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Summer Newsletter Delay

I know you are all waiting for the release of the summer newsletter so you can enjoy the winning images of your fellow club members. I am afraid, this year, you will have to wait until July for that pleasure. I will have a newsletter online in the 2nd week of July that will feature your photos from the annual competition.

Both my *real* job and some photography projects have taken the time that I usually have for the newsletter.

As I am writing this, Mufty Mathewson, Richard Perron, Cathy Neufeld, my wife and I are all finalizing the planning to provide on-location and on-road photography for the Rona MS Bike Tour in support of MS, and to deliver a 10 minute slideshow featuring the riders and volunteers for Saturday night's supper at the end of day one!

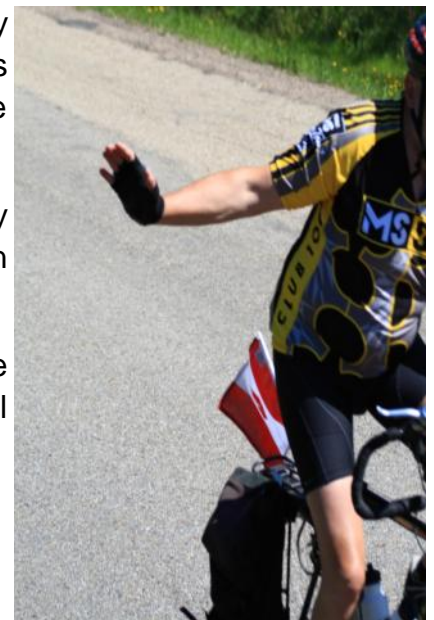
I have completed the contract work for the IACC exhibit at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in August. I have photographs in hand now, and I must say that our members are going to present a fantastic and varied show of photography. Please be sure to visit the hospital's cafeteria during August to see the show. They even serve 'Timmie's' coffee for those afflicted.

Gerry Wirun, Shirley Coulson and I contributed photography articles and photos that will be published in Alberta Wilderness Association's journal, *Wild Land's Advocate*. It will be available online around June 17th at <http://albertawilderness.ca/wla>

While you are waiting, try you hand at some photography competitions that Mufty and Sheila have found. Information is on the back of this page.

Have a great summer; go play in the rain, walk the dogs, chase the kids and take a little time for photography. I will have the full newsletter online by July 10.

See you soon, Fred Rushworth



Hope and Care Take Flight

By Fred Rushworth

It was a wet misty day, threatening to turn into an outright downpour, as I made my way to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Society of Edmonton (WRS). Rain or shine, I was not going to miss this visit. Visitors and tours are not the norm in this facility that provides assistance to injured, contaminated or orphaned wild animals. I had been invited to the release of a Swainson's Hawk that had been recuperating in their care and I planned to photograph the event.



Inside, I was greeted by the Development Coordinator, Caroline Barlott, and learned that the WRS is assisted by over 220 volunteers in roles like animal care, pen maintenance, public education and drivers to pickup their wards from veterinary clinics from around town.



Animal Care Manager Stephanie May led me out the back field to the 'flight pen' where the hawk was kept. WRS does all they can to keep their animals wild and that means limiting interactions so wildlife do not become habituated to people whenever possible. With what must be practiced efficiency, Stephanie and her assistant deftly and gently cornered the hawk and transferred her from her perch in a spruce bough to a soft-sided carrier for the trip to a release site east of Edmonton.

The mist had turned to a light rain once we were at the release site but the mood was upbeat in anticipation of releasing a healthy raptor back into the wild. This hawk had come to the rehabilitation centre last year at the time she would have just been learning to hunt. The release site and timing were chosen to provide a habitat with lots of open rolling fields, a healthy gopher population and a mature tree line to provide perches.



I chose a spot well off to the side so I could photograph the hawk's release but not be a concern to her. At first she was reluctant to leave the confines of her carrier but once Stephanie tipped the carrier upward to provide a perch, she stepped out of the carrier and took a minute or two to view her new environment. Finally, she hopped from the carrier, stretched her wings, and lifted into the air. We were rewarded with a long sweeping flight out and arcing back towards us – perhaps a final parting gesture as she flew off to resume her life in the wild.

The WRS is a non-profit organization which relies on donations to be able to care for injured wildlife. For more information, please go to: <http://www.wildlife-edm.ca>.



Summer Photo Contests

Information from Sheila Holzer and Muffy Mathewson

1. There is a Canadian Wildlife Photography of the year contest. The top 15 photographs will be published in the December Issue of Canadian Geographic. Deadline here is August 30th, 2010. www.canadiangeographic.ca/wildlifephotography.
2. There is a photography competition as part of the 2010 Edmonton Horticultural Society (EHS) Bench Show at Fort Edmonton Park on Harvest Day, August 29. You can now find the booklet at www.edmontonhort.com by clicking EHS Programs, then Bench Show, then Show Booklet.
3. There is a call for food photographs; either preparation, styling and food tips to go with. What are your tricks to make ingredients look appetizing. CAPA members: your summer assignment but do get at it as the deadline is July 20th! www.capacanada.ca

Of course you want to be a CAPA member, then you will receive their *Canadian Camera Magazine!* I can't confirm that this is the cover but **Muffy Mathewson** has a photo feature: **Twelve Months of Moons** being published in Canadian Camera and she has copies to show off. Congratulations Muffy!

