



# KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF TAXIDERMISTS

**HOLIDAY 2014**

**KAT TRACKS**

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## Convention 2015



Once again, it is time to prepare for our Annual Competition and Convention. This year looks to be a special year as some of us are also preparing for the World Show in May and we could see a lot of entries from around our state as taxidermists want to get an idea of how their mounts will score before taking

them to the World Show.

This year's show will be hosted at the Drury Inn in Wichita, KS on March 27-29, 2015. It promises to be an action packed weekend with seminars beginning on Friday, the annual business meeting and the awards and banquet on Saturday night. A full schedule of events will be posted on the website as soon as it is finalized.

This year we will also have different judges than we have had the last two years. They will be:

Bob Schnoettgoeke judging life size mammals and Gameheads

Randy Holler judging Birds

Jack Emery judging Whitetails

Judging Fish

Please plan on attending the annual planning meeting at the Drury Inn on Saturday, January 17, 2015. There is much to do and everyone can be of assistance. For information please call Tim Stidham @ 816-536-1974 or Cory Foth @620-983-2422.

**Next Meeting Date  
January 17, 2015**

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS** *and* **HAPPY HOLIDAYS** **from**

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## Pricing Survey

Included in this newsletter is a pricing survey. I am asking everyone to please fill this out and send it back to me. My address is listed on the officers section. This is important information for me as I am looking to put together an average price list for our organization. You don't have to put your name on this and no one is going to be named. I am also planning on using the information for a seminar at the annual conference in March. If there is something I did not include on this please feel free to add it yourself. Thank you ahead of time for your cooperation and I look forward to getting them back. Please try to return these by January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Tim Stidham

# The Most Wonderful

## Time Of The Year!

By Tim Stidham



You know the song! It really is ONE of the most wonderful times of the year.



Sights, smells, seasons, holidays and hunting! Lots of hunting and lots of hunters that hopefully have been ringing our lines and knocking on our doors. Each one has their own story and their own trophy that they trust us with not just to mount, but to preserve a memory.

As I pen this, I have only missed one weekend in a duck blind the entire Missouri duck season. This year has been special for me as I have had my two boys and youngest daughter in the blind each week. We have shot some ducks, traded laughs and stories and braved some crazy weather, but we have had the time of my life! We have duck hunted everywhere from small private ponds to MO Conservation Impoundments, had boat motor issues, wader issues and even a few decoys with holes in them. It has also become quite a family thing for all of us guys to be outshot by a thirteen year old girl ...every week! Each duck, has its own memory and while we have eaten several, there are a few in the freezer that will wind up on the wall.

It is a special time of the year when we pause and give thanks for the many things we have been blessed with. You know, the things we so often take for granted, family, health, jobs, friends' and on and on and on. We hope and pray for the world we live in, especially the areas close to home that have experienced unrest which has resulted in dangerous qualities of life.

It is the time of the year that we prepare and plan for our annual convention and competition in March and as always, there will be many opportunities for our members to step up and make this year the best we've had. Please mark January 17, 2015 at 10 am on your calendars and plan to attend the board planning meeting at the Drury Inn in Wichita, KS. This year we are also privileged to have the World Taxidermy and Fish Carving

Championships in Springfield, MO, May 5-9, 2015. I spoke with the Breakthrough team yesterday and though the registration forms are not available yet, I was told they would be mailed in the middle of January. Early registration rooms are still available and will be until the block is gone. I hope to see many of you there as this is a prime opportunity for you to strut your stuff, attend world class seminars and learning sessions and rub elbows with the best of the best.

Finally, it is the time when we look ahead and plan for the future. Our business plans, improving on what we do and maybe even venture out and try areas of taxidermy or life in general that are out of our comfort zones. Our challenge as we approach the new year is to make next year a better year than this was, to be a part of a solution and to contribute to the KAT in a way that sets us apart from the others. I wish you all a very safe and Merry Christmas and a great year 2015.



### Moving Forward by Cory Foth

I hope everything is going well for all my taxidermy family out there. With the new workload and new year upon us, may all of you have a blessed time getting the work done. I hope to see you all at the meeting in January, Wichita, KS. Tim will have the location available on this newsletter. Other than that, I urge you to make the show this year and invite another taxidermist who hasn't been before, or been in a few years. And as always, if you have any helpful suggestions, make sure and bring them up to a board member, or even better, bring them to the meeting yourself. Looking forward to a great 2015.