

# The Trapline

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## **President's Report**

Fellow Trappers. Well... 2020 has sure been an interesting one. At times it feels a lot like an episode of the Twilight Zone. On the bright side, some of us got to spend more time getting things done around the house, plant a bigger garden, and shore up some of our supply inventory. On the down side, wow, where do we start?

Unfortunately, the NTA Convention, and thus our convention, was cancelled. Our elections are uncontested so that took some stress off the board of directors on how to administer them. It is unfortunate that we will miss the camaraderie of the convention and lose the ability to see and play with all the new trapping gizmos invented by some brilliant mad scientist in the dusty corners of their barn. I guess it'll be ordering supplies for fall or maybe better yet, making the trip to one of the solid suppliers we have here in Michigan. Either way, it's time to get the traps cleaned up, dyed, waxed, and tuned. The hot weather has been excellent for drying dirt! Get after it- season is right around the corner.

As I've discussed in past reports, I was appointed to the Vice President position a few years ago when there was a vacancy. I volunteered to support & help the new president at the time with organization, meetings, and the like. When he resigned, I became the President. The reality is that I simply am unable to dedicate the time to do the job well. I've been hanging in there as best I can so that we can keep things going, but I'm simply not able to do what we need out of a President. Mark Spencer has agreed to take over the role of President if the Board of Directors will appoint him. I will step back into the supporting role of VP, again if the BOD appoints it. If you love trapping and have a passion for keeping the tradition alive, we need you. Please consider becoming active in the association.

I hope you and your family are doing well through these trying times. Godspeed and have a SAFE and FUN trapping season.

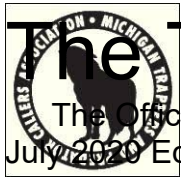
Chris Kettler

## **Letter from the Editor**

Hello, Trappers and Predator Callers!

I hope you and yours are staying healthy! At least our sports of choice tend to keep us separate from other people so "social distancing" shouldn't be a problem this Fall. I'm starting to see new videos from the Callers of their successful coyote hunts and, since I've retired, I'll planning to chase the song dogs myself this year. I dug out my predator traps a few weeks ago and started getting them cleaned up. I hope you're well along in prepping your gear as well. The season is coming quickly! Be safe out here!

John Caretti, Editor



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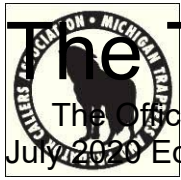
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**Who is this handsome young Coast Guardsman?**

Answer hidden elsewhere in this issue.

**Election Results**



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The Election Committee met last night (July 25, 2020) in Hastings, MI. Election Committee: Chris Kettler, Joe Velchansky, Missi Martineau, & George Cullers  
Votes were tallied and the Winners are:

VICE PRESIDENT - Mark Spencer

RECORDING SECRETARY - Missi Martineau

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY - Bruce Barlow

REGION 1 DISTRICT DIRECTOR - Dan Johnson

REGION 2 VICE PRESIDENT - Tom Oakey

REGION 3 DISTRICT DIRECTORS- Ken "Bernie" Burzynski and Sam Berkheimer [Ed. Note: Ken Burzynski has since been appointed Region 3 Vice President to fill the vacancy left open when Tamara Masterson resigned.]

Thanks to all of these great people for all they do for Trappers and Callers!

## **NTA Director's Report**

DEAR MTPCA AND NTA MEMBERS

This is a very different summer and time like no other we have experienced in passed. As you all know the virus has shut down all the national conventions and most of the state trapping conventions. The only hope of a convention in Michigan is NGLFH the 25th and 26th of September.

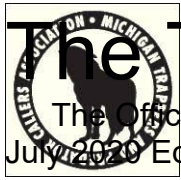
The NTA has been conducting its business by conference calls, so your association is doing its job looking after your trapping interests even in this pandemic.

Please remember to renew your trapping memberships during this time of isolation, the NTA and MTPCA need all the support we can get. Also remember to keep your family and friends involved in trapping.

Good luck this coming season.

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## **FTA Report--FTA-Rep Craig Schafer**



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In March of 2020 the bottom fell out on common sense. CANCELATION & POSTPONED are now very common.

FTA Convention in Indian was canceled. But, all was not lost. The Wisconsin Trappers Association agreed to hold a joint FTA/WTA Convention.

## WISCONSIN TRAPPERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. 57th ANNUAL FALL CONVENTION ALSO HOSTING THE FUR-TAKERS OF AMERICA

September 10th - 12th, 2020

Central Wisconsin Fairgrounds

513 East 17th St.

Marshfield, WI 54449

ADMISSION FEE:

ADULTS \$10 one-time fee

KIDS Age 12 and under free

CAMPING: NO Advance Reservations

Electric available for \$25.00 per night

Primitive camping \$5.00 per night

TAILGATERS: register and pick out space upon arrival

\$50.00 per space

INSIDE DEALERS: \$75.00 per booth (8'x 10' one table, one chair)

Setup day for all vendors, Wednesday September 9th

TO RESERVE INDOOR BOOTH SPACE CONTACT:

Pam Mather, Convention Coordinator

Phone: (608) 835-7561 or (608)719-7684

For more information visit the FTA Web page <http://www.furtakersofamerica.com/index.html>

## The MTPCA 2020 Raffle

The Michigan Trappers Predator Callers Association 2020 Raffle has been postponed.

The new drawing date, time and place is;

August 21, 2021 at 3 PM

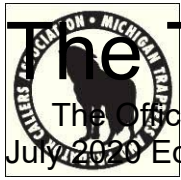
MTPCA Convention

August 20-21---2021

Osceola County Fairgrounds

Evart, MI. 49631

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and cancellations of most all 2020 events, the MTPCA Board has decided with great regret to postpone the 2020 MTPCA Raffle till 2021.



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All Raffle tickets that have been sold are still good and will be honored with the 2021 raffle sales. Just the drawing time, date and place has changed.

MTPCA will begin selling tickets for the 2021 MTPCA Raffle once the State of Michigan Lottery Commission issues MTPCA a new updated raffle license. This should be in September.

The Michigan Trappers Predator Callers Association thanks everyone for their support to the organization.

MTPCA Raffle Coordinator.  
Craig Schafer

September 25-26, 2020

NORTHERN GREAT LAKES FUR HARVESTERS CONVENTION

Chippewa County Fairgrounds, Kinross, MI.

Contact; Mark Spencer at [spenfur@lighthouse.net](mailto:spenfur@lighthouse.net) or call 906 292 4779

This event will be the place to be for your trapping needs in September.

Sincerely

Craig Schafer

MTPCA-FTA Rep

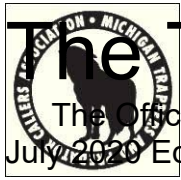
## **MTPCA Region 1 Vice President's Report**

Things are starting to get back to normal up here in the UP. Campers are coming up and people are hitting the beaches. The appearance has changed somewhat with about 50% of the people wearing masks and some of them are kind of inventive.

There have been some new rule changes for the upcoming seasons. The otter limit has been raised at least one in every region. The beaver season has been extended and now is the same statewide.

Make sure you review the handbook when it comes out.

As for the fur outlook it doesn't look good as of right now. Fur Harvesters Auction is going to have a live auction the end of August. My advice to you would be to look at the clearance rates for the species and not so much the price. If the clearance rate is high that probably means that the specific pelt is in demand somewhere in the world. Just remember the auction house has to move some of this fur. With NAFA shut down there is a lot of fur out there. They had an online auction at the end of March and early April. It was ok, not great, but remember fur buyers want to look at the fur, touch the fur not just look at a picture. It would be like a local fur buyer buying fur from a picture on a cell phone. Their price would be lower because they could not see any flaws in the pelt.



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Remember as of Oct 1st the Trapline will become online only. So, if you want your copy emailed to you then verify your email address with your district vice-president (list is in the back of this Trapline). Otherwise you will have to log on to our website and read it from there.

Thank you

Mark Spencer

Vice-President

Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers

Remember "KIDS WHO HUNT, FISH OR TRAP DON'T MUG LITTLE OLD LADIES" Thank you,

## **MTPCA Region 2 Vice President**

Things have been busy on the Natural Recourse Commission Governor Whitmer has appointed three new Commissioners. She previously appointed two commissioners that the Senate did not confirm. She has now appointed JR Richardson to finish John Walters term he resigned because he moved out of state. JR has previously served on the NRC and is very supportive of Trappers. Carol Rose was also nominated she was the first chair of the Michigan Wildlife Council and is also supportive of Trappers I know and have worked with both. The third is Michael Lashbrook I don't know much about him and hope to have a conversation with him soon. I have not found any red flags and look forward to meeting him.

The summer has been hot and it's a great time to find a shade tree and do your trap prep, make wax dirt or just get everything ready hopefully we can get back to normal this fall. NGLF is still planning on having their convention in September hope to see some of you there. I am planning to spend some time in the UP this fall. Go on out and catch some fish for bait or the table and have some fun.

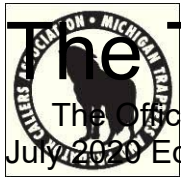
Dale Hendershot

## **MTPCA Region 3 Vice President's Report**

Hello Michigan Trappers

First I would like to give thanks to Tamara Masterson for time and dedication to MTPCA job well done Tamara thank you.

Now a little about me. I have just stepped into place for Region 3 Vice President. I have been trapping since 1968. I used to belong to Northwestern Ohio fur Takers a long time ago. I'm a member of The Great State of Michigan's M.P.T.C.A.'s trapping organization and a life member of N.T.A. and several other organizations.



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I hope I can serve you all as a voice for the trappers Region 3 and all trappers in Michigan top to bottom. I will make mistakes, but I will stand to correct them to make them right.

HEY everybody VOLUNTEER' S

We are looking for! If you were to ask me what a volunteer is well, they are people who give back and support what they love doing. As a volunteer I have met a lot of people across the States and made friends with a lot of great people. I have upped my trapping skills a notch. I have had too many good times, I can't remember. As a volunteer you will meet some of the best people around and have fun doing it.

Right now the world has given us a curveball. Be safe and take care.

If I can answer questions feel free to get a hold of me.

Ken (Bernie) Burzynski.  
Region 3- Vice President.

## **2021 MTPCA Convention**

As everyone knows there will not be a convention in Evert in 2020. This allows us plenty of time and planning to prepare for August 2021.

I will be making a trip to Evert in late July to sit down and talk with the folks from the city of Evert and possibly the county seat of Osceola county to see if they would like to he us on our advertising for the 2021 convention. I believe we are missing out by not advertising that our convention is "Public Welcome". If we do a wide print advertising campaign as last year and also a social media blitz in advertising letting everyone know the public is welcome we stand to gain more folks through the gate.

Plans are being made to add more food venous to the convention.

We would like to continue the Friday night dinner with the live auction immediately following. As always we will need someone to head up the cookout. This is not a hard job, but one of great importance. If you or you and your friends or family would like to help out with the dinner, your help would be welcomed.

Speaking of helping out, at convention volunteers are always in need. Here is a list where we could use some help:

Admission gate.

MTPCA booth

Set up and clean up.



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Kids games.

New this year, The Possum Toss game.

Friday night cookout

Friday night auction

Demo area setup and help.

So as you see we plan on another great convention. But remember, it's folks like you that make it a great convention. Bring a friend, bring a family member, heck, even bring your mother in law!

For more information about convention or to sign up to help somewhere please contact me.

Until convention!

Joe Velchansky Sr.

MTPCA Convention Coordinator

Cell 616-894-6214

## **Trapline Tips**

### Marten lure

4 oz. Glycerine

2 Weasel musk sacs

2 Marten musk sacs

Mix well.

### Marten lure

1/8 oz. beaver castor

1/4 oz. marten glands

1/8 oz. fish oil

1/4 oz. fish oil

### Marten bait

4 parts rotted down fish(salmon is best)

1-2 small beaver castors

4 parts red meat

1 oz. pure skunk essence

Add to this equal parts of glycerine.

Allow 2 weeks to blend then grind and bottle





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Respectfully submitted  
Craig Schafer

## **MTPCA 2021 Raffle**

August 21, 2021 at 3pm at the MTPCA Convention  
Osceola County Fairgrounds, Ewart, MI

### **Prizes**

1. \$2000 shopping Spree at Jay's Sporting Goods
2. 4-Man Walleye Charter
3. Ruger 450 Bushmaster
4. RRKW Redi Ax
5. Eskimo 8" Power Auger
6. Primos Trigger Stick
7. 1 DZ FB-DP's
8. ICOTec Predator Caller
9. 1 DZ WC #2's
10. Shooter Girl Ladies PKG
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15. 1 DZ WC #1's
16. Digital Metal Detector
17. Ladies Fur Mittens & Beaver Tail Wallet
18. RRKW Knife
19. Caldwell Feild Pod
20. Savage 6.5 Creedmore
21. 1 DZ 4.5 RBG's
22. Fox Pro Hammer Jack
23. 1 DZ FB-DP's
24. Savage 22-250
25. RRKW Knife
26. Freedom Brand Coat Rack
27. Minn Kota Trolling motor
28. 1 DZ WC 552's
29. 1 DZ MB 450's
30. Ruger DXL 10/22
31. River Rat Predator PKG

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Tickets can be purchased from participation board members and at any of the shows where MTPCA has a booth.

## 17<sup>th</sup> MTPCA Kid Raffle - 2021

The cancellation of the 2020 National Trappers Association Convention in Kalamazoo led to the cancellation of this year’s Kid Raffle. So, the 17<sup>th</sup> Kid Trapper Raffle will be held Saturday, August 21 at the 2021 MTPCA Convention in Evert. If you have unused trapping or calling equipment, we’d be thrilled to help get it into the hands of a kid that can use it to get started. You can bring it to a Fur Sale or to Convention. Broken traps are cheerfully accepted- I can often take two or three broken traps and make a good one for a kid. Because of the equipment (new and used) donated by Trappers, Callers, and Dealers- for the 2019 Kid Raffle we were able to give instant prizes to 118 kids and outfit the 15 Grand Prize kits for under \$600 (money that came from donations at the 2018 Trappers and Callers Cook-out). Do the math and you’ll find that because of the number of supporters pitching in a little here and a little there we get a pretty good bang for the buck!

Thanks to all those who support the Kid Raffle!

John Caretti

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**The Coast Guardsman on Page 2 is none other than our very own Dale Hendershot! Thanks to all who serve our great Country!**

### MTPCA Membership Application

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- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25/yr Regular
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$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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