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Staff Park Rangers to Discuss What's Happening in the Smokies

Two Staff Park Rangers from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP) — Kent Cave, Resource Education, and Dave Carney, Resource Education slide file manager — are the featured speakers at the SANP August meeting. Kent will talk about what's going on in the Smokies that is of interest to SANP members and will answer questions from members. Dave will tell us about the Resource Education slide file, which needs to be refreshed with new slides. The slide file is a resource for GSMNP personnel who choose images for Park publications and for campground presentations. Come to the meeting to learn how to contribute images to the Resource Education slide file. This is a great opportunity for SANP members to contribute to the Park and its visitors.

Following the presentation by Kent and Dave, SANP members Bob Epperson, Clay Thurston, and Kendall Chiles will critique slides and share with us how photography competition judges determine award-winning images. We hope this will help everyone improve their photography and encourage more entries in the February 2003 SANP photography competition. Each member attending the meeting may bring one to three 35mm slides to be critiqued (slides will be critiqued as time allows). Please ensure that your name is on each slide.

Member Photos To Be Displayed

Kevin Crow, with the help of several other members, has prepared 22 framed photographs made by SANP members. This display was prepared to show the East Tennessee community the beauty of the region and the talent of SANP photographers. The photos are now ready to display. Kevin has been busy with his new daughter and would like others in SANP to take over finding places to hang the display. Please contact Kevin (865.531.2114) if you can help and/or know of a place to hang the display.

Volunteers Needed for Club Tasks

Newsletter Editor: If you enjoy writing and have some skill in desktop publishing, volunteering to edit the SANP newsletter could be the job for you! An easy-to-use format is being developed to make this job easier. If you have an interest in this rewarding position, contact Ron McConathy, 865.376.3976, mcconathy@aronsha.com.

Salon 2003 Chair: The next salon is in February 2003, just about six months away. Past chairs have done an excellent job of organizing all the tasks that must be accomplished for a successful salon, which makes the Chair's job much simpler. If you enjoy working with other club volunteers, coordinating and keeping a schedule, and even doing a little gentle arm-twisting, this job is for you! Contact Brad Cottrell, last year's chair, at 865.691.3986 for more information.

Publicity Chairman: Advertising SANP meetings and events in the media is a way to attract new members and make the public aware of our organization. The Publicity Chairman contacts local newspapers, radio stations, etc., to publicize each meeting and special events. Joe Harper (865.457.6572) did a great job last year and can advise you of what is required. The person accepting this job should be able and willing to send emails and make telephone calls, and having access to a FAX machine would be a plus. The job takes about an hour each month. SANP will reimburse for expenses such as stamps and long distance phone calls.

Club News

Board Members Elected

Welcome to newly elected Board members: Jane Blankenship, Brad Cottrell, Mark Frankel, and Clay Thurston.

Welcome to New Club Members

Derrell Dover, Angela Montgomery, James & Jeanette Morgan, David Morris, and Donna Saravi.

Mark Your Calendars: Silliker Workshop

Mark your calendars to attend the SANP sponsored nature photography workshop presented by professional nature photographer Bill Silliker, Jr., on Saturday, November 16, 2002. His presentation will be unlike other workshops SANP has presented in the past. Please see the brochure included in this newsletter for details. We have worked hard to keep the cost down, so support SANP and **register soon!**

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Elected Board Members:

Jane Blankenship
 Brad Cottrell
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 Mark Frankel
 Ron McConathy
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 Clay Thurston
 Michael Whitaker
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The SANP Board meets monthly. If you have issues you would like the board to discuss, contact Ron McConathy, mcconathy@aronsha.com.

SANP News is published monthly except June and July to provide information to members. Articles or ideas from the membership are welcome.

Newsletter Deadline: First of each month. Send submissions to mcconathy@aronsha.com

SANP mailing address:
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August Newsletter First Issued Via Email

Based on survey results, this month marks the first month that the SANP Newsletter is being delivered primarily through email and on the web site (www.sanp.net). For members without email/web access, paper copies are being mailed. The Board hopes the cost savings seen as the result of reduced mailing fees can be used to offset costs of other club activities.

If you would like to receive the newsletter via email or the web site and have not so indicated, please notify Ron McConathy at mcconathy@aronsha.com.

2003 SANP Photo Contest Rules Change

The upcoming 2003 SANP photography competition dinner will be on Saturday evening, Feb. 22, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church. Contest categories are scenic, wildlife, plants, miscellaneous, and motion in nature. "Motion in nature" is defined as photos that capture or emphasize motion in nature. The Awards for Photographic Excellence have been eliminated.

The definitions of the photographer classifications have been changed, and each classification has more than one qualifying statement. **If one qualifying statement applies, then that classification should be chosen for the current year competition only** (that is, an entrant may be in a different classification from year to year).

Photographer I:

- Considers himself or herself to be a beginning photographer.
- Did not win a First, Second, or Third place award in the 2002 SANP Salon in any division.

Photographer II:

- Won a First, Second, or Third place award in the 2002 SANP Salon in one or more divisions.
- Frequently markets, submits for publication, or sells his or her photography. Is challenged by the aesthetic, compositional, and artistic side rather than the technical side of photography.

Prizes will be awarded within each photographer classification; therefore, the number of prizes will be about double that of previous years. We are hoping these changes will encourage more people to participate in the competition. A copy of the complete competition rules will be included in a future newsletter and posted on the website.

Coming Events

August 27 Meeting, 6:30, First United Methodist Church, Knoxville

Great Smoky Mountains National Park rangers Kent Cave, Resource Education, and Dave Carney, Resource Education slide file manager speak on what's happening in the Park of interest to SANP members. Slide critique follows (see article on page 1).

September 24 Meeting

Jerry Whaley shows his photography.

October 29 Meeting

Eddie Thompson of Thompson's Photo shows historic photographs and talks about photography in general.

November 16 Silliker Workshop

Details on location and time coming.

November 26 Meeting

Photographer Lynn Freeny shows his images.

Sign Up to Showcase Your Slides

Last year the Epperson's provided a Ektagraphic slide projector prior to each meeting for members to display their images. Participation waned during the spring. This year SANP members are invited to sign up to show 8-10 slides prior to a meeting. Three members can sign up for each meeting. A signup sheet will be provided at the August meeting for future meetings, or you can call Bob Epperson (865.577.7474).

Bob Epperson, Kendall Chiles and Clay Thurston will present their slides in August. Please consider signing up. This is a great way for others to see and understand your photographic passion.

New Membership List Coming

The annual SANP membership list will be published in October each year. People who have not paid their dues before October 1 will not be included in the list. Also, please keep your address, telephone, and email information updated during the year by using the website update feature (linked from the SANP home page at <http://www.sanp.net/>) or contacting Chris (865.588.3011).

SANP Swap Shop

The SANP Swap Shop is open to any member who wants to buy, sell or trade photographic equipment. Send your Swap Shop items to mconathy@aronsha.com and we'll post them here.

The President's Corner

— Ron McConathy

The SANP Board of Directors recently approved the following guidance document for publication of the SANP newsletter. If you have questions about this guidance, contact me (865.376.3976; mconathy@aronsha.com).

Newsletter Guidance Document

Purpose: The Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers (SANP) publishes a newsletter each month (except June and July) to provide information to its members. The newsletter is distributed free via mail and electronic media to SANP members prior to the monthly meeting.

Content: The content of the newsletter will abide by the limitations of the SANP Bylaws, Section 1.03, which states: (SANP)... shall not participate in, or intervene in, including the publication or distribution of statements, on behalf of or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. No substantial part of the activities of... (SANP)... shall be for the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation." Further, articles published in the newsletter shall refrain from promoting opinion on issues of right versus wrong that criticizes individuals or organizations. Information presented in the newsletter is intended to benefit SANP members in improving their photographic skills, to promote the ability of members to make photographs, and to present information about the SANP organization, its members, and its activities.

Examples of newsletter content include: meeting announcements, SANP officer/committee lists, members "Swap Shop" listings, photography technical and "how to" articles, future SANP events, sources of photography information, information about members, photography contest announcements and results, memberships issues, member submitted articles, field trip announcements, and SANP surveys. Articles may be submitted by members or written by the newsletter editor.

Publication: Newsletter content must be submitted to the designated "newsletter editor" by the 1st day of each month to be included in that month's newsletter. The newsletter is mailed and posted on the SANP web site at least seven days prior to the monthly SANP meeting. SANP will reimburse the newsletter editor for the cost of newsletter materials, postage, copying, and a reasonable proportion of computer expendables. The newsletter editor may be paid, with approval from the SANP Board, for the time it takes to publish the SANP newsletter.

Jurisdiction: The SANP Board of Directors is the final authority on the suitability of the SANP newsletter content and may delegate this responsibility. The Board approves this guidance document and may make changes to it by a majority vote of those present at a Board meeting.

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Southern Appalachian Nature Photographers is a nonprofit organization dedicated to "Sharing the Awareness of Nature through Photography." The club meets the last Tuesday of every month except June and July at the First United Methodist Church on Kingston Pike in Knoxville at 6:30 p.m. for social time and 7 for the program. Visitors are welcome!