



# The Predator Press

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PREDATOR CALLERS OF ORANGE COUNTY  
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SEPTEMBER  
2015

## President's Message

Cody Collier



To all of my fellow  
PCOC'ites,

First and foremost I would like to give a great big shout out to our very own Food Dude, Victor Lavarreda. As some of you may know already, Victor is moving to Texas here soon to be with his family. Vic has done a lot for our club. He has served as a scotch lite chair, raffle chair, and professional chef! He even has a few stories to tell about his first coyote and his first bobcat! A big thank you goes out to Victor for everything he has done, also for everything he has done for me personally in the past. Thank you Victor.

Well guys... September is here. Football is starting and the Baseball playoffs are around the corner, oh and our first club hunt is here! It will still be hot out there so make sure to pack plenty of water. This hunt will be our annual

Novice Hunt. In order for a team to win, they must have a novice on their team. Any novices out there that need to be paired up with any of our more experienced hunters please contact me or any of our board members and we will make sure we get you out there. Now is the time to start pulling out your gear and make sure everything is in working order and to make sure all of your camo still fits! Double check your batteries haven't leaked and get them on the chargers. I know my presentation on the e callers wasn't the most in depth last month. If anyone has any more questions regarding them please feel free to ask me, or if there is a question regarding sounds that you may not have, hit me up. Also, make sure you have plenty of ammo loaded and your rifles sighted in. With our supposed super El Nino coming this winter hopefully we will get a lot of water on the ground and movement in between rains.

This is the part of the year I get excited for. One weekend a month I get to be out in the wilderness and have a good time with all of you guys out there. I hope we get to have more hunters out there this year and we can get our novices out. This hunt is a great opportunity to all of them. This is something they have never experienced. I hope to see all of you at the next meeting, then get out there and enjoy the Spirt of the Wild!

Sincerely,  
Cody <>

## VICE President's Message

Sultan Abassy



I am so excited that our predator hunting season will start in about two weeks, you better get your gear ready, sight

in your guns, check your callers, lights and other necessary equipment.

As I mentioned last month, based on the weather forecasts, this year we are expecting one of the strongest EL NINO seasons, which means tons of rain and mud on our path. We should be ready to find different routes to get to our favorite locations, because the terrain will change and most off roads will not be accessible. The best approach would be, if you are not sure about a messed up road, don't take it, and being a little more cautious this season may pay off with some good rewards.

Our mentoring program is in progress, thanks to our members for their dedication to this very important task. Don and Cody did a fantastic job on Night hunting and electronic callers. To contribute to this vital program, I will get brave and do a presentation as a "one year old novice" by sharing the valuable

lessons I learned from our most experienced hunters, the mistakes I made and sort of how to evolve from a so called "novice" to a predator hunter!

If you need and want to learn mouth calling talk to Rick Macey and beware when he calls you'll think you got attacked by Coyotes.

Those of you who ordered CA Premium hunting SD card for your GPS unit, they are here; please contact me to get them.

I'll repeat myself, don't wait until the last minute; find yourself a hunting partner, arrange taking the novices with you this season, get active, fill out the open chairmanships, participate in the club activities, bring new and useful ideas, communicate with your officers, they are here to listen and implement valuable suggestions.

I was happy to see interest in Pala's range flyers last month, but no one from our club showed up at the last match.

A few of us enjoyed the Jim Trowbridge Memorial Cowboy Campout at the CHFC Property in Ventura, lots of food, friendship and good times. Thanks to Victor & Karen, Bob Peters and Chris Keller & family.

Enjoy your life while you can, hunt, fish & camp more, do it now cause tomorrow might be too late. See you all at the next meeting, be safe and God bless America. Regards, Sultan Abassy, Vice president of PCOC <>

## **Don's Den**

By Don Jamroz



### **September Weekend Novice**

**Club Hunt:** In order to win this hunt, you must have a novice member as a part of your hunt team. A novice is a member that joined

the club after July 1st, 2013 or has not won the Novice of the Year award. As far as a win goes, you'll only get an 'AttaBoy' because the CA regulations changed last year regarding what you can receive if you win a hunt. I'll make a formal announcement at the September membership meeting regarding the dates, etc. Grab a newbie and get out there and hunt! See the hunt schedule for more details. At this meeting, I'll try to match some novices with experience hunters. Wish me luck, because in the past this has been a tough task. We don't have enough hunting rigs in the club to get them all out on this club hunt. But, if you are an experienced hunter, with or without a truck, please consider taking out a novice on this hunt. I'll have a list of novices at the meeting.

**Hunts Schedule:** The Hunts Schedule was adopted at the August membership meeting. I'll have hardcopies to distribute at the Thursday, September 3rd meeting. Like previous years, it will contain the dates and particulars for each of our 6 club hunts. In addition, it will have the rules and conditions for those hunts. On the reverse, it will have the sunrise/sunset and moonrise/moonset for the months

where our hunts occur. All you need to know on one sheet.

**Bobcat Trapping Ban:** Well, the anti's and Project Coyote won another round. First, they stopped contests and now they have banned bobcat trapping in the entire state of CA. The 2 new commissioners voted for the ban, so you can easily see where this thing is going. Then after my initial anger and the more I read, I am finding that we are going to be in for a rough ride if the commissioners continue their line of thinking. Here is part what was written in a Sacramento newspaper recently: *"That law requires the commission to set licensing fees so that the state recovers all reasonable costs associated with allowing commercial trapping, something officials at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife acknowledge is not being done. The \$117 annual licensing fee currently required to trap and kill muskrats, raccoons, coyotes and other animals for their fur falls short of covering the state's cost of overseeing the programs."* Not good! Last year, only 276 trappers licenses were sold and only about 100 trappers reported success. Now here is the 'Catch 22': Take out the bobcat trappers who wont/can't purchase licenses and I'll bet there will be less than a handful of trappers willing to pay \$117 for a license this coming year. The cost was \$161,000 for enforcement and oversight of trappers last year. Say 161 trappers want to purchase licenses the following year. Then if they set the cost of a trapping licenses to cover costs, each license is going to cost \$1,000 – a Death Spiral! Then no one will buy one. Trapping will be a thing of the past in CA. Now if the commissioners want to justify the costs of administration for hunting bobcats with the purchases of bobcat tags

(now @ \$3.24 each), the cost would have to go up so high that the blue-collar hunter wouldn't be able to afford even one tag. See where this is going? Project Coyote won! Where am I wrong?

**Catchall Drawer:** Forms Packages: As I stated last month, I'll have the complete 'starter kits' for the novices to distribute at the September membership meeting. We were running out of Lohman P-1 mouth calls. We placed a larger order for them and rec'd them on 8/5. Now our supply should last us for a couple of years. ☹️ Seems to me that there are more rabbits around this year. There were 8 cottontails under my birdfeeder recently. That's a lot! Perhaps a good sign that the prey species is on the upswing. ☹️ Talking about birdfeeders, this month is the first time I saw a pair of Eurasian Collared doves at my feeder, so... they have arrived here in the Murrieta area. ☹️ I've just replaced 2 of my truck tires with BF Goodrich, All-Terrain T/A KO2's. My problem has been with punctures on the sidewalls. These new generation KO2's are supposed to have much tougher sidewalls. BFG said that they are twice as thick as the old KO's! As some of you know, last season, I had 3 punctures all at the same time around midnight out in the boonies. Takes some of the fun out of hunting, but sure makes for good hunts stories! ☹️ Scorching hot here in Murrieta – 111 degrees on Aug 15th. ☹️ Welcome new member Dylan Kaplan. ☹️ Hunts Accountant. Don Jamroz



Bill Saksa (left) invited Anthony Canales, an NRA council president, to speak to us about AB 711, the law concerning the Lead Ammunition Ban in CA.

Anthony Canales is the President of the San Fernando Valley Member's Council, NRA. He works as a Quality Control Manager in Glendale, California. He is married with one son.

Anthony has been an firearms activist and Member's Council volunteer since 1994, and a blogger for the California Member's Councils since 2002. Recent projects include work on firearms outreach to public health officials, debunking faulty science related to ammunition and endangered species, and shooting as a self defense option for women from a martial arts perspective. <>



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY in  
AUGUST TO  
MEMBERS:**

**Henry Haynes**  
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**Ricky Macey**  
**Mike Reynolds**  
**Bill Saksa**  
**Wayne Tomosada**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

We need volunteers to head up a committee to bring in interesting and informative guest speakers to our monthly meetings. Remember the club is run by volunteer members! Please contact one of the board members if you can help.

The club is only as good as its members. Don't be a lump. We need everybody's contributions to make the club work and to make it interesting. If you have something you can contribute, a specialty you'd like to talk about, an article you can submit, a guest speaker you think would be interesting please let me know or one of the board members. "Don't complain if you don't vote". Be a part of the solution not the problem.

**Magazine Exchange:** The magazine exchange at the membership meetings is starting to be successful. Take your magazines to the club meetings for others to have -- then, pickup a few for yourself.

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**PCOC LIBRARY**

Please see Dennis McGilvery for a list of DVD's and books in our library.

# **Due to the Dove Opener on**

**Tuesday**

**September 1 this year**

**Our Next  
meeting is**

**THURSDAY**

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**SEPTEMBER 3,**

**at 7pm at**

**Old-world German  
Restaurant**

**7561 Center Ave. #49  
Huntington Beach, CA  
92647**

**Our September  
Guest Speaker will  
be Don Gregory.**

**He is currently the  
gunsmith at Orange  
County Firearms in  
Fountain Valley, CA.  
Don will be speaking  
about and demonstrating  
firearm maintenance and  
cleaning. He will be  
basically going over bolt  
action rifles and AR rifles  
and 1911's.**

## **Mentor Program by Ricky Macey**

Our mentor program will continue in September with guest speakers Dennis McGilvery and Sultan Abbassy. Dennis will speak on camouflage; Dennis is an expert on camouflage; he once applied camo to Jimmy Hoffa, and no one has seen him since! Sultan will cover "what does a novice need to be properly outfitted for a predator hunt." Reflecting on his own novice experience, Sultan realized he was not quite prepared like he thought he was. His tips will help new hunters start out with the right stuff. Come and listen to these men following the September meeting.

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# Off The “Net”

## Gun Control

It has already started at *Turner's Sporting Goods*.

When I was ready to pay for my purchases of gunpowder and bullets, the female cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about the gun control wackos running amok, I did just as she had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking and the alarms finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to how I should place my credit card in the card-reader. I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future. They need to make their instructions to us seniors a little clearer.

I still don't think I looked that bad!! <>

# Regarding the Lead Ammo Ban

Submitted by Michael Cantor

In October, 2013, California Gov. Jerry Brown signed a ban on lead hunting ammunition into law. The ban called for the complete phasing out of all lead shot and bullets for hunting by mid-2019 at the latest, with regulations and phased-in implementation to begin on July 1, 2015. The law is ostensibly intended to reduce the introduction of toxic materials into the environment and protect the state's wildlife populations.

The first phase of the ban will begin this summer and requires non-lead ammo be used for all hunting on California's state-run wildlife areas and reserves. Lead ammunition was already banned in the state's condor areas, but beginning in July, no lead ammo will be permitted on California Department of Fish and Wildlife areas.

In July, 2016, the second phase will take effect. At that time, lead ammunition will not be permitted for use when hunting upland game birds except at licensed game bird clubs. Lead shotgun ammunition will also be banned for small game animals, furbearing animals, non-game mammals, non-game birds, and any wildlife taken for depredation control. Lead rifle ammunition will remain legal.

The third and final phase of the ban takes effect on July 1, 2019, when non-lead ammunition will be required for all hunting purposes within the state of California.

The ban is controversial, both within California and across the U.S. The National Shooting Sports Foundation, opposed to the ban, claims that the science backing a ban is incomplete and points out that Norway enacted a similar ban in 2005 but recently repealed it because there was not enough scientific evidence to support it.

Other groups opposed to the ban claim that a shortage of non-lead ammunition and the higher prices associated with what there is will reduce the state's hunting population and have a negative impact on wildlife management.

Critics also point out that a reduced number of hunters will cost the state revenue. Efforts to repeal the law, however have been unsuccessful so far.

The California Fish and Game Commission are implanting the law in three stages:

1. On July 1, 2015, no lead ammo may be used to hunt in state run wildlife areas and ecological reserves.
2. On July 1, 2016, no lead ammunition can be used when hunting with a shotgun for upland game birds, furbearing mammals, and non-game mammals and birds.
3. A total ban on hunting with lead ammo goes into effect on July 1, 2019.

# Santa Fe Coyote Adventures

By Ricky Macey

A visit to my brother Mike's home near Santa Fe usually includes a couple coyote adventures. These outings are within hiking distance of his home. Most mornings and evenings offer an easy opportunity for calling in the Pinon Juniper covered hills. The first three days of my visit were spent hiking in Colorado with Donna's (Mike's wife) hiking club. We were blessed with excellent weather and lots of wildflowers. I have never seen such an abundance of Indian Paintbrush. I saw a white/yellow variety in addition to the more common red/orange. Before leaving for Colorado I posted a trail camera on Mike's property in a spot Mike and Donna thought coyotes might pass. On our return we found a couple birds had tripped the camera, but no other critters. Thursday evening Mike and I set out on a dual mission. First we placed the trail camera in a wash where some tracks were present. Mike brought along a product called "Bait and Blast" to help attract coyotes in front of our game camera. Mike pointed out a tree in the wash close to our camera location. The bottom vegetation had been trimmed by elk. Later that week Donna told me of a Pinon pine that the elk thrashed from top to bottom along their driveway.

Once our trail camera was set, Mike and I followed our wash to a larger arroyo. We began looking for a place to predator call. After passing on a few potential sites, I selected a spot with favorable wind and visibility. Mike and I both backed into the shade of trees. I was on one side of a large opening while Mike kept eye on the other side. Mike had deposited my caller in the middle of the clearing. I selected a favorite woodpecker sound, then prepared to do some shooting with my cell phone camera. Mike's trigger finger was also on a camera. After



eleven or twelve minutes I began to think of giving up. Half a minute later a coyote wandered into view. He trotted directly in front of Mike, then turned downhill toward the electronic caller and myself. He investigated the meadow in a leisurely manner. I was able to watch the coyote for a long time; much longer than most encounters. Eventually he moved next to a tree where he was soon joined by a partner. The two hung out for a minute and finally moved on. After I was sure the coyotes were out of the area, Mike and I moved onto another stand before darkness. The most noticeable event of our second stand was the rain that started falling. We were well soaked by the time we reached home. Inspecting our cameras we learned Mike had captured the first coyote, while my film attempts were total failures.

The next day we took a city bus tour of Santa Fe. Many places in town have fences made out of Juniper stakes. Our guide told us they are called "coyote" fences. He said coyotes stay away because they don't like the sap and can't jump over the top level. I wouldn't bet money on these statements, but I enjoyed hearing about coyotes on the tour. In addition to his coyote story, I will always remember our guide for two other items not likely included on other tours. First, he slammed the brakes causing all five rows off passengers to nearly land in the front seat. After deciding no one was killed, he mumbled about the new brakes and drove on. The brake incident caused me to spill coffee down my shirt and pants. Just about when I finished mopping up the mess from my clothing, our driver knocked a large city flowerpot about two feet from its original location. I didn't spill any coffee as I saw the crash coming.

Our calling the next morning was unproductive, but we hit pay dirt with the trail camera. A coyote investigated the "Bait and Blast" providing us with a handful of photos. There was no question the product captured the visitor's attention. Later that evening I did some mouth calling on our second stand. Mike heard pairs of paws pounding toward our direction. The visitors must have gotten

our scent, as they broke off and never came into view.

Mike had some military duties on Saturday, so I did my own calling that morning. On the first setup, I played "Bay Bee Cottontail" on my Foxpro unit. Results came almost instantaneously. A rabbit raced into view about one hundred and ten yards out. He kept zooming along, dropped down into a ravine, up the other side and never lost speed until he finally was in the clearing in front of me. He hung around a while and finally moved to my right where trees blocked my sight of him. I have had rabbits rush in before, but this response topped all others I have seen. In the evening Mike and I gave things a last try. We first hiked to a cave on a rocky ledge. The shadow made the cave look deeper than it was. There was abundant rat sign all along the ledge. It was easy to understand why bobcats like to follow along such places. Not far past the rocky ledge, we reached a fence bordering the Tusuqui Indian reservation. Our calls along the fence did not produce, but we saw elk tracks and scat in multiple places. In one place we could hear an elk, but not see him buried in the trees. I am sure if we sat with binoculars for a while, we could have spotted the elk. On our trip back home two groups of coyotes began howling at dusk. We tried calling, with the result that I saw a coyote come out of some trees, then go back in. It was the last of our action.

My only other canine adventure did not involve coyotes. Mike and Donna had been bragging about their dog Monalisa and how great she was around others. The entire week I could never enter a room without loud barking and growling. I guess all dogs must embarrass their owners in one form or other. I still had a fantastic vacation and look forward to the next visit. <>

## Water For Wildlife Youth/Junior Quail hunt Oct 3-4.

Well, it's that time of the year, seems like the time just flies.

Anyway, we need to start organizing the volunteers, participants, cooks, etc. for this year's hunt. The dates are Oct 2-3-4, the kids will be hunting on the third.

The volunteers that are needed;

**Eight** volunteers to help cook & serve Saturday morning breakfast, (sausage, biscuits & gravy) and Saturday night dinner, (hamburgers and hotdogs, beans, chips) plus cleanup after the meals. Sunday morning will be a continental breakfast.

**\*\*Craig, Marlene, Jim, John Clark, John Nelson, Duke - please let me know ASAP if you will be present and volunteering as cooks and servers again this year. Also, John Nelson - can you do the beans again?**

Two volunteers to man "BJ's Coffee Bar" each morning. BJ and Jim - **are you available or do we need to find someone else this year? Pls let us know ASAP**

**Four** volunteers to do the sign-ins, hand out hunting vests to the kids and any other items that will be given out to the kids. Friday night from 5 to 8 and Saturday morning from 6:30 to 8pm.

**Six** volunteers to help set up the event Friday from 10am to 1pm, plus help load up the equipment on Sunday from 10am to 12 noon. Set up tables, EZ-ups, BBQ's, cooks stoves, lighting, etc.

**Twenty five** guides, the guides will take out one or two kids on Saturday morning 8am, and return to camp before 4pm. We will have maps for the guides if you are not familiar with the Mojave National Preserve. We do have a drawing on

Saturday night for the guides only with special items.

Guides are one of the most important part of this event, so if you want to help some kids enjoy a day of hunting quail, please let me know.

We are in need of any donations for the drawing on Saturday night after dinner.

Any vendors, organizations, groups etc. that want to put up a information booth, we also need to know ASAP. <>

## DFG Q & A

Submitted by Ken Dunn

### Can drones be used to find and track wildlife?

**Question:** A discussion came up at our rod and gun club the other day about whether there are any official regulations or restrictions regarding hunters using drones to assist in locating and tracking big game and/or other wildlife. I personally can't believe they would be legal to use but none of us have ever heard any official determination on this subject one way or another. With deer season in full swing and more people now owning drones, I shudder to think that these increasingly sophisticated aerial contraptions might be used by other hunters for wildlife surveillance and even possibly for the driving or tracking of animals that they are hunting. Or conversely, what about anti-hunters using them to spook wildlife and disrupt hunters while they are tracking and stocking their animals? What is the official word on this issue?

(Anonymous)

**Answer:** It is unlawful to use a drone to assist in taking wildlife as you describe, and it would be unlawful to harass legal hunters with a drone (Fish and Game Code, section 2009). It is also unlawful for any person to "... use any motorized, hot-air, or unpowered aircraft or other device capable of flight or any earth orbiting imaging device to locate or assist in locating big game mammals 48 hours before and continuing until 48 hours after any big game hunting season in the same area" (California Code of Regulations Title 14, section 251). Drone owners/pilots should keep in mind

that additional legislation is currently being considered that may further restrict the use of drones in different public and private areas. Drones are already prohibited in National Parks and that list may soon grow, so stay tuned.

### **Can other law enforcement agencies enforce CDFW regulations?**

**Question:** I am a current sworn recruit in a Southern California Sheriff's Department Academy. I will be working in a county with a heavy hunting and fishing population and an abundance of wildlife areas. I am just curious, and have been earnestly trying to find the answer on my own accord without luck, about a specific phrase in Fish and Game Code, section 2012. It states: § 2012. All licenses, tags, and the birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibians taken or otherwise dealt with under this code, and any device or apparatus designed to be, and capable of being, used to take birds, mammals, fish, reptiles or amphibians shall be exhibited upon demand to any person authorized by the department to enforce this code or any law relating to the protection and conservation of birds, mammals, fish, reptiles or amphibians.

**My question is:** who are the persons authorized by the department to enforce this code or any law relating to the protection and conservation of birds, mammals, fish, reptiles or amphibians? Are local police and county sheriffs authorized by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to enforce the Fish and Game Code? If it does exist, is there any statute that expresses that authority? (Calen A., M.A.)

**Answer:** Only CDFW wildlife officers are authorized to enforce the "exhibit upon demand" authority of Fish and Game Code, section 2012. Police officers and county sheriffs are authorized to enforce most hunting and fishing laws but are not authorized to enforce Fish and Game Code Section 2012. Aside from CDFW wildlife officers, only Rangers and Lifeguards of

the Department of Parks and Recreation are authorized to use that law, and then only while on duty in a state park, state beach, state recreation area, state underwater park, state reserve, or other similar facility. Although other law enforcement officers can't make a formal demand under section 2012 to see someone's licenses, fish, game, or equipment, they can still enforce fish and game laws and inspect these items if they are in plain view or with the person's consent. Discharging a firearm along public roadway **Question:** As a firearms instructor and hunting enthusiast, I am continually asked the question, "When hunting and on foot (outside of a vehicle), can you discharge a firearm or other weapon (e.g. compound bow) from or along a public roadway?" Is there a minimum distance from a public roadway? For example, an inhabited structure or barn at 150 yards away? (Don S., Fresno) **Answer:** It is unlawful to discharge a firearm or release an arrow or crossbow bolt over or across any public road or other established way open to the public in an unsafe and reckless manner (Fish and Game Code, section 3004(b)).

Discharging a firearm from or upon a public road or highway is also prohibited (Penal Code, section 374c). In addition, it is a felony to willfully discharge a firearm in a grossly negligent manner that could injure another person (Penal Code, section 246.3). Many cities and counties have also adopted ordinances further restricting where firearms may be fired, so hunters should consult their local law enforcement agency for specific information about the area where they wish to shoot.

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**SHARPS RIFLE Co.  
(SRC) 25-45 Sharps  
Rifle Cartridge  
Combo part 2  
Submitted by Mike Cantor**



**A day at the  
range I won't  
soon forget.**

I am talking about the Sharps Rifle Co. 25-45. My article last month spoke about the basics of this new cartridge & rifle combo. Since then, I had the opportunity to get to the range for some testing.



The following is basically my edited letter to the folks at SRC:

Well, I just got back from the

range the first time with the 25-45. This gun is "ridiculous". This cartridge could easily be a spectacular benchrest cartridge. I shot a quarter inch group with my AR setup with a 6-24X Alpen Apex scope with barely any effort. I had the scope set on about 20-22 power due to the heat waves and mirage.

I had gotten a late start that day. I was planning to get to the range by 8 am to take advantage of the cooler temperature and calmer winds typical of the early morning. I had called my friend Steve Canter (no relation) at the last minute, to join me at the range. He enjoys shooting his service type AR rifle so he jumped at the opportunity. Well, we got to the range at 11 am. By now and through the next several hours the temperature hovered around 91 degrees and the wind was a varying five to ten miles per hour at my back.

Starting at about 25 yards to get on paper with the newly mounted scope, I was able to sight in with three shots.

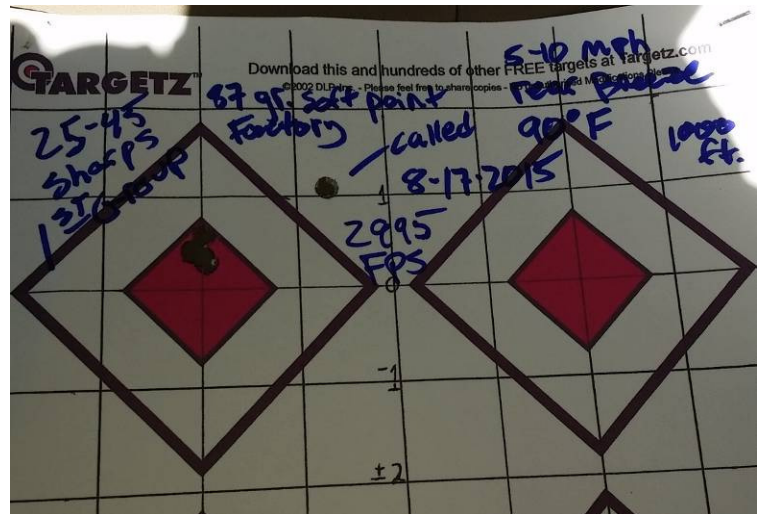
To digress for a moment, I had asked the folks at Sharps how they recommended breaking in the barrel. They said, we don't worry about that, it's not necessary, but if it makes you feel better use whatever routine you

think is best". Hmmmmm. They did not say it was a hand lapped barrel. I figured I better do something; so, I set up my chronograph at about 10 feet from the muzzle with the 25 yard target for sighting in and proceeded to shoot one round and clean the barrel, shoot another round and clean the barrel. After about the 5<sup>th</sup> shot I was getting tired. It's a bit of a pain to keep breaking down the AR between shots and I did not really have a proper bench vice or holder to support the cracked open AR while I fished a bore snake through the barrel. For the record, I used a .243 bore snake with Birchwood Casey Bore scrubber and I ran the bore snake through two times in a row after each shot. I did not dry the barrel out after each solvent run. I advise that this method be followed to the "T". (See target below).

The guys at SRC are dead on with the velocity. My first three shots were 2995; three shots in a row. My 4th shot was 2994. Then I started shooting without cleaning and I guess things heated up. I had multiple shots out of the 20 rounds ranging from 2965 - about 3047 with many shots around 3015. I thought this was a very consistent round for factory production ammo.

Keep in mind that this is Sharps' factory ammo with SPEER Hot Core soft point hunting bullets, Exposed lead tip spire points, not match hollow points, not plastic ballistic tips. .

So, it was time to shoot a group. Steve was spotting me with my Alpen model 786, 20-60x80mm spotting scope. My first shot was at the top of the diamond about ½ inch high at 100 yards. I took another shot and Steve said, "I don't see that one, take another". Next shot... "Dude, you're shooting through the same hole!" I replied, "No way!" I kept shooting. After I had taken 5 shots I noticed a wide flier. I had no idea how that happened but I must have done it. My other 4 shots were in a tiny group, but I wanted a 5 shot group so I took another shot and that went through the same tiny hole.

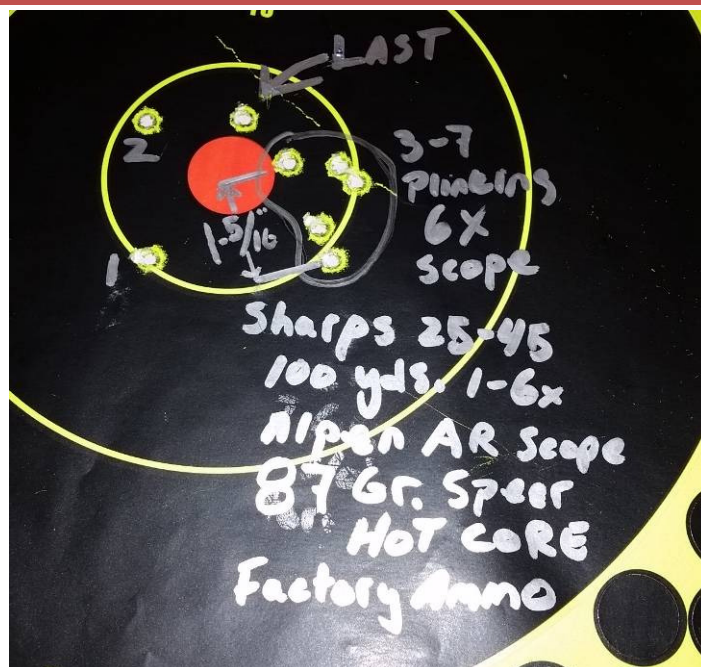


I cannot believe this gun. I wasn't even set up well. I had to turn the Tack Driver bag on it's side for added height; the forend (handguard) was not being gripped by the bag and all I could do was rest the butt stock on a rear bag. Fortunately the Luth-AR stock has an excellent "flat" bottom that rests on and rides the bag perfectly.



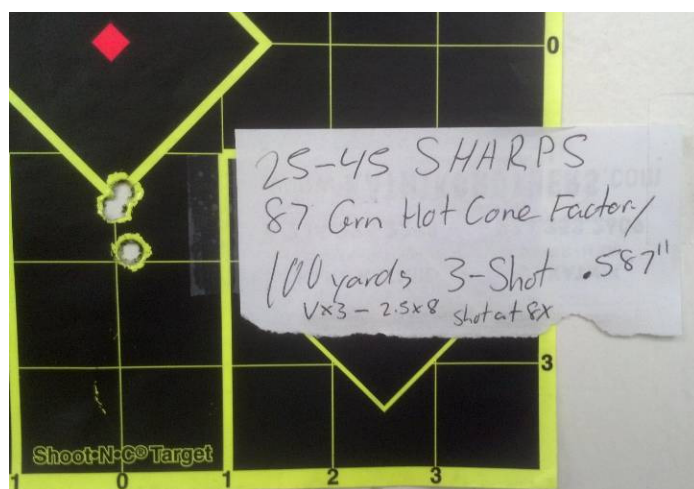


I don't hear anybody talking about Speer bullets anymore, not in my circles. (Except for SPEER gold dot handgun bullets). But whatever they're doing their bullets sure are accurate and I have new-found respect and interest in their products. So, like I was saying, I was using a 6-24X power scope to evaluate the potential accuracy; repeatability is the truly correct term. This would be my choice of scope for squirrels and prairie dogs as well. My next plan is to shoot this gun in an upcoming 3-gun match, so I swapped scopes and installed the excellent Alpen 1-6X power AR scope with illuminated reticle. Again, I was able to get sighted in with only a few rounds. I was just messing around with this set-up and started shooting at large 12 inch Birchwood Casey Shoot-N-C target, set on 6X. I was shooting to the left and then adjusted the scope too far to the right but decided to shoot fairly quickly and then I adjusted my final shot to about  $\frac{3}{4}$ " high. I shot a quick 1-5/16" group on 6X power but I don't think that is the best I could do. This will be revisited.



I had to preserve ammo for the upcoming shoot so I did not shoot this gun at 200 yards yet.

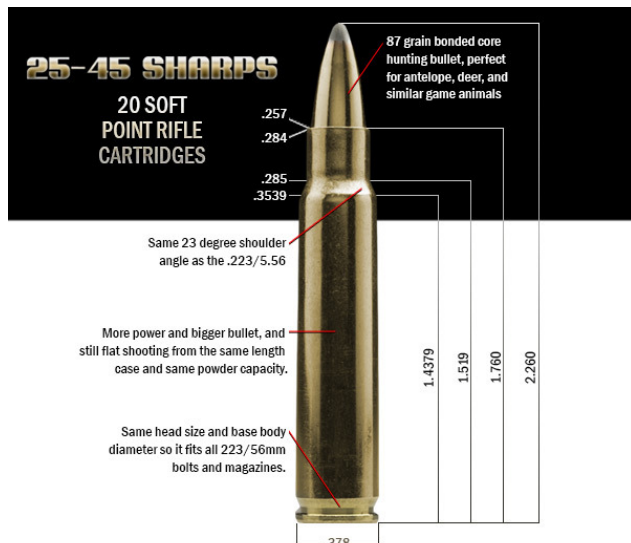
So, my friend Mark Miller was so impressed with this cartridge that he purchased one also. He ran out to the range to set up a scope and take a few shots. This was his initial target. This .587" 3-shot group was shot with an 8X power scope at 100 yards.



I guess I might have to lend him my 6-24X so he can shoot a decent group! LOL. Wow, I guess these guns are consistent.

So, next on the list is to shoot a 3-gun competition, though this present configuration may not be ideal. This is a hunting gun. A 3-gun competitor would likely have a muzzle brake for true form, though not necessary. For plinking and popping steel plates out to 200 yards, this cartridge and this degree of accuracy is not needed, but we want to see what we can do with it and we want to show it off to I have to admit.

Our main goal is to develop a lead free bullet load for the 25-45 to make it a California legal hunting rifle. So far, the only realistic bullet choice is the Barnes .257 TTSX. That bullet will be like a freight train. But, can we get it to shoot? And then we have to take her hunting. Stay tuned.



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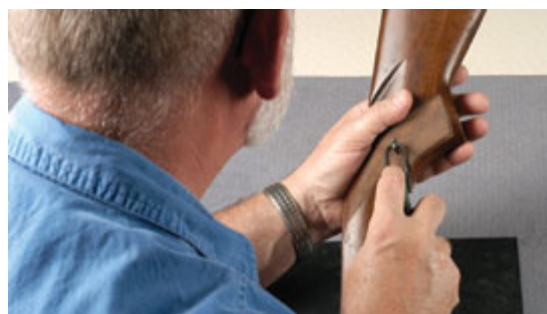
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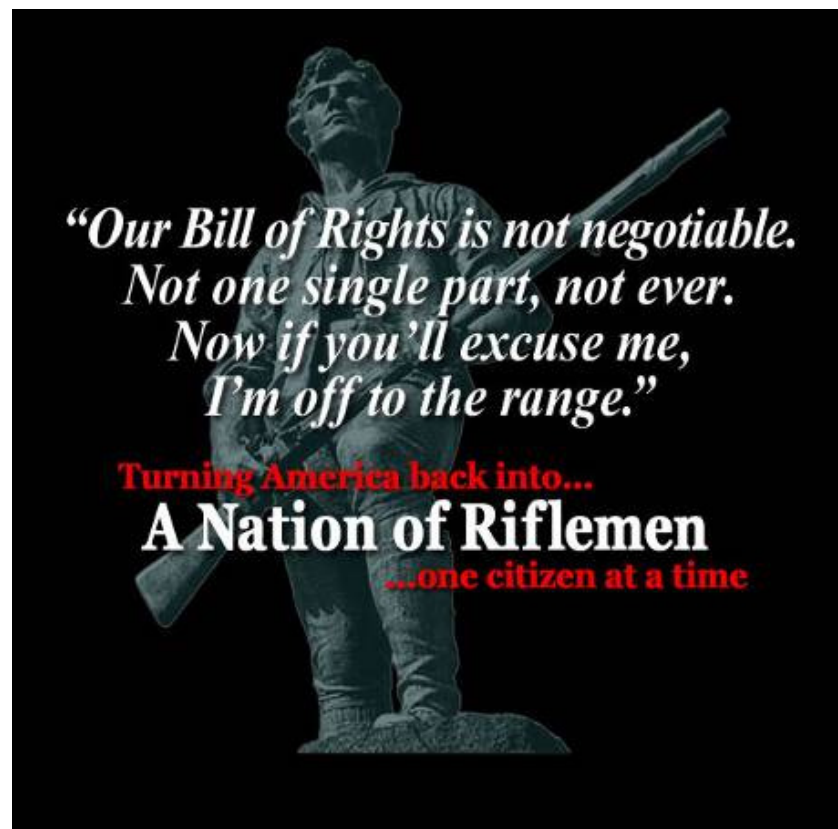
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