

SANP Newsletter

August 2022

The Night Sky over Desert Arches. © Dan Thompson

August Meeting – Tuesday August 30 at 7 PM, at the Watershed Building, Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, featuring Dan Thompson

Join us on August 30th for our monthly club meeting at the Watershed Building at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. Our presenter is Dan Thompson. Dan will be sharing his expertise as a night sky photographer.

Social time begins at 6:30 PM, followed by the meeting at 7 PM. Come early and enjoy the opportunity to mingle with club members and share your latest photo opportunities with us. Friends are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you August 30th.

See Dan's bio on page 2.

Steps to Improving your Milky Way Nightscapes

by Dan Thompson

Dan Thompson is a technologist with a passion for travel, photography, and educating. Based in Maryville, Tennessee, Dan's love for photography began in High School and has progressed from being just a creative outlet, to a means of sharing the beauty of our planet with those who may not have the opportunity to see it. His images have been featured in a number of books and publications, and he regularly speaks at area photography clubs. He also helps lead photography workshops at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont.



Nightscape imaging, and particularly nightscape images featuring the Milky Way or other space objects, can be extremely fun and rewarding to put together, but they can also be really frustrating and generally come with a steep learning curve. When photographers start on the journey of improving their images, they will often get recommendations to buy new hardware (\$\$ - \$\$\$) and software (\$ - \$\$), but what do those investments actually get you in terms of image quality? In this presentation Dan will be covering the various techniques used to capture the Milky Way and other space objects. He will illustrate the benefits of using a sky tracking device and modified camera, and discuss specialized night sky software. Whether you have never captured the Milky Way, or you've been imaging the night sky for years, hopefully this talk will give you some nuggets that will improve your end results, and perhaps shed some light on where to spend money - or not! - based on your goals.

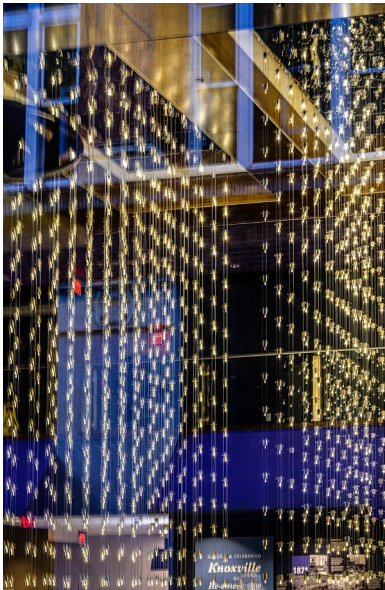
Above: Factory Butte Under the Milky Way

Right: The Star Voyager, November 2021

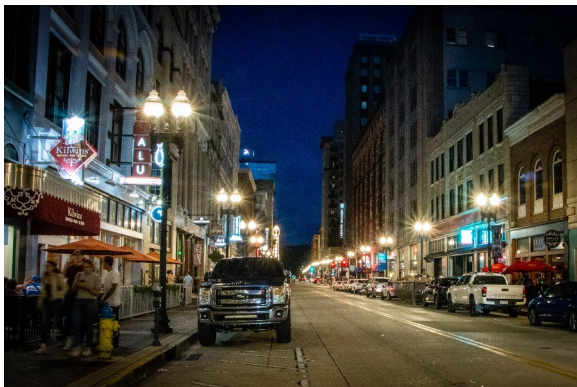
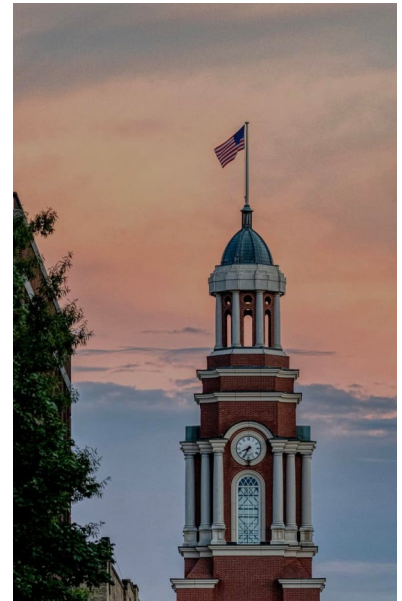
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SANP Photography Challenge



On August 7th, twelve photographers toting cameras and tripods descended upon the heart of downtown Knoxville for the August 2022 Photography Challenge. The challenge – capture images that communicate a sense of place in the urban landscape of Knoxville. Submitted images have been judged and winners will be announced at the next monthly meeting.



*Top left: © Judith Marquand
Center left: © Ann Barber
Bottom left: © Jack Benhayon*

*Top right: © Nawras Baban
Bottom right: © Nawras Baban*



SANP Field Events – Capturing the Best of Summer

Have you been following the adventures of the Red Jeep Wrangler? SANP members participating in Field Events have been joining Dale Potter (and his Jeep) in photographing nature in East Tennessee. Destinations have included Cades Cove in the Smokies, Kyker Bottoms in Blount County, and the Powerhouse Trail Greenway in Oak Ridge. Enjoy this small sampling of the diversity of wildlife (and people) captured this past month.

*Top right: Cades Cove, © Theresa Williams
Center right: Powerhouse Trail, © Clarence Juneau*

Bottom right: Orchard Oriole in Cades Cove, © Dale Potter

Bottom left: Kyker Bottoms, © Nawras Baban

Field events are often scheduled on short notice. Watch your email and the website for event announcements.

<https://sanp.net/events>



SANP Members Corner

Welcome New Members!

We're pleased to welcome five new members to the club this month:

Case Williams: Case lives in Knoxville, but he grew up in Oak Ridge and was a member of the Carbide Camera Club (now Camera Club of Oak Ridge) as a youth. He learned to develop film and make prints from his father, a chemist.

Tom Coulter: Photography has been Tom's hobby for 75 years. His first camera was an Argus C3 Matchmatic. With a recently renewed interest, Tom enjoys landscape and nature photography.

Carl Hagen: Carl joins us from Loudon.

Cindy Robinson: Cindy and her husband come from large families so family life has been the focus for much of her life. She loves to hike, bike, learn, and meet new people. Cindy enjoys landscape and wildlife photography, with locations in the west being a favorite destination.

Tom Robinson: Tom loves family, traveling, hiking, and meeting new people. A former college basketball coach, he also loves sports. Currently a cell phone is his camera of choice.

Welcome aboard, we look forward to getting to know you all!



Yes! Dessert! © Theresa Williams

Upcoming Workshops

Autumn Brilliance Photography Workshop

Sponsored by the
 Great Smoky Mountain Institute at Tremont
*Featuring Tom Vadnais, Susan Milinkovich,
 Todd Moore, Dan Thompson,
 and Steve Zigler*
 October 28-31, 2022

<https://gsmit.org/event/autumn-brilliance-photography-workshop-2022/>

Workshops with Nye Simmons

Colorado Fall Color

Ouray, CO

October 2-8

<https://nyesimmons.com/2022-colorado-fall-color>

Fall Color Blue Ridge Parkway

Waynesville, NC

October 13-16

<https://nyesimmons.com/blue-ridge-parkway-2022-fall-color-workshop>

Fall Color Smoky Mountains

Townsend, TN

October 27-30

<https://nyesimmons.com/smokies-fall-2022-photo-workshop>

Wildlife, Waterfalls, & Fall Foliage
 Photography Workshop

October 26-29, 2022
 Lake Junaluska
 North Carolina

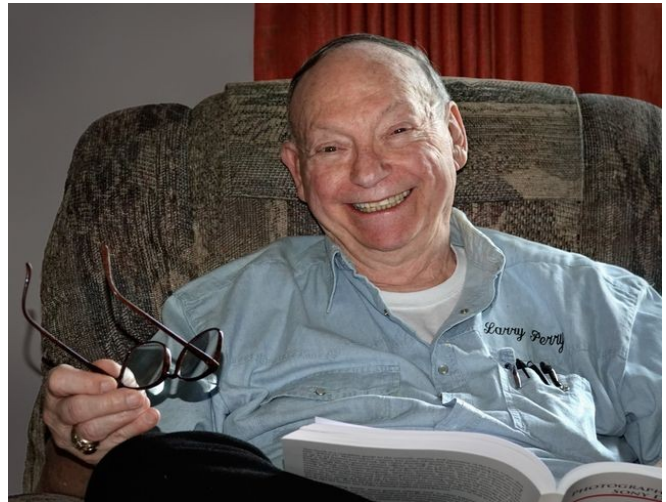
Summit Instructors:
 Chas Glatzer
 Ken Jenkins
 & Brett Wells

SANP Members Corner (cont.)

In Memorium: Remembering Larry Perry

by Douglas Hubbard

For those who may not know, my personal friend and friend/supporter/mentor/advisor to those in the photography community, Larry Perry has died. There cannot be a replacement for such a talented and giving individual. Many of you have wondered what had happened to his monthly Digital Lunch Bunch meetings, his weekly newsletter, *Larry's Notes*, or one of his other newsletters he sent around the world.



He fought cancer for many years with only a few people knowing his situation. He worked right to the end; conducting the judging of photographic competitions, writing books, encouraging others, and maintaining an active law practice. He repeatedly expressed his wish that everyone remembers him as they last saw him and was adamant that there not be a public announcement or “celebration of life”. His wife and partner, Eloise, has worked hard to proceed as he had requested. She has now agreed that enough time has passed to make this announcement.

Larry was a man of many, varied accomplishments. He was a very young eagle scout, the youngest licensed ham radio operator in the state of TN., an Electrical Engineer, was an Attorney specializing in FCC law who testified many times before Congress, recipient of the TN Life Time Achievement Award for his work in radio related matters, world traveler of about 130 countries, national lecturer on various topics, Air Force fighter pilot, teacher in business and photography courses, a photography workshop leader, often shared his images with nursing homes and other shut-ins, author of 28 books on different topics, and was on the board-of-directors of many corporations.

Let's fulfill Larry's wishes and remember him as you may have connected with him whether it was his personal encouragement, his promotion of photography related activities, as an instructor at UT, his photography presentations, or just enjoying his presence. Let us also be respectful and refrain from contacting Eloise. Although she would appreciate the sentiment, it is her wish not to relive his passing with each contact. I hope you understand.

Larry Perry was a charter member of SANP and an invaluable asset to the club. He is deeply missed.

SANP Members Corner (cont.)

In Memoriam: Dick Ramsey

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of SANP club member Dick Ramsey on April 16, 2022. Dick lived with his wife, Sue, in Gatlinburg, where they enjoyed the many photographic opportunities offered in the Smokies.

The Ramseys were among the many who lost homes in the 2016 wildfire. Being Smokies Strong, they rebuilt. We offer our condolences to Sue. Dick will be missed!



Backyard Fungi, © Jeff Parlow

SANP History Corner

Club historian, Ann Barber, is continuing to search for photos, ephemera, and stories that reflect the SANP experience over the decades. You are invited to share your experiences with Ann:

Here are some questions to ponder:

When and how did you find out about SANP?

Why did you decide to join, or what do you feel you have learned or gotten out of the club?

What programs have you enjoyed, including: field events, workshops, club or outside speakers?

Have you grown photographically because of influence by the club?

Contact Ann to share your story!

Please put "SANP history" in the subject line.



Along the Songbird Trail at Norris, © Clarence Juneau

Upcoming Club Meetings

August 30, 2022 Dan Thompson
September 27, 2022 TBA

SANP Officers

President: Ed Stickle
Vice President: Open
Secretary: Charles Samuels
Treasurer: Sharon Cottrell

Volunteer Managers

Community Outreach: Ron Sentell
Field Events: Dale Potter
Librarian: Ann Barber
Membership: Brad Cottrell
Newsletter: Kristina Plaas
Photo Challenges: Ron McConathy
Programs: Kendall Chiles
Salon: Ed Stickle
Social Media: Chris Cannon
Website: Shawn Grant
Workshops: Open

Board of Directors

The board meets on the 2nd Monday
each month

2020-2022: David Boruff
Kristina Plaas
Dale Potter
2021-2023: Chris Cannon
Gretchen Kaplan
Marcy Wielfaert
2022-2024: Jack Benhayon
Yvonne Dalschen
Clay Thurston

Travel Reports Wanted!

We are looking for brief travel reports of places, near or far, members have recently visited for upcoming newsletters. Interested? All you have to do is write a paragraph or two about the location, include a few captioned photos that represent your experience, and submit them to the newsletter editor. (*Kristina Plaas*) We get our best ideas from sharing with each other. Let's see where you've been!



Green Heron at Rankin Bottoms, © Ron Shrieves

Camera Club Council of Tennessee (3CT)

SANP is a member of 3CT, a network of camera clubs across Tennessee and neighboring states. Their monthly newsletter is filled with information about meetings and events for member clubs. Details can be found on their website www.3ct.org or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CameraClubCouncilOfTennessee>