



# the Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter Dec 2017-Jan 2018



Affiliated since 1938

## Meetings

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

## Location

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

## Membership Dues

\$25 Person; \$35 Family  
\$15 year Competitions

## 2017 Club Officers

### President

Dave Clary

### Vice President

Alan Upshaw

### Secretary

Rosie Brancacio

### Treasurer

Bill Hood

### At-Large

### Board Members

Ramona Cashmore

Flavio Parigi

Ed E. Powell

Penni Powell

Richard Russ

Lynda Snodgrass

### Immediate Past Pres.

Nyla James

### Galleon Editor

Ramona Cashmore

[mamacash85@gmail.com](mailto:mamacash85@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events...

**Dec 2...** Saturday Chat at Francisco's Country Kitchen, 8:00 am (see pg. 6)

**Dec 13...** Christmas Potluck @ 6pm, Casa Grande Mobile Estates (see pg. 3.

Also check Rosie's email of Nov. 20th for the **gate code**)

**Dec 16...** Field Trip, Elephant Seals at San Simeon, 6:30 am (see pg. 7)

**Jan 6...** Saturday Chat at Francisco's Country Kitchen, 8:00 am

**Jan 10...** Annual Awards Banquet at the Santa Maria Inn, 6:00 pm (see pg. 2)

**Jan 17...** Competition Meeting, open theme, 7:00 pm, Merrill Gardens

**Jan 27...** Field Trip, Eufhoria Flower Tour, 9:50 am (see pg. 7)

## President's Message:

This is my last message of my two years as president of the SMCC. I thank y'all for the support you have given to the club and to me during this period. We will be celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> year at our awards banquet on January 10, 2017. I wonder how many photography clubs have been around for that long? I think it should be a point of pride for us. Without the members taking on the myriad of tasks that keep the club running and running smoothly, it wouldn't have happened.

This is our combined December 2017 and January 2018 Galleon, and a lot happens during those two months. We have our Christmas Potluck on December 13, 2017 and our awards banquet as mentioned. During this time we will have the Christmas and New Years holidays. At our awards banquet a new club administration will take over. Best wishes to our incoming president and board.

There is a detailed discussion of our awards banquet later on in this Galleon. I did want to emphasize one point here, however. That is that, in effect, the club will receive a \$216.00 refund if we are able to provide the Santa Maria Inn with payment for fifty or more meals. So let's be thinking as individuals how we might reach that goal. If we don't, we will have a great awards banquet anyway. But it is worth a try.

Have a great holiday season, a great new year and I will see y'all at our two special events where we celebrate our photography and our camaraderie.

~ Dave Clary

# Upcoming January Awards Banquet

## (PLEASE READ NOW)

The awards banquet this year will take place at the Santa Maria Inn on Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

We should provide some background for new members. Only the winning images in each category from our monthly competitions are eligible for the year's top photo awards. Before the awards banquet we will have a judge select the top ten photos in each category, then the best photo in each category. There will be corner placards identifying the top ten images, and then a plaque for the top image in each category. Then the photographer with the most included points in each category will receive an award. Also there will be an award for the highest point total overall. It is also time to install the new officers and board for 2018. The best part, for me, is walking around viewing all the great winning prints for the year. Digital images will be shown on a repeating loop, making them available to our membership.

There will be a theme for the evening, which is celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Santa Maria Camera Club. It was founded in early 1938. This automatically raises questions. What was 1938 like? What was the original club like? Sharon Salerno, Jim Ogg, Alan Upshaw, and Bonnie Adams have some ideas for answering those questions and providing an atmosphere and entertainment that reflect the period. Sharon is not telling what they have in mind for entertainment. Thank you Sharon for agreeing to head up the organization of the Awards Banquet.

The meal this year is different than what we have been used to, as it will be served buffet style, but with a specific selection – make-it-yourself tostadas, with lots of different ingredients (all you can eat). There will also be potato leek soup and a chef's choice dessert (which Lauren at the Inn says is something the chef takes pride in preparing.)

The meal cost is \$29.00 per person. As the tostada can be either vegetarian or not, there is only one meal option and thus one fee.

**Invitations and RSVP/MEAL cards will be available at the Christmas Potluck.** Bill Hood will be more than happy to accept our payment that evening. **Please consider bringing your checkbook to the Christmas Potluck and getting this out of the way.** This would be especially helpful, as **the deadline for reserving and paying for January's banquet meals is December 31, 2017.** If you pay at or about the time of the Christmas Potluck, then you won't have to remember to do so in the midst of the holiday vacation period when most of us are not paying much attention to anything but Christmas and New Years.

Room fee waiver at the awards banquet if we have 50 people:

This year for the first time we have had to agree to pay a room fee for the Santa Maria Room at the Santa Maria Inn. Their costs have increased; so they have to charge more. Our customary plated meals would have cost a lot more; so we accepted this particular meal option served buffet style. This is probably the single best place in the Santa Maria area to display our 100 or so winning prints, as there is lots of room and great lighting. That basically is the true drawing card.

The room fee is \$216.00. However, if we have 50 or more people pay for their meals, the Santa Maria Inn will waive the room fee. This fee is built into the \$29.00 cost to our members. The members will then be able to decide what to do with the refund. If you have friends who would want to come and you or they cover their meal fees, great. Lil and I personally intend to invite (and pay for) another couple who would not normally attend. There is no restriction requiring attendees to be members. Extra Invitations and RSVP/MEAL cards will be available at the Christmas Potluck. If we all make an effort to get more people to participate perhaps we can recoup this fee. It will be a great evening whether or not we make that goal.

*President, Dave Clary*

## Competition Special Subjects



**March 2018**

*Pets*

**June 2018**

*Birds*

**September 2018**

*Close-up photos that are so different,  
they do not look at all like the subject  
we would normally recognize.*



### Competition Rules

Each member may submit  
a maximum of 3 entries  
per competition 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**

[rruss12@gmail.com](mailto:rruss12@gmail.com)

Images can also be submitted on a  
flash drive, or other media. Digital  
images **MUST** be received no later  
than **Wednesday at 6:45pm** the day  
of Competition. Images not  
received in time will not be entered  
into the competition.

## November Competition Results

**Judge: David Hammond Brown**

Small Prints		
1st	<i>Lyn Holt</i>	Robert Ginn
2nd	<i>Calm</i>	Ted Maddux
3rd	<i>A Promising Day</i>	Cheryl Decker
Monochrome Prints		
1st	<i>To the End</i>	Janine Bodnuda
2nd	<i>The Wall Phone</i>	Nyla James
3rd	<i>Mass Migration</i>	Ted Maddux
HM	<i>Loving Touch</i>	Scott Clark
Large Color Prints		
1st	<i>Just Hanging Around</i>	Robert Ginn
2nd	<i>Storms Pass</i>	Scott Clark
3rd	<i>Fast Food</i>	Ted Maddux
HM	<i>Early Morning at Disney</i>	Jim McKinniss
Digital		
1st	<i>Seasonal Closure</i>	Alan Upshaw
2nd	<i>Bill Bush</i>	Ed E. Powell
3rd	<i>Thelma &amp; Louise Overlook</i>	Cheryl Decker
Slides		
1st	<i>Youth and Hope</i>	Flavio Parigi
2nd	<i>Running Fast in Hong Kong</i>	Flavio Parigi
3rd	<i>Happy Feet</i>	Flavio Parigi



**SMCC's Annual Christmas Potluck**  
will be Wednesday, December 13, 2017  
at 6:00 pm at the clubhouse of  
Casa Grande Mobile Estates  
519 W. Taylor Street in Santa Maria.

**Check Rosie's email of Nov. 20th for the gate code.**

# A few winning photos from November's Competition night



*"Bill Bush"* ~ Ed E. Powell



*"Loving Touch"* ~ Scott Clark



*"Seasonal Closure"* ~ Alan Upshaw

## **Committee Chairs & Club Volunteers**

### **Webmaster**

Greg Doudna

### **Digital Projectionist**

Richard Russ

### **Slide Projectionist**

Ed E. Powell

### **SMCC Directory & Calendar**

Rosie Brancacio

### **Historian**

Nyla James

### **Judge Recruitment**

Ramona Cashmore

### **Saturday Chat**

Jim McKinniss

### **Points Tabulator**

Richard Russ

### **Print Coordinators**

Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass

### **Slide Coordinator**

Elaine Calvert

### **Image Scoring**

Elaine Calvert

Lynda Snodgrass

### **Program Recruitment**

Alan Upshaw

### **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

Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams

Alan Upshaw

### **Name Tags**

TBA



*“Storms Pass” ~ Scott Clark*



*“Thelma & Louise Overlook” ~ Cheryl Decker*



## **Treasury Report**



**The Club balance is \$1693.20  
Currently, there are 54 paid members.**

# Program Night

We traditionally do not have a Program Meeting in December and January so our next Program Meeting for the SMCC will be held on February 7, 2018.

Got a suggestion for a Program? Want to put one on? Interested in leading a workshop or showing off your skills? There will be 8 Program Meetings in 2018. Lemme know!

~ Alan

## 1st Saturday Chat

Saturday, December 2, 2017 is our next breakfast chat at:

**Francisco's Country Kitchen**  
1701 N. Broadway, Santa Maria

Meeting time is 8:00 AM and usually lasts about 2 hours.

For a friendly critique of your work, bring no more than 4-5 small prints (8"x11") and a Sharpie for marking up your work. If you have any questions or ideas for discussion, contact Jim McKinniss, the coordinator of this monthly get-together.

## Images from our recent field trip of Horses on the Beach, submitted by Ed E. Powell.



*“Whether he is an artist or not, the photographer is a joyous sensualist, for the simple reason that the eye traffics in feelings, not in thoughts.”*

~ Walker Evans

# SMCC Field Trips December 2017 and Beyond into 2018

by Penni Powell

*Please note: Rain or bad weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. Check your email for any updates.*

## **December 16th (6:30am in AG for carpooling) - Elephant Seals at San Simeon -**

In December, the bulls arrive at San Simeon and fight for dominance over pupping areas. Females begin to arrive. **Birthing and breeding** begin. The first birth is usually mid-month.

Meet at the A.G. Carl's Jr. off Hwy 101 at Oak Park (head Left down the frontage road at the exit) at 6:30am for carpooling to the San Simeon Elephant Seal viewing area 5 miles North of Hearst Castle. Yes, it will be worth the early morning start to get there during the high tide that keeps the seals closer to the boardwalk area. Dress warmly and bring snacks, etc. We'll be stopping for lunch before heading back home.

Questions/Info contact the leader, Penni Powell: [pennipoo@hotmail.com](mailto:pennipoo@hotmail.com) or 805.929.2420 home or 805.363.1931 cell.

**Why go? - The elephant seals spend eight to ten months in the open ocean, migrating thousands of miles, twice a year, to the San Simeon beaches. Don't you think this deserves a photo or two?**

## **Jan 27th (Sat 9:50am) Stop and Photograph the Roses! - Eufhoria Flowers Tour, Nipomo -**

Meet at the Eufhoria greenhouses that are full of beautiful roses to enjoy and photograph. We will get a quick tour of the facilities then they'll let us loose to shoot. Tripods are handy for macro photography here. Also wear layers and bring water - the greenhouses are warm and humid even in January! We'll have lunch afterwards, people's choice. If you'd like to share your photos with the company, they would appreciate it.

Eufhoria Flowers 885 Mesa Road, Nipomo [www.eufhoriaflowers.com](http://www.eufhoriaflowers.com)

Questions/Info contact the leader Penni Powell: [pennipoo@hotmail.com](mailto:pennipoo@hotmail.com) or 805.929.2420 home or 805.363.1931 cell.

**Why go? - The greenhouse provides wonderful soft lighting for rose portraits.**

**Other December and January events:** Be on the lookout for Rosie's emailed calendars. *Thanks, Rosie!*

Also be aware that the **King Tides** are coming, with the highest at 9:30am on Dec. 4th... **Tall ships are at Morro Bay** thru Dec. 12th, with "Battle Sails" Dec. 9th and 10th.

and Beyond...

**March 1st - 6th - SoCal Desert Week** - See the flyer on page 8.

**Possible trip to Yosemite for MOONBOWS???** Stay tuned....

# SoCal Desert Week

## March 1st - March 6th, 2018



The plans are still in the making but here's a proposed schedule for the field trip to Joshua Tree National Park and the quirky Salton Sea. Depending on the winter rains, we could have wildflowers at J Tree or Anza-Borrego State Park (close to the Salton Sea). There's a full moon on March 1st.

March 1st (Thurs) travel day to Joshua Tree, full moon photo shoot?

Mar 2nd-4th Joshua Tree photo shoots (Barker Dam, Skull Rock, Arch Rock, Cholla Cactus Garden, Indian Cove, Keys Ranch, etc.) including photography by moonlight

Mar 4th-5th Salton Sea area photography (Ladder Canyon, Bombay Beach rural decay, Salvation Mountain, Slab City, thousands of birds, etc.)

Mar 6th (Tues) travel day home after morning Salton Sea photography

Lodging is being considered at Twentynine Palms for hotel, and camping could be in the park itself for Joshua Tree. At the Salton Sea we will stay at North Glamis Hot Springs Resort, which is very close to Bombay Beach on the East side of the Salton Sea, and that includes a group stay in a 3-bedroom mobile home or RV camping.

Sign up at the Christmas Potluck if you're interested in going or contact Penni at 929-2420 or [pennipoo@hotmail.com](mailto:pennipoo@hotmail.com).





## Points North and East For December 2017 and January 2018 by Jim Ogg

**December 2017:** Mid Winter Snow opportunities continue especially for Yosemite and Eastern Sierra. Sealth image "Lake George Ice" (SR082) shows the ice and snow in the Mammoth Lakes Basin. Breakup is a most interesting time for High Sierra lakes. The highest easily reached lake of the Mammoth Lakes Basin, Lake George has its own unique ice breakup features.

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. And continue to look for low tide opportunities and/or "winter" coastal wildflowers.

The air temperature determines the opportunities for Monarch Butterfly images. The Pismo Beach Monarch web page ([www.classicalcalifornia.com](http://www.classicalcalifornia.com)) indicates that Monarchs cannot fly at temperatures less than 55 degrees, 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 San Simeon. Also Morro Bay State Park has several butterfly overwintering sites. Check the campground and the Eucalyptus windrows in the nearby golf course.

**January 2018:** For me January is an in between month. Elephant Seals, Butterflies, Dunes and Fungi are the stars. By January the Central Coast usually has had a drenching rainfall, so some fungi may be found at the East-West Ranch (Fascilli Preserve) in late December or early January. It is useful to know the seasonal cycles. The birthing of Elephant Seal pups peak mid January. And in January and early February, the Butterflies mate and the females leave soon after.

January is also the best opportunity 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.

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.

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### Lake George Ice (SR082)

The "Lake George Ice" 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 Lake George, Mammoth Lakes, Eastern Sierra, High Sierra and Central Coast of California.



## SANTA MARIA CAMERA CLUB BOARD MEETING

August 9, 2017 at Merrill Gardens

(Draft minutes prepared by Penni Powell, submitted and approved by the board on September 27, 2017.)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. 8 board members were in attendance, we have a quorum.  
In attendance: Dave Clary, Flavio Parigi Alan Upshaw, Richard Russ, Nyla James, Bob Ginn, Bill Hood, Ed and Penni Powell. Ramona Cashmore arrived at 7:25pm.
2. The minutes of January 25, 2017 and May 10, 2017 were reviewed and approved.
3. Bill Hood gave the Treasurer's Report. There are 51 paid and honorary members and \$1878.20 in the account. Bill projects that, with typical expenses, the club will have about \$950.00 to start 2018.
4. Reports of Special Committees - none given
5. Old Business
  - A. Honorary Members
    1. The Board voted to accept Mary Goodspeed and Joseph Shrock as honorary members, and then added Lillian Smith as an honorary member, also.
  - B. Awards Banquet
    1. The date was set for January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (second Wednesday).
    2. Dave presented options from the Santa Maria Inn, which was identified as a prime location for the Awards Banquet. To keep the meal cost low to members, the Board requested that Dave accept the Tostada Bar option which was expected to be about \$21 per person. He will make arrangements with the catering manager.
6. New Business
  - A. The Club's Digital Projector
    1. Brought to discussion by Richard Russ. Dave 1<sup>st</sup> and Bill 2<sup>nd</sup>. Richard, Dave and Bob Mihelic did comparisons on potential machines.
    2. They suggested an Epson 9229 as a good replacement projector. It's been working well at the Lompoc camera club. The cost is about \$800.
    3. The Board voted to table this until the first board meeting in 2018 when it would be clear if the club can afford it.
  - B. Ramona Cashmore is retiring as Judge Recruiter after the August competition meeting.
    1. The Board is responsible to fill the position. Richard Russ volunteered to get a judge for the September competition.
    2. Dave will announce to the club membership that the position is open. Ramona will assist the new judge recruiter.
  - C. Competition Standings
    1. It was motioned by Richard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan, to release the point scores to members who request it after 9 months of competition (September).
    2. The Board passed the motion, authorizing the points tabulator to disclose the point status of any competitor when it's requested by a member.
7. Next board meeting is set for September 27, 2017.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:34pm.

**Look for our next Galleon to come out the beginning of  
February 2018. Have a wonderful Holiday season!**