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The President's Letter, by Jim Ross, President

Spring is in the air! Now is the time to dust-off that camera, get outdoors, and start taking some fun photographs!

I took this opossum photo just north of White Rock Lake near the tennis complex. He seemed to be enjoying his tree-top view of folks exercising below on the bike trail.

You might try driving down a country road using your car as a "blind", supporting your zoom lens with a bean-bag, and freezing the subject using a shutter speed of 1/focal length or faster. If into wildflowers, you might use extension



Jim's 'possum

tubes stacked between your lens and camera body to magnify the apparent size of your subject so that it completely fills the

frame. If into landscapes, you might try using a neutral-density filter to balance the

contrast between the bright sky and shadowed land. Aim for sharpness – if photographing critters, always get the eyes in sharp focus.

Haven't volunteered yet to bring in some snacks? Please contact our refreshment coordinator Ed Pierce to sign-up for a month of your choice. Our club provides the sodas, cups, and napkins, but we count on you support for the treats! Thanks to Ed for doing such a great job!

Happy Shooting,

Jim

April Program - "Wildebeest Migration and Other Wildlife in the Mara River Basin, Kenya, plus Rwanda Mountain Gorillas", by Eleanore Avery
Heard Museum, Laughlin Hall - April 11, 1:30 p.m.

Eleanore Avery lives in Dallas, but does most of her photographing while traveling outside the United States. Her interest in photography grew as she began to travel extensively and she has visited 66 countries since 1985.

In addition to hundreds of awards at local, national and international levels, her travel photographs have been recognized in PhotoGraphic and Popular Photography magazines, a four page photo spread and writeup in the The Best of Nature Photography book.

Two recent honors deserve special recognition. In 2008, in recognition of her photographic services and contributions to local clubs and communities, she was elected to Associate status in the Photographic Society of America (PSA). In addition, she is the incoming president of the Gulf Coast Camera Club Council (GSCCC).

Her travel/photo articles have been published on Africa, Singapore, Malaysia, Austria, China, and Norway in ITN travel publication. Countries visited include Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan, Tanzania, Madagascar, Iceland, Croatia, Mongolia, China and Rwanda, and Antarctica.

Eleanore is an active member of the Dallas Camera Club, Plano Photography Club, the Photographic Society of America (PSA) and the Gulf Coast Camera Club Council (GSCCC).

Her program includes covers shots of a Wildebeest migration as well as big cats and other wildlife in the area around the Mara River, in Kenya. And in Rwanda, she completed an arduous trek up a Volcano Park mountain to shoot the fabulous mountain Gorillas.



Eleanore's mountain gorilla

BE SURE TO COME AND JOIN US!

Membership News

We have three new members, Catherine Huey, Fred Grossman and Walter Pieper.



Catherine Huey – Lives in Dallas, has been a photographer over 30 years (began as an infant), does primarily wildlife images. She would like to participate in field trips, see slide shows on photo trips and see other photographer's images.



Fred Grossman – Lives in Richardson, has also been photographing a long time. He uses a digital SLR and would like to get more experience in its use. He's looking for photo friends and does all types of photography.

Walter Pieper joined by mail, so no photo. He lives in Plano, has been a photographer a long time, does portraits, landscape and wildlife photographs and considers himself an advanced photographer. He would like to expand his knowledge, experience and techniques from members.

Welcome! We look forward to getting acquainted.

NATURE IMAGES WANTED Do you have nature photos you want to share? Are you willing to help show the rest of the world what the Heard Herd has? Here is your chance for fame and fortune.

Anyone interested in participating in Gulf States Council of Camera Clubs (<http://www.gulfstatesccc.org/>) nature photography contests, please email your very best nature images to Larry Petterborg, lpetterborg@tx_rr.com. The Jpeg files must be 72 dpi and no larger than 1024 pixels wide by 768 pixels high. Each image must have a descriptive title. The contests are conducted every other month beginning in May. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Field Trip News, by Ron Marabito

The March Field Trip was scheduled for the East Texas Gators Park near Grand Saline, TX. on Saturday, March 21st. We only had 5 participants, which included, John Yates, Arne Hatlstad, Laurie Snidow, Randi Bolton and myself.

We arrived at the park about 9:30 am and we were the first people there. The park is pretty small, but they had 70 alligators including the hatchlings. I think the largest is about 12' in size. A few of the gators received their first food in almost a year. We shot (photographed) gators, ducks, geese and a few other specimens while there.

We were finished in less than 2 hours, so we decided to take in the Caldwell Zoo over in Tyler. When we arrived at the Zoo, after stopping for lunch, the place was overrun with visitors because of Spring Break and the economy. We ended up parking in the bus parking area. The azaleas are in full bloom, and that added some nice color to the trip. Spring is such a nice time to be out taking images. The elephant exhibit was closed, but we could still get some shots of the animals from a short distance away. One of the highlights of the zoo is the pair of White Tigers.

We all had a great day and wish more people had joined us. We headed back to Dallas about 3:45 pm.

IMAGES FROM THE FIELD TRIP



John Yates' alligator



Ron's white tiger



Ron's bald eagle



John Yates' white pelican

Oh Yes! Don't forget the Field Trip to Sharkorosa Wildlife Ranch coming up on May 16th. Get your name on the sign-up sheet at the next meeting. Meeting place will be announced then and a reminder will go out via email.

Member's Gallery, by Harold Green

This space is intended to give members an opportunity to show off their images to other members of the club. If you want to share some of yours, send them, digitally, to the editor, with your name and the title of the image.



Peter Gilbert's *Cactus*



Harold Green's *Tulips & Daffodil*



Larry Petterborg's *Easy Rider*



John Yates' *Horned Owl*

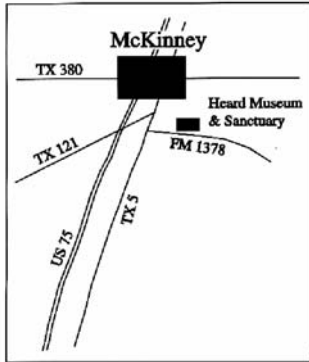


Peggy Evans' *Ptarmigan*



Laurie Snidow's *Kingfisher*

FIRST CLASS MAIL



Jerry's winning image, *Mendenhall Glacier, Alaska*

CONGRATULATIONS TO JERRY HUNTER, who had a photo published! It is in the April issue of *Outdoor Photographer*, on page 53. To see it online, go to: www.outdoorphotographer.com, *Your Favorite Places, Galleries*.

ED'S NOTE: For details on entering their favorite places contest, as Jerry did, go to page 75 in the magazine or outdoorphotographer.com/yfp

2009 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

January 10 - Tips for Obtaining and Preparing Heard Nature Photo. Contest Winners, by Larry Petterborg & Don Steele	July 11 - To Be Announced
February 14 - To Be Announced	August 8 - Roger Sanderson - Subject To Be Announced
March 1 - Heard Photo Contest Exhibition March 14 - The Art of International Ecotourism Photography: Madagascar, by Andy Hollander	September 12 - DFW Wildlife Hot Spots, by Jim Ross
April 11 - Eleanore Avery - Wildebeests, Gorillas, etc.	October 10 - Ron Marabito - Subject to be Announced
May 9 - Jeremy Woodhouse - Subject To Be Announced	November 14 - "Come Fly With Me, by Sid & Shirley Rucker
June 13 - Pub Mark Park, by Tom Hicks	December 12 - Member's Choice

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