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DECEMBER 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETINGJanuary 11, 2016

BOARD MEETINGJanuary 14, 2016

PROGRAMS

COMPETITIONS

- Christmas.....December 14, 2015

EXHIBITIONS

- Ongoing: The Pierce Gallery
- Ongoing:Quail Haven Village

WORKSHOPS

HOLIDAY DINNERDecember 14, 2015
Longleaf Country Club

PRESIDENTS NOTES, Dave Powers



DAVE POWERS

This year, 2015, will soon be in the books. We will be gathering on December 14 for our Christmas meeting to celebrate the past year, and a new leadership team will be inducted to get 2016 off to a great start.

I want to say THANK YOU to those of you who made 2015 a great year. Your board met every challenge with their usual response of "Let's get it done". We enjoyed field trips that offered great photography opportunities but even better was the social interactions between members. We had informative workshops that made us better photographers and social media "experts". We had great programs with speakers who brought evidence

of their skill but also wowed us with their passion for photography. We took day (and night) trips that intrigued and challenged us. We were amazed each month with a creative and informative newsletter and our website gave us a very valuable tool to show our work. That same newsletter always had great photos of those who attended the meetings. This made it even more personal. All technical issues were always quietly taken care of in a manner that made us think that computers always work as they should. Thank you to those who kept our finances, kept great minutes of board meetings, and membership rolls updated to provide an accurate list of members, and to those who made sure that our club activities were well publicized in the community. In addition, as if that was not enough, thank you to those who arranged opportunities for us to exhibit our work. In addition, we had competitions that once again reminded us just how good our group is at capturing and presenting championship images that amazed us with their "WOW FACTOR." And we certainly cannot forget how great our snacks were after each meeting. Isn't it great to be a part of this vibrant club?

Thank you to all the members who supported our club with their attendance at the meetings. Thanks to all of you who offered your ideas to the leadership team on how to make this a better club. Thank you to all of you who encouraged me during my year as president. I could never adequately say a big enough thank you for your support.

Tom Fagan will be your President in 2016. I know that you will give him the same support you gave me and at this time in 2016, we will celebrate once again the privilege that it is to be a member of the Sandhills Photography Club. May each of you have a great Christmas and Holiday season and may 2016 be your greatest year. And lastly, PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PHOTOS IN THE ONLINE COMPETITION.

Dave Powers

MEMBERSHIP NEWS, *Judy Nappi*:

Sixty two members and 3 guests attended the last meeting. Teresa Bruni re-joined SPC.

The club has 97 paid members plus 5 honorary members (65 Individual and 32 family).



JUDY NAPPI

**It's that time of year again to pay our dues!!!!**

Dues for 2016 are:

- \$20 for students
- \$50 for a single membership
- \$65 for a family membership



You may notice a \$5 increase for single and family memberships. This is primarily to cover increased expense for our programming (competitions, field trips and speakers).

Members who have joined during the last quarter of this year are paid through December 2016.

Dues can be brought to the membership table before a meeting or mailed to our club Treasurer:

**Joanne Lentz
6117 Seven Lakes West
West End, NC 27376**

2016 SPC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, to be installed at the Holiday Party on December 14th:

Tom Fagan	President
Gary Magee	Vice President/Programs
Bonny Henderson	Secretary
Grace Hill	Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT - *Joanne Lentz*

FINANCIAL REPORT as of October 30, 2015

<u>CHECKING ACCOUNT</u>	
STARTING BALANCE (SEPTEMBER 30, 2015)	\$ 2,650.94
EXPENSES	\$ 130.00
RECEIPTS	\$ 45.02
ENDING CHECKING BALANCE (OCTOBER 30, 2015)	\$ 2,565.96
<u>SAVINGS ACCOUNT</u>	
STARTING BALANCE (SEPTEMBER 30, 2015)	\$ 4,884.41
INTEREST	\$ 0.12
ENDING SAVINGS BALANCE (OCTOBER 30, 2015)	\$ 4,884.53
TOTAL FUNDS (OCTOBER 30, 2015)	\$ 7,450.49



JOANNE LENTZ

RECIPE OF THE MONTH *by Bill Sheppard*

Recipe

Linda Piechota

Ingredients:

- Small packages of muffin mixes
- Strawberry Jam
- Honey Roasted Peanut Butter

Follow package instructions

Mini muffins pan - spray with pam

Fill pan 1/3 full:

- 1/3 teaspoon strawberry jam
- 1/3 teaspoon peanut butter
- Cover with 1/3 more mix

Bake package directions

Call Bill for taste test!!!!

**HINTS, by Bill Sheppard**

IN GOD WE TRUST.....GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

Make your list and check it twice, 'cause Santa Claus is coming to town. Well, winter is almost here and the leaves will soon be gone so if you want anything LIKE THAT you want better get it quick before the leaves are all gone! Lots of good shots left of water fowl, birds, animals, and icicles on water will be coming up. Lots of historical places with themes before Christmas to get lot of good shots

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your good response to the refreshments in November and every one that participated all through the year. Was music to my ears to hear all the people talking at refreshment time.



Bill Sheppard

**Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year to all,
*Sandra and Bill***



SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

HOLIDAY DINNER

DECEMBER 14, 2015, 6PM

(Cash Cocktail Hour, Hors d'oeuvres included)

FILLY AND COLTS

AT LONGLEAF COUNTRY CLUB

10 Knoll Road – Southern Pines, NC



◆◆◆MENU◆◆◆

BEEF TENDERLOIN MEDALLIONS with MASHED POTATOES & MIXED VEGETABLES

TERIYAKI GLAZED SALMON with WILD RICE AND SEASONAL VEGETABLE

LONGLEAF CHICKEN with MASHED POTATOES AND MIXED VEGETABLES

ALL DINNERS -- \$28.50 PER PERSON—TAX AND TIP INCLUDED



RESERVATION FORM—CLIP AND RETURN WITH CHECK

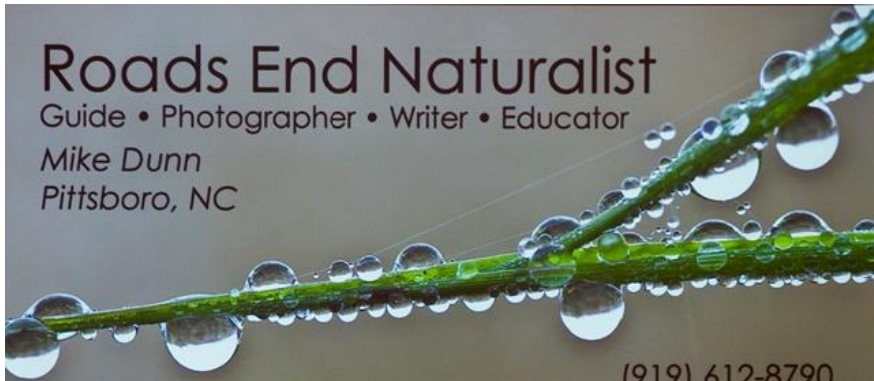
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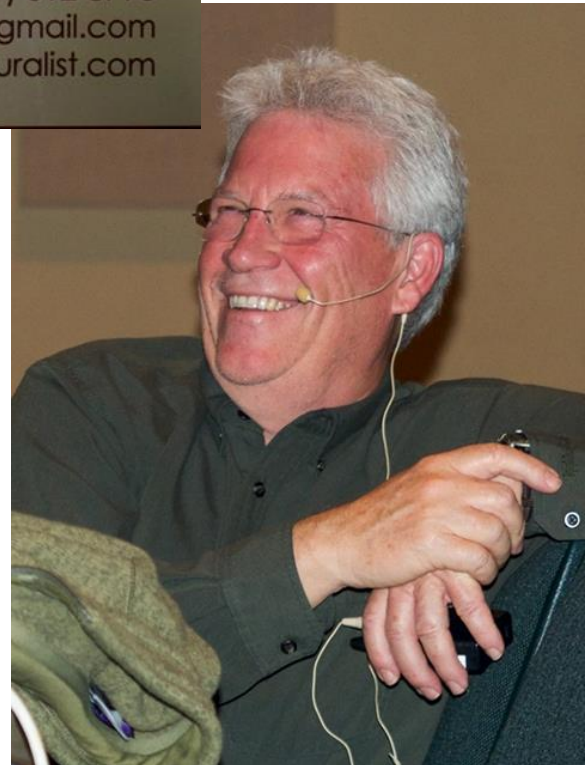
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DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION --- NOVEMBER 30, 2015



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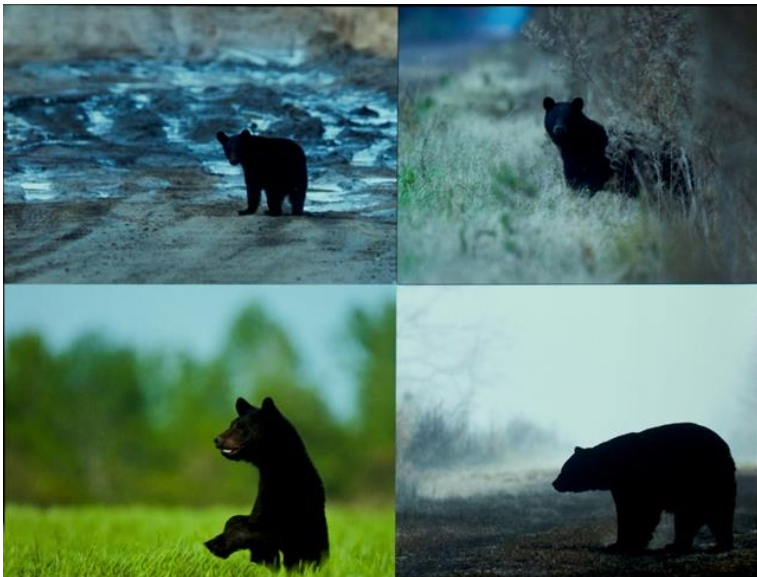
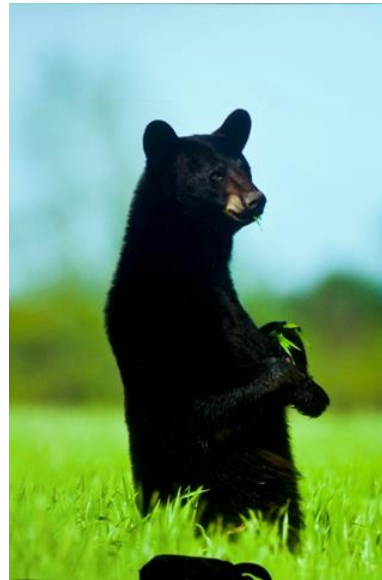
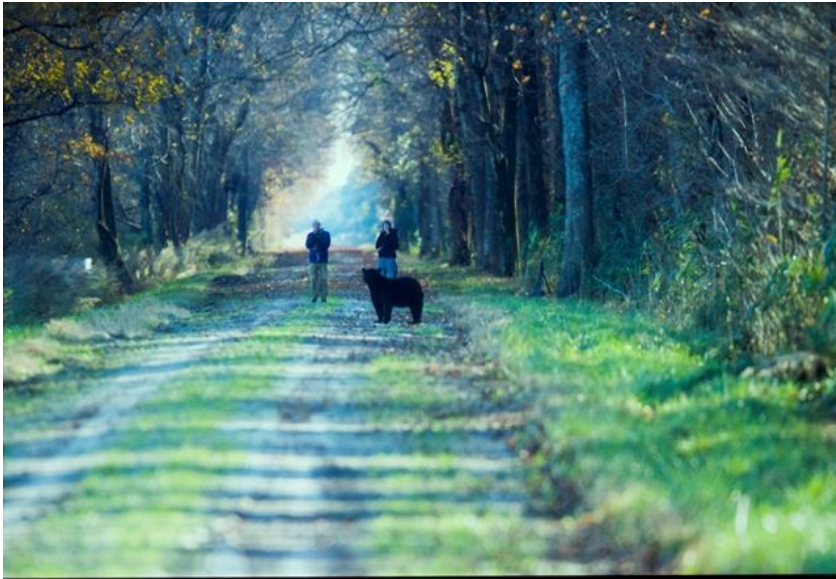


November
2015
Meeting

Mike Dunn
Presenter



How can you help?
Support your National Wildlife Refuge System
by becoming informed of candidates' views
Volunteer
Join a Friends group
Visit, learn more, and obey refuge rules



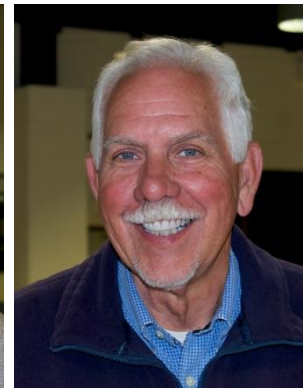
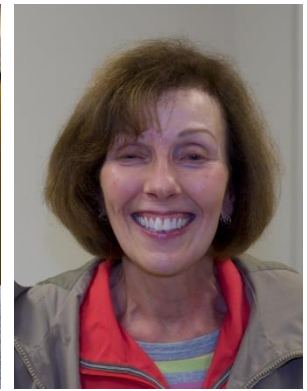




Lake Mattamuskeet

- 1585: ~120,000 ac.
- 1789: 1st attempt to drain failed
- 1837: Landfall Landing Canal drains lake down to ~55,000 ac.
- 1914-17: Outfall Canal dredged; pump plant built—failed to drain lake
- 1920: attempt to drain failed
- 1925: pumps rebuilt; lake completely drained
- 1932: pumps fail after heavy rains, lake fills, farm shutdown
- 1934: lake purchased by US
- Today: ~40,000 ac.



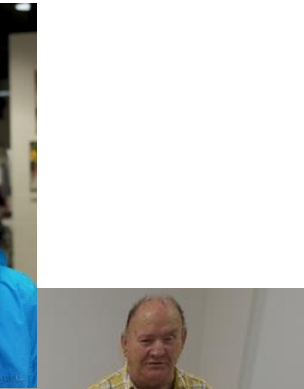


All Meeting images by Al Reeder



New Board Members for 2016; Tom Fagan - Preident, Bonny Henderson - Secretary; Grace Hill - Treasurer.....missing Gary Magee - Vice President/Programs

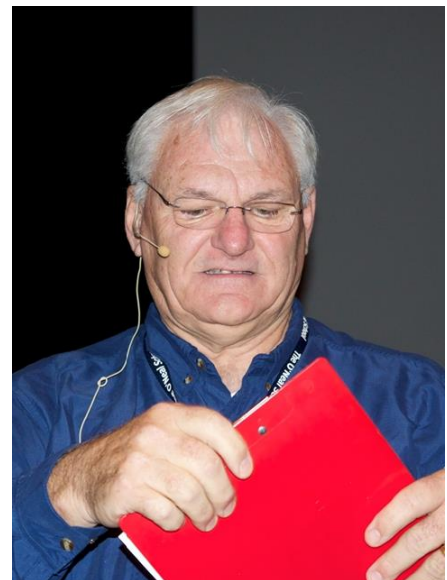








SOMEBODY
looks very
happy to have
completed his
year as
President!!!!



2015 SPC BOARD

TITLE	NAME
President	Dave Powers
Vice President	Tom Fagan
Secretary	Jo Ann Sluder
Treasurer	Joanne Lentz
Past President	Jill Margeson
Programs	Tom Fagan
Competitions	Scott Duvall
Exhibitions	Tom Reedy
New Member Dev.	OPEN
Hospitality	Bill & Sandy Sheppard
Publicity	Janice Huff
Workshops	Linda Piechota
Technical Consultant	Bill Matthews
Newsletter	Alison Earl
Historian/Web Links	Linda Piechota
PSA Rep	Jill Margeson
Membership	Jerry Kozel
Website	John German
Club Photographer	Al Reeder
Field Trip Spring	Tom Fagan/Bill Bower
Field Trip Fall	Tom Fagan/Bill Bower
Wildlife Focus Group	Tom Reedy
Strategic Planning	Scott Duvall
O'Neal School Liaison	Scott Duvall

KNOW YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2015

Dave Powers



Tom Fagan



DAVE POWERS

PRESIDENT

JO ANN SLUDER

SECRETARY

TOM FAGAN

VICE PRESIDENT

JOANNE LENTZ

TREASURER



Jo Ann Sluder



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