



Above: A favorite moment: leaving the Roanoke airport for a distant destination. Below: Float-plane travel to remote wilderness areas adds to the adventure.



**“Sitting alone in a gentle rain is a welcome and necessary respite from the otherwise hectic and disturbing nature of modern-day life, and encourages a different, more holistic and welcome perspective. Without a significant time in nature, I think my outlook on life would be significantly less healthy”**

**~ Dr. Dave Lortscher**

“When you’re flown into the Arctic Circle region by float plane and left there for several days, you’d better be sure you have all of the medicine and medical supplies you might possibly need.” Indeed, Lortscher’s first aid kit has been the salvation of numerous other less-prepared camp-mates.

Clothing, footwear, ammunition, and firearm(s) must be chosen carefully to suit the expedition. Guns must be cleaned, lubricated, and sighted in at the shooting range. As part of his preparations, Dave also selects gifts to bring along for his outfitter, guides, cooks, camp staff, and hunting mates. His thoughtfulness is often returned, and he still maintains contact with guides and hunting companions with whom he has formed special bonds over the years.

Dr. Dave enjoys experiencing the cultures of new places and meeting the people. He has hunted on the 80,000-acre ranch of a wealthy Argentinian family, and was the first outsider to hunt on the 25,000-acre private preserve of a retired Christian minister and his wife in South Africa. His accommodations have run the gamut, from the luxury of a

12-bedroom, 16-fireplace hunting lodge of a wealthy Laird in the remote wilds of the Western Highlands of Scotland, to the cramped tiny cabin in Newfoundland’s wilderness, which he shared with another hunter, two guides, and the outfitter.

Framed pictures and mounted taxidermy adorn the walls in both Lortscher’s home and his hunting lodge near Gretna. Many of the photos are of sunsets or breath-taking countryside vistas. “Every picture and every mounted animal revives memories of the experiences for me, as if they happened yesterday,” he notes.

Perhaps the biggest attraction for Dave is the natural beauty that he encounters in the wilderness. “Every breath-taking vista reminds me of God, and God’s goodness. I meditate and pray a lot when I’m out in nature, and despite the long, solitary hours of sitting quietly in the woods, I never get bored. In fact, I’m constantly intrigued by the workings of nature around me. Despite my advancing years (he is 77 years young), I’ll never get tired of hunting. It’s my passion and my mistress.”

Dave Lortscher expects his bucket list to take him to Quebec, South Africa, Oregon and Arizona. By the time those four hunts are completed, he fully intends to add several more destinations to that list.

He credits his passion with helping to engender a degree of introspection. “It provides me with the solitude and silence to continually discover new dimensions of myself, and to gain useful and otherwise unavailable insights on how I should proceed with my life.”

“It keeps me young and enthused,” he says, “and I’m not going to stop anytime soon.”

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