

Hi Everyone:

Sorry for the delay in getting out the Larry notes today, but have been swamped with last minute things to do before Christmas. So here are this week's notes:

(1) CLUBS---

NEXT LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY FOCUS GROUP...

NEXT MEETING IS THIS WEDNESDAY, December 16 at 12PM (noon) at Makino Japanese Buffet at 8217 Kingston Pike (in front of Chuck E Cheese). Topic is print labs you use for prints, canvases and other products. We will meet in the back room to the left. This will be the last meeting of this year. The club meets on the first and third Wednesday each month and all serious photographers are invited to attend and learn from the group.

Upcoming lunch meeting dates and topics:

January 6th : Lunch Meeting : Promotions and Specials to bring in more business

January 20th : Lunch Meeting : Solving and managing image storage problems

...got topics? Send your suggestions to lisa@almphoto.com

Don't forget to invite any serious photography enthusiasts who would enjoy sharing and learning with our group.

:: GENERAL INFORMATION ::

Meeting format/Agenda

Each member should bring an article, website, book, DVD or photographs they have found useful on the topic to be covered to share with the group. Even if it is not a topic of interest to you, you will learn something and when we cover a topic that really fires you up you will have the opportunity to share your knowledge with everyone. Bring a paper and pen and be prepared to leave with some exciting, new information!

For more information contact:

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PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF CHATTANOOGA: I hope to see all of you at our annual PSC Banquet **on THIS FRIDAY December 18** and the **Gallery at Blackwell Reception January 8**. Watch you emails for upcoming fieldtrips. The January issue should have dates for photo shoot opportunities and training. What an opportunity we

had Saturday, December 5, with the beautiful snow that provided a winter wonderland for a few short hours!

Check out the web site at www.chattanooga-photo.org for more information and locations.

Items for the next PSC newsletter need to be sent to psceditor@bellsouth.net by the 25th of each month. If you have photo related items you want to sell or are looking for a particular item, send it in to me and I will put it in the newsletter for you. Also, questions you want to throw out to the membership for feedback can be included in the Members' Corner when available space permits.

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Mary McLain, Editor

Email: psceditor@bellsouth.net

Photographic Society of Chattanooga

PSC Website: www.chattanooga-photo.org

LECONTE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY. LeConte Photographic Society will meet again Monday, January 4th at the First Presbyterian Church of Sevierville. Meeting and competition will begin at 6:30 p.m.

On **Monday, January 4th**, Judy Cravy will make a presentation on Architectural photography. Judy does architectural photography in the Sevier and Knox County area and has photographed cabins (lots of them), homes, labs and churches. She will explain what lens she uses, go over Nikon's Creative lighting system, and the use of Photoshop (*a-h-h-h-h another successful student in Photoshop ---Larry*) in her work.

Our speaker for February 1st at the LeConte Photographic Society will be Colby McLemore of Colby's Photography who will give a talk on Lightroom Photo Editing Software. The assignment for February would be "Frame your Subject" without manipulation.

The LeConte Photographic Society is in its second year of club activities. We will continue with our format of competitions of three levels (*this is new*) and a program by a local professional, some may not be so local, but of interest. Fee for membership is \$25. per fiscal year, and that is 12 months - we have met through last summer and will continue to meet thru the summer of 2010.

Winning photos from our most recent competition are on line now.

I have three field trips in mind for the near future

1. Photograph Laurel Falls with ice, and river scenes with ice bells.
2. Atlanta Zoo and possibly the Acquarium as well.
3. Newfound Gap for snow, ice scenes - that area can always be a complete surprise, once you've arrived there and many icy river scenes on the drive back down the mountain.

Anyone who "may" be interested needs to contact me, so that we can set a date to agree with your work schedule.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, ya'all,

Dee Murphy

The club is going places and doing lots of good outings this coming year. Please check our website for our latest competition winners, our club members have done an excellent job with their division entries and assignment competition. www.Lecontephotos.com or Deemur@charter.net .

DIGITAL LUNCH BUNCH:-- The next meeting of this group is Wednesday January 13 at noon at the Mandarin House on Downtown West Blvd at Gleason Road. *(This is located west of West town just off Kingston Pike. Going west (toward Nashville) from West Town Mall, get in the left lane and when you see O'Charlie's Restaurant on the right you TURN LEFT on Downtown West Blvd. and go the end of the road. The Mandarin House is on the left at the corner of Gleason Road.)*

Come and join our lively group. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill level. It is a lot of fun for an hour or so with a great bunch of photographers. Come and rub shoulders with some of the best! Cost is \$10 per person who eats at the buffet. For more information contact Larry Perry at larryperry@att.net.

BLOUNT COUNTY PHOTO CLUB---

Reminder: There is no meeting in December. The club will meet again on Thursday January 21, 2010. **Beginning Jan. 21. Our Club meetings will be moving to the 3rd Thursday of the Month.** We will be in Room A at the Blount County Library. Please check our website for information about Bob Quinn's classes at FAB for photo lessons.

Wishing everyone a beautiful and glorious Christmas holiday!

Thank You

Our website: www.blountcountyphotoclub.com. (For more information contact Janie Mertz at aladytraveler@yahoo.com or 865 - 982-7368, cell 804-1051).

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF EAST TENNESSEE. PSET's next meeting will be Thursday January 7. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at Jefferson Middle School, Jefferson City, TN at 6:30 pm. The school is located at 361 W. Broadway Blvd in Jefferson City...about a 20 minute drive from Knoxville. Check out their web site at www.PSET.org.

KINGSTON TN PHOTO GROUP: The next meeting will be at the Morrison Hill Christian Church in [Kingston](#) at 7pm on **Thursday January 7.**

We will meet the first Thursday at 7PM at the Morrison Hill Christian Church in Kingston <http://morrisonhill.com> at 7PM. We will continue our series based on Bill Fortney's Great Photography Workshop with the topic "Exposure Exposed". We will have a learning exercise so bring your cameras and willingness to learn (and pitch in).

For more information contact; Brian Kalderbach at kaldenbk@bellsouth.net .

OAK RIDGE CAMERA CLUB:

The next meeting of the Oak Ridge Camera Club will be Tuesday evening January 12 at Roane State Community College, Oak Ridge Campus on Briarcliff Road. The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm in the City County Room just inside the front door of the main building. Everyone is welcome.

FUTURE COMPETITION SUBJECTS:

Bob Stone, our competition chairman, has been listening to our members and is using subjects suggested by them. February is "Things Aloft". The "things" can be high like clouds, or low like bumble bees, or medium like kites, but they have to be photographed in a state unsupported by the earth. April is "Color as a Subject" where color is used to give a lifelike rendering of the subject. In these pictures, the color is an end in itself. I can see an abstract work filling the bill, or a false color photo, or maybe just a collection of unrelated but intensely colored objects. He made June "Water" pictures. These topics are different than normal for us and cover a wide enough range that everyone already may have a few entries or be motivated to look at subjects a little differently.

Again, congratulations to all the winners of our 61st Annual Salon and thanks to all those who made it possible!

We appreciate your input and help in carrying out our projects and suggesting future activities. Please continue to provide us with your input and we will try to put them to use.

Check out the new web site at www.cameraclubofoakridge.org. (*Really nice...Larry*)

If there are any questions about the club, please call Douglas Hubbard at 525-1465
dfhubb@comcast.net.

SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS CLUB:

There will be no December meeting and the next meeting of the club will be on January 26, 2010. For general club information contact Kendall Chiles at kchiles@knology.net or check out the web site at www.sanp.net.

(2) CONTESTS

WILDERNESS WILDLIFE WEEK CONTEST--The Fantastic (*my words*) Annual Wilderness

Wildlife Week in Pigeon Forge will be next year from January 9 thru the 16th in Pigeon Forge. If you

have never been to any of the events, you have missed one of our area's finest events for photographers and those just interested in Nature. There are seminars and workshops all week long and the cost is

FREE!!! The Photo Contest is open to everyone. Entries must be taken to the Pigeon Forge Office of Special Events at Stoplight #5 in Pigeon Forge no later than January 8, 2010. You can simply Google Wilderness Wildlife Week on the internet for more information. There is a limit of 5 images per person and only one in each of the following categories: Any subject related to **nature wilderness or wildlife, any landscape or seascape image, wny wildlife subject, Great Smoky Mountain landmark. Read the instructions carefully when making up your image for submission!!**

(If you need entry forms, email me and I will send to you. Larry)

If you are not entering the contest, then plan on coming to one or more of the great seminars and workshops there. You can get a list on line. The presenters are among the best in the business too!!!

For more information call the Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism Special Events Office at 865-429-7350, or to see the complete itinerary go to:
www.mypigeonforge.com/winterfest-06wwwclasslist.asp.

SANP CONTEST:

2010 SALON RULES & REGISTRATION

The 2010 Salon Rules & Registration Forms have been included in this newsletter. Please read the rules carefully, especially regarding the parameters of digital entries. Changes for this year's rules are in bold print. The entry filing date is between: January 11-23, 2010, at Thompsons Photo. Be sure you read the rules and complete the entry form too.

See also the above CLUB notes for the various Club contests.

UT STUDENT PHOTO WINNERS ANNOUNCED:

The 2009 UT Photo class contest winners for 2009 were announce Friday as:

WINNERS

1. Miranda-**David Rogers**
2. Art in Motion-**Bryan Roberts**
3. Golden Gate Perspective-**Bryan Roberts**

Honorable Mention

Slidell Swamp-**Richard Whittington**
Fe + O + H2O = Rust-**Bryan Roberts**
Rolling Thunder-**Whitney Davidson**

CONGRATULATIONS ALL!!!

(3) EVENTS

METEOR SHOWERS TONIGHT AND THIS WEEK: From George Groom:

End-of-Year Sky Show: Geminid Meteor Shower

By Jon Brooks, contributing writer, and Vera H-C Chan, Y! senior editor

Friday, December 11, 2009 04:30:03 pm CST

The popular Perseid meteor shower may [get the fair-weather attention](#), but the real show comes in winter.

Most amateur stargazers huddle by the fireplace in December, when the Geminids rain debris above the Earth's atmosphere. A winter wallop has dropped temperatures to freezing in some parts of the nation, but don't let a difference of a few degrees Fahrenheit keep you from seeing the night show that NASA considers the "[best meteor shower of 2009](#)."

The shower (nearly) ends a stellar year for skywatching on a high note—which is appropriate, given that 2009 is the [International Year of Astronomy](#).

Catching the Last Shooting Stars

As for the Geminids, patient stargazers might've already caught its beginnings on December 6, but the meteor shower reaches its peak on the nights of December 13 and 14. You don't need a telescope to see the streaks shooting across the heavens. For optimal viewing, NASA pinpoints 12:10 a.m. EST and suggests going somewhere away from the "light pollution" of cities and towns, to an area dark enough to see the stars clearly. Keep your eyes roaming all areas of the sky to spot a meteor. (And [dress warmly](#), bring a blanket, and fill up on hot drinks.)

As a note: I shot these last year from Look Rock on the Foothills Parkway along with several

other local photographers. It is foggy tonight but check tomorrow night (Tuesday). Tripod...

ISO 800...F 5.6...Shutter set on B (bulb) and hold down the shutter for several minutes with your lens , any, pointed toward the southern sky...Larry

Thanks George

GEORGIA NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION:

Hi Larry, I was wondering if you would mind including the following on your next Photo Notes issue?

Georgia Nature Photographers Association

Annual Photo Expo – Callaway Gardens

January 29-31, 2010

GNPA is holding their Annual Photo Expo at the beautiful Lodge and Spa of Callaway Gardens this coming January. Don't miss out on this opportunity for an educational and fun packed weekend. The keynote speakers will be Rob Shepard (former Outdoor Photographer Editor) and Nancy Rotenberg (professional nature photographer). There will be exclusive opportunities to photograph butterflies and birds of prey, photo competition, portfolio review, visit and speak with equipment vendors, buy and sell equipment, social events and much more. The winners of the Photo Competition will have their images displayed for 6 months at Callaway Gardens.

For more information and to register for this great event please go to GNPA's website at www.gnpa.org

Thanks

Todd Sparger

sparger1@bellsouth.net

(NOTE: If you haven't been down to Callaway Gardens, you have missed one of the most beautiful sites in the South. Really worth the trip down...Larry)

LISA MUELLER SHOWING: Subject: Sassy Glass Studio 3-Day Open House Extravaganza

"Come by and visit with Lisa at her Sassy Glass Studio Open House."

Allan Mueller has shared a link to an event with you. To view the event or to reply to the message, follow this link:

<http://www.facebook.com/n/?inbox%2Freadmessage.php&t=1274718797066&mid=18f3c9cG5>

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TOM AND PAT CORY WORKSHOPS

2010 Schedule

Nature Photography Workshop.....January 9, 2010
Part of [Wilderness Wildlife Week](#), Pigeon Forge
The Joy of Photography.....January 10, 2010
Part of [Wilderness Wildlife Week](#), Pigeon Forge
[Beginning Digital Photography](#).....January 12, 2010
In conjunction with the Tennessee Aquarium
[In-Depth, a Day at the Tennessee Aquarium](#)...January 16, 2010
In conjunction with the Tennessee Aquarium

See our website, Tomandpatcory.com for our program schedule, our current newsletter, and archives of our newsletters. If you have a problem reaching that URL, please try Coryphotography.net Or you can reach us at 423-886-1004

WILDERNESS WILDLIFE WEEK CRITIQUES:

Since their program, "The Art of Photography: An Image Critique for Artistic Enhancement," was a hit last year at **Wilderness Wildlife Week**, Pat Gordy (PSA Region Director, Photographic Society of Chattanooga) and Ron Plasencia (of Morristown's Photographic Society of East Tennessee) will critique images again, but this year, they will have two sessions – Saturday and Sunday.

If you wish to have images critiqued in the session by Pat and Ron, **send up to three images of totally different content before the **December 15** deadline to wwwcritique@gmail.com. Images should be resized for projection and consistency to a maximum image width for horizontals of 1024 pixels, and a maximum image height for verticals of 768 pixels. Anything smaller is difficult to see enough to critique.**

Participants are not required to attend the session to submit images, and attendees are not required to submit images. **Submitted images will be presented in a slide show format. Images may be modified during critique to illustrate the presenter's perspective. The second session will present images not shown in the earlier session. As time allows, selected images from the earlier session may be re-shown. Those wishing to have a written critique should request this when emailing their images. Written critiques will be emailed after the WWW presentation. Please feel free to contact Pat and Ron if you have any questions: patgordy@bellsouth.net and RLP@PhotoArtique.com.**

(4) NOTES

VISTA---WINDOWS 7 for PC NOTE WITH PHOTOSHOP

Larry,

I encountered a bit of a problem today resulting from my upgrade from Windows Vista to Windows 7. I initially went the straight upgrade route but ultimately

did what should have been done in the first place and reformatted my hard drive

and did a clean install on Windows 7 - twice. The system is now performing flawlessly. I don't know what happened with the first clean install; everything was on cruise control but after installing an optional Windows Update, the Operating System could no longer find my Ethernet adaptor. So, no Internet, no email. No good.

The problem occurred when I went to activate Photoshop CS4 for the 3rd time and I was informed that I had exceeded the maximum number of activations (two). A

quick exchange via Live Chat with a Photoshop customer service rep pointed out my

problem. I was unaware that there is a Deactivate feature under the Help tab that

I'm supposed to use in the event plan to reinstall CS4 again or move it to a new computer. Who knew? Anyway, I explained that all the activations were on a single machine and were the result of having to do three separate installs of CS4.

I thought you might mention this to any of your classes where Photoshop is apt to wind up in the hands of newbies like me. As far as I know, this is the only software I have encountered where there is a Deactivate feature. I believe the tech mentioned during the exchange

that Adobe would make a one-time exception and reset my Activation counter. This is obviously intended to prevent wholesale installation of multiple instances of CS4 on multiple machines. Two

machines: OK. Three machines: you get to talk to Customer Support. I think it's a great feature but

I simply wasn't aware of it so perhaps a word to the wise (or unwise as the case may be) for future students.

Thanks.

Graham Sexton

DEALS

From: Harry Dunn:

Larry,

Thought I'd pass along this info in case anyone is considering the purchase of wide-format inkjet printer for Christmas.

Epson has a couple of mail-in rebates thru 12/31/09 (see link below)...\$150 off an R1900 and \$200 off an R2880. And a few internet sites have reduced prices as well. As an example, the R1900 has an MSRP of \$550 (rounded up) and Buy-com has it listed for \$389, which gives a net of just \$239. If you purchase on-line you can use a \$10 coupon (#82955137), which gets you down to \$229. And if you're approved for BillMeLater you can use that method and get a \$25 credit in your PayPal account. So the *net amount ends up as only \$204*. The only bad thing is that TN residents have to pay taxes. But it's still one heck of a deal!

Harry

Rebate info:

http://www.epson.com/cgi-bin/Store/BuyEpson/rcDetail.jsp?BV_UseBVCookie=yes&cp=C&coid=-13586

Caution: Check the rebate info to see which stores are NOT covered by this rebate offer. And be careful about what is included with the printer because I found a couple of sources where the prices looked great but found that the ink cartridges had been removed (check the fine print). Also make sure the UPC label is still intact on the box (some E-Bay sites are bad for removing this label and then collecting on the rebates themselves).

16 GB Stick Memory---I bought a Sandisc 16 GB USB memory stick today from Office Max for \$19.95. Heck of a deal. I use it to swap information between computers. Check them out.

Larry

(5) CLASSIFIED

Nell Moore is selling her **Canon 40D**- Great condition- Original box/ battery cables software. No scratches or marks. **\$575.00**

Leaving next Fri. for 2 wks, so email me asap if interested. Can deliver.
moorephotography@comcast.net

FOR SALE

- 1 .Nikkor 24-85mm f2.8-4.0D IF AF, macro zoom lens with caps and lens shade.
2. Tripod: Bogen 3050 (massive, much too heavy I think for trail use, but extremely stable) tripod with Bogen pan/tilt head and plate.
3. Nikkor 80-200mm, f 4.5 zoom, manual focus, with caps and hood. One-touch focus/zoom tends to slip at angles, but very, very sharp optically!
- 4 .Nikkor 200mm, f.4.0 micro lens, manual focus, with caps and built-in lens hood.
5. Linhof quick release clamp with 2 plates & allen wrench.
6. Bogen 410 geared pan/tilt head with quick release plate. Good for architectural or other precise work.
- 7 .Bogen 3047 pan/tilt head with 2 quick release plates. This is a full size head.
8. Manfrotto 486RC2 ball head with quick release plate. This is a light./compact head.

Call ---Jack Williams 865 256 3000.

Well that is about it for this week. (*Sorry about the lines...computer acting up again!!!*).

Get out and get your shopping in this week as the deals are beginning to get good.

Let me know if I can put anything in these notes in for you! This YOUR Newsletter.

Happy Hannukkah and Merry Christmas everyone.

Larry

PS: If you do not want to receive these weekly notes, please email me and I will remove your email address from the master lists. If you receive more than one copy, please simply DELETE the other copies as the list is from 11 different lists and it is very time consuming to eliminate the duplications. Thank you.

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