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## Amazon Expedition

### "The Preparation from a Photographer's Perspective"

by Greg Mayberry

Many photography hobbyists fantasize about a personal "once-in-a-lifetime" photo shoot. For some it is a trip to Africa to photograph the Big 5. Others may dream of shooting the new *Victoria's Secret* catalog or the swimsuit issue of *Sports Illustrated*. For me, the dream has always been to photograph the flora and fauna of the Amazon rainforest.

My desire to travel to the Amazon has been with me since high school. For years I had said, "Someday . . .". This summer, at age 50, that "someday" came. My son, Michael, and I traveled to South America to spend 6 weeks taking pictures of the people, plants, animals, and villages of the Amazon Basin. My daughter, Michelle, accompanied us during the first two weeks of the trip. Unfortunately, her work schedule and summer school class in Edmond did not permit her to stay longer.

Preparations for our trip began in the early fall of 2006. Michael and I applied for our passports in September and began taking the necessary vaccinations in October. Since this was to be a photography trip first and foremost, we did a massive amount of research into the photography equipment necessary for a successful trip.

Flight reservations were made and tickets purchased in late October and early November. Deposits were made at hotels and lodges in South America at this time, also.

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October 9, 2007

Competition: Prints: [Color A & B\\*](#),  
[Monochrome A & B\\*](#), Nature & PJ  
\*Assigned Comp: "**Crawly Things**"

Judges: TBA

Program: "Galapagos Islands" by  
Derrell Dover

Refreshments: Debbie Devonshire

October 23, 2007

Competition: Projected Images: [Open  
A & B\\*](#), [Creative A & B\\*](#), Nature & PJ  
\*Assigned Comp: "**Crawly Things**"

Judges: TBA

Program: "Oregon and California" by  
Colin Smith

Refreshments: Jaci & Doug Finch

Board Meeting:

Tuesday - October 16 @ 7:30pm  
Home of Jan Lee.

All members are always welcome

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Concerns for the photographer on such a trip were numerous. What would be the best way to back up digital files? How do we deal with the limited access to electricity? What am I going to do without ice cream? How are we going to carry everything?

I had little difficulty in choosing digital media over film. I knew this would be the only trip to the Amazon for me and the sheer number of pictures I envisioned taking precluded using film. When it comes to backing up digital files, I tend to lean toward the side of paranoia. I firmly believe in Murphy's Law and give it the respect it deserves. To this end, I wanted to be able to back up photos in no less than 3 different places.

Ultimately we decided to take a laptop computer with 2 heavy duty batteries, and 4 160gb USB hard drives. In addition, I took a self-contained flash card back up device by Wolverine, also 160gb. I knew that once a week we would have access to electricity, but did not know if it would 110 or 220 volt. Luckily, most adapters handle either voltage.

The next problem was figuring out how to carry all of our camera equipment. Our trip was composed of 11 different flights, some on small single-engine planes. Other portions of the trip were made in narrow, motorized canoes. My first choice of Pelican™ cases was out of the questions due to weight. Besides, I did not want to check any photo equipment. We settled on a couple of Lowepro CompuTrekker Plus All Weather backpacks. These accommodated our cameras, lenses, flashes, batteries and laptop. The combined weight of our two backpacks was nearly 75 pounds.

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**Michael making application for passport.**



**Michael receiving vaccinations.**

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## Club Announcements

**Dues are Due!!!** We are starting a new year and looking forward to a lot of informative programs, exciting field trips and challenging competition. So, find our treasurer **Brad Smith** at the next club meeting or pay by Paypal on our web site. Dues for the individual are \$30 and \$40 for the family; we have reduced rates of \$10 for students. Hurry so we can include your name and information in the Club Yearbook.

**Club Field Trips:** Mark your calendars - two field trips are being planned for this fall. On October 20, plans are being made to visit Honor Heights Park in Muskogee. Please call Jan or Wally Lee at 751-8179 to express an interest and to arrange to meet for breakfast and/or car pool. And, on November 3 plans are being made for the "Fly-in" of airplanes at the Ponca City Airport. Come to the next club meeting for more discussion and planning of both trips.

**Basic Course - Photoshop/Elements:** **Carol McCreary, PPSA**, will be teaching this basic four hour course on two subsequent Saturdays, November 3rd and November 10th at 10:00 - 12:00 am. The course will be conducted at the World Organization of China Painters - 2641 NW 10th St. A CD and instruction booklet will be provided for each member in the class. The enrollment form is on the club's website as is the PayPal account; the fee is only \$20. For further information, call **Carol at 634-1817**.

**Send in Yearbook Information** - Please update your Yearbook information with any phone number changes, misspellings, PSA membership, star ratings and credentials, etc. Forward all of this information to **Jan Lee** at her e-mail address **jandlee4@cox.net** or call her at 751-8179. Jan will be happy to receive any other Yearbook changes you have as well.

## Around Oklahoma

King Arthur Faire

Oct. 6-7

King Arthur Faire Site

Stroud, OK

918 968-0459

A medieval village where the legends of King Arthur come alive. Full contact jousting, living history presentations, sword fighting, live music and dancing, artisans and more.

Tombstone Tales

Oct 18-21

Fort Reno

El Reno, OK

405 262-3987

[www.fortreno.org](http://www.fortreno.org)

Chuck wagon cooks will cook up some of the best chuck wagon grub you have ever eaten then, take a guided stroll through authentic 19th century encampments. Historic re-enactors will portray individuals interred at the Fort Reno Post Cemetery between 1874 and 1948.

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*For photo opportunities, see more "Around Oklahoma" page 8.*

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## Competition Results

### Sept. 11, 2007 - Prints

#### Color Class A

Charles Taylor	1	3
Maxey Pinson	1	
Esther Key	2	2

#### Color Class B

Randy Carr	1	2
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#### Monochrome Class A

Brad Smith	1	2
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#### Nature

Maxey Pinson	2	
Esther Key	1	

### Assigned Competition

Next month, we have assigned competition for the open classes of Prints (Color Class A & B, Monochrome Class A&B) and Projected Images (Advanced Creative & Open, Beginning Creative & Open). The assigned subject is: "**Crawly Things.**" The next assigned subject will be for the month of February - "**Expression of Feelings.**"

### Sept. 24, 2007 - Projected Images

#### Advanced Creative

Jan Lee	1	1
Charles Taylor	2	2

#### Advanced Open

Jan Lee	1	1
Wally Lee	3	2
Charles Taylor	3	HM

#### Beginning Creative

Randy Carr	1	
Debbie Devonshire	3	3
Jaci Finch	HM	2
Brad Smith	2	3

#### Beginning Open

Randy Carr	3	
Debbie Devonshire	3	HM
Jaci Finch	2	
Brad Smith	1	HM

#### Nature

Randy Carr	2	
Debbie Devonshire	HM	
Lee Donlon	2	
Jan Lee	3	
Wally Lee	3	3
Greg Mayberry	2	3
Michael Mayberry	1	2
Charles Taylor	3	

#### PJ

Randy Carr	3	
Debbie Devonshire	3	3
Wally Lee	1	2
Brad Smith	3	3

### New Members:

**Jim and Carol David**

1101 S. Ellsworth Rd.

% The Resort #528

Mesa, AZ 85208

Phone: 408 984-9794

Cell: 214 629-4256

e-mail: jimdavid3@msn.com

1 Star in Nature

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## **Amazon Expedition**

### ***"The Preparation from a Photographer's Perspective"***

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The gear we decided on taking consisted of 3 Nikon digital SLR bodies, 18-200mm, 24-120mm, 10-24mm, and 2 105mm macro lenses, 2 shoe-mount flashes with off-camera cords, 10 camera batteries and 12 rechargeable flash batteries. Memory cards included 4 2gb cards and 4 8gb cards. We also packed several extra large ziplock bags and desiccant packages in an attempt to stay one step ahead of humidity-damage.

These heavily-loaded backpacks never left our sight. In addition to photography gear, they also contained medicines, i-Pods, our journals, and backup glasses and sunglasses. Only twice were they opened at airport security. Usually the x-ray was sufficient to satisfy the inspectors, which was to our advantage considering the extent to which we exceeded the 8 kg limit on carryon luggage! We only had to pay for excess weight one time.

In an attempt to get into shape for the trip, I started walking on a regular basis, wearing my hiking boots to break them in at the same time. By the time the trip came, I was walking 4 miles at (almost) a 4 mile per hour clip. Michael and Michelle, on the other hand, were already in excellent condition. Both run several miles daily.

From October until our departure I brushed up on my Spanish, although it was a second language for many of the local people. Quechua and Aymara were the preferred languages in many locations. Still, my Spanish managed to get me through relatively well.

Final preparations for the trip including contacting my homeowner's insurance agent and verifying my coverage abroad. I also took out trip insurance against unforeseen delays while in South America.

A thorough physical exam and cardiac stress test concluded the preparation phase of our trip. All that was left now was the task of watching the painfully slow passing of days until our departure. As much as I love my job, I thought the last school year would never come to an end.

***Contined next issue . . . "Into the Jungle"***



**Greg and Michael at the airport ready to depart.**

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## Interclub Competition

### PSA End of Year Competition - PJ Digital

2nd place - "Role Models of Courage" by **Carol McCreary**.

HM - "Just One of Life's Little Hurdles" by **Danny Corn**.

HM - "Rock Climbing" by **James Pratt**.

### GSCCC August

HM - "Leaning Away" by **Brad Smith** in PJ Digital.

HM - "You and Your Stupid Idea" by **Maxey Pinson** in PJ Prints.

For August, the OCC placed 4th in PJ Digital and 2nd in PJ Prints.

The club placed 9th in Projected Digital with no one placing.

### GSCCC September - Pictorial Prints

2nd place - "Fog In The Smokies" by **Debbie Devonshire** in B&W Pictorial Prints.

3rd place - "Juniper at the Double Arch" by **Dave Sims** in Color Pictorial Prints.

For September, the OCC placed 2nd in B&W Pictorial Prints and 2nd in Color Pictorial Prints.



"Fog in The Smokies" by **Debbie Devonshire**



"Leaning Away" by **Brad Smith**

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## Oklahoma Camera Club Members Do Well in the Zoo Photo Contest

Four members of the OCC were recognized this year in the Zoo's annual photo contest. **Jackie Bartels, Dave Sims, Tom McCreary** and **Doug Finch**, all received **Awards of Excellence**.



**Dave Sims**



**Jackie Bartels**



**Tom McCreary**



**Doug Finch**

For the past 25 years the zoo has sponsored an annual photo contest for all ages. This year more than 200 participants entered over 700 photographs topping last year's entries of 575. The contest has eight different categories, three categories for children and the younger ages and five for adults. All photos entered must be taken of the various plants and animals at the zoo.

Rebecca Jones of Guthrie received the Best in Show Award with her picture of the oscillated mountain viper; this earned her the calendar front cover placement which the zoo publishes each year. She and her children have entered the contest several times and plan on entering again next year.

All photographs entered have been on display through the month of September at the Rosser Conservation Education Center at the Zoo. All photographs receiving awards will be featured in the annual Zoo Friends calendar.

This was my first year to enter and I enjoyed the challenge, I am looking forward to next year. This gives me an additional incentive for my photographic excursions to the zoo; I can look for award winning photographs with each visit. I encourage each of you to consider entering next year. Four of your fellow members did well this year; we can beat that next year.

Doug Finch, APSA

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## Around Oklahoma

### Oklahoma Czech Festival

Oct. 6  
5<sup>th</sup> & Cedar  
Yukon, OK  
405 354-7573  
[www.oklahomaczechfestival.org](http://www.oklahomaczechfestival.org)  
One-day festival promoting authentic Czech heritage. Held since 1966. Festival features a parade, food & craft booths, music and dancing.

### Chesapeake Energy 2007

Oklahoma Regatta Festival  
Oct. 11-14  
Regatta Park on the Oklahoma River  
Oklahoma City, OK  
405 552 4040  
[www.oklahomaregatta.com](http://www.oklahomaregatta.com)  
Come celebrate Oklahoma Centennial with racing, live music, food, art and more. Festival features the OCU Head of the Oklahoma and the country's first USA Rowing World Challenge hosting international crews in anticipation of the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

### Edmond Art Market Festival

Oct. 13  
Stephenson Park  
Edmond, OK  
405 596-1687  
[montagefestivals@cox.net](mailto:montagefestivals@cox.net)  
Features an eclectic group of artists and crafters displaying their work in a relaxed, upscale environment. Enjoy live music and eateries surrounding the park.

### Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival

Oct. 4-6  
Cottonwood Flats  
Guthrie, OK  
405 282-4446  
[www.oilbf.com](http://www.oilbf.com)  
Guthrie proudly welcomes its largest annual three-day festival featuring top international bluegrass bands and musicians.

### Guthrie Art & Wine Festival

Oct. 6-7  
Oklahoma Avenue  
Guthrie, OK  
405 260-2345  
[www.goartandwinefestival.com](http://www.goartandwinefestival.com)  
The Fourth Annual Art and Wine Festival will take place on Oklahoma Avenue in the heart of the historic district of Guthrie. In two fun-filled days, festival participants will be able to purchase fine art in a city selected as one of the nation's top twelve destinations in 2004

### Oklahoma Centennial Parade

Oct. 14  
Downtown  
Oklahoma City, OK  
405 228-2007  
[www.oklahomacentennial.com](http://www.oklahomacentennial.com)  
A spectacular parade in the tradition of America's grandest parades will sweep through downtown Oklahoma City as part of Oklahoma's Centennial Celebration. Magnificent floats, spirited bands, gigantic balloons and award-winning performers will present one and a half hours of celebration.

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## Photography 101 Workshop

The next meeting will be in conjunction with the club's **field trip to Honor Heights Park, Saturday, October 20th**. The Photography 101 Workshop will not meet in November or December, taking off for the holidays. For info or directions call **Ed Lamb 721-4714**.

## Photoshop Workshop

**Friday, October 5th** at the home of **Carol & Tom McCreary** at 7:30 pm. We will cover the "*Out of Frame*" action; bring your flashsticks to get a copy of the action. We will also have time for "*creative show and tell*" by anyone. Everyone is welcome. For info call **Carol or Tom, 634-1817; location - 425 S.W. 53rd St.**



Oklahoma Camera Club, Inc.  
Meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesdays  
Central Presbyterian Church

Charter Member:  
The Photographic Society of America  
Member:  
Gulf States Camera Club Council

### ***Programs for October:***

*October 9, Galapagos Islands: "It's photos & hints on photographing the Galapagos islands; come with your questions." **Derrell Dover***

*October 23, Oregon and California: A 35 minute travelogue with music of a trip to the Oregon Coast, including Bodie Ghost Town, and Yosemite presented by **Colin Smith**. Colin, an outstanding photographer from Tulsa, will be here to answer your questions.*