

Moose Podcast #490

Moose Peterson Howdy, folks, and welcome to the Moose Podcast, number four hundred and ninety. What a wonderful experience are you folks been this week? I trust you are doing well. I can't tell if spring is coming early. That's just the way. There's no winter, but it's sure awful spring like out. I am surprised to see. I swear to Pete, there's, you know, it's February twenty third and I could have sworn I saw a bird going into a cavity with nest material, which would just be forty five days early. Off the charts. Blows my mind. But it is what it is, right? It's how it works. This episode of the Moose Podcast is being recorded by the Adobe beta podcasting you find on Chrome. It's got the amazing AI voiced that hopefully cleans things up. Also will produce a transcript. Now you can add to the blog post there at Moose Pearson. Com. See the photograph for the podcast. See a transcript. Listen to the podcast. But you also can go to many other places and find it. You like the transcript and the podcast is at iTunes and Amazon and at YouTube and Spotify and Spotify. Of course, you are welcome to leave a comment. Same as YouTube. I'm here to help you any way I can. And after this last experience I am, I am revved to help all I can. So you have those opportunities. Been crazy. Haven't gotten in. I didn't take, I don't know, reading material, Nothing book to recommend, so I hope the past ones have tied you over well. Why thank my good friends at Bedford, Bedfordshire for the constant and continual friendship and support. I know people are filling up their Bedford's basket this past week, partly because they've got a huge, huge sale that just ended on their used gear nineteen through twenty second. Remember I warned you last week or the week before? They've got these what I call pop up sales. Yeah. Check their website. I think they have a way of you actually signing up and receiving the emails. I receive a text, tell me about them, which is cool. They, uh, Garrett comes in and they've got a sale. They'll send you that text because it was twenty five percent off their year gear, which is really amazing. And they got some, uh, some still some stuff going on with Nikon, and they all have that amazing photo. And Casey, March nineteen through twenty first, where you'll have people and supplies and and education. Just a great opportunity to enjoy. And Bedford's you know they've got all these this product. They have all they got such great people love talking with them. And uh, heck they've got all the they got all the toys. So good opportunity you call them. Head to the website, one of the seven stores head to Bedford's tell him I sent you. I bet you'll see a surprise in your receipt when you're done. I have, um. Without any regret. Talked about some of the negative side of wildlife photography for quite a while. Seen some egregious things, called it out and. Well, by gosh, I have seen the light. I have seen the other side. I have seen the group on Orlando Wetland boardwalk. I have met these folks. What? What a wonderful experience. The group of people. Various ages. Camera brands. Camera lenses. Focal lengths, knowledges. They come together. I must say mostly. Afternoon. One section of the boardwalk. And man, do these folks know how to celebrate. And I mean celebrate photography and being together. I, um, thought it was time to do a podcast on just that. The bright side now, my good friend Deb Deborah just, I'm sure a big part of that, if not all the reason why that community is there. She's out there. What a spark that Deb, she, uh, she's got, she's helping everybody, encouraging everybody, stopping in the middle of her shooting and and looking at people's pictures and answering their questions. And it just it just it's like a wave. It goes through all those who are part of that group. Now that was only negative part. That was there's there's those there are

those that without the stimulation, uh, they, they're not going to ever be that kind of what, um, photographer. They're going to be that loner that grumpy grunts that knows it all and does his thing and thumbs down the boardwalk. And yeah, not this group. This group. Oh, man. Um, as soon as I pulled up the tripod. I didn't know anybody. Deb was there at the time. Most delightful guy. Bill shows up. Starts. Sharing the love. What was happening here? What was happening there? Where are these doing? How long they've been doing that? This is a spot for this shot. And he just. And he stopped everything he's doing. To be I mean, the word courteous pales by Bill. You know, it's, um. It was heartwarming. So what you got going? You have spoonbills. background, night herons, snowy egrets, great egret. Great blue heron. Sorry they left anybody out there nesting. Um. The platforms are made, eggs are laid, and there's a a snowy spoonbill and great egret that had chicks. And you think that every one of these people. Was involved in that? Because, boy, when that egg starts to pop open and the chick emerges, it's like this huge celebration. It's like time stops. There's confetti in the air. There's champagne bottles being popped. There's cake being served. It is just unbelievably joyous. And they, um. They do that. And right now they do it a lot because they're popping one of the, the big, uh, at least last week. One of the big things that people's attention was the roseate spoonbills, because then there's one next day two next day three. You know, they just they're popping out. And when they first pop out, yeah, they don't have quite a spoonbill yet. And watching them trying though to, um, feed from their parent, that was that was amazing to see. That was that was a life. Life. Uh, Lister checker offer a moment and they're, they're just doing their the birds are doing their thing. But the people you know here's the thing. It's Florida. It's eighty in the afternoon. There's no shade. It's full sun. You're over the water. You're a warm, you're miserable and you don't even know it. Yeah. They, uh, there was one, one lady there that, you know, you first would see her. And it's kind of like a character. She would look like she was she was she was on the shorter side of life. Um, tad of a shuffle. Looks like wearing, you know, some hand-me-down clothes. Boy, she would just turn. And as soon as she starts to talk. The biggest smile. And she talk about that bird or this bird or this moment or. Share a photograph. She was delight. Crack me up. Um. Then there's. Oh, then there was Jackie. Well, Jackie O, that was just a whole nother experience. It was just a she's just a spark of life. Um, can't miss her out there with her blonde hair and and, uh, she must have been five ten at least. And out there with a cannon six hundred shooting. And obviously, she'd been spending time with Deb because shooting a lot of vertical videos. And she posts a lot on the Orlando Wetland Facebook page. Ah, she was just a hoot and holler. Kept me in stitches. Kept me informed. Kept checking on me. She was just delightful in all this. Photographing these birds. Now, here's the thing. Yeah, there are there are plenty of opportunities. You'd walk this this whole circle. Uh, my group did without me. And, uh, they did sandhill cranes and barred owl, which is great. They got that stuff, I love it, I love being with those people. That was that was like, wow, this, this kind of community. And I'll be honest with you, having experience, man, since, geez, Morro Bay days, um, was absolutely One of the best experiences for me. Didn't suck photographically. Don't get me wrong, there is great photos. Um, just, uh, roseate spoonbills. I mean, roseate spoonbills. They are more or less point blank range. Um, they are eye level. You're not shooting up on them. They are doing all sorts of great biological things. So you get all these great gestures, you got these little wobbly heads that go around. And photographing roseate spoonbill nests in and of itself. Is quite a wonderful thing and in itself an experience that, uh, was well worth it. I know I'll go back. I'll go

back by myself. Um, because it was it was just outstanding. But I thought it was just about time. And I'm glad that life gave me the experience to be with that kind of a inspirational crowd who were just into each other and into photography and into the birds that, um, I thought, well, thank you God for the blessing. To experience it and bring back that story. Wow, what a wonderful experience. You folks have an absolutely marvelous week. Get out there and shoot. Explore. Be kind. And make every click your story.