needs volunteers. Now is the time to get involved.

Craig Schafer
FTA Rep
Raffle Coordinator

MTPCA Region 1 Vice President's Report

Hello Trappers!

Here in the U.P. of Michigan, the blackflies, deerflies and mosquitoes are abundant so keep your bug dope at hand.

The U.P. Trappers convention is July 15th and 16th in Escanaba at the UP State Fairgrounds.

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Northern Great Lakes Fur Harvesters Convention is September 23rd and 24th at the Chippewa County Fairgrounds in Kinross.

Thanks,
Ed Kramer

MTPCA Region 2 Vice President's Report

This is the time of year Michigan trappers and predator callers should be making plans to attend our annual convention. This event will be held at the Osceola County Fairgrounds in Evart, Michigan on August 19 and 20. Your Board members have been hard at work planning and preparing for months so that you will have an enjoyable experience. Thursday thru Sunday we need volunteers to help at the convention. No experience necessary. A post card has been sent out offering opportunities to help. I hope you will.

This will be my last Trapline report. I have held the position of Region 2 Vice President for a while and before that was District 14 Representative. I turn 81 this summer and feel it is time for some "new blood" in this position, so I will not be running for office. It has been a privilege and honor to be part of this Board, and I cherish the contacts and friendships that I have experienced. The members of the Association should feel confident in the Board of Directors both past and present. These are capable and dedicated people that govern the Association. I plan to remain active in the Association, helping when I can. I will also continue to operate the Trappers' Library. I urge you to take advantage of this resource. There are hundreds of books and DVDs on all aspects of trapping and calling available to you. Contact me at 989 709-8376 or tomoakey@hotmail.com for information or a list of the library. Hope to see you at the convention.

Tom Oakey
Region 2 Vice President

MTPCA Region 3 Vice President's Report

Hello Michigan Trappers,
July is upon us Mark Earl and I went too Seven Lakes state park to do a trapping prestation for youth and anyone who would be interested in trapping as a sport or management. The showing was not that great but, we made some good educational points for trapping for a control for wildlife.

M.U.C.C. Convention

I had the pleasure to be a delegate for M.T.P.C.A. along with Mark Earl. This was my first time there attending the convention. All I can say is confusing in the beginning to see all the resolutions being redefined to make a proposal. I have great admiration by the fact that the M.U.C.C. works hard for the sporting interests of Michigan Sportsmen and Sportswomen, my hat goes off to you guys. Also one of our own received an award- Bruce Barlow for a conservation project with the D.N.R. congratulations job well done.

Convention time AW yes !

I again will be looking for volunteers to help with the unloading for the vendors on Thursday to help set up we had a good crew last year. If anyone would like to volunteer your teenagers do so. Anyone interested in being crew chief for unloading contact me. That would free me up to do other responsibilities.

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Until then have a good summer be safe. Hopefully we will meet at the dusty trails at the convention.

Ken (Bernie) Burzynski
Region 3 Vice President

Public Relations Director's Report

Now that the Convention season is upon us, we are really starting to feel like Fall is around the corner. I know we never want to rush time and the late summer months still bring the beach or family vacations but down inside we can feel those days getting shorter. I am going over my checklist and realizing I have a ton of things to get done before my first set or stand is made. All those new traps or lures are calling my name and my dirt waxing has begun.

There are some other preparations I am making that many don't know much about. I am making changes to my power point presentation so I can have the latest up to date version ready when needed. I will present to the NRC or the Legislative Sportsman's Caucus any chance I can. I am looking forward to resuming my presentations to Sportsman's clubs and any other group I can. The people in this world that want to end fur harvesting never stop. They address the NRC every month and are at every meeting they can be at to take our rights away. You are welcome to attend the NRC meetings as well and can even address them if you want. The more voices we have in support of us really increases our chances of preserving our way of life.

If you would like to speak during the public appearances portion of the meeting please email

NRC@michigan.gov.

Go to the NRC webpage for details. Here is a list of the upcoming NRC meeting dates:

Sept. 8, 2022: Lansing Community College

Oct. 13, 2022: Marquette, MI

Nov. 10, 2022: Lansing Community College

Dec. 8, 2022: Lansing Community College

Mark Earl
MTPCA PR Director

Ugly Hawaiian Shirts!

People, people, people.

This year at the Convention on Thursday we will have ugly Hawaiian Shirt Day.

So, get your ugly shirt out. Anyone and all are welcome.

Dig em out! Search them out, look in the old rag bag. None there? Well

Goodwill. Salvation Army borrow from a friend. Price tags are welcome, too.

Remember ugly is the key word here.

Just for fun. Spread the word out. May even be a prize. Lets see how it goes.

From da VP Region 3,

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Bernie

2022 MTPCA Convention Report

It won't be long now and we'll all meet at the Fairgrounds in Evert. Our 2022 annual summer convention will be here before we know it. Most of all the same vendors have contacted me and will be there again this year.

Mark Earl has been busy scheduling the demo line up. Some great names again this year. People such as Ernest Winter, Jim Tate, Sarah Gomez, Mark June, Jeff Dunlap, Jeff Haggerty, Michael and Linda White, Conservation Officer Jackie Miskovich, J.R. From J.R. & Sons, Ed Schnieder and more. Plenty of great trappers and predator callers to come and see. Remember, with your paid attendance these demos are free! Watch the MTPCA Facebook page for times and days of demos as we get closer to convention.

Mark Earl is also heading up the Friday night donation meal. Greg is cooking the hog that Travis is donating. What a great bunch of folks. The dinner is always in need of side dishes, snacks, drinks, salads, desserts and more. If you have something you would like to share please get with Mark and let him know what you will be bringing. All proceeds go to the kids trap raffle program.

By now most of you have received your convention postcards. As of this writing I have received quite a good amount back. With several people giving their time to help out as a volunteer. Thank you so much for helping put this convention together.

Our live auction will be immediately following the Friday night meal under the bigtop. All items are donated. If you have something that you don't use anymore or something you would like to donate, please bring it to convention and we will put it with the other items. It doesn't have to be trapping related. Our live auction is always a great time and it helps raise much needed funds for our association.

Last year I set up a Possum toss game and it was well attended; we will have another one this year. There will be three age classes. Up to 12 years old, 13 to 17 years old, and 18 to 99 years old. I know, if your 100 or older we will let you play. The trap setting contest will have the same age groups. The kids hay scramble will be for kids 12 and under. Our ever-growing adult hay scramble is for folks 21 years old or older. I don't know who has more fun, the folks in the adult hay scramble or the ones watching them. It is always a blast!

Our conventions always have something for everyone. It is a very family friendly event so like I always say, bring the kids, bring the family, bring a friend, heck, bring your mother-in-law!

The kids always have a lot of fun. John Caretti will have the Kids Raffle going Saturday starting at 9:00am at the rabbit barn. Every kid gets an "Instant" prize and can sign up for one of the major trapping kits. Drawing for the Grand Prizes (trapping and calling kits) is at 4:00pm Saturday.

Again, this year's convention will be at the Osceola county fairgrounds in Evert Michigan. There is camping on the fairgrounds for \$17 per night or \$25 for the entire weekend. Inside vender space (not many left) is \$40 per table space. Tailgating is \$25 for a 20-foot-wide spot.

I hope to see you all there!

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Happy Trapping,
Joe Velchansky, Sr.
MTPCA Convention Coordinator

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MTPCA Membership Application

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_____ \$250 Senior Life Membership

_____ \$850 Reg. Life Membership [\$850 or \$200 down & 13 payments of \$50]

_____ \$10/yr Junior, age 15 or younger [Trapline, MOoD, Fur Sale]

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Name: _____

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Yearly memberships run from January 1 through December 31