



# the Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter June 2018



## Meetings

1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
each month at 7:00pm  
(3rd Wednesday only  
for Jan, July, Aug, and  
December)

## Location

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

## Membership Dues

\$30 Person; \$45 Family  
\$20 per year to participate  
in Competition meetings

## 2018 Club Officers

### President

Richard Russ

### Vice President

Alan Upshaw

### Secretary

Rosie Brancacio

### Treasurer

Bill Hood

## At-Large

## Board Members

Ramona Cashmore

Nyla James

Jim Ogg

Flavio Parigi

Penni Powell

Sharon Salerno

## Immediate Past Pres.

Dave Clary

## Galleon Editor

Ramona Cashmore

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

## Upcoming Events...

**June 2...** Breakfast Chat, 8 AM, Francisco's Country Kitchen

**June 6...** Program Meeting, 7 PM, Chuck Uebele presenting (see page 7)

**June 9...** Annual SMCC Picnic & BBQ, 12 - 3 PM (see page 2)

**June 20...** Competition Meeting, 7 PM, Open Theme (see page 3)

**July 4...** NO PROGRAM MEETING IN JULY

**July 7...** Breakfast Chat, 8 AM, Francisco's Country Kitchen

**July 11-15...** Santa Barbara County Fair - man the Club Display

**July 12...** Field Trip to SB County Fair, 5:30 - ?? (see page 9)

**July 18...** Competition Meeting, 7 PM, Theme: PETS (see page 3)

## Summer Schedule is Almost Here

Please note that for the Summer months, our Program meetings change a bit. **For July**, we will not have any Program meeting at all. **For August**, we will offer a gathering for members to exchange/sell anything having to do with photography, and enjoy pizza while we're at it. Competition for both months will still occur. More to come later...

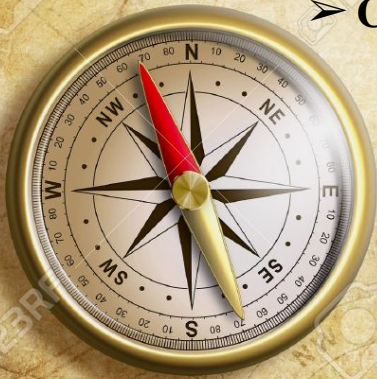
## President's Message:

I would like to thank Dave Clary for his work in getting our judges. While he has a large list of potential judges, most it seems are unable to judge anymore, therefore he has to continually find new judges which is not always easy to do. This is an important part of our club, so it needs to be addressed. If any of you know someone who can possibly judge, please let him know. Thanks for your consideration.

*Richard Russ*

# **SMCC Picnic June 9th**

- 12 noon for chat, games and **TREASURE HUNT**
- 1 pm for excellent BBQ by Gene with side dish potluck
- Sign up for the potluck at the June 6th club meeting *or*
- Contact Penni 805.929.2420 for info



## **Hosted by:**

**Cheryl & Larry Decker**  
**5925 Olivera Canyon Road**  
**Santa Maria, CA 93454**

**321.229.2693 Larry**  
**407.421.2512 Cheryl**

## **Directions to the Decker's home in Foxen Canyon**

There's plenty of parking and seating in the shade or sun

### **5925 Olivera Canyon Road**

From 101 take the Betteravia Road exit East toward the hills. Start at 00.0 odometer here.

At 2.5 miles Betteravia changes to Foxen Canyon.

At 7.6 miles Foxen Canyon Road turns right (Santa Maria Mesa Road goes straight).

At 10 miles in Sisquoc, Foxen Canyon turns left (Palmer goes straight).

At 12.2 miles, Olivera Canyon Road turns off Foxen. Go through the gate.

Continue 0.9 miles to the top of the hill and where the road comes to a T, continue straight through the gate.

**Bring:** You and your guests, *ready for fun!*

Your yummy potluck dish and serving utensils

Portable chairs (if you can)

**P.S. Don't use your GPS - it will lead you astray**

# ATTENTION COMPETITORS!

**There has been a change in the competition date for our special theme “Birds.”** It was originally scheduled for June 20, 2018. Richard Russ recommended Don Quintana as a judge for the bird competition. He is a local, but very well recognized bird photographer. Richard, a good bird photographer himself, has been very impressed with Don’s bird photography. He has given presentations on the subject at the Morro Bay bird festival. Right now, he is either on his way, at, or returning from a North American Nature Photographers Association Nature Celebration in Jackson, Wyoming where he was to give a short presentation.

When through, he will wind his way back here, spending most of his nights camped in the back of his Toyota 4-runner (as Tom Wahweotten did before he bought his camper) and visiting various photographic sites on his way home.

Don is not available for the June 20 meeting, but can make the July 18 meeting so Prez Richard suggested we change the special theme competition (Birds) to the July date so that we could have a fine bird photographer as our judge. Fortunately, Don agreed.

Since Don can’t make the June 20 competition, I asked Karen Peterson to be our judge that night. She lives in Los Osos, and currently has car problems. Bob Mihelic has volunteered to pick her up and bring her over for the competition and then deliver her back home after the meeting. Our president has a very favorable view of Karen’s judging. She judged one of the end-of-the year overall competitions for us when Richard was last president. I have also been impressed. She has judged for us at one of our monthly meetings, but a while ago. I really appreciate Bob Mihelic making it possible for Karen to judge for us again, and that Karen is willing to make the effort to do so.

**JUNE 20, 2018 our judge will be KAREN PETERSON. The theme is open - anything you want.**

**JULY 18, 2018 our judge will be DON QUINTANA. This is a special theme only competition, and that theme is “BIRDS.”**

Judge recruiter, Dave Clary

*“The two most engaging powers  
of a photograph are to make new things  
familiar and familiar things new.”*

~ William Thackeray

## Competition Special Subjects



**July 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:**

**Jeanne Sparks**

[jeanne@jeannesparks.com](mailto:jeanne@jeannesparks.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.

# May Competition Results

**Judge: Mike Messina**

Small Prints		
1st	<i>Big</i>	Scott Clark
2nd	<i>Escalator</i>	Tony Martindale
3rd	<i>Lift Bridge on the Snake River</i>	Ramona Cashmore
Monochrome Prints		
1st	<i>Vernal Falls at 1 Second</i>	Gregory Doudna
2nd	<i>Desert Sun</i>	Elaine Calvert
3rd	<i>The Smoker</i>	Robert Ginn
Large Color Prints		
1st	<i>High Key Yellow Gladiola Blooms</i>	Mike Armstrong
2nd	<i>Sunset at the Bridge</i>	Robert Ginn
3rd	<i>Sunset Dream</i>	Janine Bognuda
HM	<i>San Diego Shimmers</i>	Scott Clark
Digital		
1st	<i>Storm Brewing</i>	Nyla James
2nd	<i>Electric Insulators</i>	Nyla James
3rd	<i>The Ivy Room</i>	Alan Upshaw
HM	<i>Mirrors on the Ceiling</i>	Tony Martindale
Slides		
1st	<i>Luray Caverns</i>	Dalton Pittman
2nd	<i>The Tower</i>	Flavio Parigi
3rd	<i>The Museum</i>	Flavio Parigi



**Take a look at the next two  
pages for some  
of the winning images!**

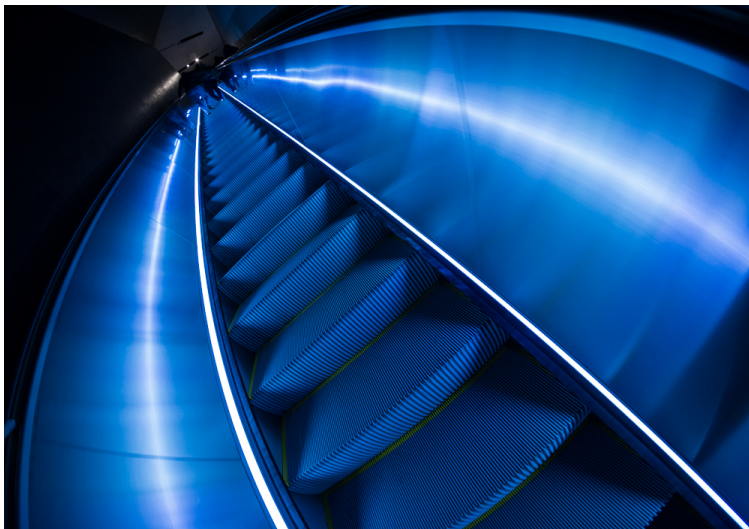




*"Electric Insulators" ~ Nyla James*



*"Vernal Falls at 1 Second" ~ Gregory Doudna*



*"Escalator" ~ Tony Martindale*



*"The Ivy Room" ~ Alan Upshaw*



*"Storm Brewing" ~ Nyla James*



## Committee Chairs & Club Volunteers

### **Webmaster**

Greg Doudna

### **Digital Projectionist**

Jeanne Sparks

### **Slide Projectionist**

Ed E. Powell

### **SMCC Directory & Calendar**

Rosie Brancacio

### **Historian**

Nyla James

### **Judge Recruitment**

Dave Clary

### **Saturday Chat**

Jim McKinniss

### **Points Tabulator**

Tom Wahweotten

### **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**

Larry Decker

### **Meeting Room Setup**

Dalton Pittman

### **Sunshine Lady**

Bonnie Adams

### **Field Trips**

Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic

Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams

Alan Upshaw

### **Name Tags**

TBA



*"Mirrors on the Ceiling" ~ Tony Martindale*



*"Lift Bridge on the Snake River" ~ Ramona Cashmore*



*"Desert Sun" ~ Elaine Calvert*



## June 6th Program Meeting

At our June meeting, Chuck Uebele will be presenting some examples of photo manipulation that range from in camera, to analog darkroom processes, to digital imaging, with an emphasis on digital photo compositing.

Chuck is both a photographer and illustrator, and has been working in the photo industry for over 40 years. For the past 30 plus years, Chuck worked as an industrial photographer in the aerospace industry – now retired. His work has been seen by several presidents and has been in numerous congressional briefings. He was on the board of directors of a Scientific and Technical Imaging group in Los Angeles. Currently, he is an Adobe Community Professional, who helps people with Adobe products – mainly Photoshop, and volunteers as a teaching assistant at many Adobe training conferences.

For Show & Tell, please bring up to 5 images to share. The Special Subject is **Out-of-Camera Jpegs**. Any field trip images are always welcome, as well as anything of interest to the club.

Note that for the months of July and August we do not have Program meetings.

**Alan**

## I NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE...

As Board members this year, we are responsible for overseeing certain Club events. I am over the Club display at the Santa Barbara County Fair being held July 11-15. The problem is, I am out of town for two Family Reunions until the night before the opening of the Fair. This event requires the gathering of photos, set-up at the Fair, restocking information cards about the Club, and take-down afterwards. I can handle most things once the Fair starts but I cannot do the set-up before hand. All that is required is to bring the photos, Club banner, info cards, a step stool, and a few hours of your time. The Fair provides the stands and curtains for the photos to be displayed. I cannot do this alone and since this is your Club too, please consider pitching in on the set-up and let me know ASAP if you can help. You can call or email me at this link: **County Fair**. Thanks.

**Ramona**

### TREASURY REPORT

Currently we have **43** members  
and a Club bank balance of  
\$2338.86

## Points North and East For June 2018 by Jim Ogg

The draught conditions continued with most wildflowers late. Mammoth Lakes received almost normal snowfall for the season while the Sierra North and South received less. Mammoth Lakes Basin, Sonora Pass, and Tioga Pass usually are open by Memorial Day weekend. Also by late May, breakup 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 check out for Upper Steppe wildflowers although some hiking may be necessary. The Sealth Image “Prickly Poppies (SR162)” shows that after the devastation of wildfires in the Eastern Sierra, Prickly Poppies often burst forth with life and the beauties hidden by the scrub are uncovered.

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### Prickly Poppies (SR162)

After the devastation of wildfires in the Easter Sierra, Prickly Poppies burst forth with life and the beauties hidden by the scrub are uncovered.

The “Prickly Poppies” image is part of the Wealth body of work which are digital images of landscapes, scenics, and the human form and are based on locations in the Buckeye, Bridgeport Valley, Easter High Sierra, and Central Coast of California.





## SMCC Field Trips for June - August 2018 and Beyond 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.

### **June 9 (Sat 12 noon - 3 PM) – Club Picnic BBQ at the Decker's in Foxen Canyon**

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#### **Hosted by:**

Cheryl & Larry Decker (See flyer inside the Galleon for directions)  
5925 Olivera Canyon Road  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

#### **Why go? – Enjoy yourself with Good Friends, Food and Fun!**

### **July 12 (Thurs 5:30 - ?? PM) – Santa Barbara County Fair, Santa Maria Fairpark**

First, we'll have dinner together outside the Fairpark where it's quieter and easier to meet up. Then go to the fair to view the photography exhibit in the Fine Arts Building, followed by photography at the fair or you can run off and do what you like!

At 5:30 PM we start the evening at El Palenque Mexican Restaurant (715 S Broadway) for dinner. Of course, food will also be available at the fair too...



We should be at the Fair about 6:30 PM. Parking can be a challenge (and will cost \$\$) so after parking, meet up at the Fine Arts Building to view the photography. Call me on my cell phone if you need help locating the group, 805.363.1931. It gets cold after dark...bring a jacket depending on the weather.

After the photo viewing, you might be interested in:

- doing photography at the fair (bring tripod?)
- 7:30 PM Free Main Stage Entertainment by: [Trace Adkins](#)
- eating again

#### **Why go? – See the work of local photographers (maybe your own photos!)**

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

**and Beyond...**

August - no scheduled field trips

Sept 1 (Sat am) SLO Ultra Running Race and Bluegrass Festival in SLO <http://sloultra.com/>  
October Weekend in Sierra Gold Country? More info to come!