



The Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter March 2015

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

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2015 Club Officers

President

Nyla James

Vice President

Dave Clary

Secretary

Janice Darby

Treasurer

Bill Hood

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Galleon Editor

Alan Upshaw
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Calendar

- March 4...*Program Meeting*: Cuba! presented by Charles Anselmo
March 7...*Saturday Chat*: Francisco's Country Kitchen, Santa Maria, 8:00 am
March 18...*Competition*: Open Category
March 21...*Field Trip*: Harmony Headlands State Park, *see page 5*
March 28...*Board Meeting*: Francisco's Country Kitchen, Santa Maria, 10:00 am
March 29 thru April 3...*Field Trip*: Alabama Hills Photography Week, *see page 5*
April 1...*Program Meeting*: TBA
April 4...*Saturday Chat*: Francisco's Country Kitchen, Santa Maria, 8:00 am
April 15...*Competition Special Category*: Slow Shutter Speed
April 25...*Field Trip*: Fillmore Rail Festival www.fwry-blog.com

Message from the President

With everyone doing their part, the club is coming along very nicely. The big announcement this month is the presence of our new club website. Greg Doudna, a new member, has volunteered to build us a site. I have been working with him on this and I am pleased that he will be presenting the new site to us at our program meeting on March 4. I'm sure Greg has put hours into the website although he won't take any credit for the time he has given to us. Greg will have questions for us regarding the website so please be there to give your input.

Rosie Brancacio is finalizing the club Directory so it is important that you pay your dues and make any corrections to your name and address before it goes to press. Remember that Dave Clary always appreciates ideas from us for programs. By letting Dave know what you are interested in, he will choose speakers that will fill our needs as photographers. As of now, he is looking for a program for April and May.

The hills are green and wildflowers are out there....just go look!

Nyla



2015 DUES ARE DUE...

\$25/ INDIVIDUAL OR \$35/ FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

\$15/ YEAR FOR COMPETITION DUES

At-Large Board Members

Elaine Calvert, Penni Powell
Ramona Cashmore, Flavio Parigi
Lynda Snodgrass, Alan Upshaw

Committee Chairs

Program Recruitment

Dave Clary

Field Trips

Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic
Alan Upshaw

Judge Recruiting

Ramona Cashmore

Print Coordinator

Flavio Parigi

Slide Coordinator

Elaine Calvert

Digital Projectionist

Glenn Bolivar

Slide Projectionist

Ed E. Powell

Competition Points Tabulator

Dave Clary

Club Directory

Rosie Brancacio

Historian

Nyla James

P.S.A. Representative

Nyla James

Library Coordinator

Ramona Cashmore

Image Displays

Elaine Calvert

Refreshments

Patty Linane

Saturday Morning Chat

Bob Ginn



**Ed E. Powell took 2nd Place in the Digital Category
with the image *Iron and Gold*.**



***Barn in Need of Red Paint* by Lynda Snodgrass won 2nd Place in
the Small Prints Category**



Treasury Report 📡

- **The Club has a balance of \$2027.68.**
- **There are currently 37 paid members.**
- **Just a reminder...please pay your annual dues now.**

Santa Maria Camera Club Board Meeting Minutes: January 31, 2015

Call to order- Nyla James President at 10:14.

In attendance- Nyla James, Dave Clary, Bob Ginn, Rosie Brancacio, Ron Calvert, Elaine Calvert, Lynda Snodgrass, Bill Hood, Alan Upshaw, Flavio Parigi, Ramona Cashmore, Janice Darby.

Discussion/Approval of Minutes

A correction to the minutes regarding plastic sleeves on 16x20 images.

Prints in the Color Print- Large Back or the Monochrome Print- Large Back categories are to be submitted in accord with the following:

- A. Securely mounted on a 16" x 20" back or
- B. Unmounted along with a 16" x 20" back
- C. If unmounted, the print and back are to be placed in a plastic sleeve. If mounted, the mounted print may be placed in a plastic sleeve if so desired.

Ron Calvert makes a motion, Bill Hood seconds the motion. Board votes and passes. Dave Clary makes a motion to approve correction, Ramona Cashmore seconds. Board votes and passes.

Treasurer's Report- Bill Hood reports 25 paid members. \$1,886.19 in account.

Important Dates- BBQ- Saturday, May 16th, ***Christmas Party***- Wednesday, December 2nd, ***Awards Banquet***- Saturday, January 9th, 2016

Board Meeting Dates for 2015- *January 31, March 28, May 30, July 25, September 26, November 21*

Meetings will be held at Francisco's Country Kitchen Restaurant at 10:00am

Board Members final selection for 2015 are:

Elected Board Members- Nyla James, Dave Clary, Janice Darby, Bill Hood, Richard Russ

Nyla makes a motion for 6 board members, Janice Darby seconds the motion. Elected board votes and passes.

Members at Large- Elaine Calvert, Alan Upshaw, Lynda Snodgrass, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell, Ramona Cashmore

Old Business-

Hanging of library photos

find other venues to display clubs photos: Elaine Calvert will check into venues, Rosie Brancacio will help. Dave Clary makes a motion for a committee to find venues to display the Santa Maria Camera Clubs Members images, Elaine Calvert will head a committee and an effort made to report back and discuss at the next board meeting. Ramona Cashmore seconds motion. Board votes and passes.

New Business-

Size and consistency of the competition image name cards- please try to use the downloadable club cards or keep to index card size. Thank you.

Facebook page- will link to website. Bob Ginn will be the Head Administrator, Ramona offered to help. Nyla James makes a motion to represent the Santa Maria Camera Club on Facebook. Elaine Calvert seconds the motion. Board votes and passes.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:23



January 21, 2015 Program Meeting- Dave Clary makes a motion to rescind the hanging of Photographer of the month photos in the library. Bob Ginn seconds the motion. Will be voted on at the next SMCC meeting. Notice to members was sent out regarding the motion to rescind. Wednesday, February 4, 2015 program meeting. Members vote, motion to rescind passes 15 votes to 5 votes.

Competition Special Assignments

April 2015...
Slow Shutter Speed

June 2015...
Geometric Shapes

August 2015...
Barns

October 2015...
Fall Color

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.

February Competition Results

Digital

1st *1483...* **Flavio Parigi**

2nd *Iron and Gold...* **Ed E. Powell**

3rd *Old Woman...* **Robert Ginn**

H.M. *Drain Cover...* **Alan Upshaw**

H.M. *Iron Horse Bone Yard...* **Joseph Amanzio**

Slides

1st *Kim Liv Haung...* **Robert Ginn**

2nd *Carhenge...* **Bonnie Adams**

3rd *Window With a View...* **Penni Powell**

H.M. *Cunningham Cabin...* **Bonnie Adams**

Small Prints

1st *Rusty Track...* **Jeannie Sparks**

2nd *Barn in Need of Red Paint...* **Lynda Snodgrass**

3rd *Door to the Past...* **Jim Snodgrass**

Monochrome Prints

1st *Rusty T...* **Ted Maddux**

2nd *Mason Kerr...* **Nyla James**

3rd *Retired Long Ago...* **Dave Clary**

Large Prints

1st *Rust...* **Ted Maddux**

2nd *Tin Cans...* **Ted Maddux**

3rd *Worn and Weathered...* **Ramona Cashmore**

H.M. *The Wreck of the Peter Iredale...* **Ed E. Powell**



SMCC Field Trips March 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.

March 7th (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.



March 21 (Sat 8:30a-late afternoon) Harmony Headlands Hike and Town Walk -

Carpool from Santa Maria or Arroyo Grande (see below) to meet by 10:00 am at Harmony Headlands State Park trailhead parking lot, about 5 minutes N out of Cayucos on the West side of Hwy 1. Besides your camera, bring water and trail snacks, sunscreen, hat, etc. Wearing layers is a good idea. The trail, an old ranch road, starts along Villa Creek and goes 1.5 miles out to see the ocean from an overlook and that's our turn around spot. However, 1 mile in from the parking is an old bunkhouse and restroom that could be enough hiking for some.



After the hike, or instead of the hike, we can explore the town of Harmony before finding something to eat.

Your trip leader is Alan Upshaw, home phone 543-6798/cell 748-5171.

To get to the trail head by 10:00 am, carpoolers can meet at:

1. 8:30 am behind Francisco's Country Kitchen (see above Chat), or..
2. 8:55 am by Carl's Jr/Kmart in Arroyo Grande (Oak Park and US 101)

Why go? - Springtime can bring impressive blooms of owl's clover, poppies, goldfields, lupine, buttercups and SLO morning glory, if we time it right!

For more info on the park and to download a brochure and trail map go to www.parks.ca.gov



Other ideas for March:

March 28 - Santa Margarita Wildflower Festival www.facebook.com/SantaMargaritaWildflowerFestival

March 29 - April 3: ALABAMA HILLS PHOTOGRAPHY WEEK with Penni Powell. Everyone's invited for some or all days to explore the Lone Pine area. **Call 929-2420 for info.** More details will be sent out by email.

And Field Trips Beyond...

April 4 (Sat 8 am) First Saturday Chat Group

Apr 25 - Fillmore Rail Fest www.fwry-blog.com

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, Alan Upshaw, Rosie Brancaio, and Bonnie Adams at your service !

Points North and East For March 2015 by Jim Ogg

By late February, Shell Creek was showing some color, mostly fields of Baby Blue Eyes and Goldfields were found. Also there were Fiddleneck, Mustard, Poppies and others. And the Almond Blossoms were right on schedule.

March is usually the prime month for Central Coast wildflowers. The Beach Dunes, Sea Bluffs and some Coastal Scrub plant zone's wildflowers will continue to happen and usually peak in March. Also the Chaparral, Oak Grassland, Oak Woodland, and Streamside Woodland wildflowers should peak. Lopez Lake Rec. Area, Santa Margarita Lake Rec. Area, Montana De Oro SP, and Lake San Antonio Rec. Area are locations to checkout. Carrizo Plain wildflowers may also be peaking.

Usually March is the start of the San Joaquin Valley wildflowers. Fresno's Blossom Trail usually peaks the first or second weekend. Also the Sierra foothills north, east and southeast of Fresno often have extensive wildflower displays. The wildflowers at Hite Cove, west of El Portal, are often spectacular during late March and early April.

March is usually the month for waterfalls and wildflowers along the Big Sur coastline and wildflowers in the Big Sur eastern valleys especially Carmel Valley Road and San Antonio Mission. The Sealth image SR141 shows McWay Falls. It is the classic Big Sur venue; but its beach is inaccessible. Also Pinnacles National Monument often has wildflowers but with a short season and access to some trails ends March 1.

Watch for Vernal Pools during March and April. Obviously these are very dependent on the rainfall amounts and pattern. With its heavy rainfall in January and February, 2008 was a great year for vernal pools. Laguna Lake Open Space may have Vernal Pools. Also look for Vernal Pools in San Simeon SP and Carrizo Plain. In the Sierra western foothills, McKenzie Big Table Mountain Preserve NE of Fresno usually has Vernal Pools. And look for them in the eastern San Joaquin Valley.

The California Lilac is not really a Lilac but a Ceanothus! However with their spectacular blue-purple haze color, almost tree size, and chaparral dominance, they are worthy of being called the California "Lilac". They are actually about a half dozen species of Ceanothus. They bloom in March - April and can found on the Cuesta Grade, along Hwy 41 between Atascadero and Morro Bay, north of Piedras Blancas, along Big Sur and at Point Lobos. In 2004-2005 the California Lilacs dominated the recovery succession after the Hwy 41 fire making a forest of bluish purple. Look at recent forest fire areas for a repeat.

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

McWay Falls (SR141)

McWay Falls is the classic Big Sur venue; but its beach is inaccessible.

The "McWay Falls" 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 Julia Pfeiffer State Park, Big Sur, Eastern Sierra, High Sierra and Central Coast



More February Competition Images...

Jim Snodgrass won 3rd Place with *Door to the Past* in the Small Print Category.



Joseph Amanzio's image *Iron Horse Bone Yard* won an Honor Mention in the Digital Category

Drain Cover by Alan Upshaw won an Honorable Mention in the Digital Category





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Flavio Parigi's image *1483* won 1st Place in the Digital Category, in the February Competition