

ROCKY MOUNTAIN OUTDOORS

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2010 Contest

Best of Show

Photography

Beto Gutierrez (Category 4, fauna)
Morning Visitor

Writing

Mary Peachin (Category 25,
magazine article) "Mexican Mixed
Bag" Sport Fishing Magazine,
January 2009

Maryann Gaug (Category 22, books)
"Best Hikes Near Denver and
Boulder, A Falcon Guide," 2010



"Morning Visitor"

© Beto Gutierrez

See pages 8-13 for all
the winners of this year's
photography and writing
contest.

For highlights of the 2010
conference, see pages 2-4.

Next Stop: Capitol Reef National Park

It's back to southern Utah for the 2011 conference of Rocky Mountain Outdoor Writers & Photographers. The conference is scheduled **June 8-12** at Capitol Reef National Park, with headquarters just outside the park in Torrey, Utah. Capitol Reef (www.nps.gov/care) offers a good mix of attractions, including beautiful multi-colored rocks, geologic wonders, and prehistoric and historic sites ranging from petroglyphs from the Fremont period to an historic one-room schoolhouse and rugged hideouts reportedly used by outlaw Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch.

Lighting in Capitol Reef is good in the morning (sunrise around 6:00am in early June), lousy at midday, and terrific in late afternoon and evening (sunset about 8:45pm), so we are leaving most early mornings and late afternoons and evenings for exploring the park. As at the Yellowstone conference, Jack Olson will be getting there early to check **trail conditions** and prepare handouts with the latest information on where to go and when.

A **tentative schedule** of conference activities will be found on the last page of this newsletter, but a few items could do with a bit of explanation.

We have scheduled **guided photo tours** into two of the most scenic but less accessible areas of the park and surrounding areas - Cathedral Valley and Burr Trail - with a well-respected local outfitter (Hondoo Rivers & Trails, www.hondoo.com). However, because of National Park Service requirements for no more than a dozen people including guides on commercial backcountry trips, we are limiting the number of participants to ten per trip and spreading the trips over several days.

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Yellowstone Wrap-up

Old Faithful erupted right on schedule and bison, bear, elk, and their associates in the animal kingdom posed handsomely, as over 50 lovers of the great outdoors gathered in Yellowstone National Park for RMOWP's 37th annual conference. The early September weather was perfect - especially for those who enjoy a bit of rain and snow with their sunshine - and participants came away with great photos and possibly greater memories.



Old Faithful

© Jon Sheppard

There were ten people attending their first conference, and attendees came from 13 states.

Conference highlights included early morning photo shoots with internationally-known photographer Tom Ulrich, who also presented a fine show of his work, with numerous anecdotes about how he got those shots, plus a workshop on how to create a digital photo presentation using ProShow Gold software. A drawing for a free copy of ProShow Gold, donated by the company, was won by Buellah Bishop.

Geologist Trobe Gross provided some insights into volcanic activity around the world and right under our feet in Yellowstone; the writers' critique, led by Kenita Gibbins, included readings by Kenita, Cecilia Travis and Richard Holmes, with comments from the participants

and spectators; and photographer/videographer Al Perry showed us how he likes to get up-close and personal with the polar bears of Alaska.

A panel discussion on the business of outdoor writing and photography became a truth game, as RMOWP members Richard Youngblood, Jon Sheppard, Dave Pecoraro, Jack Olson, Terry Guthrie, and Don Laine spoke candidly about how changing times and technology have affected the way they go about trying to make a buck, and what works and what doesn't.

Conditions and timing were perfect for Jack Olson's Saturday sunrise photo



One boat load of RMOWPers -- Barb B., Richard Y., Richard H., Russ B., is that Lynda hiding under that hood?, & Tom C.

The pre-conference boat trips on Lake Yellowstone Wednesday morning were enjoyed by all who went.

(2 photos © Kathy Turner)



And another boat load -- George G., Sherry Z., Frank Z., boat pilot, Kenita G., Maryann G.



Barb & Don Laine chatting with first time attendee Jan Kelly



Maryann Gaug & Jack Olson sharing ideas about hikes.



visiting before a workshop

Meetings and the banquet took place in the Snow Lodge meeting room.

(5 photos © Fred Lord)



Newlyweds Rick & Debi Lesquier receiving the congratulatory card from President Tom Cummings



whiling away the time before the general membership meeting

shoot, and there were ample opportunities to explore the scenic drives and trails of this huge national park. Those who opted for the boat trip on Yellowstone Lake - at least those in the boats that didn't break down - got some unique perspectives on the park's attractions.

In addition, we saw some wonderful photography in contest submissions, the photo critique, and the showcase of selected members' photography.

The annual auction raised over \$1,500 for the RMOWP scholarship fund, and as usual, the conference concluded with a banquet and awards ceremony. But this year there was something else - a special recognition of Rick and Debbie Lesquier, who had recently married and were including the conference in their honeymoon; plus, with only a little prodding, Jack Wendleton shared his story about the best photo he ever shot at Yellowstone: one he took 49 years ago of the prettiest girl he'd ever seen. We swear there was a tear in Pat Wendleton's eye as Jack told of their meeting.

Jim Baker Receives Spark Plug Award

Long-time member and former president Jim Baker received the Spark Plug Award at this year's annual conference in Yellowstone National Park. The Spark Plug - an engraved plaque with a spark plug attached - is presented periodically, by vote of the Past Presidents' Council, to an individual who has gone above and beyond to keep RMOWP running strong. In presenting the award, Barb Laine described Jim as a long-time member who not only does whatever is asked of him but also offers a helping hand whenever he sees a need.



Jim Baker demonstrates the Dance of the Auctioneer

© Don Laine



Fred Lord



Ryan Weishalla

New board members

photos © Jack Olson



Lineup of silly shirts - Kenita G., Kathy T., Jack O., Buellah B., Sherry Z., Ron H., Ryan W., winner Rick L., & Mark C.



The winning shirt

© Don Laine

A funny shirt contest brought out the best - and sometimes worst - of attendees' humorous sides. The first place Big Weiner Award (a plastic hot dog mounted on an engraved stand) went to Rick Lesquier, whose shirt back displayed a photo of an angler confronting a large bear with a fish in its mouth above the statement, "Determination: The feeling you get right before you try to do something incredibly stupid." Second place, the Rubber Ducky Award (yep, you guessed it - a rubber ducky on an engraved stand) was won by Ron Heyes, whose shirt bore the message, "Nothing right in my left brain, nothing left in my right brain."

Sunrise Surprise

Story & photo by Jack Olson

You'll be getting a full report elsewhere on our wonderful conference in Yellowstone National Park. I say "wonderful" expressing an opinion, but think many others who attended will share the feeling. But I'd like to discuss a magical three minutes which preceded the annual sunrise photo shoot. Those who were there know where this is going.

We were to meet at 6:15am near Old Faithful, since everyone could find the place, even in the dark. And it was dark, with just a slightly lighter horizon making it clear which direction was east. The time was chosen so that we could hike up to Geyser Hill, photograph the thermal features in abundance, and catch Old Faithful erupting at some time. We didn't know when that would be since the park makes no predictions overnight. No one was out there but our little group.

We could see well enough to recognize each other and whispered chilly hellos. It was 6:15, time to round ourselves up and head for Geyser Hill. And right then, on the stroke of 6:15, it happened. BOOM! WHOOSH! Right before our gaping eyes, Old Faithful blew its top.

We were laughing, hollering, running. At least two of our group, named Kathy and Ryan, had their cameras on tripods, right near the spouting geyser. Did they sense something we didn't? Darkness was losing a bit of its bite and we had front and center seats for one of nature's grandest spectacles. None of us will ever be so jaded as to forget what we experienced that early morning.

But geysers rise and geysers fall. Soon it was time to skate our way on the frosty boardwalk toward Geyser Hill. It grew lighter and we scattered on the loop trail. With no one else up there, we could admire and photograph our own private pool or spring. Some unpredicted geysers spouting explosively gave us an unexpected thrill.

Slowly the sunrise painted the hills to the west, while Geyser Hill features remained in the shadow of the eastern ridge. But, like salmon to the spawning waters, our group gravitated to the trail that overlooked Old Faithful. It had to be soon. Almost on cue it erupted, sending clouds of steam into the sunlight, while the base remained in shadow.

Oldtimers will inscribe this experience on the short list of unforgettable moments at RMOWP conferences. Newcomers will start their list with this one.



Jack Wendleton on the Geyser Hill trail during Saturday's sunrise photo shoot

Member News

RMOWP members who will be in the Denver area November 19th may want to stop by the Denver Art Museum, according to RMOWP member **Kenita Gibbins**. A docent at the museum, Kenita says that she has photos in a craft sale that is being organized by museum staff and volunteers.

The museum is at 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway in Denver, with the entrance on 13th Avenue between Broadway and Bannock, and the craft sale takes place Friday, November 19th, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm.

You do not have to be a member of the museum or pay an entrance fee to see the show and sale, but you will need a ticket to visit the collections.

"I would love for you to see my photographs," Kenita says, "I'm trying some new approaches this year."

Supporting Member News

If it's a nasty, challenging, or adventurous job that involves fishing, there's a good chance it will be coming to a TV near you soon. The **World Fishing Network** (www.wfn.tv), North America's only 24-hour fishing network, debuted *Reel Fishy Jobs with Mark Melnyk* on Thursday, November 4.

The series offers a new show each Thursday evening

(at 7:30pm ET) for ten weeks, providing viewers an inside look at what fishing for a living and fishing-related jobs can be like. The first program had Melnyk catching anchovies, making chum, and putting it to the test as he fly-fishes for the deadly and predatory Mako shark.

The World Fishing Network, which celebrates its fifth anniversary in December, is available via cable and satellite throughout North America.



Stumped for a gift for your favorite angler, hunter, camper, hiker, or other outdoor enthusiast? Check out the online **Coleman** Holiday Gift Guide at www.coleman.com.

The gift guide offers a wide range of gift selections, ranging from stocking stuffers such as a digital compass or tailgater flask, to a portable fireplace/grill combination and some very attractive tents. There is a wide variety of the famous Coleman lanterns, and some unusual products such as the portable beach shade.

Gift suggestions are broken down into price categories, from under \$20 to \$150 and up, plus the stocking stuffer group. Coleman also offers gift cards in \$10, \$25, and \$50 amounts that can be used to purchase items in its online store.

An open letter to RMOWPers from **Angelo Sciulli**

Yellowstone is one of my favorite places to for photography and regretted not being there with y'all. In addition, I received two cards complete with thoughtful sayings from the conference participants. In the spirit of reciprocation, allow me to make some comments to my more favorite targets:

- ▶ Tom (both), what can I say about folks named after a male turkey?
- ▶ Kathy, there is not an ounce of truth in the rumor that my caption for the photo of me pulling my pullover over my head was: "Kathy, if you were an Indian your name would be "Windbreaker". Don't believe it.
- ▶ Beto, I was sad to learn that you didn't make the conference either. You really need to stop competing with me!
- ▶ Jack, I can honestly say I missed picking on you. Not to worry, I will double up next time.
- ▶ Maryann, let me reiterate I want a nubile redhead with long legs to take me to the Utah conference. Preferably with an IQ a little higher than the Barbie doll you suggested.
- ▶ John, I was wanting to ask you for some help with bull bison pictures.
- ▶ Don, I wish you a long life so you can attend Barb's canonization as a saint.
- ▶ Linda, did Frank ask you for a signed copy of your "business" photo (in the contest) for me? I look forward to a rematch of our lip wrasslin' contest!

Finally, I hope to find a redhead to take me to Utah next year. There are a lot of fantastic places for photography in the area. The last time I was in southern Utah, we stayed at

a Best Western in Torrey and met a descendant of Butch Cassidy. Apparently he slept in more places than George Washington. I look forward to a return visit.

Angelo

NOTICE!

Contest details will be posted to the website as soon as they become available. And will be included in the next newsletter. Entry deadline is March 25

Buck Knives & Remington Donate to Conference

Thanks to Buck Knives and Remington there were some fantastic items for the auction and a special photography award at the Yellowstone conference.

Buck, a former RMOWP Supporting Member, donated several engraved knives which were included in the auction, with all money raised used for the RMOWP scholarship program. Buck also donated a knife as an award for the Members' Choice Photography Best of Show, which was won by Ron Heyes (you can see Ron's award-winning photo on the cover of the new RMOWP Membership Directory, included with this newsletter mailing).



Remington, part of the Freedom Group Family of Companies, once again gave a big boost to the auction with the donation of a shotgun and a case of ammunition. This year's donation was a Remington Model 887 Nitro Mag Camo 12 gauge. Remington is a longtime supporting member of RMOWP. In addition to Remington, the Freedom Group of Companies includes Marlin, Harrington & Richardson, New England Firearms, LC Smith, Parker, and Bushmaster brands.

For additional information on Buck Knives, see the company's website, www.buckknives.com; and for information on Remington firearms, see www.remington.com.

WeLoveBirds.org Announces Wild Bird Photo Contest

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology have announced a wild bird photo contest.

Anyone can join the free online community at www.WeLoveBirds.org and submit one original photograph. Deadline is November 24, and site members will vote for their favorite photographs the following week.

Winning photos will be featured on the site and the top winner will receive a copy of the newly released *Bird Songs Bible*, which features audio clips of birds from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and is a complete illustrated reference for all 747 species of North America's birds.



© Jimmy Smith

Painted Bunting, 2010 RMOWP contest second place Winner, Novice category

Also, each week during the contest one member who has submitted a photo will be randomly chosen to receive a *Bird Songs Bible*.

WeLoveBirds.org started in February 2010 as an interactive online community for bird

enthusiasts, offering a free and open social network of people who are passionate about birds. It provides access to information on birds and birding from a leading ornithology lab, and an opportunity to make a positive difference for birds and their habitats.

Travel Buddy Needed

Must be willing to provide minimal assistance with bags and ordering food and beer.

Air, car provided, rest negotiable.

If you have an interest in nature travel for photos, this is your chance.

Preference given to nubile redheads with long legs and outstanding personality!

Wife approved this ad!

Contact Mr. A (Angelo Sciulli), cdc601@yahoo.com.

ProShow Gold Discount Coupons Available

Photodex, the company that makes ProShow Gold, an excellent software program for creating digital slideshows, provided a free copy of ProShow Gold to RMOWP, which was won by RMOWP member Buellah Bishop in a drawing during a workshop on digital slide shows at the Yellowstone conference.

The company has also provided us with discount coupons, available to RMOWP members only, for 20% off the retail price of the software. ProShow Gold, which usually sells for \$79.95 for the boxed version, can be purchased for \$64, and ProShow Producer, a much more intensive program for professional presentations, can be purchased for \$215.96 instead of the usual \$269.95 for the boxed version.



For information on the software see www.photodex.com, and for the discount coupon, RMOWP members should email info@rmowp.com. Coupons must be used by December 1, 2010.

2011 Conference Headquarters

Rocky Mountain Outdoor Writers & Photographers heads to southern Utah June 8-12, 2011 for a conference at Capitol Reef National Park, with headquarters just outside the park in Torrey, Utah.

Conference headquarters will be the Sandstone Inn (www.sandstonecapitolreef.com), which has a meeting room and restaurant. The Wonderland (www.capitolreefrvpark.com), a pleasant commercial campground with full RV hookups is nearby, and the national park (www.nps.gov/care) also has a good campground, with plenty of shade but no RV hookups or showers.

We've blocked 30 standard rooms from June 6 to 11 - that's Monday through Saturday nights - so those who want to arrive early will have a place to stay, and we'll all be making our own reservations.

Cost for RMOWP members for one or two people is \$62 plus tax per night for the standard room, and there are also a limited number of more upscale rooms, with microwave and fridge, for \$10 more per night. Our block of rooms will be held until May 6. The Sandstone does not include any breakfast in its room rates, but does have a good restaurant onsite. To make reservations contact the Sandstone at 800-458-0216 or sandstoneinn@yahoo.com, and tell them you're with the Rocky Mountain Outdoor Group.



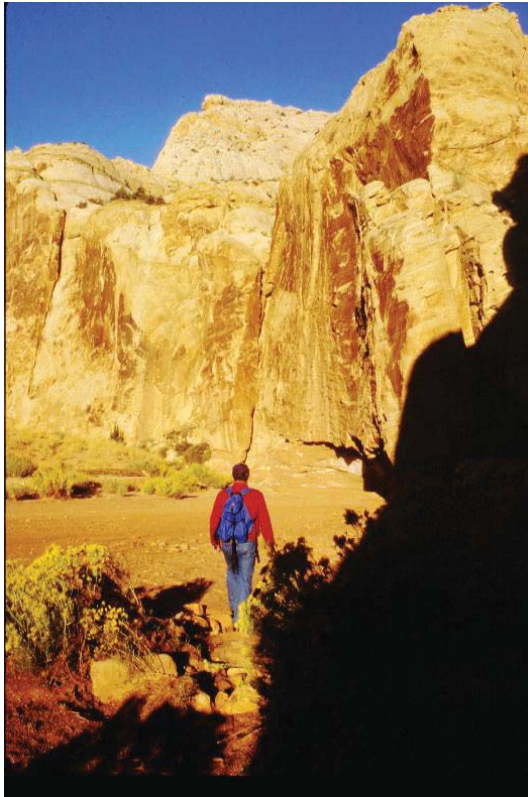
Capitol Reef National Park Scenic Drive

© Don Laine

Conference...

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(If you prefer, these are both excursions you can do on your own in dry weather, although a high-clearance vehicle, preferably a four-wheel-drive, is recommended for the Cathedral Valley loop. See www.nps.gov/care/planyourvisit/cathedralvalley.htm for details of the Cathedral Valley loop drive, and www.nps.gov/glca/planyourvisit/driving-the-burr-trail.htm for details on the Burr Trail, which includes a section of Capitol Reef and also goes into Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.)



an early morning hike in the Grand Wash
© Jack Olson

The conference also includes ranger-guided tours to historic sites, several workshops, a sunrise photo shoot, and opportunities to see RMOWP members' photography.

There will be a new twist to the **writing critique** this year, with plans to publish works submitted in an outdoor journal. Details will be forthcoming in the Jan-Feb issue of this newsletter, but in the meantime it's not too early to start work on your story, photo essay, or just about anything that you might want to see published.

Any anglers out there? Although we have not scheduled any official fishing trips during the conference, Wayne Turner is researching the **best fishing spots** in the area, and we plan a complete report in the Jan-Feb newsletter.

The Jan-Feb newsletter will also include the **conference registration** form (registration fee is expected to be under \$50 per person, plus the guided tours and banquet) and further details. You can book lodging directly with Sandstone Inn, our conference headquarters, at a reduced rate up until May 6 (see pg. 7). Capitol Reef is about 200 miles from the Grand Junction, Colorado Airport and 225 miles from the Salt Lake City Airport, so figure a 3 1/2 to 4-hour drive.

2010 Contest Results

by Frank Zurey

The Judges

Photography - Tom Ulrich

A freelance photographer since 1975, Tom Ulrich is highly acclaimed around the world for his nature photography skills. Many of his more than 350,000 images have been used by numerous magazines and other publications. Tom has been the recipient of many prestigious awards, most recently, the North American Nature Photographers Association Fellow Award in 2005. For many years Tom has lead photo tours to remote parts of the world. Additionally, Tom conducts photography seminars and workshops around the country and lectures at numerous universities.

Writing - Mary Taylor Young (Newspaper & Magazine articles/columns/editorials; Newsletter & Web Writing)

Award-winning nature writer Mary Taylor Young has been writing professionally for over 20 years. She has published nine books and hundreds of articles in periodicals such as Ladies Home Journal, Outside and Wildlife Conservation. Two of Mary's books have been regional bestsellers and two have been finalists for the Colorado Book Award. Her titles include *The Guide to Colorado Birds*, *On the Trail of Colorado Critters: Wildlife Watching for Kids* and *Land of Grass and Sky: A Naturalist's Prairie Journey*. Her "Words on Birds" column appeared in the *Rocky Mountain News* from 1993 until its demise. Mary writes from her home in Castle Rock, Colorado where she lives with her husband and daughter and many wild neighbors.

Writing - Russ Bromby (TV/Movie/Video; Books & Scripts for TV/Movie/Video)

Russ Bromby was editor of *Colorado Outdoors* magazine and Chief of Communications for the Colorado Division of Wildlife during a 30-year career with the State of Colorado. He is a member of Rocky Mountain Outdoor Writers and Photographers, Outdoor Writers Association of American, and the Association for Conservation Information. Since retiring from the Division of Wildlife in 2002, Russ has been doing contract editing and writing.

2011 CALENDAR

March 25 ~ RMOWP awards entries deadline

May 30 ~ RMOWP scholarship application deadline

June 8-12 ~ RMOWP conference in Capitol Reef National Park, Utah

June 28-July 3 ~ RMOWP Photography Workshop in Rocky Mountain National Park

July 9-11 ~ OWAA conference in Snowbird, Utah (www.owaa.org)

Best of Show

Photography

Beto Gutierrez - Morning Visitor

Writing

Mary Peachin - "Mexican Mixed Bag", *Sport Fishing Magazine*

Maryann Gaug - "Best Hikes Near Denver and Boulder", *A Falcon Guide*, 2010

Photography

Image from Last Conference

1st

Frank Zurey - Lone Tree

2nd

Terry Guthrie - Mallards on the Virgin River

3rd

Al Perry - Cross Bedding

Honorable Mention

Al Perry - Sandstone Ridge

Al Perry - Sandstone

Frank Zurey - Hidden Canyon Trail

Scenics

1st

Al Perry - Bryce

2nd

Kenita Gibbins - Antelope Sanctuary

3rd

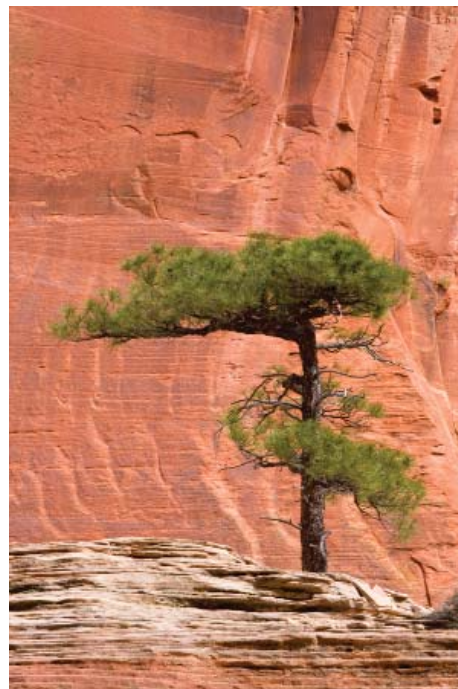
Jack Olson - Loveland Pass, CO

Honorable Mention

Linda Martin - Sunrise at CONWR

Terry Guthrie - Autumn Sunrise

Beto Gutierrez - Old Barn Georgia Mountains



Lone Tree © Frank Zurey
1st place, Image from Last Conference

Flora

1st

Al Perry - Dwarf Birch

2nd

Ron Heyes - Colorado Sunflowers

3rd

Jack Olson - Colorado Columbine

Honorable Mention

Richard Holmes - Pasque Flowers

Jan Kelly - Precious In Pink

Linda Martin - Foxtail Frost Sparkles

Jimmy Smith - Blooms with Ornament

Fauna

1st

Beto Gutierrez - Morning Visitor

2nd

Linda Martin - Barred Owl

3rd

Tom Cummings - Heron 1

Honorable Mention

Richard Holmes - Flicker Coming

In

Linda Martin - Orchard Oriole

Richard Holmes - Badger with Kill

People in Nature

1st

Terry Guthrie - Hang on to Your Oars

2nd

Jack Olson - Kathy in Meadow

3rd

Frank Zurey - Taking Air

Honorable Mention

Kenita Gibbins - Tricky Tide

Linda Martin - Discovery

Jack Olson - Photographing Sunset



Dwarf Birch © Al Perry
1st place, Flora

Historical

1st

Linda Martin - Age of Steam

2nd

Richard Youngblood - Log Cabin

3rd

Beto Gutierrez - San Jose Mission

Honorable Mention

Al Perry - Grain Elevator

Jimmy Smith - Leaning Tower

Frank Zurey - Old Cemetery

Cultural

1st

Richard Holmes - Balloons

2nd

Linda Martin - Chinese Culture Day

3rd

Terry Guthrie - Jam Session

Honorable Mention

Ryan Weishalla - Tasting the Sap at Maple Syrup Festival

Al Perry - Fireweed and Cemetery

Al Perry - Coming Out

Events

1st

Beto Gutierrez - Yellowstone Fire

2nd

Al Perry - Medical Leave

3rd

Jimmy Smith - Wow Shuttle Launch

Honorable Mention

James Baker - Tornado After Effects

James Baker - Rider Down, Rider Down

Ryan Weishalla - Lightning Storm



Wow Shuttle Launch © Jimmy Smith
3rd place, Events

Altered/Composite

1st

Kenita Gibbins - Cathedral at Rouen

2nd

Linda Martin - Yellow

3rd

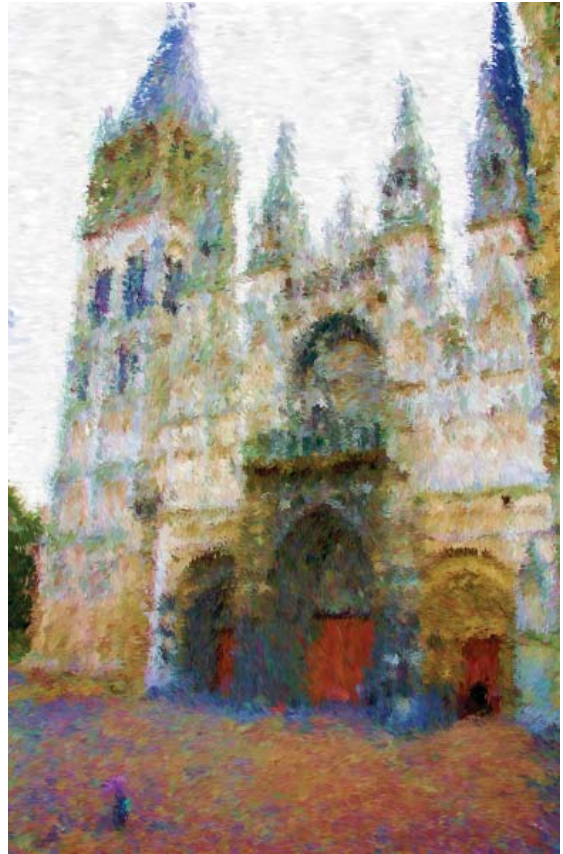
Ryan Weishalla - Bryce Canyon Stitched Panorama

Honorable Mention

Ken Papaleo - Winding River

Terry Guthrie - Funky Fall

Terry Guthrie - Distorted Balloons



Cathedral at Rouen © Kenita Gibbins
1st place, Altered/Composite

Black and White Prints

1st

Al Perry - Fatigued

2nd

Frank Zurey - Moulton Barn and Tetons

3rd

Terry Guthrie - Pastoral Scene

Honorable Mention

Al Perry - Hoarfrost

Frank Zurey - Snow Goose

Lynda Cummings - Solitary Boat

Novice

1st

Jo Dodd - Great Blue Heron

2nd

Jimmy Smith - Painted Bunting

3rd

Ashley Goepfert - 6am Sunrise in AZ

Honorable Mention

Jo Dodd - Bobcat with Supper

Ron Heyes - Tucson Thunderstorm

Jimmy Smith - Hawk

Published Images

1st

Al Perry - Whooping Cranes "Bird Conservation"

2nd

Linda Martin - Rock Squirrel

3rd

Al Perry - Prairie Chickens Sparring "Audubon"

Honorable Mention

Tom Cummings - Shutterbug

Jack Olson - Boreas Pass May 2010

Beto Gutierrez - Black Throat Sparrow

Member's Choice

(voted by conference attendees)

Scenic

1st

Fred Lord - Cathedral Rocks, Sedona

2nd

Terry Guthrie - Mountain Highlights

3rd

Frank Zurey - Tetons

Flora

1st & Best of Show

Ron Heyes - Kodiak Gold Tulip

2nd

Jan Kelly - Evening Echinacea (Garden)

3rd

Sherry Zurey - Fireweed

Fauna

1st

Fred Lord - Rufous Female Hummingbird

2nd

Tom Cummings - Eagle

3rd

Terry Guthrie - Peek-a-Boo Badger

Writing

TV/Movie/Video

1st

Al Perry - "Hoar Frost", WNIN-TV9, PBS, March 2010

Done for regional PBS, this five-minute interlude features beautiful photography of frost-covered plants. The video packs a lot into the short time. It features striking transitions to a variety of enchanting images of the frost-covered plants. Songbirds perched on the branches provide variety of color. A series of images of a mallard drake resting in the snow and frost steals the show. The short video is accompanied by music that is perfect for the mood.

2nd

Jesus Martinez - "Four Hunts",
Bushlan Video Journal

This video takes the viewer to a wide variety of venues and experiences. In just 24 minutes, it covers an Arizona elk hunt, a Texas turkey hunt, bow hunting for javelina and a black bear hunt. The elk hunt features a hard-to-get license in Arizona's Unit 10, which took eight years to draw. The hunt ends with the harvesting of a magnificent 8x9 point bull elk. Then we're off to Texas for a turkey hunt with the author's son. This segment is a tutorial on how to take a gobbler. Bow hunting for javelina in Texas is up next and features a stalk of the wary animals. The video finishes with a bow hunt for black bear and shows the skill needed to bow hunt of a bear at close range.

3rd

Jesus Martinez - "White-Tailed
Deer Management", Bushlan Video
Journal

This 20-minute video features a

white-tail deer hunt from the viewpoint of a young boy learning the values and methods of hunting. The narrator speaks about the management of white-tail deer on a south Texas ranch, explaining managed land deer permits and the value of balancing the carrying capacity of the land. The ranch has an impressively diverse and abundant population of wildlife species.

Books & Scripts for TV/Movie/Video

1st

Maryann Gaug - "Best Hikes Near Denver and Boulder", A
Falcon Guide, 2010

Extremely well researched and detailed, this book is a delight. From the heartfelt acknowledgements and introduction to the descriptions of the hikes, the meticulous care and hours of work are clearly evident. Abundant maps and photos and an ingenious trail finder make this an invaluable hiking guide. Each hike description is loaded with details including history, location, changes in elevation, hiking times and difficulty, trail surfaces and the best time of year to hike specific trails. The maps are well executed and detailed, but if that's not enough, the author has provided GPS data and lists of supplemental maps. Local land management information is also thoughtfully provided. Particularly impressive is the step-by-step walk-through for each hike, complete with mileage.

2nd

Mary Peachin - "Scuba Caribbean", University Press of
Florida, 2009

The cover blurb promises that this is "The essential guide to making the most of your dive vacation." and the book delivers just that. The book takes on a big task - covering diving adventures in the whole of the Caribbean Sea - north, south, east, west, it's all there. In addition to the delicious and tantalizing descriptions of various dive sites, the book also features the history of the region and sections on climate and geography that add greatly to the enjoyment of the volume. Included are indispensable guidelines on dive safety and certification. The dive site descriptions



Chinese Culture Day © Linda Martin
2nd place, Cultural

themselves include what you need to know “before you get wet” and lists of dive operators and lodging in each area. Don’t get wet without it.



Solitary Boat © Lynda Cummings
Honorable Mention, *Black & White Prints*

3rd

Robert Stone - “Day Hikes on the California Central Coast”, Day Hike Books, 2009

The “Day Hike” book series is well researched and popular, and this book is no exception. It features 120 hikes along the California coast, all including detailed maps, hiking times and distances, elevation gain, and even what maps to get before you go. Easy to use and well thought out, this guide is a necessity when hiking on the central California coast.

Honorable Mention

Robert Stone - “Day Hikes in Yosemite National Park”, Day Hike Books, 2009

Yosemite National Park is one of the world’s most beautiful places. This entry in the “Day Hike” guide series enhances your experience there. The overview map that identifies all the hikes is particularly helpful in planning. Other details about the park are provided to maximize the reader’s experience. Eighty hikes are included in this volume.

Newspaper articles/columns/editorials

1st

Lee Allen - “Deer are the Embodiment of Wildlife”, Outdoor Observations, *Inside Tucson Business*, November 2009

An engaging lead draws the reader into the column, which proceeds to move effectively through reporting on a variety of topics. Effective use of sources and making the case for each topic using quotes and facts.

2nd

Maryann Gaug - “The Case for Wilderness Areas”, *Summit Daily News*, December 2009

The writer of this letter to the editor presents her case succinctly and clearly in a well-reasoned argument. She makes a plea to support wilderness but avoids becoming over-earnest or shrill. Persuasive, well-presented letter.

3rd

Lee Allen - “800-Mile Arizona Trail”, Outdoor Observations, *Inside Tucson Business*, May 2009

Good overview and reporting of the topic. The issue is presented in a neutral voice.

Magazine articles/columns/editorials

1st

Mary Peachin - “Mexican Mixed Bag”, *Sport Fishing*, January 2009

Vivid imagery of Mexico, its people, and sportfishing draws the reader in. The lead opens with an active image as the fishing dock “starts jumping” before sunrise. Plenty of good service information, quotes, and fishing tips create a well-rounded piece that entertains and informs.

2nd

Jack Olson - “Pretty as a Picture”, *Midwest Traveler*, May-June 2009

3rd

Mary Peachin - “Muck Diving in Indonesia”, *The Desert Leaf*, October 2009

With an engaging style and imagery that draw in the reader, this article effectively creates interest in its topic, in spite of the title. Who’d a thunk it! Makes “muck-diving” almost appealing!

Newsletter Writing of Any Kind

1st

Jack Olson - “Slow down on I-70”, *Rocky Mountain Outdoors*, Sep-Oct 2009

This information travelogue is written in an easy, folksy style that is fun to read, easy to follow and in an appropriate voice for the subject matter.

2nd

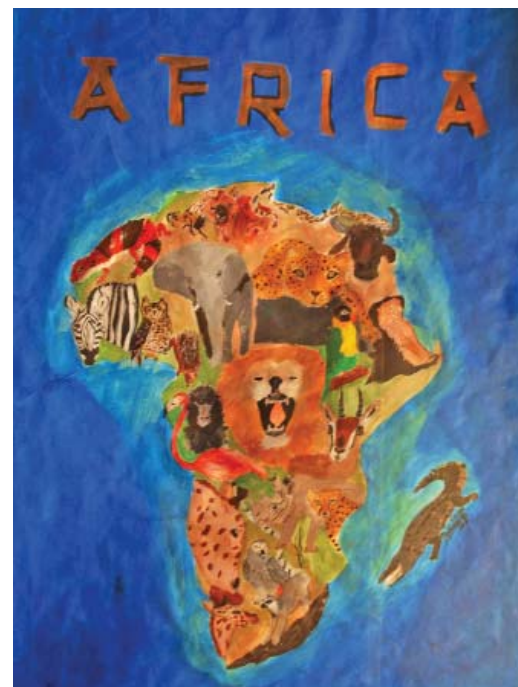
Jack Olson - “They Call the Wind Mariah”, *Rocky Mountain Outdoors*, Holiday 2009

In a friendly style, the author draws in readers and takes them along on a mountain jaunt. Fun imagery and conversational voice.

3rd

Maryann Gaug - “Get Up With The Chickens!”, *Rocky Mountain Outdoors*, Late Winter 2010

Good use of personal experience and a friendly style introduce readers to the experience and inform them of details on the way.



The Wild Africa © Brittany Johnston
1st place, Artworks with an Outdoor Theme

Web Writing

1st

Lee Allen - "Flying Fish in the Forest", Web Zine, ESPN Outdoors, November 17, 2009

The story of introducing endangered trout into remote habitat engages readers with the right combination of story, facts, and quotes from the experts.

2nd

Lee Allen - "Leaks In the System", Web Zine, ESPN Outdoors, August 3, 2009

Good reporting informs readers of an unglamorous but important issue with hard facts, background, and quotes.

3rd

Lee Allen - "Chasing the Water ", Web Zine, ESPN Outdoors, August 26, 2009

Straightforward piece combines quotes and facts while informing and entertaining readers on an interesting and little-known subject—relocating marinas as water levels change.

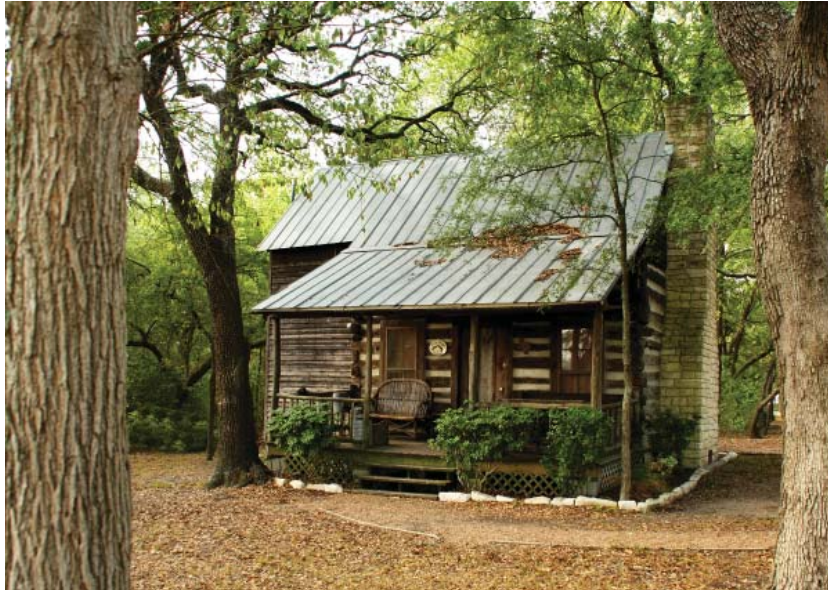
RMOWP Conference Publicity

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Artworks with an Outdoor Theme

1st

Brittany Johnston - The Wild Africa, Acrylic painting



Log Cabin © Richard Youngblood
2nd place, Historical



Winding River © Kenneth Papaleo
Honorable Mention, Altered / Composite

Anglers Wanted for iPhone App Test

World Fishing Network (www.wfn.tv) is looking for members of the outdoors media to test out a new iPhone app it is developing. The app will be available for sale shortly, but before that WFN is offering RMOWP members a chance to test it out, for free, and provide their feedback.

The **WFN FishFinder** is ideal for anglers who want to use technology to improve their fishing experience and results, and boasts a host of features that allows the angler to log their fishing results, map out fishing destinations, and more.

Photographers and print journalists are both eligible. The only requirement to participate in the test is the subjects must have an iPhone. RMOWP members who are interested should contact Doug Drotman at 631-462-1198 or doug@drotmanpr.com.

RMOWP CONFERENCE 2011

CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK, UTAH

Tentative Schedule

Meetings & Group Meals at Sandstone Inn Meeting Room unless noted otherwise
Photo Field Trips meet at Sandstone Inn parking lot outside meeting room

Tuesday, June 7

1:30-9:00pm Pre-Conference: Cathedral Valley Or Burr Trail Photo Field Trips (\$125/registrant, \$135/non-registrant; includes box supper & tip; 10-person limit for each trip)

Wednesday, June 8

2:00-4:00pm Board of Directors Meeting (open to all members)

4:00-7:00pm Registration

5:00-7:00pm Opening Reception with Happy Hour & Light Buffet (included in registration fee for registrants & guests)

7:00-7:30pm Welcome from President Tom Cummings and Trail Tips and Handouts from Jack Olson

7:30-9:00pm Showcase of Selected Members' Photography

Thursday, June 9

8:30-9:00am Meet at Capitol Reef Visitor Center for an Overview and History of the Park by a Park Ranger

9:00-9:20am View "Watermark," the park Orientation Movie, at the Visitor Center

9:30-10:00am Tour of Historic Gifford Farmhouse by the Capitol Reef Natural History Association staff

10:00-10:30am Ranger Presentation at the Historic Fruita Schoolhouse

10:30-11:00am Meet at the Petroglyph Panel for a Ranger Talk on the area's Prehistoric Cultures

Noon Lunch on your own

1:30-9:00pm Cathedral Valley Or Burr Trail Photo Field Trips (\$125/registrant, \$135/non-registrant; includes box supper & tip; 10-person limit for each trip)

OR

Explore Capitol Reef National Park on Your Own

Friday, June 10

8:30-8:45am General Membership Meeting, with President Tom Cummings

8:45-10:15am Writing Critique, with Wayne Turner

10:15am Break

10:30-11:30am Santa Clara Ranch - The Creation of a Wildlife Sanctuary, with Beto Gutierrez

11:30am-1pm Lunch (Pizza Buffet, included in registration fee; \$12 for non-registrants)

Noon-1:00pm Presentation of All Photo Contest Submissions

1:30-9:00pm Cathedral Valley Or Burr Trail Photo Field Trips (\$125/registrant, \$135/non-registrant; includes box supper & tip; 10-person limit for each trip)

OR

Explore Capitol Reef National Park on Your Own

Saturday, June 11

5:30-8:00am Sunrise Photo Shoot with Jack Olson

9:00-10:30am Animal Sign - for Fun and Forensics, with naturalist Cecilia Travis

10:30am Break

10:45am-noon Photo Critique, with Tom Ulrich & Jack Olson

Noon-1:00pm Lunch (Sandwich & Salad Bar, included in registration fee; \$12 for non-registrants)

1:00-2:30pm Movie Making Using Your DSLR, with Al Perry

2:30-3:00pm Break

3:00-5:00pm Auction to Benefit Scholarship Fund, with Jim Baker and John Catsis

6:30-10:00pm Banquet Buffet (Prime Rib, \$25 including tax & tip) and Awards Ceremony

Sunday, June 12

8:00-9:00am Board of Directors Meeting, if needed (open to all members)

9:30am-1:30pm Post-Conference: Capitol Reef on Horseback (\$95/person, 10-person limit, sign up directly w/Hondoo Rivers & Trails)

11:00am Lodging Check-Out