

# **SANP OCTOBER 2013 NEWSLETTER**

## **MAY MONTHLY MEETING**

**Date:** **Monday, October 29, 2013**

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

Location: Goins Auditorium, Pellissippi State Technical Community College

For our program this month we will be presenting some of the most stunning images on the planet... YOURS! Once again we will be having a critique of images submitted by the membership. So each of you get to choose what will be included in the program. We will have a three-person panel of critics who will channel your "oohs" and "ahhs" into constructive feedback.

Each member may submit up to three(3) images. The judges will spend as much time as possible reviewing as many of the submissions as possible. Not all submissions will necessarily be critiqued, depending on the number of submissions and time. Judges will be giving honest, non-biased feedback. If you submit, please be open to hearing constructive criticism. Feedback will be as positive as possible.

**For simplicity, submissions must meet the following criteria to be shown:**

All submissions must be sent to Ron McConathy at [mcconathy@aronsha.com](mailto:mcconathy@aronsha.com).

Members may submit up to three (3) JPEG image files that are no bigger than 500 Kb. Each image submitted must include the members first initial and last name and a unique number (1,2, or 3). . . for example, *A\_Photographer-1.jpg* .

The images must be submitted and received prior to 11:59 pm on Friday, Oct 25, 2013. Images will be projected in a random order. The critique will continue until all the images are projected or time runs out. . . which ever happens first.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Membership dues for 2013-2014 were due May 1. You can renew your membership at the October 29 meeting or by mail. A membership form can be downloaded from the SANP website ([www.sanp.net](http://www.sanp.net)).

## **2014 SANP SALON**

The SANP Board has decided that the "special" category for the 2014 salon is "Captive Nature." The guidelines for this category are: Any living plants or animals on public display in a facility such as a zoo, arboretum, animal park, aquarium, museum, etc.

## **FIELD TRIP WITH OAK RIDGE CAMERA CLUB**

**Big Creek – Mouse Creek Falls – Midnight Hole Falls**

**Great Smoky Mountains NP**

**Saturday, October 19, 2013**

**Leader:** Ron Sentell **Phone:** 865-441-2937 (cell) **E-mail:** [ron@sentell.org](mailto:ron@sentell.org)

**Meeting place for carpooling:** Dick's Sporting Goods on Peters Road. Park in an area away from the building. Otherwise, meet in the Big Creek parking area at 8:00 AM. Check the hour by hour weather forecast for Newport, TN at <http://www.weather.com/weather/hourbyhour/graph/Newport+TN+USTN0363:1:US> prior to leaving home. If the forecast is for 20% or less between 8:00 am and 11:00 am, we will go; if more than 20%, we will not go.

**Time:** 6:30 AM at Dick's Sporting Goods OR 8:00 AM at Big Creek.

**Group size is not limited. No reservations required.** Contact Ron Sentell with any questions.

**Location description:**

Big Creek is one of the largest and most photogenic streams in the Smokies. A wide stream bed strewn with huge boulders will provide a wealth of opportunities for exciting photographs. Our ultimate destination is Mouse Creek Falls where a smaller side stream does a picturesque dance as it cascades over rocky ledges and drops into Big Creek. Hopefully, the fall colors will peak about this time. Along the way, we will pass Midnight Hole Falls, where a beautiful cascade plunges into a dark, deep pool. The large pool below the falls is a perfect place to capture colorful, swirling leaves in the water. There are countless other photo spots along the creek as well.

An overcast day would be ideal for this trip, but even if the sky is clear, leaving Knoxville at 6:30am will allow us enough time to work at both Mouse Creek Falls and Midnight Hole before harsh sunlight comes over the mountain.

**Learning opportunities:**

This is a good location to work on your technique for getting pleasing images of waterfalls and fast water.

- 1 How to meter for the best exposure
- 2 How to interpret the histogram for the best exposure.
- 3 What shutter speeds to use for the look you want
- 4 How to use polarizers and neutral density filters

Lenses of any focal length from 20mm to 200mm will be useful. Tripod is absolutely essential.

**Walking required:**

From the parking area, it is 1.6 miles up the Big Creek trail to Mouse Creek Falls. The trail has fairly smooth footing and is not steep. The hike is not difficult, but getting down a bank to the water may be difficult for people with knee problems.

**Driving directions:**

From Knoxville, drive east on I-40 to the Waterville exit #451. Take a left after the bridge on the road that heads up the right side of the river. At 1.4 miles from the exit, cross a bridge at the Progress Energy power station. At 1.7 miles, the road turns to gravel. Pass

Mountain Momma's on the left and come to a stop sign at 2.3 miles. Keep straight - the road ends at 3.2 miles in a parking circle and camping area. Just before entering the parking area, look to the right for the Big Creek Trail to the falls.

One-way driving distance and time: approx. 80 miles, 1 hour 30 minutes

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If the Federal Government is still shut down on Oct 19, this event will not take place in Big Creek. We do not know if the Oak Ridge Camera Club would choose an alternate location, or just cancel the event altogether.

### **FALL FOLIAGE INFORMATION**

If you are looking for current information about fall colors try The Foliage Network website, [www.foliagenetwork.com](http://www.foliagenetwork.com). This is a good website for fairly reliable information that is updated each Wednesday and Saturday during the fall color season. They have three regional reports: Northeast, Midwest, and Southeast. They also have previous years' reports archived for comparison. I have used this website for several years and found the information very helpful.

### **FUTURE 2013 MEETINGS**

November 26, 2013            Nye Simmons  
-- Remember NO monthly meeting in December --

### **SANP OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS**

Kendall Chiles	President	865-363-1525	<a href="mailto:kchiles@knology.net">kchiles@knology.net</a>
Steve Shackelford	Treasurer		
<b>Kris Light</b>	<b>Field Trips</b>		
Bob Turney	Field Trips		
Paul Hassell	Program Coordinator		
Allan Glazer	Membership		
Ron & Sharon McConathy	Website		

### **Elected Board Members**

2014  
Jim Ford, Jack Goodwin, Ron Sentell (Secretary)

2015  
Chuck Cole, Sharon Cottrell, Cheryl Sherrill

2016  
Lloyd Mineer, Holland Rowe, Wayne Setser