

Good Morning Everyone:

Well here it is Thanksgiving week already meaning the Christmas holiday season is just around the corner too. I hope that each of you have a great Thanksgiving Day this Thursday with your families and those of you who have relatives and friends serving in the armed forces abroad, please tell them THANK YOU from all of us here in the mountains of East Tennessee for all they are doing so that we may celebrate our freedoms at home.

Here are some notes for this week:

(1) CLUBS

SOUTHERN APPALACHAN NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS (Everyone welcome)

SANP NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

Date: **TOMORROW NIGHT Tuesday, November 24, 2009**

Time: Social time **6:30pm/Meeting 7:00pm**

Location: Goins Auditorium, Pellissippi State Technical Community College

This is located in the main administration building near the pond!

Everyone is welcome.

Our presenter this month is Bill Lea. He will be presenting a new program titled "What Works-Composition & More". Bill will take us on adventure to discover together which elements make a successful image and which elements can be distracting and extraneous. Audience participation will be encouraged and sought to make this an excellent learning experience for photographers of all skill levels!

BIO

Capturing intimate images of wildlife, scenery, wildflowers, and a variety of other natural subjects in "just the right light" has long been the trademark of Bill Lea's photography. He may best be known for his artistic documentation of deer and bear behavior, the various moods of the Great Smoky Mountains, and southern ecosystems. Photographing in the Smokies since 1975 has afforded this photographer limitless opportunities to observe and record the flora, fauna, and scenery of the region. Bill's craft reflects his deep appreciation for nature and he communicates his enthusiasm and expertise as a natural history photographer and writer to others through his books, workshops, feature articles and civic presentations. He has been teaching photo workshops at Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont since 1992.

More than 7,000 of Bill's photos have been presented in an array of books, calendars, magazines, advertisements and other publications. His work has appeared in *Audubon Calendars*, *BBC Wildlife*, *Defenders of Wildlife*, *Exploring the Smokies*, *National Geographic* books, *Nature Conservancy*, *National Wildlife*, and many others. His three front covers in a row was a first in *Field & Stream's* more than one hundred year history. In 2005, Bill authored a coffee-table book titled Great Smoky Mountains Wildlife Portfolio and recently co-authored the Great Smoky Mountains Wonder and Light book. His newest book, Cades Cove – Window to a Secret World, was released in September 2007 and is already in its second printing. When asked what he would like most to achieve through his photography, Bill replies, "I hope my images will promote a better understanding and appreciation for wildlife, the natural world, and most of all, our Creator."

To see more of Bill's artistic work, please visit his website at www.BillLea.com.

For general club information contact Kendall Chiles at kchiles@knology.net or check out the web site at www.sanp.net.

DIGITAL LUNCH BUNCH:-- The next meeting of this group is Wednesday December 9 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.

LECONTE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY. LeConte Photographic Society will meet again on Monday, December 7th at the First Presbyterian Church of Sevierville. Meeting and competition will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Our Program for December 7th comes from Rob Mosely of PicsREasy.Com. He will visit from Raleigh, NC and will give us a step by step demo on how to create a photo book, calendar and if time allows, a canvas wrap. Coupons for discounts and door prizes will be awarded at this meeting.

December assignment for club members is "Lights". By the first of November all of Sevierville, Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, will be strung with thousands of lights for our photographic pleasure. Manipulation on this subject is acceptable - there will be some real creativity shown for this competition.

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.

The club is going places and doing lots of good outings this 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.Lecontephotosociety.com or Deemur@charter.net .

BLOUNT COUNTY PHOTO CLUB--- Our December Meeting will be a Christmas Dinner, probably at TGI Fridays. Visitors are welcome. Our website: www.blountcountyphotoclub.com. . (For more information contact Janie Mertz at aladytraveler@yahoo.com or 865 - 982-7368, cell 804-1051).

OAK RIDGE CAMERA CLUB:

The next meeting of the Oak Ridge Camera Club will be on Tuesday evening December 8 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.

WEB SITE:

With the help of Ray Smith, we have an established web site. As we have previously reported, he developed the site and has personally maintained the domain name with the link to the Camera Club of Oak Ridge web site: <http://cameraclubofoakridge.org/> More on the meeting next week.

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

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF EAST TENNESSEE. PSET's next meeting will be Thursday December 3. 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. *(Incidentally, Ron*

Plasencia from the PSET and I attended the Chattanooga Society Club meeting last Thursday to hear Jim DiVitale from Atlanta present and during the trip down I learned a lot about the PSET club and their activities. They are doing some really great things there like the other clubs, and I highly recommend attending their meetings if you can. It is only about a 30 minute drive up there and their group is a widely diverse interest group. Well worth the trip. Larry)

KINGSTON TN PHOTO GROUP: The next meeting will be at the Morrison Hill Christian Church in [Kingston](#) at 7pm on **Thursday December 3.**

We will continue with the “Great Photography Workshop” series using Bill Fortney’s book of the same title as our guide. Read-ahead in chapter 4 as we will be discussing and demonstrating “how the camera works”. Bring your cameras to this meeting as we will have learning exercises. This month we will be talking about “Using the Creative Controls to be Creative”, folks are reminded to bring their cameras since we will have a learning exercise.

NEXT LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY FOCUS GROUP...

NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, December 2 at 12PM (noon) at Makino Japanese Buffet at 8217 Kingston Pike (in front of Chuck E Cheese). We will meet in the back room to the left.

...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!

Purpose

The purpose of the group is to take our photography skills to the next level by focusing on one topic per meeting. A few minutes of preparation before each meeting is all that is required to be part of an amazing learning experience and interact with some awesome and talented people too. Sharing information is how we learn. We all have tons of website “favorites” or articles we have marked in magazines or books that we have purchased to help us out. To have a successful group, all it takes is for each of us to invest 10 to 20 minutes prior to each meeting to locate a link, book, article, DVD or photographs.

Let’s have fun, learn something new and exciting and take our photography to the next level!

Also, don't forget to be prepared to discuss the agenda topics we cover each week such as bragging rights (bring a photo you are especially proud of), new equipment, deals and shooting locations.

Listed at the bottom of each reminder will be the topics for the next few meetings. This will give everyone more advance notice on the topics to be covered. Lots of great topics!!!

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(2) EVENTS OF INTEREST

TOM GEISLER--KNOXVILLE PHOTO TRAINING EVENT--DEC 5.

Knoxville Photography Training is hosting another downtown Knoxville night-time bus tour. This one will be similar to the very popular tour done two years ago. The agenda will be to meet at Shoney’s on Chapman Hwy, immediately board a bus and go to a location where everyone can photograph a Knoxville evening cityscape with hopefully a great sunset. Back on the bus and back to Shoney’s for a dinner provided by the Knoxville Photography Training and a short instructional on **photographing night shots, panning for stitching and bracketing for HDR.**

Back on the bus after dinner to travel to two more downtown Knoxville cityscape locations and a Christmas light location. Everyone will return to Shoney's about 10:30 to 11:pm. If you are thinking, "I can shoot downtown on my own for free, why do this tour", consider this: You will be traveling with a group of wonderful photographers with similar concerns and issues. You will be going to one location that is off limits to the general public. We will have an armed security guard with us so there will be no concerns for your safety. We are providing a meal and instruction as well as traveling photo assistants for the sole purpose of answering your questions and assisting you in every way they can. Finally, the camaraderie of spending the evening with Dee and Tom, haha.

This event will be held on December 5. We know that is the night of the SEC Championship game, this was the only evening possible. If you have any interest, please check Knoxville Photography Training web site at: www.knoxvillephotographytraining.com

On the website, check the reviews of this trip from last year. We have a very few spaces left. Sign up at the bottom of the page with PayPal.

Thanks, Tom and Dee

UT STUDENT PHOTO CONTEST

A Reminder to UT photo students...The 5th Annual Fall Photo Contest open to UT Photo students only is getting close. You need to take your entries to the UT professional and Personal Development Office at 313 UT Conference Center on Henley Street (across the street from the Convention Center) BEFORE

Friday December 4. The winner will receive a free UT non-credit photo course worth up to \$199.)

The categories are: **Architecture, Nature, Portrait, Sports/Action and Still Life.** Get your entries in NOW! See attached file for rules. Call Jennifer Bennett at 974-0150 for any questions.

JOHN SHAW IN ATLANTA--January 29-30. Great Nature program from a great presenter too.

Early registration is \$225 for both days or \$160 for only one day. Check it out at www.photosafaris.com or call 206-463-5383 for more information.

SANP FIELD LEARNING EVENT
WILDLIFE IN CADES COVE

Saturday, December 12, 2009

Leader: Clay Thurston **Phone:** 865-281-0645 **Email:** claythurston@bellsouth.net

Meeting place: Parking area at the entrance to the Cades Cove loop road

Time: 7:00 AM

Location description: Cades Cove is the premier location for whitetail deer in late autumn. The rutting season is still underway, and there is excellent potential for photographing large bucks in their prime. Beautiful animals in a beautiful setting like Cades Cove are the makings of great photographs.

Landscape and scenic shots may be an exciting possibility, also. The roadways, fence lines, and isolated trees in Cades Cove make excellent compositional elements. A heavy frost or a little snow can transform the cove into a wonderland for photography.

Learning opportunities:

- How to respect wildlife while making photographs
- How to choose lenses and camera settings for wildlife photographs
- How to get the best lighting on your animal subject
- How to use your tripod or other camera support when animals are moving about
- How to get better shots by anticipating animal movements

Lenses in the medium to long telephoto range will be most useful for wildlife shots. Lenses of all focal lengths might be useful for landscapes and scenics. Frosty conditions offer good macro opportunities.

On a cold day, your camera and tripod can freeze your hands and make you miserable. Chemical hand warmers (e.g., HotHands) can turn the misery into fun again. Don't leave home without them.

Very little walking will be required for this trip. Most of the shooting will probably be near the road. Heavy dew or frost can soak your boots very quickly, so water-friendly footgear is recommended. An extra pair of dry shoes and socks in the car might be helpful.

Driving directions: From Maryville, take U.S. Hwy 321 (Lamar Alexander Parkway) to Townsend. At the Townsend traffic light, continue straight ahead into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. At the "Y" in the road, take the right fork to Cades Cove. Drive to the parking area near the gate at the entrance to the Cades Cove loop road.

WILDERNESS WILDLIFE WEEK

The 20th annual Wilderness Wildlife Week in Pigeon Forge is scheduled for January 9 – 16, 2010. This is a great FREE event for any outdoor enthusiast. WWW offers many presentations, workshops, hikes, etc. by over 100 "experts" in their related fields dealing with outdoor pursuits and/or the Smokies. WWW is headquartered at the Music Road Hotel. Several SANP members are involved in this event each year, and there are other photography related presentations by other "experts". If you have never been to WWW, you will not believe what you have been missing. 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.

CNPA ANNUAL MEETING

Greensboro, North Carolina

February 4-7, 2010

Enjoy 3 days with your nature photography friends and learn wonderful, creative techniques and ideas for improving your own photography. It's such a joy to get rejuvenated in the middle of winter! George Lepp will present all day Saturday and 1/2 day Sunday. We have also arranged a special half-day session with Tony Sweet on Friday morning. In addition, our own Mark Buckler and Bruce Dickson are presenting programs. All their information is on our website at www.cnpa.org

Dates to Remember

November 28 – Deadline for Member's Choice Contest Entries – over \$1,000 in prizes -- only 10 days from today!!

<http://www.cnpa.org/contests.html>

December 1 - Register for the Annual Meeting by December 1st to enter a drawing for two people receiving \$100 gift certificates donated by **Hunts Photo & Video**

<http://www.cnpa.org/annualmeet.html>

December 15 – Deadline for early bird registration rate of \$110

Hotel Information

Embassy Suites Greensboro Airport

**204 Centreport Drive
Greensboro, NC 27409
Phone: (336) 668-4535**

Canon EOS Discovery Day---Durys--Nashville

Saturday, December 12, 2009

Basic Session: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Intermediate Session: 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m

*Interested in attending both? [Click here](#) to buy tickets for only **\$24.99***

Basic Workshop

\$14.99

Enter the world of the digital SLR and learn about your camera, and how to make great pictures with it. We'll take you out of "automatic", but we won't overload you with too much detail.

You'll see many examples of great photography, and learn techniques to use exposure, composition, flash, and a variety of lenses to get the same types of results. Our Basic Discovery Day class is a three-hour investment in your EOS digital SLR that will pay dividends over and over as you grow with your camera system.

During this course you will:

Become familiar with the operation and features of your EOS camera, and discover how and when to control them for dramatic results

Learn to expand your creative options, using different camera features and photographic techniques to evolve your pictures from snapshots to photographs

See actual examples of how Canon lenses and Speedlite flashes can be used to add impact to your pictures

Intermediate Workshop

\$14.99

If you're a more experienced SLR user, this three-hour session is your ticket to learning about the more sophisticated features of your EOS camera. We'll take you to the next step in crafting great photographs, with details about the advanced controls in your camera and how to use them in real-life situations.

Many examples of great images bring the camera's features to life in this event. We'll demystify your camera's histogram, give details about lighting and exposure control, and show the power that the right lenses and EOS Speedlites can bring to your photography.

During this course you will:

Discover many of the advanced features on your camera, and how they can be used for great pictures

Learn creative techniques in composition, camera control, and flash with EOS Speedlites

Explore the possibilities of the EOS system, and gain insight into selecting and using the right accessories for your photography.

For more information contact Ron at Durys in Nashville at :

Phone Numbers

In Nashville: 615-255-3456

Toll Free: 800-824-2379

Fax 615-255-3506

Mail & Return Shipping Address

Dury's

701 Ewing Avenue

Nashville, TN 37203

P.S. Durys also carries Nikons!!!! Larry (Just couldn't resist!!!!)

HELP PORTRAIT

Hi Knoxville photographers and students of photography, There is a nationwide movement taking place on Dec 12th that we would like to invite you to. It is called Help-Portrait, Help Portrait is a movement of photographers who are using their time, equipment and expertise to give back to those who are less fortunate this holiday season. Please visit the included website <http://community.help-portrait.com/> and join up with our Knoxville group that has formed and join us on Dec. 12th.

Thanks,

Sharon Nelson

budwidow@charter.net

(3) CLASSIFIEDS

Christmas Help for Spouses

Consider this my official offer to help your spouses select a photo type Christmas gift. If your spouse is planning on getting you something in the photography equipment line, please cut this section out and mail it to him/her. It will help your spouse and me if you drop some hints, he/she just needs some help on models, where to buy, what is a good price, etc. Have him/her send me an email or call me and I will help as much as possible.

tom geisler

tgeisler@utk.edu

865-671-3046

If I don't answer it means I can't so please leave me a message, I will call back.

For Sale:

When sending your listing, please write it up just like you were sending it to a newspaper. A full, accurate and honest description of the item. Why you are selling it (inquiring minds want to know). Include a web link if you want or pictures. Will you only sell groups of items as a whole lot or will you break them up? If break up, price each item separately. Include how you want to be contacted and how you want to be paid. Pretty simple.

Tom or Larry

I am looking for a Nikon 70-200 2.8 vr lens.

Thank You

Tim

t.robertson03@gmail.com

865-360-7651

Canon Zoom Telephoto EF 70-300mm F/4 – 5.6 IS Image Stabilizer USM

Includes the Canon Lens Hood and all original packaging. Used very little

\$425.00 I'm selling this lens because I have upgraded to the 70-200 f2.8

Cash Only

Please Contact:

Susan Long

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Silent Auction: Microsoft Wireless 8000 presenter mouse. Used about two days. Wireless, laser pointer, operates powerpoints wirelessly. I got it for classroom presentations. I just don't like the feel of the buttons. Here is a link to a description.

<http://www.microsoft.com/hardware/Presenter/productdetails.aspx?pid=085>

Will sell to the best offer I get over \$20 between now and next Sunday night, Nov 29, midnight. Send me an email with your full name and contact info if you are interested.

Tom Geisler

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LOOKING FOR PART TIME PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK

Since Real Estate is slower in the winter months I am looking for a part time or temporary job to supplement my income. I would rather work in Photography than anything else. I would like to work as a Photographer's assistant. There isn't anything I can think of that I am not willing to do from lugging equipment and holding reflectors to being a second shooter. I love editing photos and am a whiz on the computer. I know Photoshop very well and am also familiar with Lightroom and Portrait Professional. I have only one class remaining to have my Certificate from U.T. You can see my work at www.terena.smugmug.com . Click on "Photography" and then "Portraits".

Thanks, Terena Boone 865-617-0050 or Terena@knoxville-tn.com

(4) CONGRATULATIONS

We are so blessed in our photographic community with an abundance of talent and I want to see some of that talent recognized by all. So if you or someone you know is deserving of some recognition, please let me know. Larry

LINDA WATERHOUSE of Sevierville whose beautiful image of horese in the field was selected nationally to appear in the traveling NATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITION that will be on display in Knoxville from December 14 thru January 29 at the Emporium Center for Art and Crafts located at

100 S Gay Street. A reception will be held on January 8 from 5-9 pm for Linda and you are invited to attend. Stop by and see the exhibit while here. You will be glad you did.

LYNN HARRISON of Knoxville has photos on display in the Phoenix building downtown, just down the street from Mast. Her note cards and other items are available at Mast General Store on Gay Street too. Head to: <http://uniquenotecards.net/photos/index.html> and click on the Maine Photo workshop folder. You are more than welcome to browse through the other stuff as well.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH LINDA AND LYNN FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOBBY OF PHOTOGRAPHY IN EXCELLENCE.

OK that is enough reading for today. Have a great Thanksgiving Day everyone with your family. Don't forget to make everyone's photo while you have the chance too.

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.