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The President's Letter, by Jim Ross, President



Jim's "Red Tailed Hawk"

Spring is here and so are the opportunities to take some great nature photographs! Not only are the wild flowers plentiful, but the birds are searching for food for their hungry young, making for good photo opportunities!

Don't know where to go to find wildlife? You might join us for an upcoming field trip.

You might ask "what equipment will help take my nature photos to the next level?" For me, making the switch to an Image Stabilized lens with higher quality optics has been impressive. I am now shooting sharper images in lower light. Coupled with a digital camera body where you can change the ISO setting to suit your conditions, this combination works!

How many photo club memberships come with access to a 289-acre

studio? On the day of our club meeting, paid members are welcome to hike and photograph the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary for free with Photo Club membership ID. If it has been a while since you last attended a club meeting, I invite you to come check us out. Laurie Snidow, our club VP, has lined-up some great speakers for our monthly meetings. Come join us!

Happy shooting!

Jim

May Program - Lewa, an African Adventure, by Randi Bolton & Laurie Snidow *Heard Museum, Laughlin Hall - Saturday, May 8, 1:30 p.m.*

Last May Randi and I traveled to Africa with a group of people associated with the American Association of Zoo Keepers. Many of the clubs members requested a presentation so at almost exactly a year from our trip Randi will present our show.

We started in Dallas, flew to Atlanta then to Amsterdam and then on to Nairobi, where we spent our first night. The following day we went to the David Sheldrick elephant orphanage and from there we flew to Lewa in middle Kenya. Lewa started as a ranch and later became a Rhino conservation effort and now has grown to a full-on wildlife conservation, community education, employment, medical clinics, and public awareness effort. AAZK is involved because each year every chapter raises money that is contributed to Lewa, which is a non-profit organization. More information on Lewa can be found at www.Lewa.org. We spent 10 days at Lewa and another area named ilngwesi, which is an amazing place run by the Maasai Warriors (<http://ilngwesi.com/>).

Each day we would go out on games drives, in the morning and the evening. One day we went to a Maasai Bona (village) and were entertained with their dancing and learned about their daily life. We visited one of the schools which we help support, and brought along school supplies. We learned there how desperate things were. They were in a drought and the number of children attending school had increased greatly. This was because it was the one place they would receive at least one meal at day and really more likely two. These children really would walk miles every day through country that has lions, leopards, elephants and rhinos. They walk unarmed, often without even shoes and to them this was just everyday life.



Randi's "Interested Lions"

Feedback on Wildflower Field Trip to the Hill Country

WOW!!!! What a great year for wildflowers in the Hill Country and what a great bunch of folks that participated. I think we ended up with 21 folks shooting images or helping to spot. We had overcast skies just about the entire trip and this provided some pretty nice light for shooting. Unfortunately if you got the sky in the shot after exposing for the flowers, you were involved with HDR images. Besides being overcast, we had rain off and on all three days.

I was fortunate to be down there a week in advance and was able to cruise the roads and prepare maps showing most of the locations. While there, I covered more than a thousand miles scouting and shooting. I left this morning, Monday, April 19th. The wildflowers continue to be great and newer selections are showing up all the time. The rain really salvaged what could have been a bad trip, as the flowers in many areas were wilting from the dry conditions. All things considered, it appears I picked the correct weekend for the trip.

Anita Oakley has volunteered to prepare a slideshow of wildflower images. It will be shown at the June meeting. Don't miss this one. I'll bet the group probably took more than 3000 images. Around 200 will be used in the show. Its got to be good. I've thrown in a few of mine, so you can eat your heart out for not coming.

Thanks to all of you that came down and made the trip a great success.

Ron



Ron's "Paintbrushes"

2010 Heard Nature Photographers Field Trip Schedule

Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge, OK

April 30 - May 2, 2010

This is a living schedule and is subject to change, based on weather and other unforeseen circumstances.

GSCCC News, by Larry Petterborg

At the End-Of-Year competition, held as a part of the GSCCC convention in Corpus Christi, Jack Harrison's image, "Sand and Sky", won an honorable mention for the Projected Nature category. Way to go, Jack!

Jack's winning image



PHOTO EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

- Manfotto 3229 - Swivel Head for monopod with 2 QR Plates
- Gitzo 1276M - Magnesium (Light Weight) Ball Head with 3 QR Plates
- Nikon 39mm Drop in filter holder

If there are any film shooters left.....I have an F100 35mm camera for sale. This was used as a backup and probably hasn't had 20 rolls of film through it. In the box with manual. A real gem.

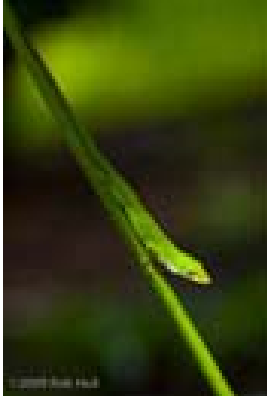
Contact Clif Brandt, at: clifbrandt@aol.com.

- **ONE**-Canon 100mm macro usm 2.8, in PERFECT shape. I now shoot Nikon and have no use for it. I see it going on Ebay for \$430. I want to sell it for that price. I live in Allen. More than happy to meet someone to let them check it out.
- **TWO**-Yashica mat 124 g in very good condition. I will sell for \$200. the Meter does work. If you know of anyone interested then please have them email me.
- **THREE**-Canon 50mm metal mount lens for EOS cameras. Also in very good shape.
- **FOUR**-Carl Zeiss Contax lens 50 mm for \$150.

Contact John Messenger, at: messengerphoto@yahoo.com.

Photo Opportunities, by Rob Hull

Canon Advanced Shooters Workshop



Today's complex camera systems provide so much benefit for the experienced photographer helping bring extremely challenging images to life. But these benefits come at a cost, an increase in complexity that can often spell disaster for the unprepared photographer.

On August 6-8 this incredible roadshow will be in Dallas, hosted by SMU Continuing and Professional Education at the SMU Plano campus. The program is also offered in Galveston and Edmond, Oklahoma - if you're looking for a change of scenery.

In this weekend getaway you can leave all your distractions behind and focus on learning more about your Canon camera system and how to take better photographs using the equipment that is already in your camera bag. The program is presented by Rob Hull, veteran professional photographer and past president of the Heard Photography Club and Bob Malish, Senior Professional Products Specialist with Canon.

This workshop is for users of Canon digital cameras and is designed for

those photographers who want to develop a high level of proficiency with their equipment. This is NOT a beginner class on using your camera gear. Instead it's assumed that you're already are familiar with photography and have used the camera for a while.

The cost of the three day program is only \$195. Heard Photography Club members are also able to save \$20 when registering for the Dallas Canon Advanced Shooter workshop. Just enter the code "Heard" when you check out.

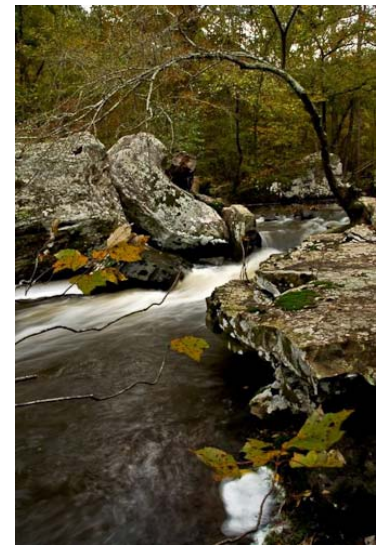


For registration and more information log on to www.CanonAdvancedShooter.com.

Heard Nature Photographers Club Gallery

Don't forget that new gallery pages were added to the club's website. Currently the gallery contains those images presented during the 2009 Members Choice show. To find the gallery just log onto the clubs website and then click on the Club Gallery in the upper right corner.

The site is located at www.heardnaturephotographers.com.



Members Gallery

This space is intended to give members an opportunity to show off their images to other members of the club. You are encouraged to submit images to the editor, for display here in the future. Send jpg images, 100 dpi, at 3 x 4 inches, or so.



Jack Harrison's - "Cactus Blossom"



Harold Green's "Ocotilla Blossom"



Tom Heath's "Hibiscus"



John Deal's - "Indian Paint Brushes"

John Deal offered a copy of his image of the cross of Prairie Creek Baptist church to the church staff. They liked it so much that they used it on the cover of their Easter Sunday bulletin.

Congratulations, John



2010 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

January 09 - Yellowstone & Iceland, by Dan Leffel	July 10 - Subject to be Announced, by Sean Fitzgerald
February 13 - Wildlife Photography, by Russell Graves	August 14 - Japan in Winter, by Eleanore Avery
March 13 - Adobe Lightroom for the Nature Photographer, by Tom Maddrey	September 11 - Subject to be Announced, by Bob Frank
April 3 - Mexico - Day of the Dead, by Larry Petterborg	October 09 - Subject and Presenter to be Announced
May 8 - Lewa - An African Adventure, by Randi Bolton	November 13 - Zoo Photography & Its Challenger - Cathy Burkey
June 12 - Macro Flowers, by Therese Tusa	December 11 - Member's Choice Award, plus

Club Leadership

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