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Spotlight on the SANP Website

Big things are in the future for the [SANP's website](http://www.sanp.net). Calling our site a homepage is unfair because there are numerous pages with information about the club, activities, a bulletin board, the monthly newsletter, and more. Our website is hosted and maintained by SANP member Thom Ashton, who is President of [Ashton Integrated Technologies Corporation](http://www.ashton.com).

Thom hopes that the SANP website will become a major communications medium for the club. Already, the Bulletin Board (http://www.sanp.net/Discussions/disc1_frm.htm) is available on our website allowing members to place notices of items for sale, informal gatherings, notes about events, and so forth. Activity was slow on the board at first, but recently, activity has increased as members are becoming increasingly aware of the board and how to use it.

The SANP website also has a suggestion form that members can use to suggest workshops or field trips they would like to see. This form can be found at <http://www.sanp.net/Forms/wsinfo.htm#Suggest>. With this form, members can also offer to lead an activity.

Also, you can find the SANP newsletter on the website as well. This month's newsletter can be found at <http://www.sanp.net/NewsLetters/pdf/May2002.pdf>. The online edition of the newsletter contains hyperlinks and is in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. Acrobat Reader is the recommended software for opening the newsletter, and it can be downloaded for free from the Adobe's corporate website (www.adobe.com). Since 1982, Adobe has been a respected developer of imaging, graphic design and authoring software. Acrobat Reader is a *safe* and *reliable* method of distributing electronic documents to any computer. While online at the SANP website, you can **print** the newsletter, just **view** it, or instead you can **save** the newsletter PDF file to your harddrive for future offline viewing and/or printing using Acrobat Reader.

Some future plans include making the Members Only section a very solid area. Currently, that area allows members to submit scans and digital photos for use on the website. However, much more is being considered. Ideas for the Members Only section, which would be accessible to members only with a login and secure password, include a member contact list, the newsletter, and board meeting minutes.

Alan Heilman is May Presenter

Alan Heilman, an SANP member from Knoxville, will be making his presentation at the Monthly Meeting on May 28 at the First United Methodist Church located at 3316 Kingston Pike in Knoxville. The meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m. following the social hour. Alan will share some of his photographic experiences and selected slides illustrating his work. This year, Alan received recognition for his excellent photography not only at the SANP competition, but also in the annual Dogwood Arts show. Besides photography, Alan also teaches at the University of Tennessee.

August Meeting Program

Representatives from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park will attend the SANP August 27, 2002 meeting to talk about Park issues of concern to members and also the Park's need for donated images. Following this discussion, several club members will anonymously critique members' slides as an aid to those planning to enter the SANP 2003 Annual Competition in February 2003. Please bring up to three slides you would like to have critiqued and make sure your name is printed on each slide. Images will be critiqued as long as time allows. Also, don't forget that the August meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Membership Renewals Are Due

SANP membership fees for the 2002–2003 Membership Year were due on May 1. However, it isn't too late to renew if you wish to remain a member. Benefits of membership include the ability to enter the SANP's annual photography competition, discounts, members only field trips, and more. Don't delay any longer to avoid being removed from the membership rolls.

The renewal form is included in this newsletter, but you can renew your membership without it. Dues didn't increase this year. Bring your payment to Chris Windham at the May meeting or send a check made out to **SANP** to: Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers, Attn: Chris Windham, 2731 Sood Drive, Knoxville, TN 37921. If you have any questions about membership or the renewal, contact Chris Windham at (865) 588-3011 or cwind007@aol.com.

Photo Resources on the Internet

Photographer's Index

<http://photographersindex.com>

Multiple directories and a stock photo price calculator.

Here are the websites of a few major equipment manufacturers:

Canon	http://www.usa.canon.com
Hasselblad	http://www.hasselblad.com
Leica	http://www.leica.com
Nikon	http://www.nikonusa.com
Olympus	http://www.olympus.com/index_nf.htm
Pentax	http://www.pentax.com

Editor Moves On

It has been a short but entertaining run as editor of this newsletter for the SANP. Unfortunately, I must bid farewell to this post as increased demands of work and other responsibilities are prohibiting me from allocating enough time to this newsletter. Hopefully, the next volunteer who steps forward to be editor will be able to continue developing this publication. Meanwhile, I look forward to getting out more often with my camera.

Please note that I'm discontinuing use of my old editorial e-mail address after this month. However, you can use the club mailing address and a new e-mail address below that I set up for a future editor's use. Happy shooting everyone! – Tobin S.

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In The News

Volunteers Needed for Newsletter

Looking for a chance to be creative and be recognized by your peers? Volunteers are needed to help with newsletter editing, printing & assembly tasks and mailing at the Weisgarber Post Office. Future editions are now in question. Until someone volunteers to be the next writer/editor, only an abbreviated newsletter will be published on the SANP website. Contact [Ron McConathy](#) to discuss helping out.

SANP Newsletter Survey Concludes

The newsletter survey officially concluded after the April 30, 2002 SANP Monthly Meeting. We received a better than expected response from the membership. As soon as all the surveys have been tabulated and results analyzed, we will publish the findings in an upcoming newsletter, probably August or September, only after which some changes may occur.

More SANP News Items

- The SANP board voted to change the monthly meeting start times beginning with the August 27 meeting. Refreshments and the social period will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting program will start at **7:00 p.m.** Please spread the word!
- Bill Silliker, a professional wildlife and nature photographer from Maine, will present a **one day workshop for SANP on Saturday, November 16, 2002.** Chuck Cole, Kevin Crow, Mark Frankel, Scott Hackler, and Harold and Alice Reed are part of a committee developing plans for the workshop. For info about Bill Silliker and his presentation topics, check out his website at www.camerahunter.com. Please plan to attend and tell others.
- Former Board members Kevin Crow, Lucy Scanlon and Chris Windham completed their three year terms on the SANP Board. New board members elected in April are Jane Blankenship, Brad Cottrell, and Clay Thurston. Also, Mark Frankel has agreed to serve Lutie Culver's remaining term. Lutie resigned due to a move to North Carolina. Welcome to the new board members, and thanks to all for your time.
- SANP business cards are available at montly meetings showing the club logo, address, and meeting location & times. Carry a few to give to others who are interested in the club.

SANP Swap Shop

The Swap Shop is open to any member who wants to buy, sell or trade some photographic equipment. Here are recent notices:

Balazs Ujfalussy has a mint set of **Hoya Close Up Lenses** with 55mm filter threads. If you are interested and want more information, contact Balazs at blu@icx.net.

If a tent is part of your outdoor photo gear, Tobin Shepardson is selling a 2 person **Ozark Trail Dome Tent** 6'8"x7' (2'L collapsed) weighing 5 lbs. approx. It's in good condition except for a tricky zipper. Asking \$15. Contact tobin_etn@yahoo.com.

SANP 2002 – 2003 Membership Renewal Form

Due May 1, 2002

The SANP fiscal year ends on April 30 of each year, and all membership renewal fees for the period May 1, 2002 to April 30, 2003 are now due. Please complete this form with your name(s), mailing address, phone number(s), and e-mail address, and select your category of membership. **Make your check payable to SANP**, and send the check along with this completed form to:

Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers
Attention: Chris Windham
2731 Sood Drive
Knoxville, TN 37921

If you have any questions concerning membership renewal, please call Chris Windham at (865) 588-3011 or send her an e-mail at cwind007@aol.com.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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| _____ | Full Membership | \$25.00 Annual |
| | For one person having full privileges of the club and one vote. | |
| _____ | Family Membership | \$35.00 Annual |
| | For all members of a family residing together (or away at school). All family members having full privileges of the club and two votes. | |
| _____ | Student Membership | \$12.50 Annual |
| | For individuals attending any accredited school. Full privileges of the club and one vote. | |
| _____ | Associate Membership | \$20.00 Annual |
| | For businesses wishing to support the club. Privileges limited to monthly meetings. No vote. | |
| _____ | Non-Resident Membership | \$12.50 Annual |
| | For individuals living over 100 miles from Knoxville. Full privileges of the club and one vote. | |
| _____ | Family Non-Resident Membership | \$17.50 Annual |
| | For families residing together over 100 miles from Knoxville. Full privileges of the club and two votes. | |

2002 Dogwood Arts Festival Photo Competition Winners

The Dogwood Arts Photography Competition had problems getting off the ground this year. Virtually the only people who received advance notice of the photo competition before the entry deadline were those who participated in the contest last year. The situation was looking rather grim, so Jane Blankenship and others stepped up at the last moment to rescue the floundering events. Since Jane is also a member of SANP, she provided the winners list that includes a very impressive showing by many of our members.

<u>Animals</u>		
1st	Bob Epperson	The Sentinels (Best of Show)
2nd	Bill Carter	Snowy Frolic
3rd	Dick Doub	Female Cardinal
HM	Gloria Epperson	Winter in the Rockies
HM	Larry Perry	Reflections of a Cougar
HM	Larry Perry	Wolf in the River

<u>Architecture</u>		
1st	Brad Cottrell	Clock Tower
2nd	Joel Buchanan	Doorway
3rd	Peter Pace	Silver Silos
HM	Ken Haun	St. Patricks, Armagh, N. Ireland
HM	Myra Mooneyhan	Old Glory

<u>B&W-A&D</u>		
1st	Alex Cameron	Flying II
2nd	Jane Gray Buchanan	Cafe
3rd	Cheryl Haffner	Bodie Island Lighthouse
HM	Jane Gray Buchanan	Masterpiece of the Middle Ages

<u>C/P</u>		
1st	Joel Buchanan	Look at Me
2nd	Alex Cameron	Melanie-2001
3rd	Jurgen Dopatka	Dave
HM	Myra Mooneyhan	Innocence
HM	Harold G. Smith	Walk in the Woods

<u>Celebrations</u>		
1st	Dixielee Vineyard	The Party's Over
2nd	Myra Mooneyhan	Some Gave All
3rd	Jane Gray Buchanan	Olympic Celebration in the Cool
HM	Myra Mooneyhan	Cracked Not Broken

<u>Color-A&D</u>		
1st	Bob Epperson	Pot of Gold
2nd	Gloria Epperson	Sunbeam
3rd	Joel Buchanan	Tie-Dyed
HM	Dick Doub	Wonderment in Nature...
HM	Joe Pons	Slave's Cabin Painted Door

<u>CE/SE</u>		
1st	Jane Gray Buchanan	The Red Door
2nd	Jane Gray Buchanan	Medieval Monastery
3rd	Harold G. Smith	Trees
HM	Myra Mooneyhan	Cyber Hopper

<u>Dogwood</u>		
1st	Clarence Berkley	Single Beauty
2nd	John Tipton	Dogwood #12
3rd	Dick Doub	Dogwood Blossom
HM	Brad Cottrell	Dogwoods & Dewdrops
HM	Brad Cottrell	Dogwoods & Mill House

<u>GSMNP</u>		
1st	Dick Doub	Autumn Mist
2nd	Robert Johnson	Listening & Looking
3rd	Clarence Berkley	Serenity Walk
HM	Ora Alsip	Water Cascade
HM	Michael Whitaker	Old Home Place

<u>Hand Tinted</u>		
1st	John Tipton	Old Church
2nd	Loletta Rogers	Gossoon
3rd	Loletta Rogers	Worms for Sale

<u>Landscape</u>		
1st	Gloria Epperson	Tahquamenon Falls
2nd	Bob Epperson	Sunrise on Morman Row
3rd	Jurgen Dopatka	Sunflower with Hat
HM	Ora Alsip	The Old Mill
HM	Clarence Berkley	Before the Storm
HM	Robert Johnson	Waiting for Winter
HM	Clay Thurston	Great Sand Dunes

<u>Nature</u>		
1st	Jurgen Dopatka	Waves
2nd	Bob Epperson	Wilderness Tapestry
3rd	Jurgen Dopatka	Cliffs of Moher, Ireland
HM	Jane Gray Buchanan	Promenade

<u>Open</u>		
1st	Mary Waxmonsky	Sisterly Fun
2nd	Brad Cottrell	Spooky
3rd	Jurgen Dopatka	Solitude
HM	Clarence Berkley	Country Garden
HM	Myra Mooneyham	Lizard, Lizard, Lizard
HM	John Tullock	Gary Hairstreak on Flower

<u>Plant World</u>		
1st	Robert Johnson	Trillium
2nd	Bill Carter	Delicate Beauty
3rd	Clarence Berkley	Chianti Sunflower
HM	Clarence Berkley	Morning Dew
HM	Brad Cottrell	Sunburst
HM	Dick Doub	Passion Flower
HM	Alan Heilman	Magnolia Grandiflora-Fruits
HM	Clay Thurston	Cat-Tail
HM	John Tullock	Orchid Opening

<u>Portrait</u>		
1st	Cheryl Haffner	Bailey
2nd	Myra Mooneyham	The Kiss
3rd	Larry Perry	Brittany

<u>Scenic</u>		
1st	Jane Gray Buchanan	View over the Wall
2nd	John Tipton	Big Swamp
3rd	Bob Epperson	Navajo Land

<u>S/S</u>		
1st	Clay Thurston	Lightning
2nd	Dick Doub	Winter Sunrise-Norris Lake
3rd	Jeffrey Brown	Morning Rays over Route 89
HM	Robert Johnson	Dawn by the Sea
HM	Myra Mooneyham	Sunset Pier

Photographing or Encountering Dangerous Wildlife

by Tobin Shepardson

Are you interested in photographing wildlife, but are worried about having an unpleasant close encounter? Here are some recommendations from the park service and other sources about what to do and also perhaps what not to do when running into potentially dangerous animals. Bears, mountain lions, and elk that can be found in some national parks and other wilderness areas in North America and are examples of wildlife that deserve a degree of caution when they are encountered.

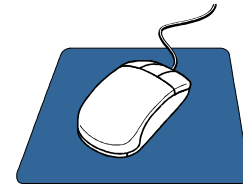
Bears are quite common in this area as we all know. A recent death in the Smokies illustrates that bears are not cuddly mischief makers. The park service provides these guidelines for handling an encounter with bears in the Smokies: Do not approach a bear. If it begins making noise, swatting, or moving towards you, you are too close and should slowly move away. But don't run or turn your back on the bear. Should the bear continue to pursue you, stand your ground, yell, make yourself look large, and throw things at it. Don't throw food though. If all else fails and the bear attacks, fight back forcefully.

Habitat where mountain lions are most commonly found lies in the west along with parts of Canada and even Mexico. However, there are also tales in New England about sightings of mountain lions, also known up there as catamounts. On BLM land in a corner of Colorado, I saw a sign with a list of recommendations posted beside a trail where a mountain lion was known to be active. Walk on trails in a group and keep children close. Stop, stay calm and keep eye contact if you see a mountain lion. Slowly back away and talk "firmly" to it. (I'm not sure what you should say though.) Make yourself appear larger by raising your arms and jacket above your head. If it behaves aggressively, act aggressive yourself. Don't crouch, play dead, or run away if it attacks, but instead fight back.

At first thought, you probably wouldn't think of elk as being dangerous because they are herbivores, but their size and large antlers necessitate caution. But if it's during mating season or if they have calves, elks' antlers and size can make them hazardous. A pamphlet available in the Cataloochee Valley provides some useful advice. Bull elk can be aggressive toward anything they consider a challenger, especially during mating season, and cow elk with calves may charge to protect their offspring. Also, don't get too close to the elk because any type of harassing behavior could earn you steep park service fines.

Last but not least, use common sense. Would you like a pesky shutterbug getting in your way as you went about your daily activities? Probably not. So, don't crowd or pressure any animal, no matter how harmless it may seem, because you may make it react in an unexpected and unpleasant defensive manner. Additionally, wildlife obviously can't go down to the local convenience store to stuff their faces with fast food. Food source are often quite limited, especially during drought years, and many animals live on the edge without fat reserves for leaner times. The stress you put on the creature in your attempt to get a better shot may cause it to burn extra calories in defense or flight that it may need to survive in the wild.

If you follow these recommendations, hopefully you should have a good wildlife photography experience.



Letting Your Mouse Do the Walking, Part III

by Tobin Shepardson

In previous segments of this column, I've described some general ways that you can use the Internet to obtain basic information to help plan a trip or a photo outing. For the final part, I'm going to show you how to find info about local sites. For this, I've chosen Big South Fork and the Smokies.

The homepage of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/index.htm>, where you can find all sorts of information about trails, activities, news & events, and more. Click on the 'inDepth' button on the homepage to explore all sorts of other information about the park. Handy park and trail maps in Adobe Acrobat PDF format can be found on the map page <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/pphtml/maps.html>. There is even a web page containing a [live webcam](#) along with meteorological and ozone data from Look Rock.

The homepage of Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area is <http://www.nps.gov/biso/index.htm>. Good park and trail maps in Acrobat PDF format can be viewed or downloaded from <http://www.nps.gov/biso/pphtml/maps.html>. Big South Fork also has its own online PDF newsletter, which can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/biso/paper02.pdf>, and it contains useful information about upcoming events, programs, news, and more.

If you're looking for information about national forests around the Smokies, a good place to start is an interactive map and list provided by the USDA Forest Service. The address of this page is http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/mapv1/xky_tn_va.html.

Last but not least, don't forget to check the weather. An excellent and fast loading site to visit is Intellicast, which has local forecasts, radar, satellite, and more. Intellicast's Knoxville forecast page can be found at <http://www.intellicast.com>.

Low Tech Tip

If you do any photography that takes you beyond a few steps away from your vehicle, you're going to need something in which to carry your gear. Now, you could go out and buy an overpriced camera bag or pack that screams to thieves and everyone else, "Hey, I've got a bunch of expensive photographic equipment here!" If you want to show off and maybe get ripped off, that's your choice. There is an alternative though.

Camera bag makers probably won't like to hear this, but there are many good backpacks and some day packs that can provide you the versatility of multiple storage compartments and better support for long hauls. Look for a sturdy one that fits you (*very important*) while thinking about all your gear and how you would stow it. If you're worried about impact from slips and falls, some foam padding will provide extra protection. Also, you can sew in additional dividers if you're handy with a needle and thread or know someone who is. – *Tobin S.*

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S.A.N.P. CALENDAR

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May 17 **SANP Spring Field Trip**
Asheville, NC Area, May 17-19

May 28 **SANP Monthly Meeting: Alan Heilman**
First United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.
Social Hour – 6:45-7:30 p.m.

June/July *No Regular Monthly Meetings or Newsletters*
Go shoot some pictures!

Aug 27 **SANP Monthly Meeting: Smoky Mtns Natl.**
Park Representatives & Club Slide Critique

Don't forget that the August meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.! Also, the social time before meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.