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April Newsletter

Well, Spring is here and what better way to get involved in this beautiful season than to hop on the bus for the 1960 PCUG field trip to High Island on April 21st. This trip is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the spectacular and unique migration of approximately 100 species of birds flying up from Central and South America and Mexico. The average person is not aware that our east Texas coastline is one of 3 major bird migratory paths in the entire world, making this a very special event to experience.

It is not necessary to be a photographer to appreciate the beauty of nature complete with birds, flora, fauna and landscapes on this trip. We will witness the wonders at the rookery at Smith Oaks where the great egrets, roseate spoonbills, herons, ibises, cormorants and other birds are mating, incubating, feeding or fledging their young. There aren't many places in the universe to watch such a wondrous nature display.

So pack a lunch, bring snacks, camera, binoculars, mosquito repellent, drinks, sunscreen, comfortable clothing, and walking shoes, hat and water, on April 21, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. We will board the bus in the Cypress Creek Community Center parking lot.



Photo taken at the rookery at Smith Oaks, High Island, by Jim Kelly on 3/21/2008 of a Great Egret and her chick.

April General Meeting and Photography SIG

Our speaker for April is Ken Allen. Ken has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and Zoology and in the early 1990's decided to focus his photography on nature...particularly on African wildlife and landscapes. He has always been interested in the study of animal various animal behaviors.

Ken has used Canon equipment since the 1980's and purchased his first digital SLR in 2001. He now shoots exclusively with digital cameras.

His wildlife program will be very informative and entertaining.

March Photography SIG

"Posing the Female Subject" was presented by Bill Franklin with posing done by Christie. Hopefully everyone picked up some new ideas on how to make subjects more attractive. The main goal is to make the subject look as good as possible using lighting and posing.

Photography SIGs for 2008

May – Panel (Bill, Alex, Jim): Questions and Answers on Photography, Photoshop, Paint shop Pro, etc.

June – Debbie Pietsch: Photographing Children

July –Raymond Fosdick

August –Christie Lacy – Photographing Children

September – Bill Franklin – Demonstrates Lightroom

October – Jerry Ward, Canon Representative

November – Members Share – bring your favorite photo toys to show & demonstrate

December – Christmas party & Movie

Upcoming Field Trips

May 3, 2008 – Mercer Arboretum – Meet at 8:00 a.m.

June 9, 2008 – Tour the Painted Churches of Texas – details to come

Genealogy Field Trip

Our next GENIE trip is set for Wednesday April 23rd, 2008 and we will be going back to Clayton Library. Please mark this trip on your calendar now.

Our 27- passenger bus will depart from CCCC parking lot at 08:30 AM and will return to CCCC parking lot about 04:30 PM. Harris County Precinct 4 supplies a 27- passenger bus for our seniors. But either Mr. or Mrs. must be at least 50 yrs. of age for this free bus ride. Guests interested in Genealogy are welcome.

For lunch there are a number of eating -places near the Library. Also the Library has a room with drink and snack machines (no sandwiches). Linda and I plan to "brown bag it" and save some research time by eating at the Library.

Our SIG leader Betty Hesketh has a great web site at: <http://www.1960PCUG.org/~gensig> Here you will learn about bus policies, what Clayton Library offers, and personal preparation.

Remember that Clayton Library is one of the best research libraries in the U. S. A. and many of us have enjoyed these trips in the past. I hope you can go with us Wednesday April 23rd.

Please let me hear from you only when we can count on you to make this trip. Contact me at: norms@sbcglobal.net or 281.444.8888. Always let me know when your E-mail address changes and be sure that I have your current telephone number.

**Your Trip Coordinator,
Norm Sykes**

Internet SIG

Starting in April, Jim Hug, president, will begin a series on setting up your own *personal website*. This series is for the beginner who has the desire but does not know where to start. What a wonderful opportunity. Bring a friend who might be interested in this topic and, who knows, may decide to join our PCUG. The next Internet SIG will be on April 10, 2008 in the community classrooms at Cypress Creek Christian Community Center in room 30 on the second floor, at 7 p.m.

Windows SIG

Sam Sanderson presented an interesting SIG on setting up the Google calendar as well as completing your address book. Come to a Special Interest Group meeting to get your questions answered and share information. We have so many experts in our club as well as novices to make this a well-rounded group of members helping members.

Share and Learn 2008

**April: Spring
May : Wheels
June: Light
July: Eyes
August: Two or Three
September: Water
October: Scary
November: Rain
December: Steps**

Please submit *Share & Learn* photos to billfranklin34@comcast.net by the Sunday, preceding the Thurs. monthly general meeting. The longest side should not exceed 990 ppi.

Come to a Meeting & Bring a Friend

The 1960 PC Users Group has several meetings each month on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are a nonprofit organization with “members helping members” with their personal computers and digital cameras. Visitors are welcome to attend any of our SIGs (Special Interest Groups) or general meeting on the first Thursday of the month.

We meet at the Cypress Creek Christian Church and Community Center at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX 77379. All meetings are from 7-9 p.m. Please check the specific area of interest or map at our website. www.1960pcug.org.

Members are also invited to attend monthly Board meetings held at Denny’s on Louetta on the 4th Monday at 6:30 p.m. For dinner, plan to arrive at 5:30 p.m.

See you on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 7 P.M. for our general meeting and Digital Photography SIG. Come early to enjoy refreshments and a social session.

BeaAnn Kelly, Communications Officer

