



the Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter Dec. 2015/Jan. 2016



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Upcoming Events

No Program or Competition Meetings in December

Dec 2... Christmas Potluck, Casa Grande, 519 W. Taylor, Santa Maria, 6pm
Contact sylviagilford@comcast.net. Please email her to RSVP how many are coming and what dish you are bringing or call (805) 868-3194

Dec 5... 1st Saturday Chat Group, Francisco's, Santa Maria, 8am

Dec 9... Field Trip, Cambria Holiday Lights, see page 3

Dec 10...Field Trip, SLO Camera Club Competition Night, page 3

Dec 17-20...Overnight Field Trip, Monterey Exploring/Point Lobos, page 3

No Program Meeting in January

Jan 1... Field Trip, Polar Bear Dip, Cayucos, page 3

Jan 2... 1st Saturday Chat Group, Francisco's, Santa Maria, 8am

Jan 16... Awards Banquet, Santa Maria Inn, 6pm, *volunteers needed*.

Jan 20... Competition, Open Category, 7pm

Jan 20-25...Overnight Field Trip, Death Valley Landscapes and

Moonscapes, page 3

Feb 3... Program Meeting, Painting With Light, Barbara Dodgdon, page 2

Feb 16... Competition, Special Category, Night Photography, may be *Open*

Meetings

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

Location

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

Membership Dues

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

2015 Club Officers

President

Nyla James

Vice President

Dave Clary

Secretary

Janice Darby

Treasurer

Bill Hood

At-Large

Board Members

Elaine Calvert

Penni Powell

Ramona Cashmore

Flavio Parigi

Lynda Snodgrass

Alan Upshaw

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SMCC Elects Officers for 2016

The election for the 2016 Executive Officers for the Santa Maria Camera Club took place at the Competition Meeting on November 18. Current Vice President Dave Clary will serve as the new President. Jeanne Sparks will become our new Vice President. Janice Darby will continue as Club Secretary, Bill Hood retains his job as Treasurer. Many thanks to Nyla James for her service as our President in 2015.

Merrill Gardens locks the outside doors at 7:00 PM.

Committee Chairs

Webmaster

Greg Doudna

Digital Projectionist

Glenn Bolivar

Slide Projectionist

Ed E. Powell

SMCC Directory

Rosie Brancacio

Saturday Morning Chat

Bob Ginn

Historian & Name-tags

Nyla James

Judge Recruitment

Ramona Cashmore

Point Tabulator

Bob Ginn

Print Coordinator

Flavio Parigi

Slide Coordinator

Elaine Calvert

Program Recruitment

Dave Clary

Publicity

Bob Ginn

Refreshments

Joyce Bolivar

PSA Representative

Nyla James

Library Coordinator

Ramona Cashmore

Meeting Room Setup

Dalton Pittman

Sunshine Lady

Bonnie Adams

Field Trips

Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic
Bob Ginn, Rosie Brancacio

Bonnie Adams

Alan Upshaw

February 3, 2016 Program Meeting Painting with Light

Presentation by Barbara Dodgdon

Our first program meeting for 2016 will take place on February 3.

Jeanne Sparks will be taking over as Vice President and will be in charge of programs for 2016. I suggested this program to her, and she thought it was a good idea. At Jim Snodgrass' suggestion, he and I recently drove down to Solvang to attend a program sponsored by the Santa Ynez Camera Club. The program about light painting. The presenter was Barbara Dodgdon, a member of the Channel Islands Camera Club.

We both came away very impressed. The tools and techniques she used, in particular, for accenting the lines of relatively small objects, produced very interesting and appealing results. She talked about light painting in general, and then also in some specific ways. Though her techniques were somewhat similar to Lee Varis' (if you are familiar with him), the lights she used for photographing small objects in the dark were unique and very effective. She used small LED flashlights in tubes that were joined to form a 90-degree angle. The tubes, which Dave, her husband, made ... I believe ... out of 1-inch PVC pipe produced a small diffuse light. In general that is an oxymoron. Diffuse sources are usually very large, and small very intense. The 90-degree bend works to provide a narrow diffuse beam of light ... cool!

So we hope you come to the program meeting to learn about another aspect of light painting.

Dave Clary



Ed E. Powell took this image on the Guadalupe After Dark Field Trip

Treasury Report

The Club has a balance of \$1677.48
Currently there are 47 paid members.

SMCC Field Trips December 2015, January 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.

Dec 5th (Sat 8 am) First Saturday Chat Group - Meet at 8 am @ 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.

Dec 9th (Wed 5:35 pm) Cambria Holiday Lights - Not December 12th as in the November Galleon. It was advised to go midweek to avoid the crowds so now we are going on a Wednesday!

Meet at Francisco's Country Kitchen (see Chat info) at 5:35pm, behind the restaurant for carpooling to Cambria's Christmas Market for an evening of exceptional holiday lights photography. There will be food vendors, entertainment, Santa, and great light displays at the Cambria Pines Lodge. Eat there or come fed. Have night photography set ups and warm clothing to suit the night temperatures.

Admission fee is \$3 per person. Parking is at the local high school (take first Cambria turn off to 2950 Santa Rosa Creek Rd) and then free shuttle to the market.

Info: cambriachristmasmarket.com or Penni 363-1931 cell on the road or 929-2420 home.

Why go? - Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas!

Dec 10th (Thurs 5:35 pm) - SLO Camera Club Competition Night @ 7pm - Meet at 5:35pm at Francisco's (see Chat info) for dinner then carpool to the SLO Grange Hall (2880 Broad St) for the SLO club's annual finale photo competition night.

Why go? - See great photographs to admire and inspire you in 2016.

Dec 17th - 20th Monterey Exploring/Point Lobos Bob M. will share more info on where to stay for this 3 night field trip via email and at the meetings.

Jan 1st 2016 (Fri 8:30 am) Polar Bear Dip in Cayucos - Meet at 8:30 am at Francisco's (see Chat info) for carpooling to Cayucos. (Francisco's should be open if you want breakfast earlier...). The action starts before the ocean dip at noon with opportunities to photograph the costumed crazies on the beach. Taking the dip or wearing a costume is optional. Leader is Penni again with Rosie and Bob along for support (363-1931 cell on the road or 929-2420 home).

Why go? - Bob and Rosie talked me into it so you should come, too!

Jan 2nd (Sat 8 am) First Saturday Chat Group - See Dec 5th listing

And Field Trips Beyond...

Jan 20 - 25, 2016 - Death Valley Landscapes and Moonscapes Let Penni know if you're interested so you get the early info by email and at the meetings.

February - Merced Wildlife Refuge if enough water for the birds

March - Carrizo Plain wildflowers

March or April - Birding in Florida with Richard Russ

April - Tejon Pass wildflowers, Cal Poly Leaning Tree Arboretum (Proteus blooms)

April or May - Santa Maria Valley Railroad

May - Limekiln State Park (Big Sur), Venice Beach

Summer - Butterflies at Santa Barbara Nat'l History Museum and Knapp's Castle

If you have an idea for a field trip, please let anyone in the field trip committee know about it: Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Bob Ginn, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw...at your service!

Competition Special Subjects

dates are subject to change

February 2016...
Night Photography
April 2016...

Eyes
June 2016...
Flying Things

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:
Glenn Bolivar...

glennabolivar@gmail.com

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

November Competition Results

Judge: Mike Collins

Monochrome Prints

1 st Place	<i>A Study in Metal</i>	Ted Maddox
2 nd Place	<i>Air Brakes are On</i>	Dave Clary
3 rd Place	<i>An Old Time Find</i>	Ramona Cashmore
HM	<i>Winter's Arrival</i>	Gregory Doudna

Small Prints

1 st Place	<i>Serene Canyon</i>	Janine Bognuda
2 nd Place	<i>Chicago Skyline</i>	Rosie Brancacio
3 rd Place	<i>Watch Your Step</i>	Jeanne Sparks

Large Color Prints

1 st Place	<i>The Shy One</i>	Nyla James
2 nd Place	<i>Feathered Angel</i>	Jim McKinnis
3 rd Place	<i>Pallet + Shadow</i>	Ramona Cashmore
HM	<i>Blue Eyed Beauty</i>	Richard Russ

Digital

1 st Place	<i>Take My Picture Mister</i>	Robert Ginn
2 nd Place	<i>Ford - 1915</i>	Ed E. Powell
3 rd Place	<i>Sharing the Tub with Puppy</i>	Nyla James
HM	<i>Waiting for Practice</i>	Nyla James

Slides

1 st Place	<i>Colorado Cows are Happy Cows</i>	Bonnie Adams
2 nd Place	<i>Reflection</i>	Flavio Parigi
3 rd Place	<i>Steam on the High Line</i>	Bonnie Adams
HM	<i>Pine Trunks</i>	Penni Powell

Dues due January 1
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**A Selection of the Winning Images from
the November 2015 Competition.**



*Nyla James had 3 winners in the November 2015 Competition.
top: Sharing the Tub with Puppy, left: Waiting for Practice, right: The Shy One*

These & many more images from SMCC members can be found on our website
santamariacameraclub.org/gallery.html

Points North and East For December 2015 and January 2016 *by* Jim Ogg

Mammoth Mountain opened for skiing the first week of November. The early snowfall in the Eastern Sierra caught some of the Aspens and Cottonwoods still in fall color! If El Nino continues into early spring we could get substantial snow in the High Sierra and rain in the Eastern Sierra, Owens Valley, Death Valley and the Central Coast.

Winter is the best season to explore the local secluded beaches. If it is not raining the beaches have comparable temperatures to summer with more sunlight and better sun lighting angles. Some "winter" wildflowers should be starting to bloom in the Beach Dunes, Sea Bluffs and some Coastal Scrub plant zones. Montana De Oro SP, San Simeon Point, Elfin Forest Loop Trail, Estero Bluffs SB, Pismo Dunes Preserve, and Oso Flaco Dunes are places to look for "winter" coastal wildflowers. One-to-four weeks after a drenching rainfall, look for Fungi. The Bull Elephant Seals continue to contend for control of the beaches near Piedras Blancas. Mid December brings the breeding females and the start of the birthing of pups

For the next several months, Yosemite may provide the opportunity for winter snow images in the Valley. However since the Valley is only 4000 feet it usually only gets snow a couple of times a year. And because of winter driving conditions it is best to be in the Valley before it happens. Finding snow high up on the walls of the Valley is more likely. In February, 2007, the club timed it perfectly for Yosemite Valley in winter.

The El Nino so far has blessed Death Valley Na-

tional Park with more precipitation for the late summer and fall then for any recent year. If El Nino continues, the Wildflower opportunities could be substantial. Several roads in the Park were closed because of flash floods and the Park management is advising visitors to check for road closures. "Death Valley Waves (SR013)" shows the dunes at sunrise. Sunrise on the Stovepipe Wells sand dunes located in Death Valley, California, is a special time. The windswept dunes form sensuous waves of the untracked blond sands.

The air temperature determines the opportunities for Monarch Butterfly images. The Pismo Beach Monarch web page (www.classiccalifornia.com) indicates that Monarchs cannot fly at temperatures less than 55, and at a temperature lower than 40 degrees, it is unable to move at all. At these temperatures, the Butterflies form dense clusters on the pine trees and alien Eucalyptus trees. Besides the Pismo Beach Preserve, wintering Monarchs can be found at Sweet Springs Marsh Preserve, Montana de Oro State Park, in the eucalyptus windrow next to Ramona Rd. in Los Osos, and north of San Simeon State Beach. Also Morro Bay State Park has several butterfly overwintering sites. Check the campground and the Eucalyptus windrows in the nearby golf course.

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Death Valley Waves (SR013)

Sunrise on the Stovepipe Wells sand dunes in Death Valley, California, is a special time. The wind swept dunes form sensuous waves of the untracked blond sands.

The "Death Valley Waves" 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 Stovepipe Wells Sand Dunes, Death Valley National Park, Eastern Sierra, High Sierra and Central Coast of California.



Results of Motions Voted Upon at the November 4, 2015 General Membership Meeting *by Dave Clary*

The Executive Board submitted the following motions to the Santa Maria Camera Club membership for approval or disapproval at the meeting of November 4, 2015.

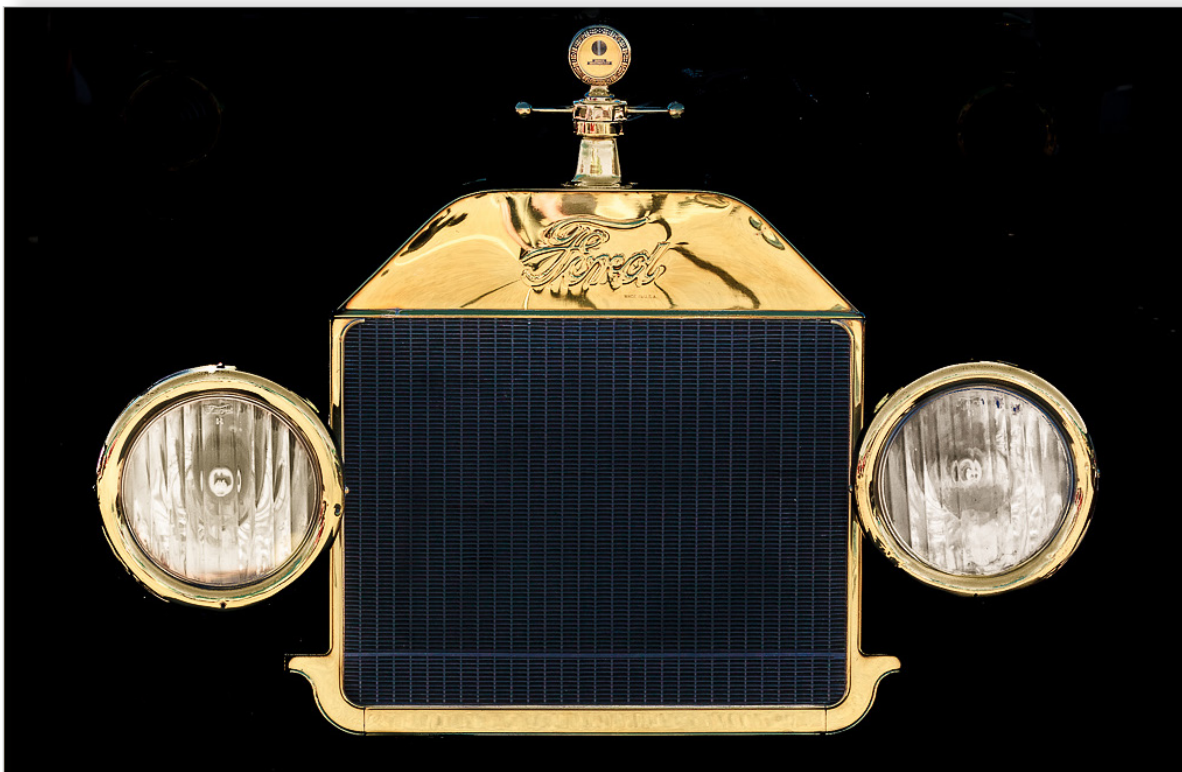
- a Motion to announce the identity of judges sufficiently beforehand so that members would know in advance who would be judging a particular competition. **PASSED**
- a Motion to reduce the number of special subjects from 5 each year to a lesser number, to commence in the calendar year 2017.

If the motion were to pass, then a series of votes to select the number of special subjects per year ... zero, 1, 2, 3, or 4.

- *Substituted Motion* ... to reduce the number of special subjects to 3 per year commencing in 2016. **PASSED**

(This amends the competition rules, which are within purview of Executive Board, which passed this issue on for a vote by the general membership. Prior notice in Galleon was not required. The competition rules are to be changed in November if to take effect the following year; so this motion is timely.)

- a Motion to eliminate slides as a category in the monthly competitions. **FAILED**
- a Motion to increase the number of at-large Executive Board members from 5 to 6. **PASSED**



Ford -1915 by Ed E. Powell (see page 4)



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Winter's Arrival by Gregory Doudna (see page 4)