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The Newsletter of the Northern Virginia Photographic Society

New Meeting Location Obtained by Andy Klein

Andy Klein has found a new place for NVPS to hold its meetings. Andy has secured facilities in the Luray Caverns in Luray, Virginia. Not in the town of Luray, but in the Caverns. We hope that this distance does not create a problem for our members. Since we'll be meeting in the caverns, please bring appropriate blankets to keep you warm. You'll also need to bring lanterns or flashlights with you as the caverns are not well lit. Of course, this is good for the showing of slides; we won't have to darken any windows. There ARE no windows.

Next Competition Judge Will Be Anna Nicole Smith

Our judge for the next upcoming Competition will be the celebrity Anna Nicole Smith. She will be in the Washington, D.C. area during the month and we've asked her to do the judging for our Competition. She has absolutely no photographic training, but then, who cares. Please give her a warm welcome when she's here. She requested to meet some of our members after the Competition. Those she wants to meet are the men in our club who are older than 85 and not in good health.



Anna Nicole Smith

NVPS Treasury Expected to Make Millions

Our Treasurer Jessie Harris has reported on investing funds that NVPS has on store, expecting to make a massive return on our money over the next few months with very little risk to NVPS. She said she had invested our funds in Enron and WorldCom.

We'll Play the "Survivor Game" On Program Night. Come See Who Is Voted Out of NVPS!

The Board recently decided to have the club play the CBS Show "SURVIVOR." We'll vote one member OUT of NVPS at each meeting for the rest of the season. The final member left to "Survive" will receive a prize. And you won't have to eat bugs or lizards for this one.



Outwit, Outplay, Outlast

NVPS Calendar

- 01 Apr Program
- 15 Apr Competition
- 18 Apr Fotofax Deadline
- 22 Apr Forums
- 22 Apr Members' Gallery

*"Your PSA Award
Winning Newsletter"*

Field Trip Planned to Afghanistan

Our Field Trips person Ralph Edwards is planning a field trip to Afghanistan in two months. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meetings. This trip may be dangerous, therefore we want you to bring any hand-guns that you might own. Don't forget your camera equipment, but don't forget your guns. If you own any body armor, it might be helpful to have it with you.

Luella Murri Going to CBS to Host

Our Luella Murri has done so well with her hosting on Channel 10 cable that she has asked the CBS tv network to give her a prime-time show of her own. This will be a travel show of slides to the many different countries she has visited. There will be no guests on the show, it will be her slides featured on all programs.

Dave Carter to Offer Free Psychology Advice

Our own Dave Carter who is a trained animal psychologist and Professor at Georgetown University has offered free psychology advice to some of our NVPS members. Since Dave is an animal psychologist, we think only some of the men will apply for the free advice.

Al Olson Plans Workshop Photographing Inside Luray Caverns, Bring Your Blankets

Our Workshop person Al Olson decided that since we're holding meetings in Luray Caverns we might as well hold a Workshop there on photographing the inside of the caves. Please sign-up for this workshop, but it doesn't matter for what day you sign-up to attend; we'll be there for many meetings!

Competitions Soon To Feature All Members Doing The Judging

For a trial period of one year, we'll be having all the attending members doing the judging. This will save time trying to locate judges since we already have people at the meetings. It may get a little out of hand, but at least you'll now be able to get many different opinions on your prints and slides. What a wide variety of comments you'll be able to collect.

Ralph Edwards Field Trip Held Hostage at National Postal Museum

On a recent Field Trip to the National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C., Ralph Edwards and the other photographers in the group were held hostage for a day by a disgruntled Postal employee. It seems one of the Field Trip persons tried to purchase 5,000 one-cent stamps and wanted to pay for them all in pennies. The Postal employee was upset about this transaction and pulled from the wall an old musket that was originally used by the first disgruntled Postal employee 230 years ago. The employee was only able to fire three shots in 10 minutes because of the slow reload time. After holding the group all day he surrendered to the police because he ran out of powder and flints.

Competition Rules to Change

Carl Zelman has lead a change in the Competition rules for the next year. We'll be adding 8 more categories with a maximum number of entries to go to 10 for each category. The Competition will now run from 8 p.m. to midnight. We hope people don't mind staying up this late to compete. Also we'll have 50% of the entries winning ribbons. Probably hundreds of ribbons will now be passed out. Everyone can win a ribbon!

Photographer Spencer Tunick's Group Nude Shot Now Planned

Noted "large group" photographer Spencer Tunick has contacted many of the camera clubs in the nation looking for large groups to photograph. Tunick has contacted the Board of NVPS and the Board has allowed him to photograph all 180 members of NVPS. Therefore, at the Forum coming up, we ask that all 180 members please show up. Tunick and his assistants will have all members posed in the parking lot for the group shot.

Everyone will undress, and Spencer will set up the shoot using large strobe lights. After the photo is made all the members may get dressed and we'll continue inside for the regular Forum. After finishing with the processing on site Spencer will offer a FREE 8x10 for each member to keep.