

The July meeting of the Northwest Tennessee Photography Club was called to order by President Roger Hughes. The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

Descriptions of upcoming field trip opportunities were given by Sherri Drake and William Woods.

Prospective trips for August included Mammoth Cave (where photography might be difficult since no tripods or backpacks are permitted on the tour)

Lost River Cave near Bowling Green, Ky. There is a 20 minute hiking trail and a 25 minute boat tour. The hiking trail is not handicap accessible but the boat tour and the museum store are accessible. There is a group discount. The site is open beginning May 25 through September 30th, 9-6.

There is also a "GunTown" trail near Bowling Green as well as the Corvette museum that would make a nice weekend tour destination.

The members present voted upon a date for the trip and it will be July 25th. Members interested in going should be ready "to leave" at 7am from the Martin Walmart parking lot, near the "Gas Pumps" If you plan to go please notify Sherri Drake at shedra@ken-tennwireless.com.

Other field trips were described and discussed for the future. In particular is a trip to Memphis in October. Apparently Beale Street in Memphis is a very colorful place on Halloween night. There are many costume events and parties and wonderful night shots. President Hughes has negotiated a group discount rate for the Hampton Inn on Beale Street but the rates are only available for a short time. If you are interested please let Roger Hughes or Sherri know ASAP. Important advantages to the Hampton include covered, secure parking, special Graceland visit package for about 44.00 and proximity to the sunset view of the DeSoto bridge, and the Zoo for the visit on Saturday. You will hear much more from Sherri Drake on these and upcoming field trip opportunities. One important factor is renowned photographer, Dewayne Shaw will be attending this field trip. A few of Roger's friends at the TBI have agreed to accompany our group to these sites. If there are those of you not interested in spending the night on Friday, you may meet the group on Saturday morning at the Zoo around 9:00 am.

It was also mentioned that there are many members who have not taken advantage of the website. Members are encouraged to post photos to the club website where each member can have their own page. You may access the site at <http://NWTPC.org/Galleries/Galleries.html>. If you have questions, Edd Joyner may be able to help. (eddjoyner@charter.net)

Visitors to the meeting were welcomed and encouraged to join. Roll call was done and 14 members were present.

A suggestion was given that announcements of the meetings be put into the News Notes column the Monday before the meeting. It was agreed and voted upon by the membership

that this will be done. Secretary, Susanne Marsidi, agreed to contact the paper each month in addition to sending out email notices to members.

Roy Cates shared his photos that had been printed on metallic paper and provided information for the source, Adorama Pix.

It was suggested that we have a “swap list” or “swap time” at a future meeting. Another suggestion was to include a “swap list” on the website.

The meeting was adjourned and the guest speaker for the evening was introduced. Richard Griffin gave a beautiful presentation of images he captured at Reelfoot Lake. He provided an informative description of the techniques and equipment he used to obtain the shots and answered questions from the group.

Amy Vanderford will be the speaker at the August 4th meeting. The meeting will be held at the Obion County Library and will begin at 7:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend and friends are welcome.