



Greetings Friends



By: Michael Brooks

Around this time of year I start getting excited about hunting—the hint of fall is in the air, crisp nights, a few leaves are starting to change, and in the distance you can hear an occasional bull bugle.

I start to think of what new gear I need, so I head over to the fireplace and pick up my fall Cabela's hunting catalog sitting in the magazine rack. I sit down in my lounge chair that overlooks Mount Evans, and start thumbing through the catalog. I start wondering, how I can justify some of the items that I am looking at. Well, I do hunt a lot, as I thought staring at the catalog. Oh, this is a great camo jacket, but the one I have is 3 years old, and this new one is only \$49.95. I continue to leaf through, looking at camping gear, fishing tackle, then it hits me. I would need to be a millionaire to buy everything I want or need. I turn to look out the window; the mountain that I live in takes on a new light. The forest seems greener and the aspens are more beautiful. Then I look at one old fir tree, thinking it's thick and sturdy—that's where I can put my new tree stand. I have almost talked myself into buying one. Wow, it's a 2-seater. I can't believe what I am looking at. It's API's grandstand XLT 2-man ladder tree stand! I close my eyes and can see myself hunting while relaxing, in total comfort. It has padded seats, walk-around space if I need to stretch. This is it I thought! Then in my mind's eye comes the bull of a lifetime. I slowly raise my rifle, set the cross hairs on the front right shoulder, and watch as this monster walks into an opening 75 yards away. I pull the trigger ever so slowly and then....I hear the dog barking...it's Lucy wanting outside. I put the catalog down, let her out and sit back down. The dream was wonderful; maybe Lord willing someday that will happen—that big bruiser of a bull will step into a clearing one day. It's a nice thought!

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The real reason that I am excited about hunting this year is Elkhorn Camp in the Uncompagne National Forest. That's where COFA will host this year's elk hunt. The dates will be October 20-30. We will have 30 hunters in camp, divided into two groups. It will be great to meet elk hunters that will travel across the country to hunt in Colorado. Many will travel from Ohio, Florida, Arkansas, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Minnesota and from within Colorado. The camp is first class. COFA provides a wonderful atmosphere of hunting, camping and getting to know some great people. Campfire settings are a favorite among the hunters—we eat, have great talks, and hear testimonies from fellow hunters. The hunters that make up camp come from various occupations—we have lawyers, doctors, professionals from all walks of life. There are writers, radio and television personalities, photographers; we have all kinds of folks that enjoy hunting and fellowshiping. COFA wants to encourage each Christian that joins the hunt to invite someone who hasn't trusted in Christ, or simply put, walked away from their faith in the Lord. So many outdoor enthusiasts are afraid to share the Gospel and want COFA's





staff to share the Gospel with the person they have invited. We love doing that! Each year at Elkhorn Camp people rededicate their lives or trust in Christ for the first time!

COFA's camp does well in harvesting elk, deer and bear. The main point is reaching out to the lost hunting community. If you're interested in attending COFA's Elkhorn 2005 elk hunt, you need to contact George Reinbold at 303.880.3800 and talk with him. He can give you all the details about the hunt. We are also already reserving for next year, so don't wait to call.

We need your prayers for this year's hunt—for safety and for men to grow deeper in the Lord. We appreciate each one of you. If you have any prayer requests, let me know. We have a prayer chain and have lots of people who use it. Good hunting my friends, blessings!



Spend Some Time in God's Country



By: Kurt Thaemert

"A passion for the outdoors and the closeness to God and His creations" is what Hunting Attractions, LLC. co-founder Kurt Thaemert states inspired him several years ago when he came up with the idea to create God's Country Camouflage.

Kurt grew up on a farm in southern Idaho and always has had a strong passion for the outdoors and hunting. Kurt's family focused recreation time on hunting but their strong Christian faith is what he values. "I have so many things to be thankful for, but it is my personal relationship with God that I treasure the most," relays Kurt.

"Even when I was young and hunting pheasants or rockchucks on one of our farms, I have always felt closer to God when I have been outdoors enjoying nature. It is that feeling of calm and beauty that allows me a special closeness to God while I am in the great outdoors."

Several years ago Kurt came up with the idea for God's Country Camouflage. He ran the idea by several of his family members and close friends. All of them concurred that the product line sounded like a winner.

It was early fall when Randy Thaemert, Kurt's nephew, discussed with his uncle the possibility of taking Kurt's camouflage idea to the next level. Randy was then a junior in college and working toward his Bachelor's degree in Graphic Design. Randy and Kurt continued their discussion on designing these revolutionary camouflage patterns for hunting. Kurt and Randy filled idle moments with talk of this business venture while glassing the hills for Mule deer on a backcountry logging road in Idaho.

Kurt also mentioned his concept to his good friend Chris Conant. Raised in Idaho, Chris never hunted; however, he loves fishing and enjoys the great outdoors. With an enthusiasm for computers, a keen business sense, and an artistic





eye, Chris's interest piqued when Kurt talked about his idea for God's Country Camo.

So in early fall 2003 Randy Thaemert, Chris Conant and Kurt Thaemert decided to develop the idea into actual consumer goods. Since then the process has been exciting and ever-changing. Bringing an idea to market has taught all of the members a great deal about business and has strengthened their faith in God, their families, and each other.

Kurt Thaemert brings the background and a thorough knowledge of hunting to the business. Throughout Kurt's life he has had a passion for the outdoors. Being raised on a farm put him in touch with nature at a very young age. Since then he has continued to develop his interests in hunting, fishing, and various other outdoor recreational pursuits. Throughout high school and college Kurt worked part time at several different sporting goods stores. Kurt's knowledge comes from considerable experience in sporting goods sales as well as his avid participation in hunting. He knows the importance of having realistic and effective camouflage patterns to use in the field. His primary goal for God's Country Camouflage is to provide an initial tool for hunters to witness and share their faith with others.

"We put faith in camouflage," is the God's Country Camo motto. In each God's Country Camouflage pattern Christian symbols are represented by natural elements. These symbols of faith allow the sportsman to openly display his or her faith with others while in the field.

These Christian symbols also spark conversations of faith while sharing outdoor adventures. Chris states that, "We want Christians to be able to wear their faith on their sleeve." The shapes are carefully created from natural elements to add symbolism while blending into the different camouflage patterns.

Not only do the GCC patterns allow an avenue for hunters to share their stories of personal faith but the patterns themselves are the most effective camouflage designs on the market today. The clarity, detail and design set the standard in the camouflage industry. Each pattern is carefully

designed to add photo realistic natural elements into a pattern that balances contrasting light and dark tones. These patterns enable the sportsman to blend into his or her surroundings no matter what the terrain without appearing as a dark figure in the distance.

Randy's knowledge of formal and conceptual design gives our patterns a creative edge. He has the background that he uses for inspiration, and the education and imagination that he uses as tools to create successful patterns. He hopes the patterns will contribute to the sharing of faith as families and friends enjoy the outdoors together.

Chris's religious beliefs and love of computer work have fueled his enthusiasm for this "adventure" of creating a camouflage that Christian outdoorsmen can proudly wear into the field. Chris brings his hard working disposition to this well balanced partnership. He feels these products will fill a void for the Christian outdoor community.

Kurt, Randy and Chris, as a team, look forward to developing Hunting Attractions, LLC. and God's Country Camouflage to their full potential.

If you are interested in sharing your personal faith in God while participating in your favorite outdoor pastimes, contact the team at God's Country Camouflage and let them help you "Spend some time in God's Country." You can contact them through the web site at www.godscountrycamouflage.com, email at questions@godscountrycamouflage.com, or by phone at 208-870-6370 or 208-724-4674.





Listen to the Locals



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The Bait

I didn't get away with too much as a kid; our Long Beach, California neighborhood felt like one large family. Marge acted like my second mom; I grew up just a few doors south of her and her husband Lloyd. She kept a close eye on all of us kids; our own neighborhood watch captain long before others knew of such a thing.

Although they had long forsaken the cold Montana winters, Marge and Lloyd decided to be buried back home in Great Falls when the proper time came. Cold wouldn't bother them then. And when Lloyd's time arrived, Marge asked me to go back with her and perform the service. We arrived a few days before the funeral in late September, and I got a special treat.

Marge's two brothers-in-law, Emil and John, volunteered to take me fishing, with one absolute condition: that I never tell anyone, especially Californians, the name of the river we fished. They feared millions of Californians invading their own personal river and ruining it forever. That fear had substance; Californians tend to overcome small places.

I made the promise, and they took me to the spot. Honestly, though, I didn't need to vow secrecy. We had to go through what seemed like 632 locked gates, and only local property owners and their friends had the keys. Otherwise, you had to put in 50 miles upriver. But I share their passion for special trout streams, so it shall forever remain an anonymous Montana trout river.

When we arrived, the river struck me with awe. It carved its course through a beautifully wooded canyon, painted with the colors of fall. We skirted a decrepit trapper's cabin; until just 20 years before, the trapper made his living on the river. We

worked our way downstream, wading from one side of the frigid water to the other.

Emil, who lived nearby, revealed the secret spots, and special techniques, lessons learned from a lifetime on the river. John now lived in Seattle and enjoyed his own paradise with a fly rod.

I found myself in a fisherman's heaven. Trout hit the hook hard and frequently, dancing across the water in a vain attempt to escape. The minimum size for a keeper was 13", large for this California fisherman. Although we didn't keep them, they all easily exceeded that limit.

My wife Sheila, disliking Montana's infamous cold, feared my statement that I could live there. At least, I could in summer and fall. Those three days would be marvelous. And all of the joy came because two locals willingly shared their expertise, knowledge, and joy.

The Hook

Don't be afraid to learn from experienced Christians.

Reeling It In

Fishermen discover early on that we can learn from others, like I did on that Montana river. Why don't we Christians do the same? We make the same mistakes that others have, and think only we struggle with that problem. Smart men learn from their mistakes; fools rarely learn at all. But wise men learn from the mistakes of others.

Pick out someone who's fished your spiritual stream before. Who knows the holes, the special techniques. Who has made some mistakes, and will share what he's learned from them. You may even begin avoiding some slips, and you may recover from the dunks in the river a little more quickly.

Proverbs 15:22 says, "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisors they succeed." Don't be afraid to learn from the spiritual locals. Seek them out with the passion you do with the local fishermen.



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Tim loves the mountains passionately, whether fishing in them for trout or riding through them in his Mustang convertible or Honda motorcycle.

He and his wife Sheila have been married for twenty-six years, and have one daughter and two grandkids. To Tim's great pleasure, his grandson Josh has developed the same love for trout and motorcycles.

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Hunting Black Bear—Minnesota Style



By: *Michael Brooks*

This trip had been in the talking stages for several months and just thinking about hunting bear in Minnesota made me grin ear to ear. How this trip came about is amazing. I met Ron at an elk and deer outfitting camp in Cripple Creek, Colorado. George and I went to the camp to learn more about hunting elk; we wanted to learn the basics of calling in big bulls. Everyone in this guide school were training to be guides and outfitters, and needed a license to guide anywhere in the country. This course took eight weeks to complete. You learned how to pack horses and find game animals,

and everything else in between. These students came from all over the country and represented different social classes. I remember a guy named Tex from Ohio, and then there was Montana from Oklahoma. The names were diverse and made me chuckle. It was fun talking to the guys and hear why they wanted to become guides. Most said they wanted to work in the outdoors and make money. George and I were in the breakfast line when I first met Ron; he had that typical Minnesotan accent, ya sure, you bettcha. Ron was a Norwegian from Northern Minnesota.

When Norwegians get together it's usually over a hot cup of coffee with lots of sugar and good conversation. While we were at breakfast, Ron shared with George and I the problems he had with bear—they would attack his horses and colts and other farmers in the area had calves taken. These must have been big bears, I thought. Then I asked Ron if George and I could hunt bear on his property. He said ya sure, that would help him a lot. That's all I needed to hear to get my blood flowing. I was really glad that we came to this guide camp; we have a great contact now in northern Minnesota. Ron said that he would bait the bear for us and he looked forward to having us out at his place.

We talked several times on the phone before we headed to Minnesota. Ron kept me posted as to when the bait stations were being hit. Then we got the call to come to Minnesota. When we left Denver, the temps were in the 60s, fall was in the air, the aspens were yellow, and the geese were flying overhead when we left at 4:00 AM. The drive was a long one, but looking at the different parts of the country (Nebraska, South and North Dakota) was awesome.

When we hit North Dakota, the rain started falling; in fact it came down in sheets, buckets, it definitely slowed us down. The rain continued all the way to Ron and Dede's place. It was tough finding his road in the dark and in the driving rain. Country roads can be tough if you don't know the lay of the land. Good thing we had our cell phones to call for help. Ron guided us in and we found his place in the rain at 11:30 that night!





How to Easily Estimate Distances

Courtesy: Old Farmer's Almanac
 (A Bona Fide "Rule of Thumb")

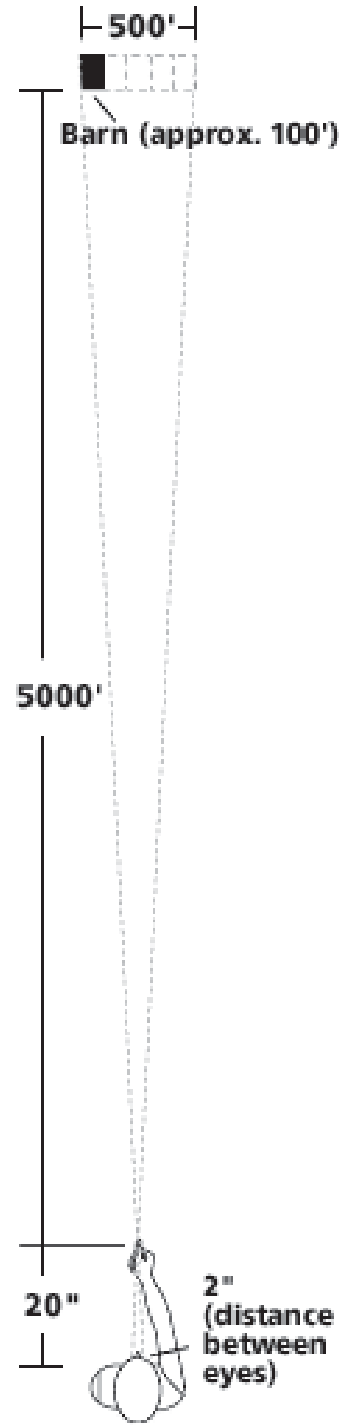
Your arm is about ten times longer than the distance between your eyes. That fact, together with a bit of applied trigonometry, can be used to estimate the distance between you and any object of approximately known size.

Imagine, for example, that you're standing on the side of a hill, trying to decide how far it is to the top of a low hill on the other side of the valley. Just below the hilltop is a barn, which you feel reasonably sure is about 100 feet wide on the side facing you.

Hold one arm straight out in front of you, elbow straight, thumb pointing up. Close one eye, and align one edge of your thumb with one edge of the barn. Without moving your head or arm, switch eyes, now sighting with the eye that was closed and closing the other. Your thumb will appear to jump sideways as a result of the change in perspective.

How far did it move? (Be sure to sight the same edge of your thumb when you switch eyes.) Let's say it jumped about five times the width of the barn, or about 500 feet. Now multiply that figure by the handy constant 10 (the ratio of the length of your arm to the distance between your eyes), and you get the distance between you and the barn -- 5,000 feet, or about one mile. The diagram to the right should make the whole process clear.

With a little practice, you'll find that you can perform a quick thumb-jump estimate in just a few seconds, and the result will usually be more accurate than an out-and-out guess. At a minimum, it will provide some assurance that the figure is in the ballpark -- which, in many cases, is as close as you need to get.





Fall Bird Watching



By: Cathy Channing
 Have you noticed the absolutely astounding and fascinating phenomenon happening outside these days? Yes, it is migration time with millions of birds travelling to their fall/winter homes in the southern half of the world.

Right now is the best opportunity to see birds that are not common to your area. Whether you are watching birds in your backyard, or you head out on a bird watching expedition, fall is a great time to enjoy our feathered friends.

Believe me, I'm definitely an amateur bird watcher—not like the fanatics who log every sighting of every bird they see and log on to countless websites and forums to compare notes with their fellow bird watchers. Rather, I just enjoy seeing "Miss Robin" return in the spring and feather her nest for the chicks that follow shortly as the weather warms. But in the fall, I love hearing the geese fly over so close to the house that I can actually hear their wings flapping and their loud "honking" as they fly by. The geese are one of the first signs for me that fall is in the air, even during those long last days of Indian Summer. Then there's the mourning doves that sing their sorrowful song with more intensity as summer begins to come to a close. With the first cold snap, they fly south, not to return until the following summer (coincidentally, right about the time dove hunting season begins - go figure).

Every year when I plant my garden, I include lots of sunflowers for the birds (and squirrels, I'm afraid) to munch on and ready themselves for the cooler weather ahead and to fatten them up as they venture south. On the following page is a chart of what you can put out in your bird feeders to attract various types of birds in your area. Set the feeders out, along with a nice, clean birdbath, close to a prime viewing spot from within your home and enjoy the show when your feathered friends begin to head south for the winter, making a pit stop in your yard.

Isn't it wonderful how God made all of creation with each creature having a specific purpose and unique makeup? Take these migrating birds for instance. How do birds find their way? Simple. Through a combination of the following:

- Sighting (they don't call it a "bird's eye view" for nothing) features like rivers, coastlines, and mountain ranges
- Monitoring Earth's magnetic field, apparently with their visual system and with tiny grains of a mineral called magnetite in their heads
- Observing the stars
- Using the sun for guidance
- Smell
- And probably following their neighbors (many birds migrate in large flocks)

Isn't it incredible how complex these little creatures are, and that's just one of the animals God created? So, the next time you even casually observe a bird take flight, remember what a miracle that one small task truly is.

"Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field are mine." - Psalms 50:10,11

Craft Corner

Bird/Squirrel Feeder Wreath

- 1 Grapevine Wreath
- 3 Plain Bagels, cut in half
- Peanut Butter
- Bird Seed
- Dried Apple Halves
- Dried Orange Halves
- Dried Corn on the Cob
- Raffia

Spread cut side bagel halves with peanut butter and roll in bird seed. Wire bagels, dried fruits and corn to the grapevine wreath and finish off with a raffia bow (or you can use fruit rollups cut into strips and make into edible ribbon for your bow). If you are far enough south that the birds will be settling in your area, they can use the raffia in their nests.

Nail finished wreath to a fence post or onto the fence to feed birds and squirrels through the winter.





For the Birds												
	Sunflower seeds	Millet (white proso)	Niger (thistle seeds)	Safflower seeds	Corn, cracked	Corn, whole	Peanuts	Peanut butter	Suet	Raisins	Apples	Oranges & grapefruit
Blue jay	■			■	■	■	■			■		
Bunting	■	■	■	■	■							
Cardinal	■	■		■	■					■	■	■
Catbird										■	■	■
Cedar waxwing											■	■
Chickadee	■	■		■	■		■	■	■			
Cowbird		■										
Crossbill	■	■		■				■				
Duck		■			■	■						
Finch	■	■	■	■	■		■	■				■
Flicker							■	■	■			
Goldfinch	■		■									
Goose					■	■						
Grackle	■											
Grosbeak	■	■		■			■			■	■	■
Junco	■	■	■	■	■							
Mockingbird										■	■	
Mourning dove	■	■		■	■	■	■					
Nuthatch	■	■		■			■	■	■			
Oriole												■
Pheasant					■							
Pine siskin	■	■	■	■			■			■		■
Redpoll	■	■	■	■								
Sparrow	■	■		■	■		■					
Starling					■							
Tanager												■
Thrasher					■		■			■	■	
Thrush										■	■	
Titmouse	■	■		■	■		■	■	■			
Towhee		■										
Warbler							■					■
Woodpecker							■	■	■			





Tips for Our Readers

Hunting Tips

- Tie an 8-inch piece of yarn or frayed dental floss to the end of your stabilizer to detect the slightest wind changes.
- Coat your arrows with wax to help silence your draw.
- While trimming your tree for stand placement make sure to leave about four inch limbs sticking out above your stand for hanging fanny pack and other gadgets.
- While viewing game animals with binoculars, grab the bill of your hats with your remaining fingers for rock solid stability.
- Don't always buy high power binoculars. Remember, the more you zoom in with high power optics the less stable your objects will appear.
- To prevent leaving a sent trail wear knee high rubber boots and tuck your pants inside while walking in and out of your stand.
- While sitting in your tree stand place your lower bow limb in the upper part or your hunting boot for better stability and less fatigue on your arm.
- Use a mounted adjustable bipod on your firearm for better stability and accuracy.
- Watch videos, read magazines and attend seminars to further expand your hunting knowledge.
- Pre-range all of your game trails and particular land marks with your range finder as soon as you get settled in your tree stand.
- Visualize deer walking the game trails and find the best place possible for a successful shot.
- Wear wool pants when walking snow or dew covered grass. Wool does not freeze up, it repels water and maintains it's warmth when soaked in a heavy rain.
- Let your cold weather outer gear adjust to the temperature outside before you start walking through the deep snow. This prevents freeze up on your outer clothing.
- When pheasant hunting without a dog, run to the downed bird immediately after the shot. Look and listen for the downed bird. Caution: Be careful when hunting with multiple people.
- Force pheasants to the outer edges and corners of the field and always prepare yourself for some action when you get to the end of the field. It's like herding cattle. They have nowhere else to go but up.
- When hunting upland game always walk the best portion of the field into the wind.
- When stepping up to get to your treestand, never leave your bow lying directly under you as you ascend in the tree. If the misfortunate thing would happen and you should fall, you want to make sure your bow and arrows are lying off to the side.
- Always chain your treestand to the tree. Rope and straps can weather and break in time.
- Never use your rifle scope as binoculars. Pointing your high powered rifle at someone or something to identify it can be dangerous.
- Invest in a good quality pair of binoculars and use them. (Buy the best optics you can afford, you won't be sorry). This will help you find more game than you ever thought possible.
- Application Dates: Start in early January for planning next Fall hunting trips. Many state application deadlines are due early in the year.
- When using disposable heat packs in the Winter, try storing them in an air tight jar or Ziplock after using them. If only exposed to oxygen for a couple hours, the heat packs will reheat again for the rest of their duration if resealed.
- When using a mechanical release while bow hunting, they tend to get in the way or tangled with other items while preparing for a hunt. Try





flipping the release back and tuck it under your shirt or coat sleeve while climbing your stand or gathering other hunting gear.

- When calling multiple coyotes in at the same time, after your initial shot is taken, yelp like a pup immediately following, this will often stop other coyotes long enough for a second shot.
- In late December and early January, try using more howls when calling coyotes. Males are establishing territories and are very aggressive at chasing off intruders. Before this time rabbit distress call seems to work best.
- When decoying antelope during the September rut, try to sneak within 100 yards or so of the buck before showing the decoy. Any closer has a tendency to spook them off.
- Bugling for elk during the September rut can be very exciting. Try hunting with a partner and set the shooter 20-40 yards in front of the caller. If the bull hangs up short of the hunter, the caller should back-off trying to draw the bull back to the shooter.
- Treestand placement for bow hunting bear should be 12-20 yards off your bait and at a height of 8-12 feet off the ground. This gives you the best shot angle to hit both lungs.
- When refreshing bait for bear hunting, always walk to the bait first, not the treestand. This avoids having bears follow the scent to the stand instead of the bait, giving you poor shot opportunities.
- Soak cottonballs with Vaseline petroleum jelly and place them in plastic film container. They make excellent fire starters because the petroleum jelly starts easy and the cottonballs sustain the fire long enough to get the kindling started.

Tips for Bugling for Bulls

There is nothing as thrilling as hearing a big bull's whistling bugle, except having him answer your bugle to him.

However, there are ups and downs to bugling. It can drive away a bull with a harem of cows because he doesn't want competition. It can also chill smaller satellite bulls if you come on too strong. For these reasons, it often pays not to sound like the biggest bull in the woods. Both dominant and satellite bulls are more likely to investigate your bugling if they think they have an advantage.

Don't bugle from the obvious places such as along roads or at the end of trails. If there is much hunting pressure at all, odds are good that other hunters have been calling from these very spots and that the local bulls know about it.

As the season wears down, use bugling as a locator call. Bulls will often answer a bugle even if they have no intention of going to it.

Horsing Around Tips

A friend of mine went to a seminar where part of the socializing involved a horseback trail ride and a cookout. He was a very occasional horse rider, usually as part of his annual elk hunts. His comment immediately after the seminar was "Thank goodness I wasn't on an elk hunt. After that trail ride I was so sore that I could barely get around for two days."

Every elk outfitter or guide in the business who uses horses can tell you dozens of similar stories. Every year, many hopeful elk hunters see their hunts diminished or ruined by becoming saddle sore.

Horseback riding stresses muscles and abrades body parts that everyday life seldom challenges. If your elk hunt will involve horses, go to a local stable and tune up your riding skills beforehand. It's all part of being in shape for the season.

A tip: Wearing pantyhose or Lycra exercise pants under your hunting pants really cuts down the wear and tear on your backside.





Cooking Classics

Stuffed Flank Steak

Submitted by: Cathy Channing

Ingredients:

- 1 Large Flank Steak - Tenderized
- 1-Teaspoon Sea Salt
- 1/2-Cup Sliced Chives
- 2 Tablespoon Minced Parsley
- 1/2 Cup Red Wine Vinegar
- 4 Slices White Bread
- 1/2-Cup Whole Milk
- 2 Cups Finely Chopped Fresh Greens (turnip greens, mustard greens, etc.)
- 4 Tablespoon Grated Cheddar Cheese
- 6 Slices Bacon - Fried and Crumbled
- 4-Tablespoon Olive Oil
- 1/2 Cup Chopped Walnuts or Pecans
- 1 Bay Leaf
- Pepper and Thyme to Taste

Rub the steak with salt, pepper, and thyme. Place in a large dish or platter; add chives, parsley, and red wine vinegar. Marinate in the refrigerator overnight, basting and turning a few times. Soak the bread in whole milk, drain and mash until smooth. Mix the bread with fresh greens, cheese, bacon, and nuts. Pull the steak out of the refrigerator and drain well. Spread the mixture on the steak and roll it up. Tie the roll with butchers twine. Heat the olive oil in a casserole dish. Lightly brown the roll, turning frequently so that all sides are browned. Cover the roll with boiling water and add a bay leaf. Cover and simmer for 3 hours, drain, and slice thinly before serving.

Honey Roast Pheasant

Submitted by: Cathy Channing

Ingredients:

- 1 Pheasant
- 3/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon msg.-optional

Combine all ingredients but the pheasant in a medium saucepan. Cook over low heat until peanut butter is melted, stirring frequently. Place the pheasant in a roasting pan. Pour the sauce over the bird, cover and place into the refrigerator overnight. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour, basting frequently with the drippings.

Dove Tetrizzini

Submitted by: Cathy Channing

- 1 1/2 cups boned doves
- 3 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 3 tbsp. onion, chopped
- 1/3 cup mushrooms, sliced
- 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch
- 2 cups thin spaghetti, cooked & drained
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup crumbled, crisp bacon

Clean birds. Melt butter in saucepan; cook onions and mushrooms over low heat until tender. Add chicken broth and cornstarch and stir until thickened. Add dove and spaghetti. Heat mixture until bubbling, stirring frequently. Turn into baking dish and top with Parmesan cheese and bacon. Place under broiler until cheese melts.





Calendar of Upcoming Events

September 24th

PHOTOGRAPHY IN ESTES PARK, COLORADO—9:00 AM
Meet at McDonalds

Bring your camera and beverages, snacks. This is a great event for wildlife photographers, see the elk in rut. Make sure that you have plenty of film. There is a cost to get into the park.

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October 20th - 30th

ELK, DEER, BEAR HUNTING /FISHING
Near Ridgway, Colorado
Meeting place & directions TBA.

This hunt will take place in the Uncompahgre National Forest. COFA will provide tents, heaters and cook stoves. This is a first-come-first-served basis and will be explained when you contact us. This is one of COFA's most popular events/hunts. We will be accepting a total of 30 applications—each camp will have 15 hunters. Meals and donations will be explained at a later date.

Contact: *George Reinbold*
303.880.3800 or
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or

Mike Brooks
303.456.0555 or
mbrooks33@aol.com
or for fishing information,
Contact: *Ron Burley*
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rburleyfishdude@yahoo.com

November 20th - 26th

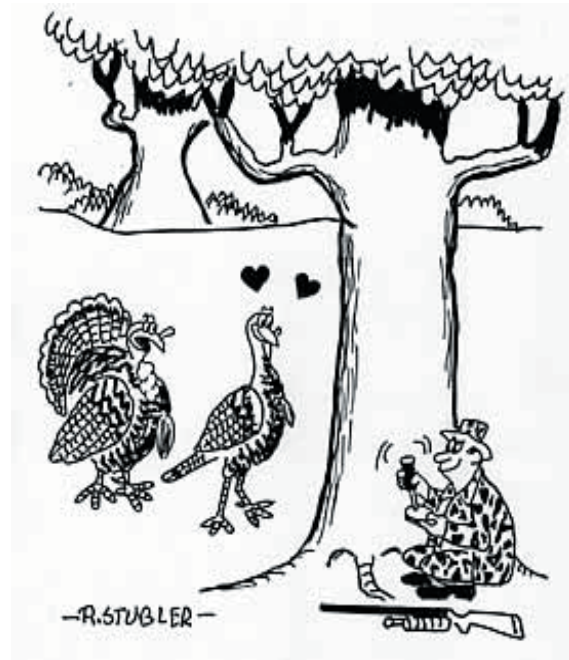
WISCONSIN DEER HUNT
TBA

November 27th - December 1st

OHIO DEER HUNT
TBA

Limited to 8 hunters. This is COFA's first deer hunt in Ohio and is a shotgun and handgun hunt. There is a \$125 non-refundable deposit requirement.

Contact: *Wilbur (Grizz) McCormick*
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leejoy@adelphia.net



Remember, son. If it sounds too good to be true it usually is



"You seem upset. Is it because I took down our wedding photo, and replaced it with a photo of a buck I got last week?"

