



the Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter August 2016



Affiliated since 1938

Meetings

1st & 3rd Wednesday
of the month
at 7:00pm
(3rd Wednesday only
July & August)

Location

Merrill Gardens
Retirement Center
1350 N. Suey Rd.
Santa Maria, CA

Membership Dues

\$25 Individual
\$35 Family
\$15 year Competitions

2016 Club Officers

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Dave Clary

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Upcoming Events...

- Aug 3...**Pizza Party & Swap Meet**, Merrill Gardens, 7:00pm
Aug 6...**1st Saturday Chat Group**, Francisco's, Santa Maria, 8:00am
Aug 6...**Field Trip, "Butterflies Alive!"**, details see page 8
Aug 17...**Competition, Open Category**, 7:00pm
Sep 7...**Program Meeting, Photo Books** presented by Karen Carson
Sep 21...**Competition, Special Category: Flying Things**

Upcoming Meetings

On August 3, we will have a swap meet and pizza party like last year. Bring any gear you'd like to sell or swap or giveaway. Thanks Flavio for bringing pizza.

In September, Karen Carson will demonstrate how to make photo books. If you have made a photo book, bring it to talk about how you did it. In October, Chuck Jennings will show us how to organize our thousands of images using Lightroom and Photoshop. I hope you'll join us for each of these program meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.

Jeanne Sparks

August 17th Competition

Our judge for August will be Luis Escobar who owns Reflections Photography here in Santa Maria. Luis is a popular portrait photographer who grew up watching his father in the portrait business but never really planned to follow in his father's footsteps, yet he ultimately ended up in the business. He has many interests, running being very high on his list, and has had the pleasure of combining his love for running and his photographic skills to create images for the book, *Born to Run - A Hidden Tribe, Super Athletes and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen*. Luis was also in the documentary movie *Run Free - The True Story of Caballo Blanco*, which highlighted the above mentioned little-known native American tribe of northwestern Mexico, called the Tarahumara, who are superhuman runners. Ask Luis about his experience among the Tarahumara sometime - it's very interesting. Luis has work hanging throughout the community, has published in various magazines, and has judged for our club many times before - he's down to earth, approachable, and simply a fun and friendly guy. Competition night is Aug 17 and it's another open-themed evening, so get your images ready!

Ramona

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Field Trips

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President's Message

The heat of the season is upon us. My wife and I live on a somewhat flat point about 600 feet above the canyon below us. It provides quite a view. For two days (Wednesday, 7/27 and Thursday, 7/28) smoke from forest fires several counties away from us severely obstructed our view with smoke for a full 360 degrees. I don't recall seeing anything like it in the past. It portends to be a long, hot, dry fire season. That said, life goes on. And the fires aren't close. We empathize with those who have lost their homes.

I attended the open house for the photographers who participated in this year's photography competition sponsored by the Wildling Museum in Solvang. I was quite impressed by the quality of the photography and the printing. Apparently, only 1 in 4 entries made it to the exhibit space at the museum. Two of the photographers from our club whose work was displayed are **Janine Bognuda** and **Jack Scherrer**. Congratulations to them for making the cut. The first place winner was a professional photographer who spend hours for just the right shot for his sea meets land photos. The second place winner was **Bob Canepa** from our neighboring San Luis Obispo Camera Club. He had a great storm-following shot taken in Yosemite. He said he thought he was too late as the storm appeared to be long gone. However, one particular location, conditions were just right. If you get a chance, head that way to take a look at the photos on display there. Then ask Janine to show you her calling card. It is enlightening as to the subject matter of her photo. You can find information about the photography display and the museum on their website, www.wildlingmuseum.org. The exhibit is called "Where Land Meets Water" and will be on display through October 23, 2016.

It appears to me that it might be useful to post key information about photography competitions in the Galleon (or by Email) so members can learn about them and consider entering. It would expand our experience in competing. We might find that we are lacking or better than we thought, or both (in different ways).

If you become aware of a competition that might be of interest to our members, please gather the key info, let Jeanne or me know and we can put you on for an announcement at a meeting and then post the details.

Best wishes,

President Dave Clary



SANTA MARIA CAMERA CLUB BOARD MEETING

June 20, 2016 at Merrill Gardens

Draft minutes prepared by Penni Powell (Janice Darby, Club Secretary, was unable to attend)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. We have a quorum.
In attendance: Dave Clary, Flavio Parigi, Rosie Brancacio, Richard Russ, , Lynda Snodgrass, Ed Powell, and Penni Powell. Nyla James and Bob Ginn came in moments after the meeting started.
2. Recording the board meetings
Ed motioned, seconded by Lynda, that the board meetings be recorded starting with this meeting. A recording of the meetings can be of benefit in preparing the minutes but would not be used in lieu of the minutes. It could be used to clarify whether or not particular motions were made and what the results were of the voting. The motion passed.
3. Dave requested that the minutes from the May 30, 2016 board meeting be reviewed and approved, but a copy of the minutes wasn't available. This will be done at the next board meeting.
4. Dave questioned the board action regarding the Hidy Award on May 30, 2016, and the board decided to revisit it today. Ed motioned, seconded by Flavio, that the awarding of the Hidy Award be decided by the Club President, not by a committee. The motion passed.
Lynda motioned, seconded by Rosie, that the change will take place this year. The motion passed.
5. Treasurer's report (Dave got from Bill): 52 paid + 3 honorary members, bank balance of \$1,650.55.
6. Proposed amendment of the Constitution - Members At-Large
Dave motioned, seconded by Flavio, that the following section of the Constitution shall be amended as follows:
ARTICLE V – OFFICERS
CURRENT LANGUAGE TO BE DELETED:
“IN ADDITION UP TO SIX MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING MAY BE APPOINTED BY THE EXISTING BOARD TO SERVE AS ACTIVE BOARD MEMBERS WITH FULL VOTING RIGHTS DURING BOARD MEETINGS.”
NEW LANGUAGE TO REPLACE DELETED LANGUAGE:
“IN ADDITION, MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WILL BE NOMINATED AND SIX WILL BE ELECTED CONCURRENTLY WITH THE OFFICERS OF THE CLUB. THOSE ELECTED WILL SERVE AS AT-LARGE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IF A LESSER NUMBER THAN SIX ARE WILLING TO SERVE, THOSE WHO ARE WILL BE NOMINATED AND IF ELECTED WILL CONSTITUTE THE AT-LARGE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THEY SHALL HAVE FULL VOTING RIGHTS DURING BOARD MEETINGS.”
The proposed change to the Constitution will be published in the Galleon prior to being voted on by the membership. The motion passed.
7. Bill Hood (presented by Dave as Bill is not present) proposed Patty Linane as a candidate for honorary membership to be considered by the executive board (Article 1 of the SMCC By-Laws). The executive board (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) will take it under consideration.
8. Club promotion at the Santa Barbara County Fair July 13-17, 2016
Dave motioned, seconded by Rosie, that the club produce a flyer/card at approximate cost of \$35 and set up a display about the club at the fair this year. The motion passed. A committee was formed and volunteers assigned duties to make this happen in a short time frame.
9. The move to adjourn was made by Ed, seconded by Richard, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Competition Special Subjects



September 2016

Flying Things

March 2017

Wildlife

June 2017

People



Competition Rules

3 entries per competition.

Categories of your choice not to exceed (2) in any combination of categories.

Categories will be:

Small Prints (9x13 max)

**Monochrome Prints
(Large Back)**

Color Prints (Large Back)

Slides

Digital

Submit your images for digital competitions to:

Richard Russ
russ12@gmail.com

Images can also be submitted on a flash drive, or other media. Digital images **MUST** be received no later than midnight on the **Monday** before the Competition. Images not received in time will not be entered into the competition.

July Competition Results

Judge: Michael Collins

Small Prints

1st	<i>Oak and Sky</i>	Scott Clark
2nd	<i>Purple Haze</i>	Scott Clark
3rd	<i>Civil War Soldier</i>	Dave Clary

Monochrome Prints

1st	<i>And You're Looking at Me, Why?</i>	Janine Bognuda
2nd	<i>Cayucos Vaquero</i>	Lynda Snodgrass
3rd	<i>View From Above</i>	Richard Russ
HM	<i>Spirit Bear</i>	Elaine Calvert

Large Color Prints

1st	<i>Dinner on the Post</i>	Ramona Cashmore
2nd	<i>Peter Iredale Sunset</i>	Elaine Calvert
3rd	<i>Candlelight and Shadow</i>	Ramona Cashmore
HM	<i>Badlands Bison</i>	Jim McKinniss

Digital

1st	<i>Stormy Lake</i>	Tom Wahweotten
2nd	<i>Flamboyant</i>	Gregory Doudna
3rd	<i>Who You Looking At</i>	Gregory Doudna

Slides

1st	<i>Sunset on Sydney</i>	Flavio Parigi
2nd	<i>Rose Beauty</i>	Penni Powell
3rd	<i>Endings</i>	Penni Powell

2016 End of the Year Print Competition

This year's subject is *Timepiece*. The prints will be collected in November, judged and then presented at the December Christmas Potluck. Please contact Nyla with any questions.



Treasury Report



The Club has a balance of \$1547.17
There are currently 56 paid members.

A Selection of July 2016 Competition Winners



And You're Looking at Me, Why?
by Janine Bognuda



Candlelight and Shadow
by Ramona Cashmore



Oak and Sky
by Scott Clark



Purple Haze
by
Scott
Clark



Who You Looking At
by
Gregory
Doudna



Flamboyant
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Dinner on the Post
by
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Cashmore

Stormy Lake by Tom Wahweotten



These, and many more images from club members, can be found on our website santamariacameraclub.org/gallery.html
All submissions for the Galleon & the website should be in accordance with the digital competition guidelines
santamariacameraclub.org/downloads/SMCC_Competition_Rules_2016.pdf

Points North and East For August 2016 by Jim Ogg

El Nino continues to transition into La Nina June was the warmest ever on the Central Coast. And "Aussie Oaks" had less rainfall then last year! .. However the snowpack is still above normal for Central and Northern Sierra Nevada.

August is the month for Alpine Wildflowers; the upper Steppe and Forest Wildflowers are usually past their peak however the Forest Wildflowers near treeline could persist. Dana Hanging Garden is usually sustained into August depending on the snowpack. The Forest Wildflowers in Coldwater Creek and Lundy Canyon also could be sustained into August.

I recommend trying Little Lakes Valley for Alpine Wildflowers. Secret Lake **is one of** the lakes there. Sealth image "Secret Lake (SR063)" shows it. Little Lakes Valley in the John Muir Wilderness has about 40 lakes and tarns; some are next to the main trail and have many visitors while others are more remote hence less visited. However Secret Lake though sought by all is visited by only one.

I also recommend visiting Minaret Vista at least for Alpine Wildflowers. Also trailheads at Tioga Pass, South Lake, North Lake, Coldwater Creek, Lake George, and Upper Virginia Lake provide day hiking access to Alpine Wildflowers. Sometimes the Alpine Wildflowers can be found in "Rock Gardens". And because they are above treeline they usually have dramatic backdrops. The trail to Ruby Lake and Mono Pass has several Rock Gardens.

Minaret Vista is above Mammoth Lakes Ski area at almost 10,000 feet. The Vista has a mix of Forest and Alpine Wildflowers in an above treeline setting. Walking along the San Joaquin Ridge will lead to more Alpine Wildflowers. And if adventurous and have 4WD capability, a 4WD road from Minaret Vista

provides access to the San Joaquin Ridge Garden at over 10,500 feet. Mountain bikers and day hikers also use the 4WD road.

Since February the emphasis has been on the Wildflowers; six months of Spring!!! For most of August and until Fall Color in mid to late September, i visit the locations that are not as seasonal: The Bristlecone Pines in the White Mountains; Bodie Ghost Town; Tuolumne Meadows Domes; Tuolumne River and tributaries; Saddlebag Lakes Loop; and Great Sierra Silver Mine; and visit or participate in Outdoor Art Shows.

The Bristlecone Pines favor Dolomite soils and the white Dolomite acts as a sun reflector, similar to snow, lighting the trees. Also i prefer Bodie in snow. I have been in Bodie twice with a fresh covering of snow blasting sun light into the sides of the Bodie structures like a giant reflector.

Also i chase tarns and fungi. We think about the many lakes in the back country; however there are many more tarns. Tarns are small bodies of water that often dry up as the summer progresses. Sometimes they provide images that are unachievable with lakes because of their location, size, and many are unmapped and unvisited.

Fungi season in the Central Coast is winter however in the High Sierra it is summer. Finding an eight inch diameter "King Bolete" can be the highlight of any hike. Finding a field of "Chanterelles" is worth a song.

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Secret Lake (SR063)

Little Lakes Valley in the John Muir Wilderness has about 40 lakes and tarns; some are next to the main trail and have many visitors while others are more remote hence less visited. However Secret Lake though sought by all is visited by only one.

The "Secret Lake" image is part of the Sealth body of work which are digital images of landscapes, scenics, and the human form and are based on locations in the Secret Lake, Little Lakes Valley, John Muir Wilderness, Mammoth Lakes, Eastern Sierra, High Sierra and Central Coast of California.



Santa Maria Camera Club

Display at the Santa Barbara County Fair

by Dave Clary

I wish to express my thanks to all the members who helped with the Santa Maria Camera Club display at the Santa Barbara County Fair this year. This is the first time the club has put up such a display, and we only had about three weeks from the time we were notified that there would be space for us and the date the Fair opened. The intervening Fourth of July long weekend, where people are busy with their own plans and events, also complicated matters. Many members helped put it together in this short time period, and it simply would not have happened without that level of support.

Thank you to:

- **Richard Russ** for suggesting we have a display at the County Fair as an effort to contact people in the community who are interested in photography who might be interested in becoming members.
- **Ramona Cashmore** for initially contacting Richard Giachetto the person in charge of the photography competition at the Fair about us putting up a display, helping install the display (She made it much better than it would have been if left up to me), and helping to take it down and then returning the photos to our members.
- **Ed E. Powell** and **Nyla James** for updating our club postcard for distribution at the display, and making arrangements to have it printed.
- **Janine Bognuda** for designing our “Santa Maria Camera Club” banner/sign that we mounted as part of the display.
- **Rosie Brancacio** who designed the 16” x 20” poster we displayed, that provided information about the club.
- Those who volunteered to check our display each day ... **Janice Darby**, **Jim Snodgrass**, and **Penni Powell**. Also, we thank those who simply checked it as they were going through the Fair.
- Those who loaned photos, mounted on 16” x 20” backs, for our display. They are **Ed Powell**, **Richard Russ**, **Janine Bognuda**, **Scott Clark**, **Elaine Calvert**, **Ron Calvert**, **Ramona Cashmore**, **Jack Scherrer**, **Jim McKinniss** and **Rosie Brancacio**.

Two Additional Winners from the July 2016 Competition



Blue Eyes by Ramona Cashmore



Close Encounter by Ramona Cashmore

SMCC Field Trips August 2016 and Beyond

Please note: Rain or bad weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. Check your email for any updates as the date of the event draws near.

August 6th (Sat 8:00am) SB Natural History Museum's *Butterflies, Alive!*

Meet 8:00am @ Panera Bread in Santa Maria (College & Betteravia) for carpool or caravan to Santa Barbara Natural History Museum (located just beyond the Old Mission, 2559 Puesta del Sol, Santa Barbara, 805-682-4711) to photograph butterflies that are, actually, *alive!* The “tent” they live in is like a huge soft box so you can get great photos of many different species of butterflies in one place.

The story is that tripods are not allowed in the butterfly exhibit. The entrance fee for adults is \$12, less for seniors and kids. We aim to get there at 10:00am. Afterwards, we'll have lunch at The Beachside Restaurant at Goleta Beach (5905 Sandspit Rd. Goleta CA, 93117) before heading home. It has great views, free parking and good food: www.beachside-barcafe.com/#home

Bonus exhibit: *A T. Rex named Sue* - A full-sized skeleton cast of the largest, most complete, and best-preserved *Tyrannosaurus rex* ever discovered is visiting the museum.

Another bonus: It's La Fiesta in Santa Barbara if you want do that, too. Call Penni 363-1931 cell, or home 929-2420 if you have questions.

Why go? - These butterflies have been trained to strike a pose whenever a camera is aimed at them.

August 6th (Sat 8:00am) First Saturday Chat Group

- Meet at 8:00am @ Francisco's Country Kitchen on North Broadway and Williams Street in Santa Maria, which is next to the Best Western Motel.

Why go? - Enjoy photo talk over breakfast and coffee.

Other August Ideas: Rosie B will have her calendar out soon.

Dave brings to your attention a special event at the Wilding Museum in Solvang:

August 24th (Wed 3:00-5:00pm) Large Format Photography with Michael Miner-

a lecture on the defining principles of large format landscape photography. If you are interested, you can buy \$10 tickets in advance.

Check your email for possible carpooling. Go early to see the Museum's *Where Land Meets Water*.

www.wildingmuseum.org/large-format-photography-with-michael-miner-august-24

And Field Trips Beyond...

Sep 3rd First Saturday Chat - *Cancelled due to the Labor Day Holiday*



**We get
the
shots!**

Three photographs of smiling faces and midway fun at the Santa Maria Fair. Several of us were treated like pariahs for trying to make similar photographs at the Mid-State Fair in Paso Robles. They were “afraid” that we might be photographing children. Concurrent with that fear is a Mid-State Fair sponsored annual competition, judged and displayed at the fair, of--you guessed it--photographs of children.

Ed E. Powell

