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May-June 2021



Wayne W.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Wayne W

As I'm finishing up my second term as President and handing over the reins to the new President, I wanted to take just a quick minute and thank all of the hard-working Board Members and club members that contributed so much to making my two terms fun and enjoyable. Without your efforts, none of our activities could have happened! I'm excited to see Covid restrictions lifting and looking forward to seeing everyone back in our monthly club meetings, as we prepare for our summer events and Fall Bootcamp. What a great club we have, and a fantastic group of people working together. Thank you to all, and I'll see you at the next meeting!!

## THINGS TO KNOW:

\*\*\***WELCOME ALL!!!** Hey members we are back to having Club Meetings and Club Activities!  
**Please Do Remember to Help the Club Survive and RENEW YOUR PVCI MEMBERSHIP!!!**  
Remember the price increase. New **MEMBERSHIP** Fees are \$45 to join & \$35 to renew. Fees can be made payable to **PVCI**, and paid on-line at **PVCI** Website <http://www.pvci.org> (go to membership) or Mail your **MEMBERSHIP** Fees to Phoenix Varmint Callers P.O. Box 87153 Phoenix, AZ. 85080  
\*\*\***April 7 - This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday.** PVCI Monthly Meeting & 6822 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Drive, Glendale, AZ. 7:00P.M.

\*\*To contribute stories, pictures, etc. to this Newsletter send items to: [coyotecaller@cox.net](mailto:coyotecaller@cox.net) Share your stories/pictures, tips, recipes, etc. with us. We'd like to read them. These articles don't have to be about predators. **Join us on our Facebook Group** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PVCI.org/>  
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Fishing Contest June 5<sup>th</sup>



Trail Clearing July 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>



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## A VERY SERIOUS MATTER!

The club needs everyone's Help to participate in PPCI Functions! Buying tickets for the bucket or gun giveaway helps pay for the monthly rental of the Hall. Members stepping up to help at events or being a board member is particularly important to keep a small Club like ours functioning. Mentoring or just talking with a new member makes them feel like part of the group. We need each other's' help to make PPCI Work for all.

### We Lost Our Predator Tales Editor "Eddie M."

I am trying to keep the Newsletter going, but I need your help!!!

If you have any story or pictures to share with your PPCI friends,

P.S. Please send them to me!

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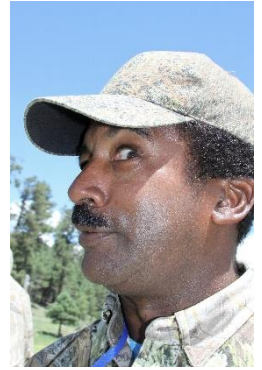
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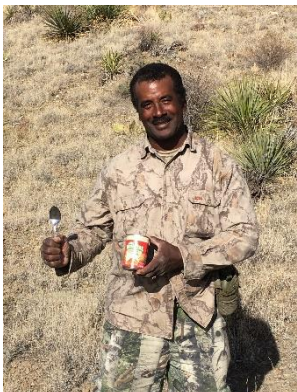




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"Editor" of Predator Tales**



**To honor a dear friend and Dedicated Member of PVC I  
Deceased 3-1-2021**



## **WHAT DOES AN UP & COMING VARMINT CALLER DO DURING THE OFF-SEASON???** by Eddie M.

Well it is that time of year again. The official Predator season is over. What are we to do? Well below is a list I've used before that doesn't really change too much. There is still plenty reason to get out, just doing different things.

Well the past predator calling season sure seemed to go by fast & just when you were really starting to see real results too! You had FUN & not just in learning the how-tos of the hunt. There was also the camaraderie with your hunt partners, sharing the outdoor adventure/experience together. The campfire at night, waking up in the mornings, the beautiful landscapes and sharing the success/failures! Now they say that the season is over! **What Are You Going To Do!**

\* Well one of the things that many of us do NOT do is to keep on hunting coyotes. Even though the season is year-round in Arizona **and should be**, most of us quit hunting them in late spring/summer (by choice) & let them raise their pups. This ensures that there will be more coyotes in the fall. That is not to say that we won't still pull the trigger on one. If someone (say the Indian Reservations or AZ. Game & Fish; antelope country) invites us on a hunt because they're having problems or one is called in on a spring turkey hunt, well what happens, happens, overall though most of us give the coyote a break. The other predators do have seasons so there is no need to discuss them.

\* **Finding elk & deer antlers** are not only fun but can also be profitable. On the spring turkey hunt in New Mexico in 2014, we had some people pull up in their horse trailer, saddle the horses & go riding to look for elk antlers. The top guy said that they had made about \$4000 so far that year. Every year probably 99.8% of the elk & deer males drop their old antlers & grow a set of new ones. The brown (recent drops) antlers can be worth anywhere from \$9 to \$14 per pound depending upon the market! That means that just one big brown elk antler can bring \$80 or more! The white antlers (1 year or older) also have a price. I myself just enjoy finding them. It's hard for me to part with them even for a price.

\* **Hunting the Spring Wild Turkey Gobbler** is another passion that afflicts many. One reason is that you are still calling & trying to fool an elusive critter to you with the added bonus that gobblers are often quite vocal/loud when coming to your calling. The closer they get the louder! Normally when a gobbler gobbles, the hens come to him. You must reverse nature to get a gobbler to come to you! The action can be very, very exciting! I tell the up & coming new turkey hunters, if you are going to become a turkey hunter free yourself of all responsibilities during the months of April & May. No birthdays, no anniversaries, no weddings. Plan your life that way as otherwise you will only create problems for yourself!

\* **Attend the PPCI Club Activities.** During the fall & winter months a lot of us members are busy hunting however when the hunting seasons are over the Phoenix Varmint Callers like to plan family-oriented events. For instance, the **June 5th (Free Fishing Day) PPCI Fishing Contest** where all **Members & Guests participate in a Raffle, the August PPCI Trail Clearing & August Varmint Calling Boot Camp.** are all PPCI family-oriented Events where the members are encouraged to bring families & friends. In doing this we ALL get to meet each other, perhaps share a meal or two, share in friendly competition and do work together (Trail Clearing). Once the wife & family get to know some of the folks you may be hunting with it may make it a little easier to get away come hunting season. Also, you will get to know the other callers that participate better. You see them, they see you (it is called exposure), you interact & come hunting season who knows? Anytime you get around a fire at night like the Fishing Contest or Trail Clearing, if you keep your ears open, you run the risk that you might learn things. Invariably there will be hunting stories told, hunting tips given out on what methods worked for this or that, hunting questions answered, etc.

In addition, there are some other Events that many PPCI members also attend each of which is also family oriented. Many events may be canceled **The Payson Wildlife Fair, July Arizona Trappers Assoc./Convention w/ Miss Rodeo Arizona** helping, and the September **Southwest Fur Harvesters Rendezvous** are GREAT places to hear the above kind of talk. Of course, you will also hear instructional calling/hunting/trapping seminars at all 3 of these Events. Keep an eye on the Calendar of Events in this Predator Tales for the dates of these upcoming Events. Check out their web sites before going.

\* **What about going fishing?** Arizona does have some really great fishing for both warm & cold-water species. There are a few lakes, rivers, creeks & even canals (towards Yuma) and waterholes (Indian Reservations) where fish can be caught. Also, do not forget the Urban Lakes here in town. You no longer need an Urban Fishing License as it's included in the price of a Regular Yearly Fishing or Combo Hunt/Fish License now. **P.S. None of this applies of course** if you have ever fished for Steelhead in your past pre-Arizona life. Almost everyone I have ever met who has done this appears to be SPOILED ROTTEN and in most cases do not want to fish for anything else. It almost seems like they need to go to a Steelhead Self-Recovery Help Group to get over the fun they had. Most certainly the comments & actions that I have observed have made me very leery about ever fishing for that kind of fish. \* **Do not forget to stay practiced up in your shooting** at the Range. Also, now is an excellent time for inspecting the gear that you do have & preparing your gear for next year. Another PLUS of our Family-Oriented Events competition is that These Events are designed to help keep your competitive spirit in tune & keep you practiced during the off-season.



## VIEW ARIZONA GAME & FISH COMMISSION MEETINGS LIVE

Due to COVID -19, the public will not be able to attend the Commission Meetings in person until further notice. The public can still view the Meeting at [www.azgfd.gov/commissioncam](http://www.azgfd.gov/commissioncam) or listen to the Meeting by calling (602) 666-0783, access code: 280 046 234##. Members of the public who listen by phone should keep their phones on mute. Members of the public wanting to speak to the Commission on specific agenda items, can call (602) 962-8790 and follow the prompts to say your name, where you are calling from, and the agenda item you wish to speak about.

## PVCI MONTHLY GUN

The Gun for May will be ?????????? **We want Past winners to write a review on the gun they won!!!!**  
The Gun for June will be determined. It is an exceedingly difficult time to find/buy firearms.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

\*\*\*LOOK for Entirely NEW Mountain Lion Regulations after June 30<sup>th</sup> in the 2021-2022 Arizona Hunting Regulations.  
April 23 & April 30 – **Arizona Early & Late Spring Turkey Season opener dates. Check your Hunt Regs.**  
April 30 – Archery Spring Bear Season Opens in certain Hunt Units. Check your Hunt Regs  
**May 5 - This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. PVCI Monthly Meeting, (Elks Lodge) 6822 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Drive, Glendale, AZ. 7:00P.M.**  
May 8 - **URGENT! Deadline for the 2018 fall hunts, deer, turkey, bighorn, etc. for Paper Applications by 7:00p.m**  
May 14 – Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meetings 5325 N. Stockton Hill Rd. Kingman 86409 (926)-692-7700.  
**May 15-16 – PVCI Annual Campout & Barbecue: Has Been Cancelled!**  
**May 19 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board Meeting possibly at Barro's Pizza 3053 W Aqua Fria FRWY**  
May 27 – All Arizona Spring Turkey Seasons End.  
May 31 – **Day Long Shooting Hours or Night Hunting ENDS in ALL Hunt Units for Coyotes.** Check your Hunt Regs.  
May 31 - Tassel-Eared Squirrel Season ends in Hunt Unit 33.  
**June 2 - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. (Elks Lodge) PVCI Monthly Meeting, 7:00P.M. 6822 N. 57<sup>th</sup> Drive, Glendale, AZ.**  
**June 5 – PVCI FISHING CONTEST! Free Fishing Day! Let's do DOG TOWN LAKE (See Map, Directions inside).**  
**Potluck/Fish Fry Saturday Evening after the Official Measuring. Please bring a dish.**  
June 11 - Arizona Game & Fish Commission Meetings 7200 E. University Mesa 85207 (480)-981-9400  
**June 12 - Deadline for the 2018 fall hunts, deer, turkey, bighorn, etc. for Online Applications by 11:59 PM**  
**June 16 - This is the 3rd Wednesday. PVCI Board Meeting possibly at Barro's Pizza 3053 W Aqua Fria FRWY**  
July 20-20 - BOWHUNTER HAPPENING 2018 at Mormon Lake. Pre-Register at [www.arizonabowhunters.org](http://www.arizonabowhunters.org)  
**July 4 – NO PVCI Monthly Meeting! Independence Day! Happy Birthday America! This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. NO PVCI Monthly Meeting!**

**PVCI normally hosts a SWAP meeting in July, because of the holiday no Meeting.**  
**SO IF YOU WANT TO LIST ITEMS YOU HAVE TO TRADE SEND A PICTURE AND VALUE TO [COYOTECALLER@COX.NET](mailto:COYOTECALLER@COX.NET) and I will have a **“FOR SALE”** page in the July Newsletter.**

\*\*\*NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: **To stay a PVCI Member you MUST PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES YEARLY OR YOU WILL GET DROPPED!** \* to stay a PVCI Member. The PVCI New Members fee will be \$45 and the Renewal Fee will be \$35. How will you know if you owe? Through the On-Line Newsletter (the Predator Tales) in most cases. To receive an e-mail Newsletter, you MUST send your information to [azfrank64@cox.net](mailto:azfrank64@cox.net) Once you receive the E-Mail copy **you will be notified by E-Mail when your Membership is due.** Fees should be made payable to PVCI. Send payment to PVCI c/o Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 87153, Phoenix, AZ. 85080-7153. Membership Forms are available at the Monthly General Meeting. Questions: Contact Membership Chairman Frank B. 602-758-8714

**HARD COPIES OF THE PREDATOR TALES ARE AVAILABLE FOR A SMALL FEE OF \$10.00/Yearly** For the Annual Fee of \$10, those who would still like to receive the Hard Copy can do so! Give your \$10 payment to Membership Chairman in person or mail the \$10 fee to PVCI P.O. Box 87153 Phoenix, AZ. 85080-7153. Be sure to specify what the money is for. You could also include in addition to your Membership. **RENEWAL FEES HELP THE CLUB!!!** PVCI MEMBERSHIP COUNT: 185 WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

## Rock Island Armory – 22 TCM (FS)

Product Review by Wayne W.

### <https://www.armscor.com/firearms/ria/tcm-series/>

If you've ever seen a 22 TCM, it kind of makes you wonder. What were these guys smoking when they created this thing? A 22-caliber pistol in a 1911 format that will shoot a 39gr hollow point at 2,000+ fps out of a 5 barrel? This I had to see.

Many of you will know that I'm a pistol fanatic at heart but prefer a rifle for song dogs due to distance and need for terminal velocity and energy transfer. When I first heard of the 22 TCM I was intrigued to say the least.

I was able to get my hands on the FS single stack model which came with both a 22 TCM as well as a 9mm conversion barrel and spring. The single stack magazine holds 10 rounds, plus one up the pipe. (The double stack model holds 17+1). It shipped from the factory set with the TCM barrel, although the conversion to 9mm takes all of about 20 seconds once you've done it once or twice and the magazines are interchangeable with the 9mm!



39gr 22 TCM size comparison to a standard 223 – 55gr



When I pulled it out of the box the first thing that impressed me was the stippled polymer grip and smooth action of the gun. The adjustable rear sites and dovetail fiber optic front site made it easy to get on target and stay there.

A commonly compared neighbor to the 22 TCM is the 5.7x28, which runs about 2200 fps, (150-200 fps faster than the TCM) and has a greater variety of bullets. In my research, the TCM cost nearly a grand less, and (my opinion) was just a prettier sidearm due to my love for the 1911 format. Ammunition as of December was roughly \$27.99 for a box of 100 and readily available at almost any Cal-Ranch store where the 5.7x28 was roughly 2-3 times that – if you can find it.

The 5.7 is touted as more of a law enforcement round, due to its ability to penetrate body armor, but I don't need that, (though likely still possible) for my quarry is more into speed and stealth than body armor. I was able to test the TCM on some 2" hardened steel, and can safely say if I see a varmint behind that much steel, he's pretty safe anyway.

Shooting impressions and accuracy: If you love a buttery smooth trigger and almost no recoil, with a pistol that probably already fits in a holster you already own, you're going to like this gun! The gun functioned flawlessly through the first couple hundred rounds without a single malfunction. Accuracy is excellent, and if you get a chance to shoot it in the evening, the 4 foot flame that comes out the barrel is quite impressive. And all with almost no recoil! I've taken two coyotes with this round so far, and have to say, within typical pistol ranges, this thing really packs a punch!

**Long Term:** I have to say this pistol is not likely to go anywhere soon and has a permanent place with my hunting gear. With the available ammo, and now the reloading components being more readily available from Armscor, this heavy hitting, fire breathing dragon is a keeper!





## UPCOMING EVENT: ANNUAL PPCI FISHING CONTEST- JUNE 5, 2016

(Who is the Best Fisherperson Adult or Child in the Club???)

In the Fall and Winter a lot of us members are going at it, hunting & competing. Well now that the hunting season is over, to help keep that competitive edge on during the off-season, PPCI schedules family-oriented events to try & get your family & friends involved both in meeting others & in some fun competition. Events such as the Annual Campout & Barbecue in May, this Annual Fishing Contest in June, The Trail Clearing in August and the Christmas Party in December are good examples. This year the Annual PPCI Fishing Contest will be held on June 5 at Dogtown Lake in Unit 8. **This Day is Free Fishing Day and no fishing license is required to fish on that day only.** We usually have 2 categories in both the Kids & Adults Divisions. They are Longest Fish & Longest Stringer. This applies to all fish species in the Lake. There is also usually a Members & Guest Free Raffle where ALL that are present have a chance to win a prize whether they fished or not. **Ray K.** agreed to oversees this event this year. The way that it works is that you start fishing at daybreak on Saturday morning. We fish until the Contest stops at 5:00 P.M. All the fish are measured & the winners determined. The Winners get 1<sup>st</sup> pick from the table of prizes then all names go into a hat and the names that are drawn get their pick of prizes. Then we clean the fish and have a Big Potluck/Fish Fry Dinner. **This is a Potluck so please do remember to bring a dish or dessert.** Good Times Galore!!! Come on out and bring some friends and/or family. See Directions.

**Directions:** Get to Williams, Arizona, then turn south onto 4th Street (County Road 73) and drive about 5 miles to Forest Road 140. Turn left and proceed about 4 miles to Forest Road 132. Turn left and proceed 1 mile to Dogtown Campgrounds.

**Look for PPCI Signs**



## LEARN OUTDOOR SKILLS: HUNT, TRAP, FISH, SHOOT, WILDLIFE RECREATION

The Arizona Game & Fish Dept. is dedicated to introducing children to hunting by offering a wide variety of juniors only hunting & shooting programs. These programs are designed to get children in the field with a parent or guardian who can focus on the kid(s) and provide the guidance needed to teach the next generation of hunters how to be safe, ethical & responsible stewards. To provide plenty of opportunity, Game & Fish has partnered w/various Sportsman's clubs, groups & organizations to provide mentoring for beginners to help assure positive experience hunting in the great outdoors. Listed below are some of these events. Look on pages 116-121 of the 2021/2022 AZ. Hunt Regs. You will note that there are also some events for the ladies. Visit [www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills](http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills) for more information. Consider helping at these Events as a Mentor. You'll usually be fed & your help is greatly appreciated. Eddie went as a PPCI member & often wear His PPCI T-Shirt. It doesn't have to be varmint calling related for you to volunteer to help get someone get hooked on hunting.

**July 16-18 – ABA Bowhunter Happening at Mormon Lake:** Family-friendly non-competitive archery shoot. Kids 12 & under shoot free. Location: Mormon Lake Lodge. Details: [www.arizonabowhunters.org](http://www.arizonabowhunters.org)

**Aug. 7-9 – Predator Hunting Boot Camp** for youth, adults & families-PPCI George Knox Memorial. Beginners can learn about predator calling/hunting plus other outdoor skills. Free camping and food provided. Location: Woods Canyon Lake Area, Vincent Ranch, Unit 4A. Hosted by Phoenix Varmint Callers, Youth Outdoors Unlimited, AGFD, RMEF, AES, NWTf. Register: [www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com](http://www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com) or contact Ricardo G. At [ppcigroup@gmail.com](mailto:ppcigroup@gmail.com) .

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# PVCI'S Trailer

By Scott B.

What started out as an offer to help fix the flat tire on the Club Trailer ended up taking a lot of time and help!

As the case progressed, I made a trip to Wayne's to check out the conditions and found that Ricardo G. had taken the trailer to his place to repair the electrical problems and the flat tire. Sounds great, but when I did get to investigate the trailer, I quickly understood why Wayne was say that we should get rid of it. It was impossible to determine what was stored in the trailer. It looked like everything had been piled in with little thought. I had never witnessed the trailer in use, so I had no idea of how it was used or what it carried. I spent several trips to the trailer to take pictures and measurements of items I could see then I searched the web to find similar items and determine their sizes. I just wanted to provide a plan on how to load the trailer better. But the best laid plans often go astray. Wayne called me & asked me to attend the monthly board meeting & explain what I found. I had a short Power point presentation half completed that I took with me. As luck would have it Steve L. was, they and he offered to help weld the table storage frame that I had been designing. I was asked to provide an estimate for the cost of the modes. Which at the time was a WAG as I had



not purchased wood or fasteners for an awfully long time. I estimated it would come in at about \$450.00. My total spent was \$439.49 Talk about being close. Well, I bought the pipe for the table frame at a savings because Steve told me about them. I had them cut the pipe to lengths I cleaned them for welding and Steve L. welded it up.



**What a great Job Steve!!!** He even primed the welds for painting. I then spent a day emptying the trailer and painting the table storage rack. I found a lot of odds and loose ends in the trailer. Including all the material needed to mount the propane bottles on the front of the trailer tongue. I used 1x4 lumber along the sides of the trailer to protect them, and I built a shelf in the front of the trailer to hold miscellaneous items. I mounted the table storage rack to the left rear of the trailer next. Then I located the two stoves along the left wall and made a table above them while still providing access. Cots and tents were loaded above the tables I hung chairs above the canopy storage box in the front of the trailer. I obtained an inventor list from Ron H. that listed a few missing items, so I donate a trailer jack, a small cook stove, two keyed the same master locks, a fire extinguisher, and a fly swatter. There are more items on the list that are wanted so please help. The cots, tents and chairs that are provided for the disabled Veterans get a lot of use. They need to be replaced on occasions. Ask Ray what he needs to support the Disabled Veterans or Ron H. for the monthly Club hunts.



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by Scott B.

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**I am sorry but the Hunt Results were not available,  
in time for publication.**

**I will try to get the complete results in the July Newsletter.**

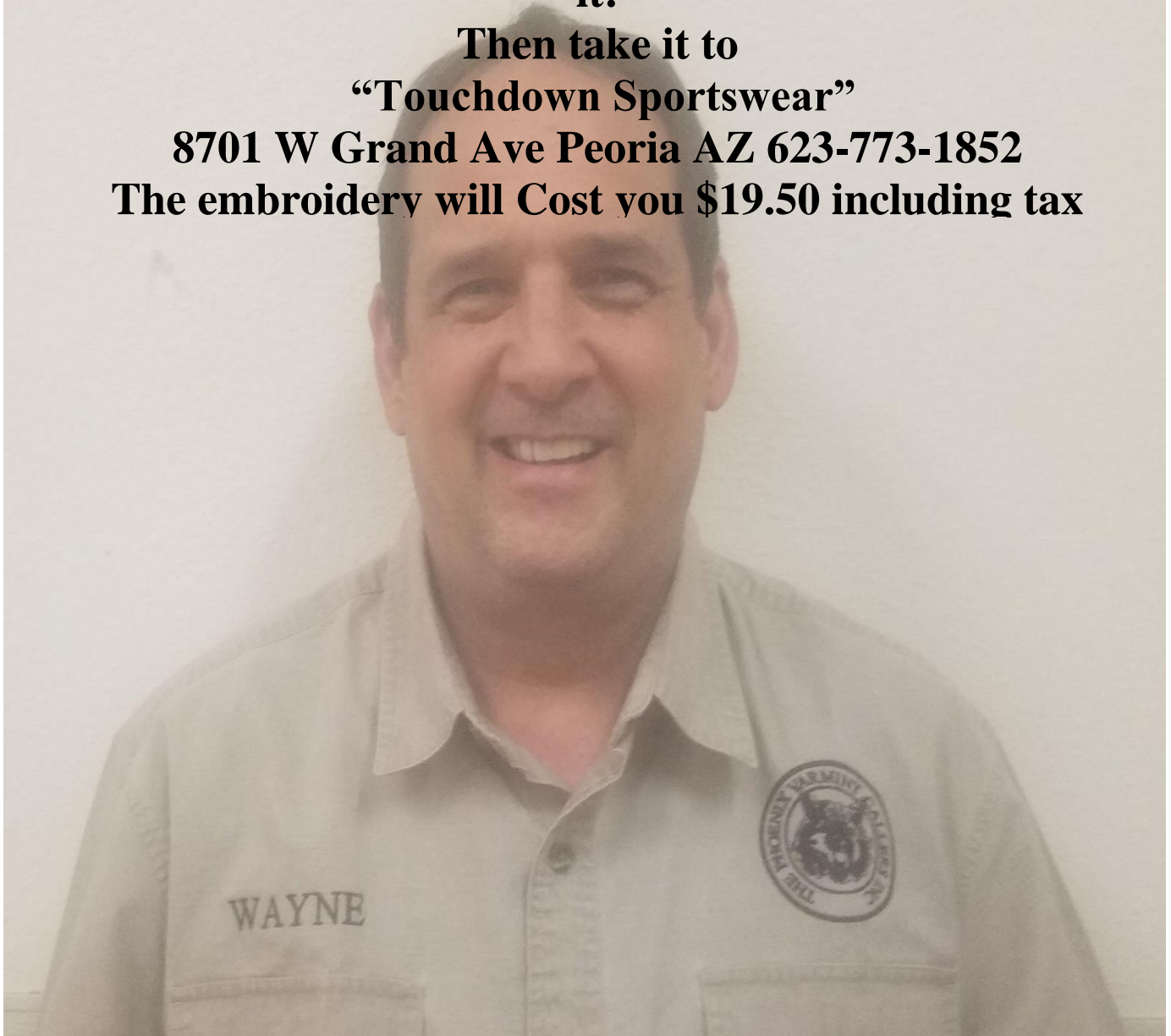
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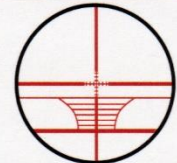


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