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NEXT AOPC MEETING: Thursday, December 20, 2007
Second Presbyterian Church., 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock
Program: Pot luck dinner and member favorites slideshow

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marty Allen

A Time to Reflect

I want to thank everyone for making 2007 a great year for the AOPC. There were many wonderful guest speakers, with legends like George Purvis who pioneered Arkansas wildlife television programs and outdoor photography with his famous "Claypool's Reservoir" photograph. Steve Bowman with ESPN Outdoors wrote the following about Mr. Purvis' photo, "a photograph so well known that even after 50 years, many duck hunters associate the image as a logo for Arkansas duck hunting." What a tremendous honor in a state known as the "Duck Hunting Capital of the World."

In March, the club experienced a record crowd at the Tim Ernst slideshow program held at the Church at Rock Creek. I appreciate Tim's work with the AOPC and the work he does to promote Arkansas and outdoor photography and the church for hosting such a great program. Other exceptional educational programs this year included Tim Donar's canvas printing, Dr. Martin Hauer-Jensen's underwater photography, Bob Lloyd's pinhole photography discussion and Kim Godfrey's trip to Africa to photograph Mountain Gorillas. And thanks to all who took the time to build and present monthly presentations.

I also want to thank everyone who organized,

volunteered, participated and/or judged the numerous photography contests in Arkansas. These included a record number of entries in the Little Rock Zoo photo contest, the new Little Rock parks photo contest, and the Arkansas State Fair photo contest. These contests would not be successful without the dedication and commitment you make.

There were also two great receptions at the UAMS library and the UALR Ottenheimer Library with many great remarks about the quality of photography presented in each. Thanks to those who helped make these shows a success.

Thanks to those of you who served as officers and committee members and to all the members who showed up each month for meetings and field trips to make 2007 a fun and educational year.

And, finally, thanks to everyone who shared photos in the monthly open projector programs. The beauty and quality of work continue to amaze me. I look forward every month to each one of these programs just to see new techniques, locations and perspectives. Keep up the great work. So, as we close another yearly chapter in AOPC history, we should pause and reflect on what a great year 2007 has been and anticipate what 2008 will bring.

HOLIDAY POT LUCK DINNER

By Karen Russ

Once again it is time for the AOPC holiday party. No need to fret over plates and forks; the club budget provides money for the purchase of plates, bowls, cups (for hot and cold drinks), napkins, tablecloths, and trash bags. You bring the food, drinks, and an appetite.

Again this year, Karen and Ron Russ have taken care of all these items. While we will not be able to make the party, we have made arrangements with Marty to have the supplies brought to the party and will store them again until next year.

TIPS AND TIDBITS

By Ernie Decker

Here's what I have this month. I still need things from some of you. Don't think "aww heck, everyone knows that!" Maybe they don't!

1. A good website for lots of info is www.Ronbigelow.com. Click on "articles." There are lots of things there and if you're interested in a good explanation of raw, he has the best I've read. It's really what pushed me over the edge to shoot raw.

2. If you have ever had a stuck filter on a lens that just wouldn't budge, here's a trick I read on a forum thread. Haven't tried it, but it sounds logical. Put a little water in a pan or dish and freeze it. With your lens and filter at a warm room temp, place them on the ice until just the filter kind of makes an impression on the ice. You want to cool just the filter and not the lens. This will cause the filter to contract slightly, just enough to allow it to be unscrewed.

Merry Christmas to all!!!!

DUES

By Ron Russ

Sorry to be the grinch once again, but just a friendly reminder that AOPC dues are due in January 2008. Dues for the entire family are just \$35 for the year.

Checks can be made out to AOPC and sent to Ron Russ, AOPC Treasurer, 18 Tortoise Park Cove., Little Rock, AR 72211. Since I will be out of town during the latter part of December, any AOPC requests for reimbursement will need to be received by December 18 in order to be paid this year. Otherwise, it will probably have to wait until January 2008.

Best wishes in the New Year!

AOPC LIBRARY UPDATE

By Karen Russ

I will be conducting the annual inventory of the AOPC library collection during my holiday break. Please check around your house and if you are not currently reading the book(s) you have checked out, return them at the December meeting.

If you have suggestions for titles or topics for the coming year, please send me an e-mail at kmruss@comcast.net. I plan to purchase new books for the club early in 2008.

LIGHTS

By Ernie Decker

A neat place to see and try to photograph lights is the Harding campus in Searcy.

2008 ELECTIONS

Candidates for office in 2008 will be chosen by the nominating committee and announced in the January 2008 newsletter.

FIELD TRIPS
By Michael Dupslaff

The December field trip will be Saturday, December 15 (this is before the meeting / Christmas party). We will be leaving from the commuter parking lot "SOUTH END" located at the junction of I-430 and I-630 at 5:30 P.M. and going to Garvan Gardens to look at and photograph the Christmas lights.

I have arranged for another bus trip like the one we took to Pine Bluff in November. This is on the "QT" and not to be made public knowledge, as space is limited and on a first-come basis.

I am currently working on a special photographers field trip in February 2008 to Blanchard Springs, date and time TBA. I am also looking at a trip to the Memphis Botanical Gardens in the Spring, date and time TBA.

Suggestions or comments can be made via e-mail to dupslaffmichaelg@uams.edu or call me at 912-2684(h) or 686-5570(w) between 8:30 and 4:00 Monday thru Friday.

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The only requirements are that they look reasonable in both black and white for the print edition* and in color for the electronic version, and that they have a minimum size in the short dimension of 400 pixels for the print edition and 800 pixels for the PDF. If you submit a large file, we will adjust the size and create a black-and-white version. Contact me for submission instructions.

Please send photographs and other information for the newsletter by the 25th of each month to Barbara Wright via e-mail at clydwright@sbcglobal.net.

* If your photo doesn't look good in B&W, submit it anyway with a note to that effect and it will appear in the PDF version only. I usually look at several types of B&W conversions and choose the one that looks best to me.

F-STOP BY E-MAIL

If you would like to receive the club newsletter as a PDF file with the photo of the month larger and in full color and with additional member photographs, please let Barbara know at clydwright@sbcglobal.net. This will also save the club printing and postage costs.

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