



# the Galleon



## The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter July 2021

### President's Message

"Summertime and the living are easy" .... Porgy and Bess y'all.

I hope the June gloom has moved on out and we are headed to beautiful July skies. Many of you were at the Piedras Blanca outing in June and it was so good to see you in person. It was an overcast day with flat light, but I know there were some amazing photos taken. Please share them at the July program meeting. Penny has lotted more field trips planned for this year so mark your calendar and join in.

Live easy my friends,

*Cheryl*

### Editor Message

What a beautiful photo trip we had few days ago at Piedras Blancas. After so long we had the possibility to participate in one of these photo trips and it was an incredibly fantastic experience. Going around with many club members, we had the possibility to meet again in person and not behind a computer screen. We had the privilege to share our opinions and more with the other members. It was an inspiration moment and also, even if the weather was not 100% cooperative, it was an incredibly good time, so thank you Penny, who organized the trip and thank you to everyone who was there. I really hope that it will be the first of many more and I suggest to everyone not miss these opportunities: they are beautiful.

*Flavio*

## Judge for Competition Meeting

Our judge for the July competition will be Rudy Vega who was found for us by Jim. He is an incredibly talented artist as his biography will attest to. His biography and online presence are below.

### Rudy Vega Bio

Rudy Vega is an artist currently residing in Southern California. Has a bachelor's degree from UC San Diego in Visual Arts, and an MFA in Studio Art from UC Irvine. He is the manager of the photo lab at UC Irvine's Art dept. and also lectures part time there. He has taught various photo related classes at both Otis College of Art and Design and Art Center, Pasadena.

His website can be found at <https://rudyv.myportfolio.com/work>

*Tony*

### July 7 Program Meeting, Mark Velasquez

**7:00pm – 8:30pm**

Photographer Mark Velasquez was born and raised in Santa Maria, California and received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Cornish College in Seattle in the year 2000. Since then, he has worked as a freelance photographer across Europe and the Americas shooting for publications, creating his own photo books, and documenting his travels while spreading his unique sense of humor and creative energy along the way.

He also survived eight out of ten challenges on the first season of Bravo's reality competition "Work Of Art: The Next Great Artist" in 2010. Somehow his family still remains proud of him.

Mark is a teacher, painter, sculptor, videographer, and graphic designer. Most importantly, he is a husband and family man trying to do his best. Today he can be found somewhere on the West Coast, camera in hand, mind reeling. Mark recently judged our March competition.

We will have Show & Tell following Mark's presentation. We would like to see your Piedras Blancas Light Station images, or anything else you would like to show. Please send 5 to 7 images to [santamariacameraclub@gmail.com](mailto:santamariacameraclub@gmail.com) , no later than Tuesday night.

Meetings are currently online using **Webex**. The invitation will be sent prior to the meeting. You can log on as early as 6:45pm, so we can start the meeting promptly at 7:00pm. Please self-mute during Mark's presentation, to avoid background noise.

*Alan*

## MAY COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Chana Messer

### Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Carousel #1	Jim McKinniss
2ND PLACE	Boat at anchor at Morro bay	Jim McKinniss
3RD PLACE	1940' Workhorse	Elaine Calvert
HONORABLE MENTION	The weaver's room	Elaine Calvert

### Digital color

1ST PLACE	Quietly passing time	Elaine Calvert
2ND PLACE	Sun set on an era	Gregory Doudna
3RD PLACE	Out to pasture	Penni Powell
HONORABLE MENTION	Retired	Ed E Powell

*Congratulation to everyone*

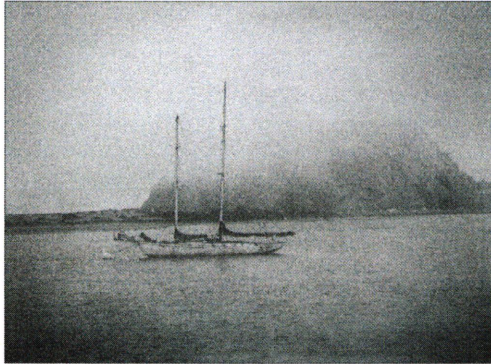


By Jim McKinniss

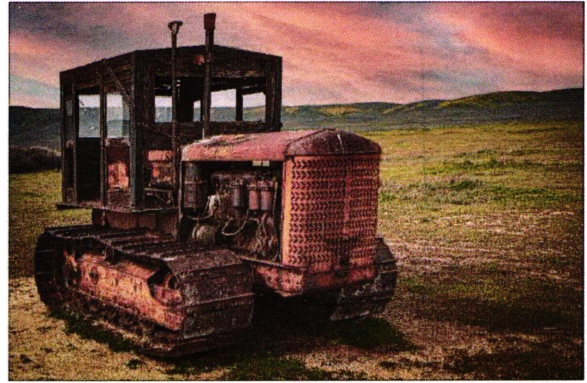


By Elaine Calvert

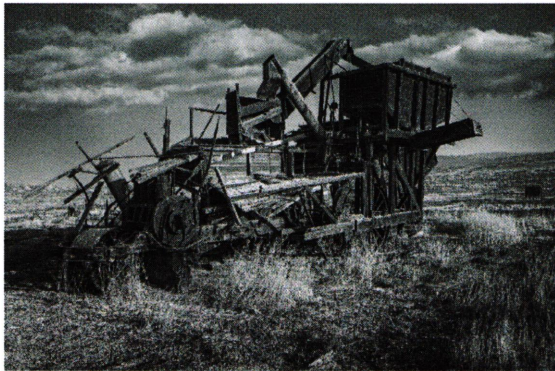




By Jim McKinniss



By Gregory Doudna



By Elaine Calvert



By Penni Powell



By Elaine Calvert



By Ed E Powell



## **SMCC Field Trips for July 2021**

by Penni Powell 805.363.1931 penpowell2020@gmail.com

Please note: Bad weather or Covid 19 can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. ***Check your email for any updates.***

### **July 10<sup>th</sup> (Sat 7:30pm - midnight) – Prime Time for Milky Way Photography!**

The end of Huasna Road outside of Arroyo Grande will be where we can meet up for fellowship, share astrophotography tips, and have a little fun in the dark. This time I will have a tripod set up with a cell phone holder for anyone to use. Bring a chair, light (red if possible), warm clothing, appetizers, and beverages. Skip the sunscreen... We will follow the current guidelines for Covid conditions.

Meet at Starbucks in Nipomo next to Ace Hardware at 7:30pm and take the 45-minute drive to Huasna Township and end of the road. We can set up during the Golden Hour and have Happy Hour from 9 to 10pm waiting on the Milky Way. Wrap up by midnight?

### **Driving Directions from Nipomo to the Huasna Milky Way Spot**

Hwy 101 N to Traffic Way off ramp in Arroyo Grande, turn Right on W. Branch Road, turn Right on Huasna Road. Travel several miles on Huasna Rd to the Huasna Township. Turn Right on Huasna Township Rd. Follow Huasna Township Rd until it ends at Huasna River Rd. X Marks the Spot

If you are using PhotoPills, the coordinates are approximately: 35.088427N 120.370026W Elevation 211m.



***Why Go? To be a star you must shine your own light, follow your own path, and do not worry about the darkness, for that is when the stars shine brightest.***

**and Beyond...**

### **November - Multi-day trip to places around Las Vegas Nevada**

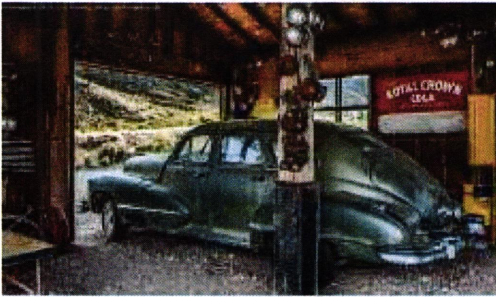
Valley of Fire, Red Rock Canyon, Mt Charleston, Corn Creek, and other birding sites, plus Nelson "ghost" town and more! Camping or? Let me know your thoughts so I can build this trip around your interests.



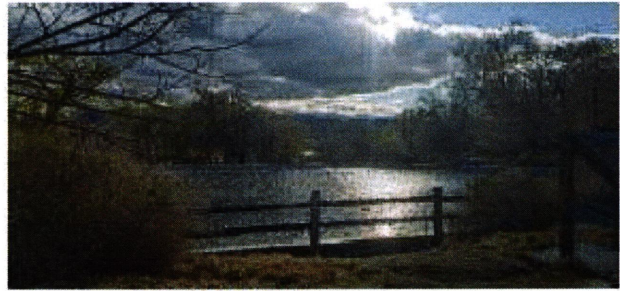
## November Multi-Day Field Trip - WILD LAS VEGAS!

Here are some potential locations to be visited around Las Vegas, Nevada (in no particular order). There's something for everyone!

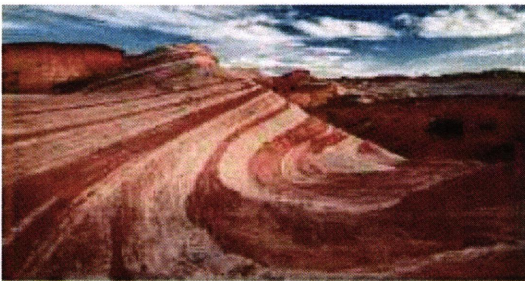
Let me know if you are interested by July 25<sup>th</sup> so we can tailor the trip to your interests. I'll be camping and there's options for other lodging. Penni (penpowell2020@gmail.com)



Nelson Ghost Town (macro to landscape)



Corn Creek (wildlife, birds)



Valley of Fire (macro to landscapes)



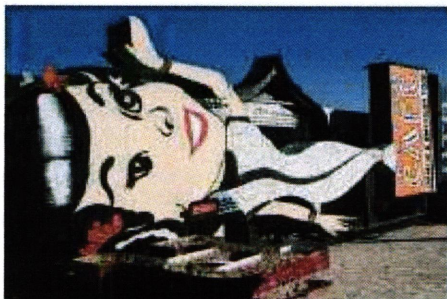
Red Rock Canyon (macro to landscape)



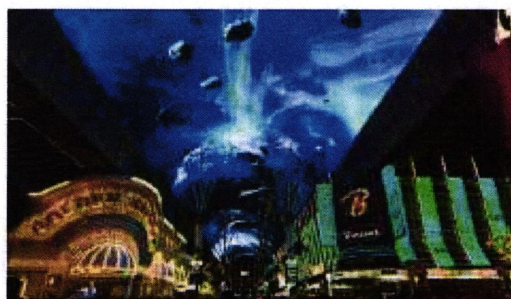
High Roller (Imagine the view from the top!)



Seven Magic Mountains (art Installation, street)



The Neon Museum (macro to landscape)



Fremont Street Experience (street, cityscape)



## USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

<b>Meetings</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month at 7:00 pm
<b>Location</b>	Via WebEx due to the Covid problem If you want to participate, please contact Greg Doudna <a href="mailto:gndoudna@gmail.com">gndoudna@gmail.com</a> You will receive a Join the Meeting invitation email from Greg shortly after 6:45pm the evening of the meeting. Simply clicking on <b>Join Meeting</b> will connect you to this virtual video program meeting
<b>Membership dues</b>	\$ 30 per person; \$ 45 Family; \$ 20 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year
<b>2021 Club officers</b>	President: Cheryl Decker Vice President: Allan Upshaw Secretary Rosie Brancacio Treasurer: Bill Hood
<b>At-large Board Members</b>	Patty Blyte, Elaine Calvert, Nyla James, Tony Martindale, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell
<b>2021 Competition Rules</b>	Each member may submit a maximum of 3 total image submissions in any category per competition.
<b>Categories will be:</b>	Digital color Digital Monochrome
<b>Immediate Past president</b>	Jeanne Sparks
<b>2021 Special Subjects</b>	March – Reflection June – Machines September - Silhouette
<b>Submit your images for digital competition to:</b>	Greg Doudna <a href="mailto:santamariacameraclub@gmail.com">santamariacameraclub@gmail.com</a> Digital images can only be submitted by email. All the digital images <b>MUST</b> be received no later than the Sunday prior to the Wednesday competition. Images not received in time, will not be entered in the competition
<b>Galleon Director</b>	Flavio Parigi <a href="mailto:fparigi@aol.com">fparigi@aol.com</a>

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CLUB VOLUNTEERS**

<b>Webmaster</b>	Greg Doudna
<b>Digital Projectionist</b>	Greg Doudna & Chuck Uebele
<b>Slide Projectionist</b>	Ed E. Powel
<b>SMCC Directory &amp; Calendar</b>	Rosie Brancacio
<b>Historian</b>	Nyla James
<b>Judge Recruitment</b>	Tony Martindale
<b>Saturday Chat</b>	Jim McKinniss
<b>Point Tabulator</b>	Richard Russ
<b>Print Coordinators</b>	Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass
<b>Slide Coordinator</b>	Elaine Calvert
<b>Image scoring</b>	Elaine Calvert, Ramona Cashmore, Penni Powell
<b>Program Recruitment</b>	Alan Upshaw
<b>Refreshment</b>	Joyce Bolivar
<b>PSA Representative</b>	Nyla Janes
<b>Library Coordinator</b>	Larry Decker
<b>Meeting room setup</b>	Everyone !!
<b>Membership recruitment</b>	Richard Russ
	Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
<b>Field trips</b>	Nyla James & Amaya Rangel
<b>Name Tags</b>	

### **Treasury Report**

We have in our bank \$ 2.040.23

- “A good photographer records, a great photographer reveals.”  
— Skyler Reid.