



The Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter June 2015



Affiliated since 1938

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

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Upcoming Events...

June 3...Program Meeting...Peter Boonisar presents a program on Belize

June 6...Saturday Chat...8:00 am Francisco's Country Kitchen, Santa Maria

June 17...Competition Special Category...Geometric Shapes

No Program Meeting in July or August

July 15...Competition Open Category

July 24-25...Overnight Field Trip...Santa Paula Hot Air Balloon Festival

July 29...Board Meeting, 6:30 pm

the June Program...Belize



Come see & learn about a lesser-known part of Central America...

As discussed at our April competition meeting, Luis Escobar had planned to do a live demonstration of his photographic drones, and then show digital images of photos he had taken with his drones previously. Unfortunately, as happens with busy photographers, something came up that took precedence (he has to make a living) and Luis will not be able to make it to the June meeting. He said he would be available again in October. So maybe we should consider that. We do have a good place for his drone demonstration (I think. I haven't actually seen it yet.) I will contact Luis.

This left a big hole in our June program meeting. I made desperation calls on Memorial Day, and naturally wound up leaving messages on peoples' phones. Most were outside barbecuing, etc. One of the potential presenters I called was Peter Boonisar, who had been highly recommended by our prez, Nyla. Peter called me that evening and said he had a digital program he would love to show our club about his first trip to Belize. THANK YOU PETER! He has made a second trip to Belize, which he will talk about as well, but has not had time to put together a slide show on that. (Some fascinating areas he went to on his second trip did not allow photography ... bummer!) Peter is a Brooks Institute of Photography graduate, a photography instructor, a photo tour leader, and has been a judge for us at the Santa Maria Camera Club as well as for the San Luis Obispo camera club. He has an infectious enthusiasm for photography, and has been an active professional since 1972.

Belize has Mayan ruins, much like Guatemala or the Yucatan in Mexico, but not as well known. We will know them better after Peter's presentation. It should be very interesting.

Dave Clary, VP and Program Chairman

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Bob Ginn, Alan Upshaw
Bonnie Adams
Rosie Brancacio

SMCC Field Trips

June 2015 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.

June 6 (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.

Other June Ideas - Rosie B will have her June calendar out soon. She says June has a couple of car shows in SLO County, and on June 13th starting at 9 am is Old Days in Santa Ynez, an annual community event with a parade, music, food, etc.

If you hear of a photo-interesting event, let me know and I'll share with the club. Phone 929-2420 or pennipoo@hotmail.com.

And Field Trips Beyond...

July 4 (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. **(As this is a holiday, I'll check with Bob Ginn if the Chat Group will meet or not and post the outcome in the next Galleon.)**

July 24-25 Citrus Classic Santa Paula Hot Air Balloon Festival

(an overnigher to take in the Friday evening "glow" and the early Saturday morning inflation of the hot air balloons.)

I'm looking into a group rate at Best Western La Posada in Fillmore. The location of the event is where the HWY 126 freeway ends and the 4 lane starts heading East from Ventura. Rooms start at about \$100 with tax and AAA/AARP/Senior discount.

This is a ticketed event and last year's cost was \$12 for Friday 6-11 pm (night glow event) and a separate entry for Saturday starting at 6:30 am of \$15. The 2015 information is yet to be posted online. I'll have sign ups at the club meetings in June or contact me to let me know of your interest in this field trip. **Penni**

If you have an idea for a field trip, please let anyone on the Field Trip Committee know about it.

The Santa Maria Camera Club Annual BBQ

May 30, 2015



**Special thanks to the Russ's
for their kind hospitality
& to Gene Kilmer
for his extraordinary grilling skills.
*Photos courtesy of Nyla James.***



Competition Special Assignments

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June 2015...
Geometric Shapes

August 2015...
Barns

October 2015...
Fall Color

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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

Images can also be submitted
on a flash drive, or other media.
Digital images 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.

May Competition Results

Judge...Karen Peterson

Large Color Prints -- 17 prints entered.

1st Place	<i>Focus</i>	Ted Maddux
2nd Place	<i>Morning Glory</i>	Dan Macal
3rd Place	<i>TriFecta</i>	Scott Clark
Hon.M.	<i>Amazon Cave</i>	Ed E. Powell

Monochrome Prints -- 5 prints entered

1st Place	<i>Girl and Fife</i>	Ed E. Powell
2nd Place	<i>Forgotten</i>	Ted Maddux
3rd Place	<i>Fill It Up And Check The Tires</i>	Ron Calvert

Small Prints -- 7 prints entered.

1st Place	<i>Ruby Throat</i>	Janine Bognuda
2nd Place	<i>Psycodelic</i>	Ron Calvert
3rd Place	<i>Desert Tenacity</i>	Elaine Calvert

Digital Images -- 17 images entered.

1st Place	<i>Pamela's Violin</i>	Ed E. Powell
2nd Place	<i>Havana Auto Repair</i>	Dave Clary
3rd Place	<i>Devils Bridge</i>	Gregory Doudna
Hon.M.	<i>Repurposed</i>	Gregory Doudna

Slides -- 10 images entered.

1st Place	<i>Durango Steam Excursion</i>	Bonnie Adams
2nd Place	<i>Nathen At Four</i>	Robert Ginn
3rd Place	<i>Imagine That</i>	Robert Ginn
Hon.M.	<i>Sunrise Sailors</i>	Robert Ginn



Treasury Report

- The Club has a balance of \$1927.53
- There are currently 45 paid members.

Some Winning Images from the May 2015 Competition

clockwise from the upper left...

- Ed E. Powell's *Amazon Cave*
- Dave Clary's *Havana Auto Repair*
- Gregory Doudna's *Repurposed*
- Gregory Doudna's *Devils Bridge*
- Ed E. Powell's *Pamela's Violin*



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Points North and East For June 2015 by Jim Ogg

Mammoth Lakes Basin and Sonora Pass should be open by Memorial Day weekend while Mammoth Ski area is planning to close Memorial Day weekend. And the Park Service is planning road repairs on the Tioga Pass road that should be completed by Memorial Day. Also by late May breakup usually is finished, nearly all trailheads accessible, the upper Steppe wildflowers are blooming and Forest wildflowers are starting. The Irises in the Bishop area and the Desert Peach in the upper Steppe bloom late May or early June. Lower Steppe, Owens Valley and Mojave wildflowers are usually past their peak.

Mammoth can still have snow storms in June. These I call "last snow". Last snow is often much more photogenic than mid-winter snow. And with last snow, access is often better. Depending on access and snow level, McGee Canyon, Convict Lake, Little Lakes Valley, and Mammoth Lakes Basin are places to check for last snow.

With the opening of Tioga Pass, access to Tuolumne Meadows is available from Mammoth. The initial interest is "High Water" at Cathedral Cascade, Upper Tuolumne River, Dana Fork, and Lyell Fork in the Tuolumne area. Also of interest are Minaret Falls and Rainbow Falls in the San Joaquin River Basin and Lundy Canyon Falls and Cascades.

Snow Plants provide bright red color in the drab ground following snow melt. I look for Snow Plants at Glacier Point, Yosemite Creek, and Devils Postpile. And Snow Plants can be found in the Sierra Forest, northeast of Oakhurst. In the El Portal area, the Matilija Poppies usually peak. These 4-7 inch white flowers on 4-8 foot stems are California's largest natives and among the most photogenic.

The Irises may fill meadows with masses of intense deep blue. The meadows of Mono Lake, Bridgeport and Bodie should happen in June and early July. Also the upper Steppe wildflowers should peak in June or early July. In some locations "gardens" can be found. These may have up to two dozen varieties and a dozen different colors. The gardens of McGee Canyon, Walker Creek-Parker Creek, Heart Lake, and Mono Lake Marina could be well worth visiting. Also Lee Vining Creek, Tioga Pass roadside, Parker Lake, Walker Lake, and Lundy Canyon, are places to checkout for Upper Steppe wildflowers although some hiking may be necessary. Sometimes the Gardens of McGee Canyon are so spectacular they are worthy of an impulsive romp as shown in Sealth Image SR244. Those who went on the club's Eastern Sierra trip in 2005 should have fond memories of McGee Gardens and Lundy Canyon.

In 2008, the Sierra snowpack started melting early so the alpine and sub-alpine wildflowers peaked earlier and were somewhat stunted from a shorter growing season. And depending on the summer rains, thunderstorms actually, the fall color season may start earlier and may be spread over a longer duration. Aspens often turn early under drought conditions. In 2008, the Eastern Sierra had drought conditions however with a great snowpack to start. This year the snowpack is lowest it has ever been observed.

Please provide additions, corrections and comments via e-mail, jimogg@tcsn.net, and visit the website, www.tcsn.net/ogg.



Film Shooters' Corner...

Find a film camera and need the manual ??? www.butkus.org/chinon/
Trying to id an old camera ??? camerapedia.wikia.com/wiki/Camerapedia#
Do you have a Zorki 4 with a Jupiter 8 ??? www.sovietcams.com

McGee Gardens Romp (SR244)

Sometimes the Gardens of McGee Canyon are so spectacular they are worthy of an impulsive romp.

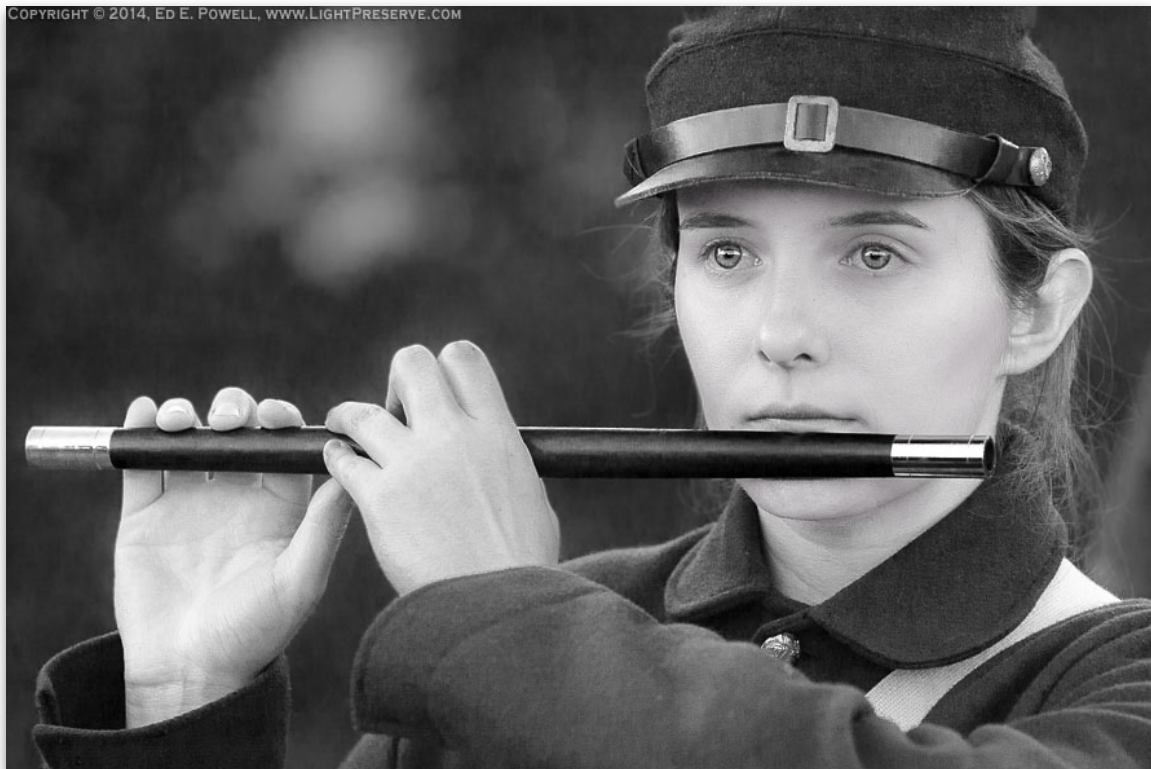
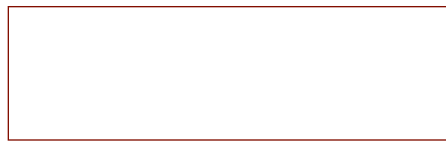
The "McGee Gardens Romp" image is part of the Sealh body of work which are digital images of landscapes, scenics, and the human form and are based on locations in the McGee Canyon, Long Valley, Mammoth Lakes area, Eastern Sierra, High Sierra and Central Coast of California.



*The Santa Maria Camera Club held it's annual bbq on May 30, at the home of Richard Russ.
for more photos... please see page 3*



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Girl With Fife, Ed E. Powell's 1st Place Monochrome image from the May 2015 Competition. *see page 5 for more competition images.*