

SANP NOVEMBER 2006 NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2006

Time: Social time 6:30pm/Meeting 7:00pm

Dr. Bill Campbell is going to be our speaker this month. Bill has had a long association with SANP and has presented several times in the past. He will be presenting a program he presented at the NANPA summit last February:

The New Age of Panoramas: Digital Pans

Want to learn the fundamentals of creating a panorama in the age of digital capture? Bill Campbell will cover equipment, field technique, discuss management of images for pan construction and give hints on software for creation along with tips on printing. If you have ever longed for the wider (or longer) view of a panorama but didn't know quite how to achieve the look, come listen to one of the most popular presentations given at NANPA in Denver this past February. Bill will also have a display of Really Right Stuff equipment to demonstrate as well as numerous large pan prints.

BIO

Bill is a medical doctor by training and profession. Several years ago he also started pursuing nature photography as a second profession and has been very successful at it. He, along with Dr. Nye Simmons, wrote and published *The Smoky Mountains Photographer's Guide* (2003, Little River Publishing), which quickly became one of the best selling guides on the Smokies. His photography and writing is also seen quite often in *Outdoor Photographer* magazine. Bill embraced digital photography many years ago and is an expert on all its aspects.

2007 SALON CHAIRPERSON NEEDED!!!

Our annual SANP Salon is scheduled for February 2007. Currently we do not have a chairperson for this event. We are at a point that we **DESPERATELY NEED** a member to step forth as chairperson and take responsibility to make the 2007 Salon happen. We also need other members to volunteer for other duties required for the event.

For several years now the same members (for the most part) have been involved with bringing this event to fruition. They have done an excellent job, and there is a good template already in place for the logistics of the process. Some of these members are still willing to help in the same roles as they have in the past.

I would ask each member to consider helping with this matter. This has been an annual event since the early 1990's and we definitely want to continue this tradition without skipping years. If

you are willing to help, please contact Kendall Chiles at 363-1525 or 693-2448. Thank you.

2007 SALON RULES & REGISTRATION

In years past a copy of the 2007 Salon Rules & Regulations has been included in the November newsletter. This year the Rules & Regulations will be sent in a separate e-mail within the next two weeks. There have been no changes, except for the dates, from the 2006 Rules. The categories will also remain the same.

WILDERNESS WILDLIFE WEEK

The 17th annual Wilderness Wildlife Week in Pigeon Forge is scheduled for January 13 – 21, 2007. This is a great FREE event for any outdoor enthusiast. WWW offers many presentations, workshops, hikes, etc. by over 100 “experts” in their related fields dealing with outdoor pursuits and/or the Smokies. WWW is headquartered at the Music Road Hotel. Several SANP members are involved in this event each year, and there are other photography related presentations by other “experts”. If you have never been to WWW, you will not believe what you have been missing.

For more information call the Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism Special Events Office at 865-429-7350, or to see the complete itinerary go to: www.mypigeonforge.com/winterfest-06wwwclasslist.asp.

SANP Field Learning Event - Wildlife in Cades Cove

Saturday, December 2, 2006

Leader: Clay Thurston **Phone:** (865) 692-4068 **E-mail:** claythurston@bellsouth.net

Meeting place: Parking area at the entrance to the Cades Cove loop road

Time: 7:00 AM

Location description:

Cades Cove is the premier location for whitetail deer in late autumn. The rutting season is still underway, and there is excellent potential for photographing large bucks in their prime. Beautiful animals in a beautiful setting like Cades Cove are the makings of great photographs.

If weather conditions are right, landscape and scenic shots may be an exciting possibility, also. The roadways, fence lines, and isolated trees in Cades Cove make excellent compositional elements. A heavy frost or a little snow can transform the cove into a wonderland for photography.

Learning opportunities:

- How to respect wildlife while making photographs
- How to choose lenses and camera settings for wildlife photographs
- How to get the best lighting on your animal subject
- How to use your tripod or other camera support when animals are moving about
- How to get better shots by anticipating animal movements

Lenses in the medium to long telephoto range will be most useful for wildlife shots. Lenses of all focal lengths might be useful for landscapes and scenics. Frosty conditions offer good macro opportunities.

On a cold day, your camera and tripod can freeze your hands and make you miserable. Chemical hand warmers (e.g., HotHands) can turn the misery into fun again. Don't leave home without them.

Very little walking will be required for this trip. Most of the shooting will probably be near the road. Heavy dew or frost can soak your boots very quickly, so water-friendly foot gear is recommended. An extra pair of dry shoes and socks in the car might be helpful.

Driving directions:

From Maryville, take U.S. Hwy 321 (Lamar Alexander Parkway) to Townsend. At the Townsend traffic light, continue straight ahead into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. At the "Y" in the road, take the right fork to Cades Cove. Drive to the parking area near the gate at the entrance to the Cades Cove loop road.