

# Mile High Wildlife Photography Club

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## *“Ecosystems – Where the Wild Things Live !”*

### TWE 2010 Exhibitors Chosen

Our April club meeting was devoted entirely to the upcoming exhibit at The Wildlife Experience, “Ecosystems—Where The Wild Things Live!.” The night’s agenda was to vote on all the photographs submitted by the members, eventually determining the final 24 photographs to be included in the exhibit. Approximately forty different members submitted over 100 entries. The first round of voting chose the favorite entry from each member that submitted photographs. After the break, the second round of voting chose the 24 exhibit finalists from among the best of each member. A final round of voting chose the two ‘best of show’ photographs. The winning photographers and photographs are:



### *Best-Of-Show Image*

Title: *Humpback Whale*

Photographer: **Donna Carr**

Location: The Inside Passage, Alaska

### *Best-Of-Show Image*

Title: *Mountain Majesty*

Photographer: **Cathy Illg**

Location: The Inside Passage, Alaska

Description: Captive Mountain Lion looking towards the Absaroka Mountains in Montana





Title: *Oxbow Magic*

Photographer: **Bob West**

Location: Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming

Description: The clearing storm and the morning sun illuminating the aspens is what made this shot special along with the geese feeding in the foreground

Title: *Tundra Ecosystem*

Photographer: **Chuck Winter**

Location: Denali National Park, Alaska

Description: Tundra plants and caribou are icons of the Denali ecosystem



Title: *Baobab with Peeking Giraffe*

Photographer: **Rita Summers**

Location: Tarangire, Tanzania

Title: *Penguin Diving Off Iceberg*

Photographer: **Charlie Summers**

Location: Pleneau Bay, Antarctica

Description: Gentoo Penguin





Title: *Fall Color in Denali National Park*

Photographer: **Fi Rust**

Location: Denali National Park, Alaska

Description: This is one of many images that I made from near my campsite at Wonder Lake. What a great view to wake up to or to end the day! I rally like all the different layers and colors in this image, ending in the distance with the beautiful mountain range and clouds.

Title: *Like Father, Like Son*

Photographer: **Richard Seeley**

Location: Baxter State Park, Millinocket, Maine

Description: We had to get up at 4AM, drive to the gate at Baxter State Park, and get in line for the 5AM opening. It took about 30 minutes to get processed through the gate, then an 8 mile drive on a dirt road to a campground near the pond, followed by a 20 minute hike with all my gear to a viewpoint on Sandy Stream Pond. Fortunately, we had good weather, beautiful fall foliage, lots of moose, and, of course, lots of photographers. It was a good day.



Title: *Hippo Pool*

Photographer: **Chauncey Walden**

Location: Khwai River Tribal Area, Botswana

Description: At sunset, a hippo displays it's readiness to leave it's pool and begin it's nightly foraging.





Title: *Coyote in Habitat*

Photographer: **Hannah Rhodes**

Location: Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado

Title: *Polar Bear*

Photographer: **Mary Paetow**

Location: Hudson Bay, Manitoba, Canada



Title: *Line of African Elephants*

Photographer: **James Hager**

Location: Samburu National Reserve, Kenya



Title: *Polar Life*

Photographer: **Chris Loffredo**





Title: *Carpet of Flowers*

Photographer: **Sharon Heidebrecht**

Location: Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Wilderness, Montana

Description: Flowers cover a prairie in a mountain valley where swans were reestablished after near extinction

Title: *Watching the Show*

Photographer: **Gordon Illg**

Location: Lake Clark National Park, Alaska

Description: Coastal grizzly watching sand hill cranes in a courtship dance



Title: *Washington Coast Sunset*

Photographer: **Michael Heidebrecht**

Location: Near Rialto Beach, Olympic National Park, Washington

Description: Sun was setting behind an island at the mouth of the Quillayute River where the river empties into the Pacific Ocean.



Title: *Muddy Paws*

Photographer: **Lara Hardesty**

Location: Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Description: After early season wet snow in October, a prairie dog was digging for food





Title: *Snowy Egret in Wildflowers*

Photographer: **Jan Forseth**

Location: San Jacinto Wildlife Area, California

Description: A snowy egret (*Egretta thula*) makes its way through a flooded field of wildflowers known as Goldfields (*Lasthenia Californica*). Taken after one of the wettest winters on record at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area of California

Title: *Bison in Winter*

Photographer: **Brenda Fletcher**

Location: Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming

Description: Bison forage in Yellowstone National Park near the warm waters of the rivers that flow through the park



Title: *Chilkat River*

Photographer: **Sam Fletcher**

Location: North of Haines, Alaska

Description: The largest gathering of Bald Eagles in North America in October/November takes place approximately 10 miles north of where the picture was taken

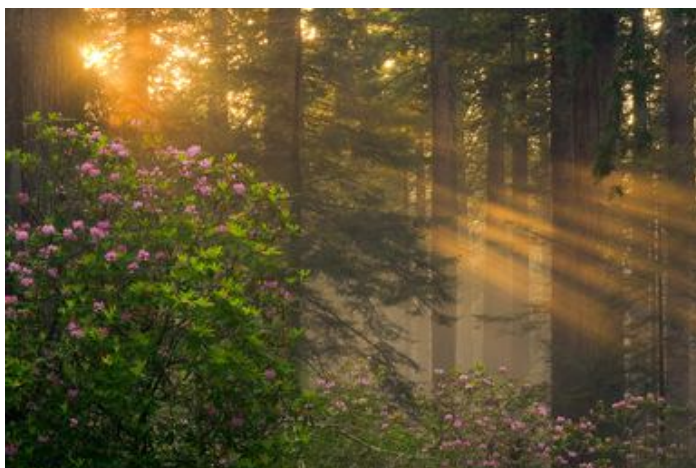


Title: *Redwood in the Fog*

Photographer: **Ronald Eberhart**

Location: Redwoods National Park, California

Description: The ecosystem of Redwoods National Park preserves a number of threatened animal species such as the Brown Pelican, Tidewater Govby, Balk Eagle, Chinook Salmon, Northern Spotted Owl, and Stellar's Sea Lion.





Title: *Mystery Valley Cloud Pool*  
Photographer: **Patrick Devereaux**  
Location: Monument Valley, Arizona

Title: *Bull Moose Under Grand Teton*  
Photographer: **Russ Burden**  
Location: Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming  
Description: We were just about ready to pack it in when I heard a snorting sound and breaking branches. The sound kept getting closer and all of a sudden the bull came out from the clearing and passed under the Grand in just the right spot. The whole event lasted 14 seconds.



Title: *Mountain Gorilla Family*  
Photographer: **Carolyn Derrington-Tate**  
Location: Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda



Description: Seven members of a mountain gorilla family are grooming and relaxing together

*A NOTE TO THE WINNING PHOTOGRAPHERS:* Competition images have been selected and turned in to Denver Digital. Please remember to send your captions to Chuck Winter and send Patrick Devereaux the \$20 cost for the plaque mounts. Thank you.

## ***Introducing our August Speaker, Jim Steinberg***

We are excited to share with the Mile High Wildlife Photo Club. Celebrating 35 years in business, Jim Steinberg, publisher & photographer, has enjoyed living in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, since 1975. His gallery, The Portfolio Collection, is home to Jim's extensive collection of fine art nature photography, calendars & travel books. A quaint log cabin, built in 1947, is home to both The Jim Steinberg Photography and Portfolio Publications, and is located on Oak Street on the banks of Soda Creek in historic downtown Steamboat Springs.

2009 & 2010 were exciting, busy years for Jim: Colorado Scenic Byways; Taking the Other Road won awards from ForeWord Magazine for Travel Book of the Year, and The Colorado Center for the book honored Jim with the Colorado Book Award, best pictorial book of 2009. Photos from the book were featured at The Art Depot in Steamboat Springs and The Byers Evans Museum in Denver, DIA & The Capitol. The Colorado Historical Society paired up with Jim and offered copies of Colorado Scenic Byways as their book of the year. The Nature Conservancy commissioned Jim to photograph some of Colorado's hardworking locals for the "Colorado Is My Place" campaign. Most recently Jim packed up Ole' Yeller, his 1980 Volvo and traveled over 8500 miles photographing truck drivers, their rigs and the roads they travel for the backdrops for the world premiere of Mama Hated Diesels at the Denver Center Theatre.

Jim continues to teach photography workshops both with Friends of Arizona Highways and through Jim Steinberg Photography. To learn about Jim's upcoming schedule visit [coloradoscenicbyways.com](http://www.coloradoscenicbyways.com) (<http://www.coloradoscenicbyways.com/>) and select the workshop tab.

Steinberg's latest book, Colorado Scenic Byways; Taking the Other Road, a dazzling two volume set, includes more than 250 photographs and the Atlas and Guide is filled with everything you need to know about Colorado's spectacular scenic byway system. Author Susan J. Tweit's essays give voice to Jim's evocative photographs, telling the stories of the geology, wildflowers, wildlife, and people who inhabit these uniquely Colorado places. CSB is given to foreign dignitaries as a state gift by the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade.

Join Jim Steinberg & Susan J. Tweit for a lecture and book-signing at the [Sangre de Cristo Art Museum](#) following the summer show Roads N' Rides May 15-June 21, featuring 7 exhibits celebrating Colorado's Roads and the Rods we choose to travel them in.

*Jim next to his 1980 Volvo. Ole' Yeller has been his companion for over 560,000 miles of photographing Colorado and beyond.*



***Jim Steinberg Photography, 888-879-3718, POB 771192, 1016 Oak St, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487***



## Upcoming Programs

**May** Our May meeting will feature a presentation of Wildlife Photography by Weldon Lee.

**June** Our June meeting will be a program describing the Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center. See <http://www.wolfeducation.org/> for more information.

**July** The MHWPC will have it's Annual Club Picnic starting at 6:00PM. After the picnic we will move to the auditorium where Dale Fenimore will present a short multimedia program before we begin the regular monthly competition.

**August** This month will feature a presentation by Jim Steinberg, a professional photographer from Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The program will be on Colorado Scenic Byways. See the previous page's article for more information.

**September** Our September meeting will feature a program on photo opportunities by Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges. Also scheduled: IGINW - "I Got It! Now What!", a program on web based sources for greeting cards, calendars, and photo books.

**October** This month will feature a program on Iceland by Steve Goodman.

**November** Our November meeting will feature a presentation by Gordon and Cathy Illg on taking great bird photographs.

**December** The program is TBD.



## Hospitality for the May Meeting

**Joe & Betsy Lamb** - Cookies/Snacks

**Carolyn Derrington-Tate** - Beverages

## Meeting Snacks Volunteers Needed!

As was mentioned said at the last meeting, we need snack and beverage volunteers for the rest of 2010. Be sure to consider being an alternate, as that is the safety valve that lets people take the risk of signing up several months ahead of time. If you are willing to volunteer, here's what to do:

- 1) Log on to the MHWPC website.
- 2) Click on "Members" in the middle of the bar below the club name and picture. "Snacks" is on the bottom of the menu that descends.
- 3) Click on Snacks.
- 4) Find the date and item you wish to provide (snack or beverage) and click on Open, Sign Up.
- 5) Your name will magically appear where you wanted it. (Isn't James Hager, our webmaster, truly amazing?)

YOU CAN CHECK ANYTIME TO SEE WHEN AND WHICH ITEM YOU AGREED TO PROVIDE by logging back in to the MHWPC website. Also, an email reminder will arrive a few days before the meeting, so you don't have to worry about forgetting to bring the item when your month rolls around. You will be asked to reply to the reminder email so I know you're in town and planning to follow through.

IF YOU NEED TO CHANGE YOUR COMMITMENT, you can click on your name to remove it from the list. Removing your name will trigger an effort to fill your spot. If it's really close to the meeting, you might want to call or email me directly—Nancy Stocker

EDITORS NOTE: As of the publishing date of this newsletter, volunteers are needed for June, August, September, October, and November. One additional alternative slot is still waiting to be filled as well.

## Mile High Travels and Tag Along Trips

A couple of club members, including Chris Frazier, are planning on a sunrise excursion to the Pawnee Buttes on Saturday, June 5th. If interested in coming along, please call 303-356-2399.

Chuck Winter will be making a trip to Mount Evans on June 12th. This should be prime time for Mountain Goats and kids. If interested in getting information on Mount Evans, please contact Chuck Winter.

If there is sufficient member interest, we are considering having a field trip to The Wildlife Sanctuary near Hudson, Colorado. Please contact Chuck Winter at the May meeting or using the information below if interested in this possible field trip.

Invite your fellow club members on your next photo excursion! All you need is to provide is WHO – WHAT – WHERE – WHEN!

Anyone interested in Mile High Travels or Tag-Along Trips can contact Chuck Winter.(303)972-2538, [cwinter80127@gmail.com](mailto:cwinter80127@gmail.com), or, [cwinter@mii-rmcc.com](mailto:cwinter@mii-rmcc.com). Future trips can also be submitted to the newsletter for inclusion in the next edition. For short -notice trips, consider posting a blog on the club website!

**SHARE THE FUN—JOIN THE FUN—ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE**



**Gordon and Cathy Illg** have the cover of this month's issue of "Texas Parks & Wildlife".

Congratulations, Gordon & Cathy!

## Newsletter Editor Help Wanted!

The club newsletter is now being done by one person instead of the previous two-person team. If any club member has an interest in participating in the newsletter—especially if your interest is more on the writing side than the Microsoft Publisher side—please let me know.

Another way you can help make our newsletter complete is by volunteering to write a main article, or even a shorter article. Detailed articles on great photography destinations (with your photographs to publish as well), articles describing camera or software techniques—anything of general interest to our club membership—is welcome. If interested in participating, or to submit articles, please email Chris Frazier at [newsletter@mhwp.org](mailto:newsletter@mhwp.org).

## Photo Opportunities Of Interest

### Adobe Photoshop CS5 IS RELEASED!

All PSA (Photographic Society of America) members are eligible to receive 15% discount.

Go to PSA website; [www.psa-photo.org](http://www.psa-photo.org).

Click PSA Membership on the right.

Click on Member Login.

Login.

This will bring you to "PSA Members Only" page.

Click on "Adobe Software-15% Discount".

Here you will find a special link to Adobe, a validation number and a code.

*If you are upgrading your version of Photoshop you will save \$29.85. This is more than half of the PSA membership fee.*

*JOIN NOW! If you wish to become a member go to [www.psa-photo.org](http://www.psa-photo.org).*

THE WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE has two upcoming fundraiser events that club members may want to consider. The Wildlife Cup will be held July 26, at the ever impressive Sanctuary Golf Course, this 27 hole tournament is one of a kind. The Boa Ball, will be held on October 9th, 2010, featuring a Cirque Nouveau theme, live & silent auction, entertainment and dinner. Together with these events TWE hopes to raise over \$300,000 to help further the mission to instill respect for habitat and wildlife and inspire efforts to conserve for generations to come, through educational, interactive and entertaining experiences.

## Member Workshops and Tours:

### Cathy & Gordon Illg – Workshops:

The Illg's can be contacted at:

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[www.advenphoto.com](http://www.advenphoto.com)

### 2010 Schedule includes:

- ◇ Ecuador: Galapagos National Park, May 17 - 27
- ◇ Colorado: Alpine Adventure, Mt. Evans, June 12 - 15
- ◇ Minnesota: Wildlife Babies, June 17 - 20
- ◇ Colorado: Rocky Mountain High, July 18 - 23
- ◇ South Dakota: Badlands National Park, September 19 - 24
- ◇ Colorado: Colorado Color, September 26 - October 1
- ◇ Minnesota: Fall Wildlife, October 2010
- ◇ Costa Rica: The Cloud Forest, November 8 - 17
- ◇ Utah: Arches & Canyonlands National Parks, December 12 - 17

Coming in 2011—

Switzerland , Berner Oberland

New Zealand

We are offering our NANPA discount to all club members also – \$50.00 discount on less than 5 day tours and \$75.00 discount on all other domestic tours.



## Rob Palmer Photography Workshops

Rob Palmer is a full time professional wildlife photographer and leads workshops a few times each year. Rob will be leading a workshop to the Pawnee National Grasslands from May 21-23, 2010. The Pawnee National Grasslands, located in NE Colorado, is a beautiful area to visit in late spring. Besides wonderful landscapes and flowers, wildlife is everywhere if you take the time to look. Many prairie birds including; Burrowing Owls, Great Horned Owls, Golden Eagles, Prairie Falcons, Swainsons Hawks, Horned Larks and many migratory songbirds. The grasslands are home to the elusive Swift Fox and we have found them every year. For more information please visit [www.falconphotos.com](http://www.falconphotos.com) or email Mr. Palmer at [rob@falconphotos.com](mailto:rob@falconphotos.com).

## James Hager Photography - Small Group Photo Safaris

Visit [www.JamesHagerPhoto.com](http://www.JamesHagerPhoto.com), or email [James@JamesHagerPhoto.com](mailto:James@JamesHagerPhoto.com)

Bats in Aug 2010: photograph bats in flight in a controlled setting, Arizona, Aug 25-29, 2010

Tanzania in Feb 2011: 15 days of African wildlife during the wildebeest birthing season; Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park, Feb 5-19, 2011

Gorillas in Feb 2011: 5 days of photographing mountain gorillas in Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda, Feb 19-26, 2011

## Digital Study Meeting

Our May meeting will feature Bob Cross and Robert Kinney with a presentation—"The Best of Photoshop User Tips".

All paid members are encouraged to attend the digital study meetings. The meetings start at 7:15 PM, normally on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Enter through the main entrance, not the doors used for accessing the theater. Bring a notebook and writing implement to take your notes! These meetings are a great opportunity to learn something new every month.

## Member Workshops and Tours (continued):

### Russ Burden's Photography Tours:

Visit [www.russburdenphotography.com](http://www.russburdenphotography.com). Or  
Contact Russ at 303-791-9997,  
[rburden@ecentral.com](mailto:rburden@ecentral.com)

#### 2010 Destinations include:

- ◇ May 22 - May 31, 2010 Oregon Coast, Northern California and the Redwoods - 10 day trip
- ◇ June 12 - 18, 2010 Tetons and Yellowstone National Parks in Spring
- ◇ Sept 24 - Oct 3, 2010 Tetons and Yellowstone National Parks in Fall - 10 days
- ◇ Oct. 19 - 24, 2010 Hunts Mesa - Aerial perspective of Monument Valley includes TWO days in Capital Reef National Park.
- ◇ Nov. 2 - 8, 2010 Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks—Fall Colors
- ◇ Dec. 1 –7, 2010 Bosque Del Apache & White Sands National Monument.

## Recent Speaker Workshops:

Glenn Randall will be teaching landscape photography workshops from August 20 (evening) to August 22, 2010, and from August 27 (evening) to August 29, 2010 in Rocky Mountain National Park. These workshops are not sequential; the contents of each weekend-long workshop will be identical. These workshops will be based at the Rocky Mountain Nature Association's Field Seminar Center. The \$200 workshop fee does not include meals or lodging. For more information, visit the [Rocky Mountain Nature Association](http://www.rockymountainnature.org) website.

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### May Meeting

Wednesday, May 12th

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

at

### THE WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

10035 South Peoria

Competition: Wildlife, Scenic, & Wildlife CC

April Attendance: Approximately 63

### May Digital Training Meeting

Wednesday, April 26th

7:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Please send your articles and input to

[newsletter@mhwpc.org](mailto:newsletter@mhwpc.org).