

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN OUTDOORS

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## Best of Show - Photography



Red Tailed Hawk  
Attacking Brazilian  
Free Tailed Bats  
by Al Perry

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## And the Winners Are...

The talented members of RMOWP again put their best feet forward, as well as their fingers and minds, by submitting excellent samples of their work for this year's photo and writing contest. Contest coordinators Frank Zurey and Richard Holmes reported that 417 images were entered into the various photography categories, and 26 entries in the writing categories were submitted.

Tom Ulrich, an internationally acclaimed wildlife and nature photographer from West Glacier, Montana, judged the photography entries and reported that the quality of the photos is continuing to increase each year. Also, it appears that at least as far as the contest goes, RMOWP's transition to digital photography is now complete with all of the images submitted this year as digital files.

There were two judges for the writing entries. Mary Taylor Young, an award-winning nature writer from Castle Rock, Colorado, judged the magazine, newspaper, and newsletter articles. Russ Bromby, of Lakewood, Colorado, judged the books and video. Russ, the former editor of *Colorado Outdoors* magazine and retired Chief of Communications with the Colorado Division of Wildlife, is now a contract editor and writer. Judges comments appear in italics.

The humorous photo entries were judged by Angelo Sciulli, a nature photographer and author from Lancaster, South Carolina, who also prepared a multimedia presentation of the humorous photo entries that was greeted with laughter at the conference.

### Best of Show Photography

Al Perry - Red Tailed Hawk Attacking Brazilian Free Tailed Bats

### Writing – Books/Videos

Andy Lightbody - *An American Historian & Twilight of a Continent* starring Gary R. Swanson  
*Best of show is the Gary Swanson documentary because of its insightful commentary and effort to preserve these films.*

### Writing – Articles/Columns/Editorials

Mary Peachin - "Great Bear Rainforest," *Destination Fish*, Summer 2008

### Image from Last Conference

1st Terry Guthrie - Morning in the Park

2nd Beto Gutierrez - Badger

3rd Terry Guthrie - Rocky Mountain Stream

### Honorable Mention

Al Perry - Mountain Bluebird in Flight

Rick Lesquier - Glowing Elk

Maryann Gaug - Tom and Iris

Jim Baker - Ready for Flight

### Scenics

1st Al Perry - Mt. McKinley

2nd Terry Guthrie - Fall Reflections

3rd Nic Showalter - World Premiere



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#### **Honorable Mention**

Jan Sundberg - Falls Trail Falls GSMNP  
Linda Martin - Heron Pond First Light  
Richard Holmes - Fremont River Overlook  
Terry Guthrie - Tumbling Creek

#### **Flora**

**1st** Nic Showalter - Late Harvest  
**2nd** Frank Zurey - Alpine Sunflower  
**3rd** Lynda Cummings - Colorado Favorite

#### **Honorable Mention**

Sherry Zurey - American Cow-parsnip  
Ryan Weishalla - Crocus  
Al Perry - Indian Paint Brush  
Linda Martin - Mossy Bluff

#### **Fauna**

**1st** Al Perry - Scissortail  
**2nd** Al Perry - Diamond Backed Water Snake  
**3rd** Beto Gutierrez - Bobcat Stalking  
**Honorable Mention**  
Frank Zurey - Grizzly Bear  
Jan Sundberg - Golden Great Blue Heron  
Jan Sundberg - Dance of the Butterflies  
Richard Holmes - Northern Flicker

#### **People in Nature**

**1st** Al Perry - Intimate Gathering  
**2nd** Terry Guthrie - Surf's Up  
**3rd** Jack Olson - Trail Ridge Sunset  
**Honorable Mention**  
Al Perry - Close Encounter  
Richard Holmes - Men at Work  
Beto Gutierrez - Fly Fishing in Mist  
Terry Guthrie - Waiting for a Bite

#### **Historical**

**1st** Terry Guthrie - Confederate Heroes

**2nd** Terry Guthrie - Abandoned Mill  
**3rd** Tom Cummings - Past Time

#### **Honorable Mention**

Jack Olson - Bent's Old Fort  
Rick Lesquier - Abo Mission National Monument  
Richard Holmes - Pueblo Cemetery  
Maryann Gaug - Sunken Tub

#### **Cultural**

**1st** Jack Olson - 4 Mile House 4th #1  
**2nd** Lynda Cummings - In The Air  
**3rd** Jan Sundberg - Tasting from the Tap

#### **Honorable Mention**

Sherry Zurey - Tlingit Dance, Sitka  
Georgette Sotos - Lighting the Way  
John Catsis - Crown Dancers

#### **Events**

**1st** Ryan Weishalla - Lightning Storm Over Illinois  
**2nd** Linda Martin - Storm Brewing  
**3rd** Linda Martin - Nature's Forces  
**Honorable Mention**  
Jan Sundberg - Ice Wrapped Berries  
Georgette Sotos - Washington's Birthday Celebration  
Beto Gutierrez - Post Hurricane Dolly

#### **Altered/Composite**

**1st** Richard Holmes - Wind Turbines  
**2nd** Terry Guthrie - Surreal Walkway  
**3rd** Al Perry - Alaska Range  
**Honorable Mention**  
Frank Zurey - Power Napping  
Richard Youngblood - Yellow Flower and Tree  
Richard Holmes - Iron Horse  
Kenita Gibbins - Trying to Salvage Overexposure

#### **Black & White Prints**

**1st** Tom Cummings - Iguanas 2



World Premier (3rd Place Scenics)

**2nd** Tom Cummings - In Flight

**3rd** Kent Owings - Arlington National Cemetery

**Honorable Mention**

Frank Zurey - Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord Church built 1901

Al Perry - Glacier in Alaska Range

Terry Guthrie - The Eyes Have It

**Photography - Novice**

**1st** Rosemary Rizzolo - I stand alone

**2nd** Rosemary Rizzolo - Nuzzling Along

**3rd** Rosemary Rizzolo - Layers

**Photography – Published Image**

**1st** Al Perry - Red Tailed Hawk Attacking Brazilian Free Tailed Bats, Birds and People, 2007

**2nd** Al Perry - Broad Tailed Hummingbird, Birders World, April 2008

**3rd** Jack Olson - Wild for Flowers, Midwest Traveler, Mar-Apr 2008

**TV/Movie/Video**

**1st** Andy Lightbody - "An American Historian & Twilight of a Continent" starring Gary R. Swanson, Rocky Mountain Television, December 2008

*The Documentary includes two vintage films from 1980. Woven into the older films are fresh commentaries and interviews. The interviews are insightful and interesting. They shed new light on these 27-year-old films and also serve to preserve these treasures. It is an impressive achievement.*

**2nd** Andy Lightbody - "Kids and Clays Foundation Support for Ronald McDonald House," Rocky Mountain Television, September 2008

*This DVD profiles the Ronald McDonald House program from its inception in 1974 with just one house to today where there are 277 Ronald McDonald Houses worldwide. Since 1999, the Kids and Clays Foundation has helped raise more than \$5 million for the program.*

**3rd** Andy Lightbody - "Iowa Turkey Hunt," Rocky Mountain Television, August 2008



© Richard Holmes

Wind Turbines (1st Place Aletred/Composite

*The DVD features calling methods, blinds, decoys, gear, and cleaning a turkey.*

**Honorable Mention**

Al Perry - "First Day of Summer for Bluebird Family," WNIN TV, December 2008

*A DVD featuring bluebirds coming to a nest box to feed their young. Beautiful slow motion shots of the birds coming to the nest, sharp and clear.*

**Books & Scripts for TV/Movie/Video**

**1st** Robert Stone - "Day Hikes Around Napa Valley," March 2008

*This book stands out due to its scope with 88 hikes, complete with maps, and length and elevation gain of each hike. Detailed summaries as well as driving directions are included. These are impressively researched.*

**2nd** Robert Stone - "Day Hikes Around Missoula, Montana," March 2008

*This is the Third edition of a book that profiles 83 hikes in and around the town of Missoula, Montana. Another impressive accomplishment in a very popular series.*

**Newspaper articles/columns/editorials**

**1st** Lee Allen - "Wildlife Watching, Photography Turning into Big Business," Inside Tucson Business, August 25, 2008

*This well-presented journalistic piece highlights the economics of wildlife viewing and how it helps wildlife and people by benefiting landowners.*

**2nd** Lee Allen - "A Potpourri of Outdoor Arizona Pleasures," Inside Tucson Business, May 19, 2008

*A nice overview of angling and other outdoor activities, offering usable tidbits for readers.*

**3rd** Lee Allen - "Looking Back... and Ahead," Inside Tucson Business, December 17, 2008

*A nicely-done set of end-of-year good wishes for outdoorsmen.*

**Magazine articles/columns/editorials**

**1st** Mary Peachin - "Great Bear Rainforest," Destination Fish, Summer 2008

*This article vividly captures the experience of fishing in the Canadian backcountry. The reader can feel the chill, and smell the fish!*

**2nd** Mary Peachin - "Panama's Provincial Promises," Destination Fish, Fall 2008

*An eye-popping travelogue that reveals the destination in vivid detail and takes the reader into the mysteries of Panama.*

**3rd** Jack Olson - "Wild for Flowers," Midwest Traveler, March-April 2008

*This well-presented, straight-forward travel story gets readers out on the trail knowing where to look and what to look for.*

**Honorable Mention**

Lee Allen - "Ready to Fish for Gila Trout?" Rocky Mountain Game and Fish, May 2008

*An engaging story about the comeback of a native fish that hovered on the brink of extinction. Captures the drama of the species recovery and the angler view.*



**Newsletter Writing of Any Kind**

**1st** Jack Olson - "Jack's Jaunts: Heritage and Surprises," Rocky Mountain Outdoors, September-October 2008  
*This engaging look at the surprises of southeastern Colorado draws readers in, and delivers.*

**2nd** Richard Holmes - "Lost Socks," Rocky Mountain Outdoors, September-October 2008  
*From its intriguing title through its detailed story, this piece is a take-you-along record of a photo outing.*

**3rd** Jack Olson - "Jack's Jaunts: Zion, Here we come," Rocky Mountain Outdoors, Holiday 2008  
*Entertaining roundup of sights of Zion, ending with the says-it-all phrase "Bring lots of pixels!"*

**Honorable Mention**

Jack Olson - "Jack's Jaunts: Conference Add-ons," Rocky Mountain Outdoors, Jan-Feb 2008  
*This teaser looking ahead to the 35th annual conference is a straightforward roundup of trip possibilities.*

**Members Choice - Scenic**

**1st** Kent Owings - Peaceful Mountain Setting

**2nd** Terry Guthrie - Misty Mountains

**3rd** Rick Lesquier - Sunset at Blue Springs

**Humorous Photographs**

**1st** Tom Cummings - Open Range

**2nd** Terry Guthrie - Up a Creek without a Paddle

**3rd** Sherry Zurrey - People Watching

**Funny Shirt Contest**

**1st** Wayne Turner - Most Outrageous

**2nd** Cecilia Travis - Most Creative

**3rd** Tom Cummings - Most Humorous



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Morning in the Park (1st Place Image from Last Conference)

**Web Writing**

**1st** Al Perry - "Are you sure You Want to Compete in a Month Long Photo Contest?" Naturescapes.net, July 22 2008

*This piece looks at a grueling photo contest using humor and personal experience to highlight the story.*

**Members Choice - Flora**

**1st** Russell Dohrmann - Rhododendron and Redwood

**2nd** Russell Dohrmann - Fallen Leaves and Trees

**3rd** Gail Dohrmann - Playing Beneath the Oak

**Members Choice - Fauna**

**1st** John Thornton - Atlantic Puffins

**2nd** Sherry Zurey - Spoonbills

**3rd** Terry Guthrie - Bee on Zinnia



© Al Perry

Scissortail (1st Place Fauna)





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Ranger Marc Neidig leading a hike on the Emerald Pools Trail. Kent Owings (center) & Lots Pook look on.

## Conference 2009 Wrap-up

Despite the shaky economy and chilly March weather, this year's conference in Zion National Park had an excellent turnout, with more than 50 participants. As in the past few years there was a good mix of long-time members and newcomers, with eleven individuals who were attending their first conference. Conference participants came from Colorado, New Mexico, South Carolina, Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Texas, Georgia, Utah, and Wyoming.

Due to transportation and trail restrictions we opted to break into small groups for most hikes and field trips, taking advantage of the skills of a few of our more ambitious photographers. Members also presented workshops and the park service provided a lively ranger talk and a ranger-led hike.

The group also received a presentation on global warming's effect on outdoor recreation from the president of the Wildlife Management Institute, and the director of the Zion Field Institute gave a brief talk and some excellent photo location tips. New this year was a showcase of selected members' photography, which we hope will become an annual event.

Your comments, criticisms, and suggestions regarding conferences (or anything else for that matter) are always welcome, and can be e-mailed to [info@rmowp.org](mailto:info@rmowp.org).



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RMOWPers coming along the Emerald Pools Trail



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Here comes the sun... the sunrise shoot was later than in previous years since we were in Zion in March rather than our usual summer dates



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Wayne Turner kibitzing with a squirrel on the Riverside Walk, ignoring the park regulation forbidding fraternization with wildlife (or is it the squirrel who's fraternizing with Wild Wayne?!)



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Al Perry describing his photography experiences in Alaska



# Scholarship Time

Know a college student interested in outdoors writing or photography? Then this is the time to act! Applications for this year's RMOWP scholarship program, available at [www.rmowp.org](http://www.rmowp.org), are being accepted through the end of May. The award is given annually to a student with a career interest in communicating about the outdoors, and applicants need not have a declared major in a communications field.

RMOWP gives a scholarship so that we don't forget two special members, according to Scholarship Chairman Mike Hammond. In 1973 Joe McKenna and J.B. Scott founded our organization, Hammond says, and in honoring these two men for all the work they and others went through in the fledgling years of RMOWP we the latecomers reap the rewards and enjoy the diverse and extremely talented group of folks that make up our group. RMOWP gives a scholarship to a student that is pursuing a career that promotes Joe and J.B.'s love of the great outdoors. Be it in writing, photography, conservation, or even promoting the outdoor life that we are so blessed to have in the United States of America, Hammond says.



Lighting the Way (HM Cultural)

This is a great way to honor all of those that have made RMOWP enduring and meaningful, not only for Joe and J.B., but to all of you that bring and buy items at the annual auction extravaganza (the main scholarship funding source) and to the recipients of the award as well.

Hammond encourages all RMOWP members to visit our website and take a look at the application. "Who knows, you might know someone that would meet the requirements and needs the help," he says. "It could be your neighbor or a mom or dad at work or even someone at church. Times are tough and this might be all someone would need to continue their education."

Last year RMOWP awarded three scholarships to college students who are receiving their degrees this spring. Our \$1,000 award recipient, Kelli Shayne Edwards, graduates from Texas A&M with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science Cum Laude. Hunter Nichols, a \$500 scholarship recipient, graduates from the University of Auburn



© Jan Sundberg

Ice Wrapped Berries (HM Events)

in Alabama with studies in geography, radio, television, and film, and he continues to write and produce videos on the Cahaba River in Alabama and videos for the Alabama Rivers Alliance. RMOWP's other \$500 scholarship recipient, Kasey Muth, is graduating from Texas Tech in Lubbock with a degree in photo communications and advertising. Check out Kasey's photos on her website, [www.kaseylynnphotography.com](http://www.kaseylynnphotography.com).

Hammond says there is no doubt that we the members of RMOWP are making a difference on behalf of the American great outdoors by promoting the youth and giving them the chance.

If any of you are working for an institute of higher learning, post some listings around the college. Last year there were about 25 complete applications to choose from. This year, the jury is still out. Next year he would like a hundred or so.

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© Maryann Gaug

Sunken Tub (HM Historical)



Open Range (1st Place Humorous Photo)

## WANTED

**Wanted: Travel buddy.** To go to Costa Rica and/or Panama. Must be willing to provide minor assistance with bags/ food in return for some travel assistance. Good jokes told with some bad ones tossed in. Contact Angelo at [cdc601@yahoo.com](mailto:cdc601@yahoo.com) for details.

*Ed. note:* Equipment to sell or buy? Organizing a photo safari? Want a travel buddy? Publication of these and any other announcements in *Rocky Mountain Outdoors*, is free to RMOWP members. Send to: [info@rmowp.org](mailto:info@rmowp.org).

## Coleman Announces New Led Quad Lantern

The Coleman Company, one of RMOWP's most loyal supporting members, has been around for a long time. But that doesn't stop the company, founded in 1900, from being ahead of the technological curve and bringing state-of-the-art technology to the market.

Coleman's new LED Quad Lantern is just such an example. Not just an area light, this new lantern, which landed on retailers' shelves in January, boasts four removable panels that hold 24 LEDs total. Each of the four sections can be removed and carried as a portable light, perfect for a trip to the shower house, campfire talk, or back to the truck. When the section or sections are returned to the lantern base, they easily reattach and immediately start to recharge as well as illuminate.

"It provides the best of both worlds to consumers – a lantern for area lighting as well as portable, personal light sources similar to flashlights for individual use," said Traci Swindler, product manager. Powered by eight D-cell batteries in the lantern base, the LED Quad Lantern operates for up to 75 hours. Each of the four panels contains a rechargeable NiMH battery that powers it while it is in use away from the lantern, and is recharged from the main D-cells while docked on the base. Run time for each section is up to 1.5 hours while away from the docking station.

The lantern features six 5mm white LEDs in each panel, 24 total. Light output is 190 lumens. The wide-angle LEDs are behind a textured lens for dispersed lighting. Each section also has a handle on top to carry it or hang it. A main on/off switch is placed on the lantern's top section, and each removable section also has a switch.



Manufacturer's suggested retail price is \$69.99. Additional information on this and Coleman's other products can be found at [www.coleman.com](http://www.coleman.com).



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Jim & Diane Blakeslee taking a breather on the Riverside Walk



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Lip wrassling shenanigans during the auction - or who stole that kiss? (Linda Martin & Angelo Sciulli claim it took 5 tries for Al to get the shot!)



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Tom Cummings displays - among other things - his contest winning "Most Humorous Funny Shirt," which states "Great Photographers Use Proper Exposure." But of course!



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Auctioneer John Catsis (left) & his sidekick Jim Baker offering the first of several map books donated by Delorme. Supporting members Coleman and Remington (Freedom Group) were also generous auction donors.



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Connie Catsis (left) & Linda Martin enjoy a peaceful moment during the annual auction.



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Newly elected treasurer Barb Laine (left) happily accepts payment from successful bidder Lynda Cummings after the auction.