



Wayne C Smith

I was born and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida in 1944. I graduated from North East High School in 1963. While attending high school I worked for Winn Dixie as a stock boy. After graduating from high school I went to work in a watchband factory. In September of 1964 I joined the US Air force. After technical training I was assigned to SAC as a crew chief for an air to ground nuclear missile launched from B52 bombers. After my 4 years with the air force I joined the Pinellas Sheriff's Office as a Deputy. It was during my first

year, I met and married my lovely wife Susan. We have 3 sons and a daughter who have given us 3 lovely grand children (2 boys and a girl). At the Sheriff's Office I worked in several departments including patrol, civil, warrants and for the last 15 years in the Court System as a Court Bailiff. I retired in January of 2004 after 35 years.

After retirement, my wife, Susan and I moved to Pasco County and now live on 2 1/2 acres in a rural area of Hudson.

My interest in photography started when at age 14, when I was give a Kodak Browne camera. At age 17 I bought my first 35mm film camera. A split image focus Argus. During my first year in the air force I joined the base Photo Club and learned some film and photo development techniques. It was then I bought my first SLR 35mm camera, a Rico with a 55mm lenses. A family friend loaned me a B/W Omega enlarger. I was then able to set up my own dark room and print my B/W prints. Although I couldn't print color I enjoyed experimenting and creating multiple image prints in Mono. My next camera was a 35mm SLR Minolta DX11. It served me well for many years until an internal malefaction rendered it inoperable. My last film camera was a Minolta QTsi with a 1:3.5 55mm lenses. Then I transitioned to the digital world with a Nikon Coolpix 880 with 3.5 mega pixels. It was very slow at procession, so after several years I bought a Sony A100 with 10.5 megpix. Then I upgraded to my present camera, a Sony A 65 digital SLR with a 55mm 3.5 lens at 24mp.

I prefer to shoot nature's wild life and do very little photo manipulation. I joined Chasco Camera Club in 2009 in order to learn more about the techniques of photography. I have

found it's members to be a great source of information and help. I served as the Club's Treasurer for 2 years and in 2015 was elected the Club's President.

My other hobbies include, Wood working and Gardening.