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## Editorial

### BC Boat & Sportsmen's Show

The BC Boat & Sportsmen's Show is the largest of its kind in British Columbia. On Saturday, March 6th I attended the show and right away realized that the attendance was up from last year. A long line of visitors stretched outside the Tradex Center in Abbotsford waiting patiently up to a half hour to get in. Inside the place was jam packed with people, the likes I have not seen in recent years.

For me this show is always one of the highlights of the year to check out all the new products that come on the market. Just as important, if not more so, is meeting with people that I rarely see at other times during the year and make new friends and business connections.



I had the chance to talk to Les Trendall, the show manager, about possibly attending the show next year as a seminar speaker. He told me that he had heard so much positive comments about my seminars that he would like for me to appear on the show.

Other people I spoke too are my good friend and award winning outdoor writer and conservationist Bill Otway. With Wes Swain, the BC Wildlife Federation

Hunter Education Manager, I discussed how we could improve the hunter education program, not only make it educational but a bit more entertaining for the students too. Ken Sward, is the Wildlife Chairman of the Keremeos, Cawston Sportsman Assoc. With Ken I talked about my upcoming turkey hunting seminar in Keremeos.



Ken is also the manufacturer of the "Pak-Kart", a big game cart of exceptional quality that lets you haul big game animals out of the rugged back country with ease and comfort. This is a very neat product and much stronger built then similar carts you can purchase from big box retail stores. This is the quality game cart that I have been looking for in all my many years of hunting.

Last, but not least, in the lineup of people I spoke to are Jim Shockey, perhaps Canada's most recognized hunter celebrity. Going by the very long lineup of show visitors wanting autographs of Jim he really is a true celebrity. It was the first time I met Jim and found him to be a very personable man. We have outdoor writing, bow and muzzleloader hunting in common which provided plenty food for discussion. Then I met, also for the first time, with Mike Mitchell, editor of the BC Outdoors Magazine. In the past I have had several email exchanges with Mike, but as things go in the outdoor writer business, editor and writer rarely meet in person.

All in all I had a great day at BC Boat & Sportsmen's Show with many interesting conversation and seeing new products. One of the highlights was when four different hunters, at different times, approached me because they recognized me from my turkey seminars. Each of them thanked me for the seminar. All four of them claimed that it was my seminar that enabled them to get a turkey last spring. That alone makes me feel very good. It's exactly what I strive to achieve with my seminars. I am looking forward to next year and the way it looks I am going to be a part of it, instead of just visiting.

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## Upcoming Events

Traditionally March is a very busy month for me Here is where I will be:

- **March 19 to 22** Hunter Education Course in Merritt, British Columbia.
- **March 28 Turkey** Hunting Seminar for the Sportsman Assoc. in Keremeos, BC

There are still a few dates left for event bookings. For more information on my seminars and promotional appearances visit my website ( [www.othmarvohringer.com](http://www.othmarvohringer.com)) or contact me directly at; [atacov@yahoo.ca](mailto:atacov@yahoo.ca)

## What's New?

Since February I write a regular bi-weekly outdoor column in the **Merritt News**. For those of you that do not receive the **Merritt News**, the column can also be read on by blog "**My Stand**" ( <http://my-stand.blogspot.com>)

**Canada's Outdoor Sportsman** magazine published my article "Not Quite Close Enough". The article provides tactics and tricks on how to bring a gobbler within shooting range that has hung up on you. The magazine is available on newsstands throughout Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

