



Mile High Wildlife Photography Club

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Happy Birthday, MHWPC

by **Charlie Summers**

In October this year, the Mile High Wildlife Photo Club will celebrate its 30th birthday. On October 21, 1976 a core group of twelve individuals met to form the nucleus of the club. The twelve present were:

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| Joe Branney | Ray Richardson |
| Don Davis | Bob Rozinski |
| Willard Dean | Clayton Shuman |
| Joe Lange | Charlie Summers |
| Chuck Major | Vernon Tomppert |
| Dan Poleschook Jr. | Ed Winter |

Joe Branney, a prominent Englewood lawyer, wrote our "Articles of Association" which were adopted unanimously. The Articles of Association require our meetings to be run in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Revised. They also spell out a quorum is franchised to conduct business for the club, in our case, 20% of the active membership.

That initial meeting occurred in my house at 3123 E. Weaver Place in Littleton. We moved away long ago. Subsequent meetings were conducted once a month in the old Capitol Federal Savings and Loan building on South Broadway between Belleview and Arapahoe Roads.

Initially, the club did not have competitions but instead, critique sessions where the audience as well as the photographer participated. That core group that was in on the very first meeting when we decided to form and fund the club were hardcore wildlife guys. The club was initially tied in with PSA but migrated away from it over the years as PSA had less and less to offer and wanted more and more from the clubs.

For several years the club ran an annual competition with the Afrikaans Photographic Society. We never won that contest!

Our programs were not so much photography orientated as they were "where are they hiding" types. Some of our speakers included the large and small game managers from, at that time, The Department of Game and Fish. Others included the raptor specialist for Colorado, the predator control officer of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and whoever could steer us in the right direction to find subjects for our images.

We also had weekend field trips to selected areas, such as the sage grouse colony at Walden, CO. I also recall other field trips for Ptarmigan and Bighorn Sheep as well as club visits to Rocky Mountain National Park. We were a small Club then and it didn't take many vehicles to transport all our members to a designated destination. Of course, gas was a lot cheaper then too!

The Club has grown from that small nucleus of people to what you see today, a flourishing photographic group with a diversity of interests but with a common bond, photography. Long live Mile High Wildlife!

At The Last Meeting...

Ron Eberhart recommended that MHWPC get its own webpage rather than relying on the current Yahoo group. The Yahoo group severely limits what the club can do with the webpage.

Rita Summers volunteered to take over the nametag duties. Thanks, Rita.

MHWPC Webpage

The beginnings of a new club webpage are taking shape. This isn't simply a chat group, but a real, bona fide web site. You can see the

beginnings of our webpage at www.MHWPC.org. What you see so far is due to the efforts of members **James Hager** and **Anne Hughes** who volunteered their services when Ron suggested we create our own website. Take moment to check it out. If you have any suggestions for the webpage (layout, content, colors scheme, etc.) please forward them to [Ron Eberhart](mailto:Ron.Eberhart). And don't forget to thank James and Anne for this monumental accomplishment in such a short time.

November Meeting Change

Due to a scheduling conflict, our November 8 meeting will be held in the Great Hall at The Wildlife Experience.

Upcoming Programs

October—ICF Pro Tour Photo Contest

Gordon Illg will give us the inside scoop on the Illg's award winning efforts in Texas.

November—TBA

Of Interest

Lecture Series

The Wildlife Experience is offering a lecture series by John Fielder during November. John will present on a variety of topics on photography in Colorado each Wednesday night in November, from 7 to 9 PM in the IWERKS Theater.

- Wednesday, 1 November
How to Photograph
- Wednesday, 8 November
The Best of Colorado
- Wednesday, 15 November
Ecosystems of Colorado
- Wednesday, 29 November
Colorado: Then and Now

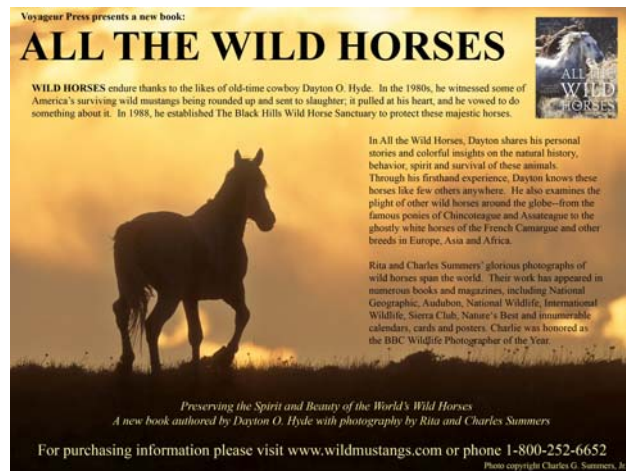
Individual Sessions: \$50 for Mile High Photo Club or TWE members, \$60 for non-members
Entire Series: \$150 for Mile High Photo Club or TWE members, \$180 for non-members
Tickets available at member's price only in advance at TWE (720) 488-3300.

There will be a [one-day training seminar](#) in Denver, October 19, 2006, to help you develop a better understanding of color management.

Braggin' Rights

James Hager has had three images selected as part of the NANPA Showcase 2007 competition. Two images were selected for the Showcase and will be featured in a multimedia presentation at the NANPA Summit, will appear on the NANPA website throughout 2007, and be in the NANPA print journal "Expressions." One other image was selected to appear in "Expressions" as well.

Charlie and Rita Summers will have copies of their newly published book, *All the Wild Horses*, available for purchase at the club meeting.



Position Available

Beginning in January 2007, the club needs a volunteer to maintain the club library. This is a simple task that involves checking materials in and out of the club library during break time at meetings.

TWE Exhibit

The winners of the club's TWE competition will be available for viewing at in the Community Gallery, October 7, 2006 – January 28, 2007.

Call for Papers

by **Matt Schaefer**

And Another One of My Favorite Places is...

For many of us, we each have favorite places which we have found to be full of rich photographic treasures. Most of us are also always looking for more such places to practice our vocation or avocation. This is a call for club members to share some information on your favorite places so that all of us can enjoy them, as well. This would become a regular column in the newsletter and would include location, special considerations, type of photographs available (flowers, landscapes, wildlife, etc.), and directions.

Since the purpose is report on places available for everyone, let's try to limit them to the continental U.S. for now. Maybe later, we can expand to "my favorite international places". Also, let's see if we can report on the out-of-the-way places not reported in every tourist and photo guide to the country. It doesn't have to be expensive or famous to a favorite place.

Some ideas to include in a report would be:

- why it is special
- state and county names, as well as other commonly used names for the area (i.e.: Blanco Basin, Archuleta County, Colorado)
- a couple of sample photos (these don't have to be competition quality, but should show some examples of what a person could expect to see there)
- a simple map, or links to Google Maps or Mapquest
- directions and distances to nearby towns including highway numbers and key turnoffs
- distance and time from Denver
- special considerations such as weather, road conditions, traffic, crowd reports, best time of day/year, special equipment to bring, fees, and what not to miss
- your name and POC information in case someone has additional questions

Please submit them to [Frank Weston](#) in the normal manner for inclusion in the newsletter. Hopefully, we'll have enough submissions to run one each month.

September Competition Results

Judge: Patrick Devereaux

Category: Digital

Wildlife - ? entries



1st Place

March of the Penguins

Rita Summers

2nd

Red Fox Fighting

Fi Rust

3rd

Avocet and Reflection

Russ Burden

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Coyote Hunting on Cold

Charlie

Morning

Summers

Open - ? entries

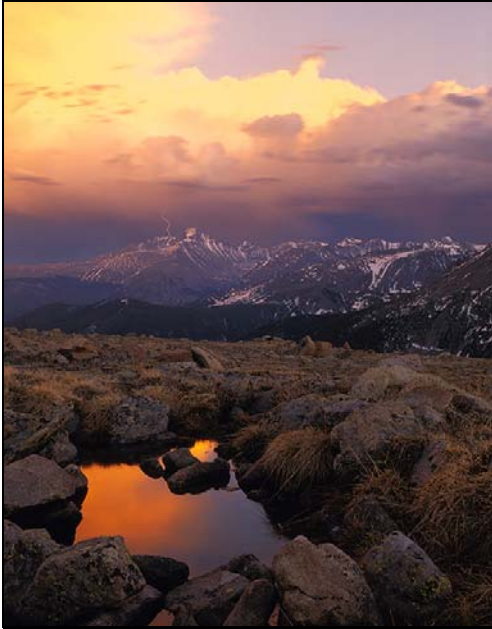


1st Place

Three Christmas Island Frigatebirds

Charlie Summers

Scenic - ? entries



1st Place

Thor's Hammer
Frank Weston

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| 2nd | Blue Columbine | Fi Rust |
| 3rd | Dallas Divide Fall | James Hager |
| HM | Rock Cut | Ron Chapman |

HoM Wildlife - ? entries



1st Place

Porcupine
Shannon Holmes

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| 2nd | Baby Raccoon | Shannon Holmes |
| 3rd | Polar Bear Drying Off | Russ Burden |

Club Field Trips

Listed below are tentative dates for club field trips.

- Wild Horse Foals, Black Hills—May 10-15, 2007. Contact [Charlie Summers](#), 303-840-3355 for more information.

Hospitality

Greeter(s):

Snacks: Donna Carr

Drinks/Ice: Chris Loffredo

Club Library

The club library contains books, videos, magazines and CDs about nature photography. Club members may check out one item for one month. Overdue fines of \$1.00 per month will be due on any item not returned the next month. Please be considerate of others who want to use the library resources! Do not check out an item unless you will return it at the next month's meeting. If you miss the next meeting, please contact **Kathy Lingo** to make arrangements to return the item to her. kathy@arch2000.net or (303) 733- 9844

Workshops and Seminars

Cathy & Gordon Illg – Workshops:
Adventure Photography 303 237-7086
gordon@advenphoto.com
www.advenphoto.com

- Texas Birds, October 10-15
- Bryce & Zion, November 5-10
- Arches & Canyonlands, November 12-17
- Bosque del Apache (Full Moon), December 3-8
- Death Valley/Alabama Hills, December 31 – January 6
- Beauty & the Beasts (Monarchs & Elephant Seals), January 8-13
- Winter Wildlife, February 6-9
- Southern Arizona, April 22–27
- Texas Birds, April 30 – May 5
- Louisiana/Texas Birds & Bayous, May 7–12
- Wild Horses, May 29 – June 2

- Mt. Evans/Alpine Adventure, June 12 –15
- Wildlife Babies, June 19 –22
- Glacier National Park, July 8 – 13

Russ Burden's Photography Tours
 Visit russburdenphotography.com. Contact
 Russ at 303 791-9997 or
rburden@ecentral.com

Destinations include:

- Oct. 21 - 26 2006 Hunts Mesa - in Monument Valley and two days in Capital Reef.
- Nov. 4 - 10 2006 Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks
- Dec. 3 -10 2006 Bosque Del Apache / White Sands Natl. Mon. with full moon
- Apr 21 - 27, 2007 - Monument Valley / Slot Canyons
- May 12 - 18, 2007 - Arches + Canyonlands National Parks – includes 5 days of Photoshop instruction with a certified Photoshop Instructor.
- May 26 - June 4, 2007 - Oregon Coast and Northern California - 10 day trip
- June 16 - 22, 2007 - Tetons and Yellowstone Natl. Parks in Spring
- Sept. 22-Oct. 1, 2007 - Tetons and Yellowstone Natl. Parks in Fall -10 day trip
- Oct. 6 - 12, 2007 - Vermont in Autumn
- Oct. 20 - 25, 2007 - Hunts Mesa in Monument Valley and Capital Reef NP.
- Nov. 3 - 9, 2007 - Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks
- Dec. 1 - 7, 2007 - Bosque Del Apache and White Sands Natl. Mon.

James Hager Photography - Small Group Photo Safaris, www.JamesHagerPhoto.com
James@JamesHagerPhoto.com

- Kenya in Oct 2006: Classic safari to Samburu and Masai Mara National Reserves - 15 days, Oct 7-21

- Tanzania in Feb 2007: Wildebeest birthing season in Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti NP- 15 days, Feb 3-17
- Primates in Feb 2007: Chimpanzees and gorillas in Tanzania and Rwanda - 11 days, Feb 17-27

Mile High Wildlife Photography Club

President: [Ron Eberhart](#)

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Vice-President: [Chris Loffredo](#)

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Secretary/Treasurer: [Patrick Devereaux](#)

303-683-7011

TEAM LEADERS

Monthly Programs: [Chuck Winter](#) 303-972-2538

Membership: *vacant*

Special Programs/Field Trips:

[Chuck Winter](#) 303-972-2538

Competition: [Russ Burden](#)

Competition Scoring: [Chris Loffredo](#)

Competition Entrees: [Matt Schaeffer/Fred Stearns](#)

Judging Coordinator: [David Terbush](#) 303-814-6969

Snacks/Greeters: [Roger Kinney](#) 303-369-6120

Publicity: [Buzz Soard](#) 303-779-9933

Library: [Lingo Family](#) 303-733-9844

Newsletter: [Frank Weston](#) 720-981-8087

Club Website: [James Hager](#)

<http://www.mhwpc.org>

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October Meeting

Wednesday October 11

7:00pm – 10:00pm

at

THE WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

10035 South Peoria

Competition: Prints/slides

Submittal Deadline: prior to meeting

September Attendance: 36
