

Editor's Note: We trust everyone had a wonderful summer of photography. Fall will soon be here for us to capture the splendor of autumn. I can't wait. Thank you for the wonderful feedback on our "patriotic" issue. Our readers really made us proud with their inspirational photos. One reader wrote "it is the best newsletter I have ever seen." Dan Friend's magnificent images also elicited considerable well deserved praise. This month, we begin a focus on nature photography. Your response has been amazing as a record number of fantastic shots were received. We hope the newsletter does your work justice. Due to my hectic schedule, I didn't get around to our WV150 contributor of the month piece. But, we will have another next month. As always, we include some club news. We have some exciting activities coming up and if you want to join us don't hesitate to contact us. Let's get started with your superb nature photos.



The chase is on! - Dan Friend



I just love the smell of zebra! - Laurie Lewis

Upcoming Club Activities

Next Meeting

September 25 @ 6:30 p.m. - Jeff Green: Flash Photography.

Near Term Club Schedule

October - Laura Meese, Portraits
November - Club Photo Show
December - Christmas Party

Upcoming Photo of the Month Topics

September - Fungi
October - ...scapes (land, sky, water, etc.)
November - Low Key/High Key
December - Glass

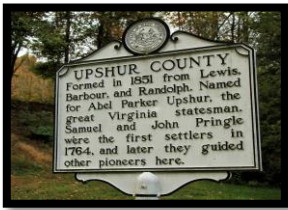
Upcoming Photo Trips

- October 4&5** - Pittsburgh Photo Shoot
 - Tentative plans include leaving for Pittsburgh about 8am on Saturday. First stop will be the Pittsburgh Zoo. Then we will probably check into a hotel and have supper. We'll do a nighttime shoot of downtown Pittsburgh. Sunday will include a sunrise shoot, and visits to the National Aviary and Phipps Conservatory.
 - We hope this will be a combined photo trip with the Green County club. Kathy Douglas' (President of the Green County Club) daughter has graciously agreed to guide us for the nighttime shoot of downtown Pittsburgh.
 - We hope members of other clubs in the area will join us.
 - More details in a few weeks.
- October 18** - Bridge Day at Fayetteville
 - We need a club member to take ownership of this photo tour.
- December 6-8** - 18th Century Christmas Market, Prickett's Fort State Park, Fairmont (Tentative)

Special Newsletter Features

Here are the topics of our newsletter special feature for the remainder of the year. **All are welcome to submit photos.**

October - Nature Photography, Part 2
November - Black and White Photos
December - Autumn Splendor



Club News

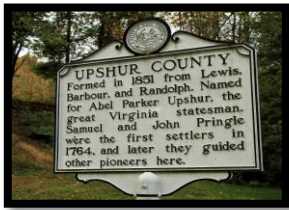
Even with several members on vacation, we still had a nice turnout for our July club meeting. We again signed up a couple new members, Sandra Miller and Sandy Springer. Clayton Spangler of the *Wonderful West Virginia* magazine was our speaker. His program was super informative as he covered tips for taking better photos. He critiqued several of his own photos as well as numerous club member images that we had sent him to review. Those who were fortunate to attend, picked up some great suggestions for their photography. Thanks Clayton.



Other club news include:

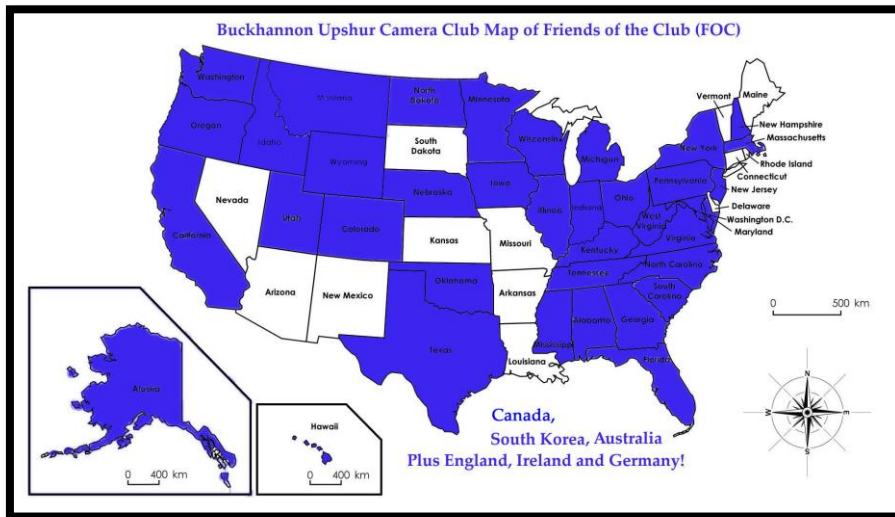
- Upcoming club activity is on the cover page in the blue section, club members **please** read that section. Cut it out & put on the fridge.
- Unfortunately, we had to cancel the picnic we had planned for August.
- Carol Meese, John Simons and Al Tucker took advantage of an invitation to shoot the dress rehearsal of the Buckhannon Community Theater's play, *Oliver*. It was great fun. We will put a slide show together for it.
- Amanda Hayes, John Simons, and Al Tucker supported the National Wild Turkey Federation's JAKES (Juniors Achieving Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship) Day on August 23. The sponsors were very appreciative of the club helping them out. They will use our photos as part of a submission for a national award.
- Congratulations to club member Amanda Hayes, senior staff writer at The Record Delta, who had two winning photographs during the 2014 West Virginia Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest, Division IV. Amanda won first place in the best news photography category for a photo of firemen training with the WVU Fire Extension Service's mobile burn trailer. She also received third place in the same category for her photo of a veteran hugging his two grandsons at Union Elementary. See photos below.





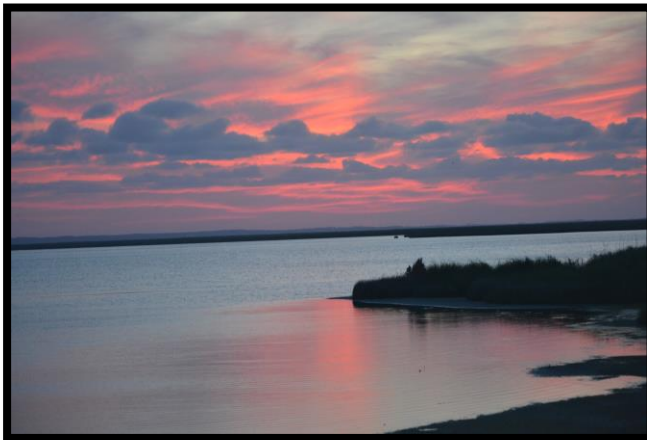
Friends of the Club

With about 40 plus new readers, we are now well over 500 readers. With the help of a club member and some friends, we added Iowa, Mississippi, New Hampshire and Oklahoma to our FOC Map, which brings us to 37 total. Welcome to all our new readers and thanks to those who recruited them. Here are the elusive 13 states to go: **Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, and Vermont.** Hopefully, with your help, we can fill in a few more states in September.



June Photo of the Month Winners

Congratulations to Nancy Marks for winning June's POTM contest. The topic was low light. John Simons took second also with a sunset shot. As there wasn't a meeting in August, the "Visual Pun" category will carry into September along with the "Fungi" topic.



Outer Banks, NC – Nancy Marks

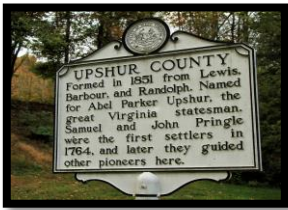


Spruce Knob, WV – John Simons

There's still time to improve your photography skills by learning from one of the premier nature photographer's in the country!

Clayton Spangler said at our last club meeting that Jim Clark is "the best" and recommends that "you should take advantage of this event (seminar and workshop) if possible." Check out Jim's photos in this newsletter and you'll see what Clayton means. The event is broken into 2 discrete parts, a seminar and a field workshop, on September 6 and 7 at Adaland Mansion, near Philippi, WV.

If interested, email me at alanandliva@aol.com or call John Simons at 304-472-0528.



Nature Photography – Animal Kingdom

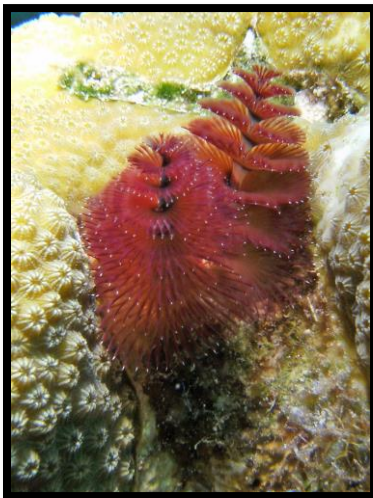
Our club members and friends sent so many photos for the nature edition that we are breaking our nature focus into two editions. This month we showcase our readers’ animal images and in October, we will spotlight non-animal aspects of nature. We begin our look at the animal kingdom with species you do not see every day. We hope you enjoy the variety of animal pics submitted by our members and friends.



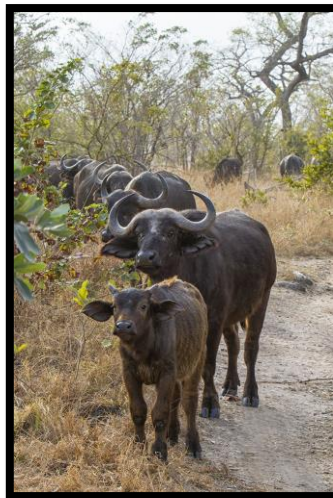
Hello! (Humpback Whale) – Mary Cameron



Playtime (South African Elephants) - Laurie Lewis



Christmas Tree Worms – Mark Reasor



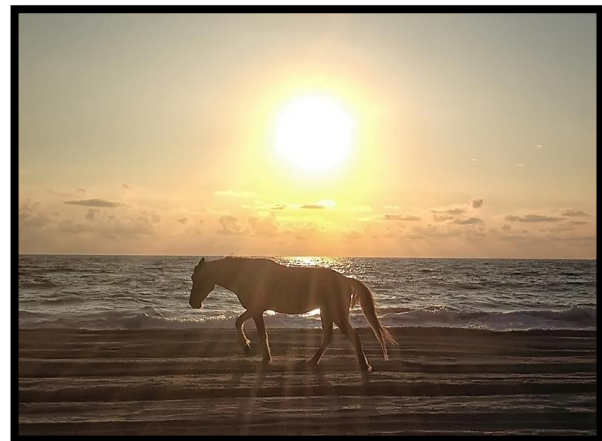
Lineup (African Buffalo) – Laurie Lewis



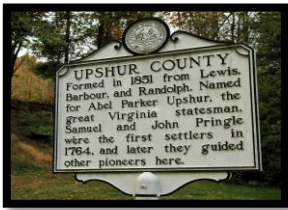
Garden Spider - Jozette Spacht



Feather Duster Worms – Mark Reasor



Outer Banks Wild Horse at Sunrise – Amanda Haddox



Nature Photography - Animal Kingdom - Hunted Trophies



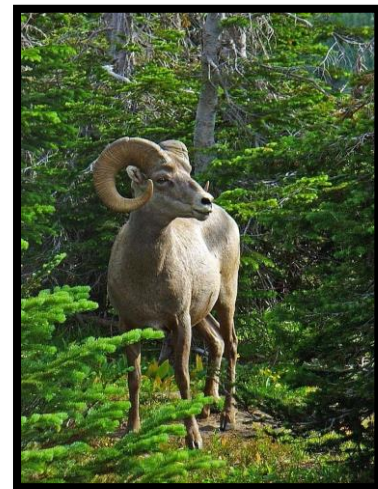
Grazing (Red Mountain Pass, CO) - Brooks Jones



Neighborhood Moose (Fairbanks, AK) - Dan Kohlhaas



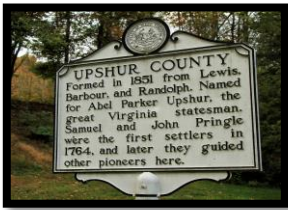
Wild Kentucky Elk - Amanda Haddox



Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep - Mary Cameron



Great Smokies' White Tail Deer - Nathan Symons



Nature Photography – Animal Kingdom – Life Span of White Tail Deer



Recently Born Fawn – Paul Fuchs



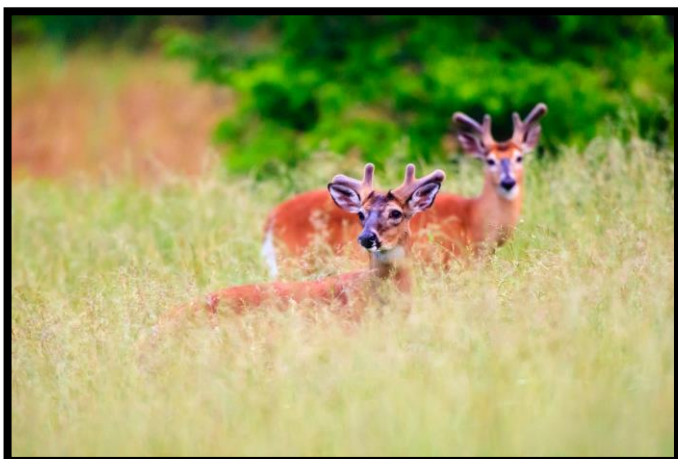
Suckling Fawn – Troy Helmick



Field of Fawns – Tina Bulka



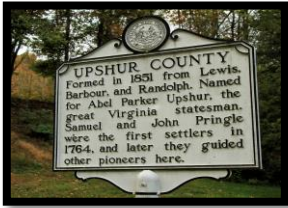
On Our Own – Martin Unrue



Young Bucks – Nathan Symons



The Hunted – Mark Poore



Nature Photography – Animal Kingdom – Woodland Creatures



Neighborhood Coyote – Brooks Jones



Keeping an Eye Out – Dan Friend



On Alert – Alan Tucker



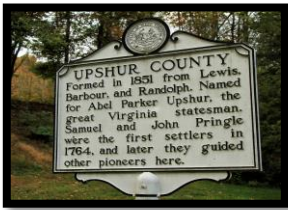
Momma will be mad at me! – Dennis Govoni



Mom, I'm Stuck! – Dan Friend



Don't you dare touch my baby! – Nathan Symons



Nature Photography – Animal Kingdom – Fun Critters



Snack Time (Canadian Beaver) – John Simons



Playtime is so tiring! (Sea Otter, Southeast Alaska) – Jim Clark



Checking you out! (Alaskan Sea Lion) – Jim Clark



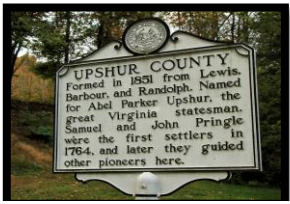
I'm not sure about this! (Ohiopyle PA Mink) - Nathan Symons



It's so hot, I'll rest here! (ND Flying Squirrel) – Howard Underwood



Plain Cute (WV Chipmunk) - Michael Juratovak



Nature Photography – Animal Kingdom - Birds

The National Audubon Society estimates there are more than 800 species of birds in the U.S. with 654 species being native to the continental US. Birds enrich our life with beauty and song. They come in all shapes and sizes from the ostrich to the hummingbird. Their colors and songs vary across the species. Our readers sent in a wonderful selection of bird images. We begin with a variety of bird pictures submitted by our readers.



Sandhill Cranes (Babcock Webb WMA, FL) – Alan Tucker



Female Ruby Throated Hummingbird & Jewel Weed – Dan Friend



Reddish Egret (Sanibel, FL) – Bill & Linda Lane



Gathering of Eagles (Alaska) – Dan Kohlhaas



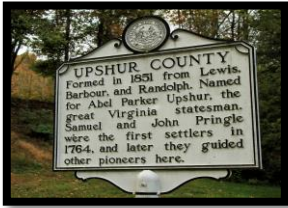
English Robin – Diana Taylor



Peacock (Devon England) – Barry Taylor



Strutting Toms (Great Smokies' Turkeys) – Nathan Symons



Nature Photography - Animal Kingdom - Beautiful White Birds



Feeding Snowy Egrets (Chincoteague Island VA) - Jim Clark



Taking Flight (Great White Egret, Chincoteague Island) - Dennis Govoni



Nesting Egrets (Hilton Head, SC) - Dick Hepler



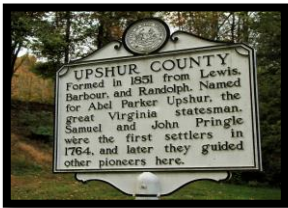
Ibis on the run! (Plus Wood Stork, Sanibel, FL) - Alan Tucker



Preening Pelicans (Lake Lount, Ontario, CA) - John Simons

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Nature Photography - Animal Kingdom - Joyous Song Birds - Don't you love them?



American Redstart (Berwind Lake WMA, WV) - Jim Clark



Prairie Warbler (Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, VA) - Jim Clark



Eastern Towhee (Weston, WV) - A Tucker



Common Yellowthroat (Banshee Reeks, VA) - Jim Clark



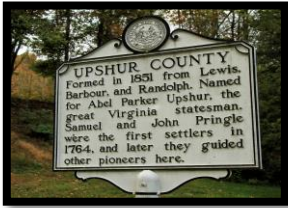
Cedar Waxwing (WV) - Mike Juratovak



Yellow Warbler (Berwind Lake WMA, WV) - Jim Clark



Blue Grosbeak, Bombay Hook Nat. Wildlife Refuge, DE - Dennis Govoni



Nature Photography –Animal Kingdom – The Predator Birds



Fish Hawk (AKA Osprey, Florida Everglades) – Dan Friend

Got Squirrel (Red Shouldered Hawk, Near Philippi, WV) – Tina Bulka

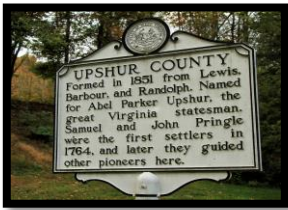


Ready for Takeoff (Red Tailed Hawk, Barbour County) – Alan Tucker

A Good Catch (Bald Eagle, Lount Lake, Ontario, CA) – A Tucker



Flying Low (Female Northern Harrier, Chincoteague Island, VA) – Jim Clark



Nature Photography – Animal Kingdom - Birds in Flight



A Gully Good Time (Praia da Cordoama, Portugal) – Barry Taylor



As the "Crows Fly" (Near Thomas, WV) – Dan Friend



An Ibis Sunset (Bunch Beach, FL) – Alan Tucker



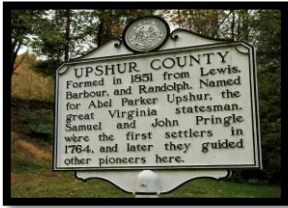
Snow Geese Launch (Chincoteague Island, VA) – Dennis Govoni



Final Approach (Tufted Titmouse) – Dan Friend



In-Flight Lunch (Barn Swallows) – Dennis Govoni



Nature Photography –Animal Kingdom – Shore/Water Birds



Green Heron (Pea Island, NC) – Amanda Haddox



Virginia Rail (Blackwater NWR, MD) – Jim Clark



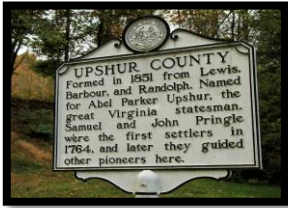
Black Skimmers (Chincoteague NWR, VA) – Jim Clark



Yellow Crowned Night Owl (Sanibel, FL) – Alan Tucker
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American Oystercatchers (Chincoteague NWR, VA) – Jim Clark
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Nature Photography - Animal Kingdom - Final Selection of Birds



Juvenile Bald Eagle (Three Rivers Aviary) - Dick Hepler



On the Buckhannon River (Canada Geese) - Wanda Seuch



An English Jackdaw (Near London) - Barry Taylor



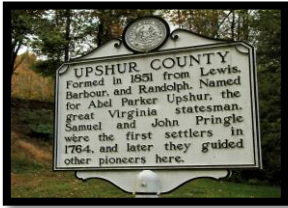
Mandarin Ducks (Saltram Lake, England) Barry Taylor



Song Sparrow (Ohio River Islands WMA HQ) - John Simons



Tree Swallow (Banshee Reeks Natural Preserve, VA) - Jim Clark



Nature Photography – Animal Kingdom - Insects - Butterflies



Finally Landed (Unknown Species) – Melissa Toothman



All In! (Black Swallowtail) – Linda Treadway



Eastern Tailed Butterfly – Jim Clark



Small But Pretty (Ukn) – Alan Tucker



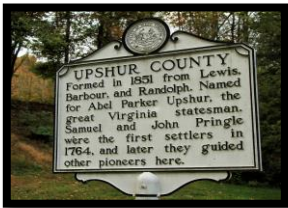
Winged Beauty (Ukn) – The Lanes



Swarming Yellow Swallowtail Butterflies – Frank Eskew



Sharing Yellow Swallowtail Butterfly and Honey Bee – Carol Coffman



Nature Photography –Animal Kingdom - Insects - Dragon Flies & Friends



Common Blue Damselfly (Ontario, CA) – Alan Tucker



Widow Skimmer (Banshee Reeks Natural Preserve) - Jim Clark



Blue Dasher (Babcock SP, WV) – John Simons



Jeepers Creepers... (Unk) – Jozette Spacht



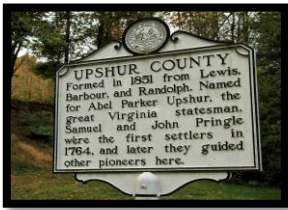
The Red Baron (Ukn) – Alan Tucker



Foraging Bumble Bees – Larry Johns



Hummingbird Moth – Jozette Spacht



Nature Photography - Animal Kingdom - Insects - Creepy Bugs - Who needs them?



Mud Wasp - Ann Stout



Sweat Bee - Bill and Linda Lane



Crab Spider - Jozette Spacht



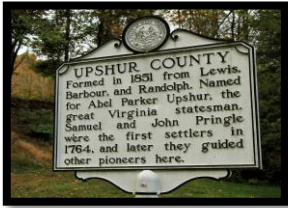
Japanese Beetles (Allan Jones)



Venusta Orchard Spider (Banshee Reeks, VA) - Jim Clark



Just Plain Creepy (Unk) - Jozette Spacht



Nature Photography – Animal Kingdom - Reptiles



Camouflaged (Green Python) – Jeremy McGowan



No swimming allowed! (Ding Darling NWR, FL Gator) – Dick Hepler



Sun Bathing (Painted Turtle, Ontario, Canada) – John Simons



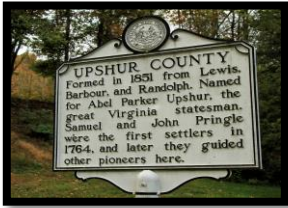
West Fork Snapper (Weston, WV) – Alan Tucker



On the Lookout (Smooth Green Snake, WV) – Martin Unrue



Beware! (Water Moccasin, Six Cypress Swamp, FL) – Dennis Govoni



Nature Photography - Animal Kingdom - Amphibians



Small, but Deadly (Blue Poison Dart Frog) - Jeremy McGowan



Pickerel Frog (Banshee Reek Natural Preserve, VA) - Jim Clark



Spring Peeper (Banshee Reek Natural Preserve, VA) - Jim Clark



Northern Leopard Frog (Lount Lake, Ontario CA) - John Simons



Common Frog (A garden near London, England) - Diana Taylor



Red Spotted Newt (Pocahontas County, WV) - Alan Tucker