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Calendar of Events

August 7-10

NTA Convention
North Iowa Fairgrounds
Highway 122E
& Eisenhower Ave
Mason City, Iowa

September 6-7

Trapper's ED Youth Camp
Salamonie Reservoir
Contact: Ron Elliott
219-785-2972
thebirdieman@verizon.net
Tom Morelock
317-758-5138
longspring@aol.com

September 19-21

State Convention
Greensburg, IN
Decatur County Fairgrounds
245 S. County 200 W
Greensburg, IN 47240
Contact: Ron Elliott
219-785-2972
thebirdieman@verizon.net

October 11

Trapper's ED
Red Mill Park
0185 S Holmesville Rd.
La Porte, IN 46350
Contact: Ron Elliott
219-785-2972
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November 1st

Trappers Ed Class
Raccoon Lake SRA
a.k.a. Cecil M Harden Lake
1588 S. Raccoon Parkway
Rockville, IN 47872
Contact: Stu Grell
765-572-2207
sgrell@tds.net

January 17, 2009

Fur Auction
Peru, IN
Contact: Ron Elliott
219-785-2972
thebirdieman@verizon.net

President's Report

Tuesday July 15th the National Resources Committee met at Portage, IN to vote on the final word change on the coyote issue. The commission voted to accept the wording as presented by the DNR.

The board voted to send a DNR representative to the Trappers College. I talked to Mike Crider and he has it narrowed down to 3 people. Also talked with Mike to set up a meeting with him and Dave Winsor. One issue at hand would be difficulties on becoming a certified trapping instructor.

September 6-7 is the youth trapper's camp at Salamonie Reservoir. There is still time to sign up. Call me or Tom Morelock.

September 19-21 is the state convention at Greensburg. I know with the cost of fuel money is tight, but I hope you all are able to come.

Elections are coming up, so please show your support and vote. Bill Lewis was originally to run for treasurer and recently found out he wasn't feeling well so he had to step down. Everyone try to keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Travis Allen decided to run in his place. Frank Lamm and Mark Wernert are running for Vice President. Bill Crum is running for Director. And I am running for President.

One last thought: Remember when chatting or posting on trapping web sites and forums, anti's also have access to them. They have been copying these posts and using this information against us. We need to think twice before posting any pictures and information. Nothing is secure.

We put a newsletter committee together and I would like to thank everyone for helping with this.

Ron

Vice President's Report

As Vice President, I am trying to centralize the trapper's education by compiling a list of all current (active/inactive) trapper education instructors in the state of Indiana. In doing so we hope to put on more trapper's education courses and have better advertising to increase class sizes and promote trapping in Indiana.

If you are a Trapper Education Instructor please contact me at bugs@pestdetectivellc.com or 765-676-5600 and send your contact information (name, address, and phone number). If you are putting on a trapper's ed. class please notify me so we can help get the word out.

Frank Lamm

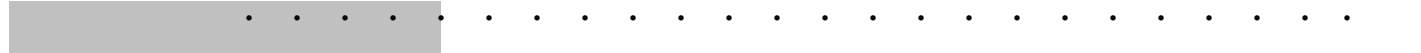
Secretary's Report

The two trappers ed classes that I set up had a total of 16 students. Travis Allen volunteered to lead the one at Linden due to my schedule of conflict with an appointment in Montana. Thanks are due for Travis, Bill Lewis, Scott Dahms and Tom Geisler for doing demos and helping out with the classes.

I'll be leading the class at Raccoon Lake, November 1st. Pass the word and help fill up the classroom.

I attended the Natural Resources meeting on the "coyote issue" on July 15th. This was a final chance to stop the INDNR proposed rule change on coyote taking. Trappers were very well represented, but it appeared that the die was cast prior to the mere 10 minutes of testimony allowed per side. And the vote was unanimous against us. Slam dunk, we lost, but we showed up for the game. We did win some concession about the fact that we can use the "parts" of the coyotes taken outside of the regular trapping season. We just cannot keep the coyotes alive and sell them.

Please call me if you have any questions about the proposed bylaw changes on the ballot enclosed. I feel that they are all good. Let me know what you think.



Sure hope to see you at the Greensburg convention.

Stu

FTA Director's Report

This year's FTA convention went well from start to end. There was a good crowd of people every day and they kept 2 demos going plus skinning.

It was decided to allow Minnesota to start a new chapter, so good luck to them and I wish them success.

Good news for all of us Indiana guys and gals. The 2010 convention will be hosted by Chapter 7B here in Columbus, IN.

FTA will be giving out 2000 free memberships to try and pick up membership numbers. I think this is to start in Aug. and run to Oct. and the memberships would be for 3 months with the magazine.

Tim Rose was elected as governing board chairmen. Congratulations Tim! Tim was also elected as the Fur Taker of the year for all his hard work with 7B. Again, congratulations Tim.

Bill Crum and myself attended the BMP meeting for manufacturers. They are getting

ready to test snares and cage traps.

A lot of concern was brought up that they use brand names when they approve a trap. The concern is that a state will use a brand name and exclude a manufacturer. There were also concerns with testing cage traps, as they are not a real trap you would use on a trap line and that gets in to ADC work.

The FTA is alive and striving to move forward.

I would like to thank the Missouri trappers for all their hard work putting on the convention. You did well. Thank you to all.

Doyle Flory

NTA Report

The NTA has been meeting their budget plans so far this year and membership is steady. I'm looking forward to a good convention in Iowa. Hope to see many of you there. At the spring meeting we voted to purchase 1,000 of the educational packages at \$2.10 each. We will be passing them out at various functions where we can set up booths or do some trapper ed demos. I'll plan to give some out at the Wild Turkey Jake's Day for instance.

The ISTA donated \$200.00 to FBU for a gun raffle at the awards banquet. Maybe you will win it. Last year FBU raised over \$36,000 for the NTA. If you have any concerns for me to bring up with the NTA, please call or email me.

Stu

Director's Report

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone so fast. Our State Convention will be here before you know it. With the cost of everything rising, the convention is the perfect place to pick up all your trapping supplies before season. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help out can contact one of the officers. Hope to see you all there.

I have been working on a list of demos for the convention. Here is a partial list:

- Jeff Robinson
- Tim Rose-cow pasture coyotes with footholds
- Sterling Fur
- Blake Williams
- Trapper McCammon-kids trapping demo
- Johnny Steinbrenner-snaring techniques
- Brad Collings-small creek coon trapping
- Dave Mauer
- Neil Graves

Hal Sullivan – Beaver

Saturday 8am

JR (JR & Sons)

Tim Julien – Saturday 4pm

Gary Gepson – Saturday 5pm

Ron Elliot – skinning demo

A Complete list of the demo schedule will be available during the convention.

Anyone interested in setting up a dealer booth at the convention, the cost is \$20.00 per table for the weekend. Tailgating is \$10.00 per space for the weekend.

You can contact me at:

765-245-2837

Or email:

billc47854@yahoo.com

Or by mail:

Bill Crum

PO Box 45

Hillsdale, IN 47854

I'd like to thank my fellow officers and those dedicated trappers who have spent thankless hours working behind the scenes on the latest trapping issues. Keep up the good work.

Bill

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As some of you may know there are positions up for re-election this year. Positions that are up for re-election are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Director. The following are some biographies from some of the candidate's that are running. Be sure to turn in your ballot that is enclosed in this newsletter.

Meet your candidates!

Below are biographies from your candidates your are currently running for office. After reading them, be sure to cast your vote. At this time the following people are running for office:

President: Ron Elliot

Vice President: Frank Lamm & Mark Wernert

Treasurer: Travis Allen

Director: Bill Crum

Ron Elliot for President

My name is Ron Elliott and I am running for president. I am 53 years old, have 2 children; Kristopher 25 and Nick 23 and my wife Sheryl who I have been married to for 27 years. I have been trapping since 1974. I have served as director, vice president and took over as president when Lonnie stepped down as president. I will continue to work on your behalf while running this association. I would appreciate your vote.

Ron Elliott

Frank Lamm for Vice President

My name is Frank Lamm. I am a life member of the FTA, NTA, and ISTA. I have owned and operated a pest and wildlife control company full time for the last 5 years. Since recently joining the ISTA I have helped for 4 days at the Indianapolis Boat, Sport, and Travel Show, I have attended several board meetings, and have followed and attended meetings concerning DNR's latest trapping policy changes.

I am currently filling the recently vacated position of ISTA Vice President. I am running for the new 2009 Vice President term and strive to be an active and supportive member. My goal is to get the trapper's education program more centralized and organized. I am asking for your vote.

Frank

Mark Wernert for Vice President

My name is Mark Wernert. I live in Corydon, Indiana with my wife Gayle. We have raised 4 sons and have been married for 34yrs. I have been self-employed as a Residential Building Contractor, for the better part of those 34yrs. I have volunteered for the Lanesville Volunteer Fire department for the last 10yrs and

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2008
OFFICIAL BALLOT
INDIANA STATE TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION

Instructions for your ballot:

1. The deadline for the election ballots to be received is AM on September 15th at the designated election address and if placed in the drop box at the convention the deadline is 3 PM on Saturday. Election committee for 2008: Stu Grell, Randy Sowder, Mark Wernert

**2. Mail ballots to:
Stu Grell - ISTA
2220E 1400N
Attica, IN 47918**

3. Ballots must only have a check or an X on the appropriate line. The only other marks approved on the ballot will be the name of write in candidates.

For the office of President

_____ **Ron Elliott**
_____ **Write in:** _____

For the office of Vice-President

_____ **Frank Lamm**
_____ **Mark Wernert**
_____ **Write in:** _____

For the office of Treasurer

_____ **Travis Allen**
_____ **Write in:** _____

For the office of Director

_____ **Bill Crum**
_____ **Write in:** _____

OVER PLEASE

2008 Ballot – Page 2

Bylaw change ratification. These bylaw changes have been recommended by the Bylaw Committee. If you agree to the proposed change mark your ballot “For” the change. If you do not want to make the proposed change, mark your ballot “Against” the change.

1. _____ For _____ Against

Article III – Membership and Dues. D. 2. The new wording for this section will be amended to read:

To be considered a candidate to represent his state at any state fish and game department hearing at his state capitol or elsewhere. **“Such a candidate must have approval from the board before giving any official I.S.T.A. position to the above or to the media.”**

2. _____ For _____ Against

Article IV – Officers. A. The new wording for this section will be amended to read:

“The I.S.T.A. shall have a president, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Directors, an NTA Director, and an FTA Director, all duly elected by the members, and a Trapper Education Coordinator who shall be elected by the board.”

This change was asked for by a motion at the spring meeting and it was approved by the members present. NTA and FTA Directors would serve a two year term and be elected in opposite years. FTA in odd (2009) – NTA in even (2010) years.

3. _____ For _____ Against

Article IV – Officers. D. 1. Election of officers will be by **“mailed ballots which will be counted at the fall convention.”** This replaces voting at the fall meeting.

4. _____ For _____ Against

Article VI – Meetings. A. New wording will be added to this section: **“Board meetings may be made by conference call if the President chooses to do so.”**

5. _____ For _____ Against

Article VIII – Conduct.

“A. Removal of Members

1. A member may be removed for cause. Cause shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a. Intentionally disrupting the activities or meetings of the corporation.**
- b. Failing to conform their conduct, activities, or statements to the objectives of the corporation as provided in these bylaws and/or standing rules.**
- c. Any criminal act against the corporation or any of its members.**
- d. Committing any unlawful act while performing any corporate business or participating in corporate activities.**

2. Notice of Removal.

The Board of Directors may, by a majority vote, elect to serve notice on a member of its intention to remove them from membership. The Notice to Remove shall include a description of the alleged conduct and the member’s right to request a hearing. If the member requests a hearing it shall be in writing and within ten days of receipt of the Notice to Remove. Thereafter, a hearing shall be set within 30 days at which time the Board of Directors shall consider the removal of said member. The member shall have the right to appear and present evidence to the Board of Directors.

3. A member shall not be removed by the Board of Directors unless there is two thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors. This two thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors is required regardless of whether a hearing is requested by the member.”

6. _____ For _____ Against

Article X – Amendments. A.. This new wording will replace the old wording that stated the bylaws could only be amended by a membership vote at the annual fall convention by a two-thirds majority of the members voting.

“These bylaws can be amended only by a ballot vote mailed out to the entire membership. A two-thirds majority of the ballots returned is required. The ballots will be mailed out in the fall newsletter and discussion on both sides of the change should be included if possible. Ballots shall be counted at the fall convention.

I have currently been on the Lanesville School Board of Trustees for the past 8yrs of which I served as secretary for 4yrs. I was raised on a farm in Ramsey, Indiana and was always hunting, trapping and fishing whenever I could get the chance. I have come to realize that we must get involved with our trapping organizations and take an active part if we are to maintain the right to pursue our heritage in the outdoors. I am running for the position of Vice President in the ISTA and would appreciate your support.

Mark

Bill Crum for Director

My name is Bill Crum and I am running for Director. I was raised in Parke County most of my life and now reside in Vermillion County. I have five children: Joshua 20, Brody 14, Jared 12 and twins, Brianna

and Bryce age 7. I have been married to my wonderful wife, Amy, for 16 years. Amy and I run a trapline together when time allows.

I am currently a member of the FTA, NTA, ISTA and OSTA. I have been on the coyote committee discussing the latest coyote issues and have been attending the FTA BMP meetings for the past three years. I have been trapping off and on since I was a kid.

I am an industrial mechanic for Bemis Company in Terre Haute and the owner and manufacturer of CTM Equipment, where my family and I spend a lot of our time building traps. My family and I feel that keeping trapping alive for future generations is an important part of today's trapping associations.

Bill

Travis Allen for Treasurer

Hello fellow Trappers,

My name is Travis Allen. Many of you may know me and some may not. I am running for treasurer of the

ISTA and would appreciate your vote. I am 36 years old and have been a member for several years. I am a Trappers' ED instructor and have lived in Warren County all my life. I have been trapping since I was ten years old. I have been married to my wife Carrie for 10 years and have two stepsons and one little grandson. I love teaching Trappers' ED and also love being involved in what is happening to the state to preserve the way of trapping we all love.

I would appreciate your vote.

Thank you,

Travis Allen

Otter Season

All members are urged to email Kate Smith, concerning a possible otter season. She has not received enough complaints about otter damage. Her email address is: kgsmith@dnr.in.gov. Lets all work together to bring in an otter season.

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Editors' Notes.

For those of you who don't know me, I am Amy Crum. I am the better half of Bill Crum, for those of you who know him. We have four children together and enjoy going to many conventions and meeting new people. I recently hold the position of secretary for Fur Takers Ch. 7F and am a member of ISTA. I have volunteered to take on the job as the editor for *The Indiana Trapper Newsletter*. I will do my best to get you the most updated information that I have on calendar events coming up and any other important information that you as members need to be aware of, in the upcoming newsletters. If you have anything you would like to share with us, I urge you to send your information to me so that I can be sure to get it in the next newsletter. Anyone wanting to place ads in here, contact the treasurer for payment and send me your ad.

Note: your ad will not be placed until I have gotten the ok from the treasurer.

Ad prices are as follows:
Business cards - \$20.00
¼ page - \$40.00
½ page - \$75.00.

One last note, I would like to thank those on the newsletter committee for helping me put this together. They are Ron Elliot, Stu Grell, Frank Lamm and Monica Olson. I look forward to working with all of you again soon.

Amy

AWARDS

Some of our past award winners are:

2006

Trapper of the year:

Wilbur Cook

Youth trapper of the year:

Blake Williams

Trapper Hall of Fame:

Marvin Fulford

2007

Trapper of the year:

Amos Malstaff

Youth trapper of the year:

Gavin Phillips

Trapper Hall of Fame:

Doyle Flory

Anyone wanting to nominate someone for any of these awards for 2008 please contact one of the following awards committee members: Ron Elliot, Bill Lewis, John Allen JR., and Randy Sowder.

Awards will be handed out Saturday before the auction during the ISTA convention, so be sure to nominate someone you think deserves any of these awards.

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HAVE A GREAT SEASON!

***Pin this letter in your Fur Shed or put on the Frig. for reference...**

Once again another year has gone by and we are gearing up for the ISTA Convention held in Greensburg, IN, September 19-21.

We hope to see you all there. Please note though that if you don't plan on coming until Sunday, be sure to come early.

Some dealers shut down as early as Saturday night while the rest shut down by 10 or 11am on Sunday. You don't want to miss you chance of getting any last minute supplies you may need to hopefully have a successful trapping season.

For any of those that prefer to sleep in a bed rather then a tent this year, we have included some hotel information below. Either way we are looking forward to seeing you all there.

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GREENSBURG

Hey, What's your story?

If you have a story you want to share, send it in! This could be anything from past trapping adventures, tips, and tricks or maybe something humorous has happened while you were out on your trap line that you want to share with us.

Maybe you're a youngster who wants to share a story of your first time out on the line. You can email me your stories and I will get them in the next newsletter. You can send these to me: Amy Crum, either through email, mrs_alc@yahoo.com or by mail at PO Box 45, Hillsdale, IN 47854. I would love to hear from you.

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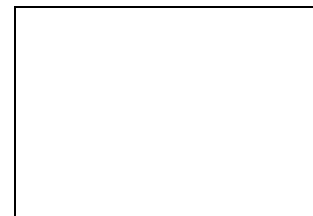
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Address: _____

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