

# Northwest Tennessee Photography Club Minutes

February 2, 2010

The February meeting of Northwest Tennessee Photography Club was held on Tuesday, February 2, at 7:00 at the UTM Library in Martin. Fourteen members were present. President Richard Griffin called the meeting to order.

The program was about trail cameras and was presented by Joseph Vernon, sheriff of Lake County, TN. He displayed several trail cameras and explained how to set up and operate them. An avid hunter and outdoorsman, he sets the cameras up to observe the wildlife in certain areas, observing their habits and trails. We saw interesting photos of deer, raccoons, squirrels, foxes, coyotes and turkeys – including a wild white turkey which is extremely rare. He also uses the cameras in his law enforcement job to monitor buildings that have frequent break-ins.

During the business session, annual dues of \$40 were collected. To date 17 members have paid. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please send them to Roy Cates, 104 Cherry Drive, Martin, TN 38237.

Richard announced that the officers had met the day before and discussed several changes that needed to be made to the by-laws. One such change involves the office of vice president. When the club was organized, there was no such office. Later we voted once to add the office, but the by-laws require that it should be voted on 2 consecutive months. Therefore, this vote will be taken at the March and April meetings. Several other suggestions were presented to the club.

- (1) **Beginning in March** - changing the meeting time to **6:30** to allow members to get home earlier
- (2) **Beginning possibly in April** - changing the meeting night to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month to allow the students in Dr. Gallien's photography classes (which meet on Tuesday nights) to attend our meetings which perhaps would encourage them to join the club.

The board realizes there are pros and cons to both suggestions above. Please share your opinions with one of the officers.

Richard suggested that since the website recently crashed, we needed to purchase some back up equipment to keep us from losing everything on the website again should that incident reoccur. He said that such equipment would cost less than \$100 and that he and Edd Joyner, the webmaster, would be responsible for selecting what was needed if the club would buy it. The motion to approve this purchase was made by Becky Caldwell and seconded by Denisa Cate and passed unanimously by the club.

It was discussed to continue giving the speakers a \$25 gift certificate from B & H, but to also have a similar one from Adorama available so the speaker could choose. It was noted that Adorama has started having more free shipping on products than B & H. The motion was made by William Woods and seconded by Sherry Drake to have certificates from both businesses available. The motion passed unanimously.

Roger Hughes, program chairman, announced the upcoming speakers he's trying to arrange and will let the club know as soon as the schedule is set.

Linda Harrelson spoke of a photo workshop being held in Steamboat Springs, CO this coming July 10-15. She had recently been there on a family vacation and hired the woman who gives the workshop to take her on a photo tour of Steamboat. She was very impressed with the lady's credentials, the personal assistance she provided and the down to earth instructions she gave. Linda is interested in the July workshop and wanted to know if others would be. The cost of the workshop is \$900 which includes tickets to events such as the hot air balloon festival, the rodeo and several meals. For more information, go to [focusadventures.com](http://focusadventures.com). Several people expressed interest so Linda is going to pursue the cost of accommodations and flights. If anyone else is interested, please get in touch with Linda.

The next meeting will be held at the Union City Library on Tuesday, March 2nd at **6:30**. Edd Joyner will be discussing the website so bring your laptop if you have one. The library has wireless internet. Also, David Glover will teach us how to put our name on pictures. Since February is heart month and includes Valentines' Day, the picture topic for the month is something **red** and must have been taken since the February meeting. Please bring one photo on a flash drive or email it to Edd at [eddjoyner@charter.net](mailto:eddjoyner@charter.net).

The March field trip will be at the Capitol Theatre in downtown Union City either March 8<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. Those nights are dress rehearsals for Masquerade Theatre's production of the musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". It should be something quite challenging – shooting indoors with lots of motion, costumes, dancing and light changes. Please, no flash or talking. The exact night and time will be emailed later.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Harrelson, secretary