

ATTENTION OPC! Some exciting news about OPC member (and this month's speaker):

AL PERRY

(Don't miss it! Mon. night, Jun 22, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.)

Rocky Mountain Outdoor Writers and Photographers, Inc.

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Evansville Photographer Wins Outdoor Photo and Writing Honors

Evansville resident Al Perry took top honors in the annual photography and writing contest held by Rocky Mountain Outdoor Writers and Photographers, Inc., winning five first place awards in various categories and also Best of Show in photography.

Perry won first place for his photos "Mt. McKinley," "Scissortail," "Intimate Gathering," and "Red-tailed Hawk Attacking Mexican Free-tailed Bats," which was published in *Birds and People* in 2007 and was also named Best of Show in photography.

In the Web Writing category Perry won first place for his article titled "Are You Sure You Want to Compete in a Month Long Photo Contest?" which he did for naturescapes.net in July 2008. He also won other honors, including second place for a photo of a broad-tailed hummingbird that was published in *Birder's World* in April 2008.

There were more than 400 entries in the 2009 contest, and awards were presented in March at the organization's annual conference in Zion National Park in southwestern Utah.

Formed in 1973, Rocky Mountain Outdoor Writers and Photographers is a regional organization of professional and semi-professional photographers, writers, cinematographers, artists, and others who specialize in outdoor subjects, ranging from fishing and hunting to hiking and exploring national parks.

Each year the organization holds a conference at various locations throughout the Rocky Mountain Region, offering members an opportunity to improve their skills through workshops and field trips, share experiences, and enjoy local attractions.

Next year's conference is in the planning stages, and details should be available soon at the group's website, www.rmowp.org.