



The Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter September 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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Penni Powell

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Upcoming Events

Sept. 2...**Program Meeting**, Ed E. Powell presents **the Proof is in the Print**

Sept. 5...**1st Saturday Chat Group**, Francisco's, Santa Maria, 8:00 am

Sept. 12...**Board Meeting**, Francisco's, Santa Maria, 10:00 am

Sept. 16...**Competition**, Open Category

Sept. 20...**Field Trip**, SB Zoo, details on page 3

Oct. 3...**1st Saturday Chat Group**, Francisco's, Santa Maria, 8:00 am

Oct. 7...**Program Meeting**, TBA

Oct. 21...**Competition**, Special Category...*Fall Color*

September Program

The Proof is in the Print...

A presentation of large prints (~800 sq. in.)
and the case for prints over digital media.

Ed Powell will be doing a fascinating presentation (Ed says *How do I know as I haven't seen it yet!* ... I've heard him describe it though...) on how to make high quality large prints without having to buy a large format printer, or hiring a professional to do it for you. Wow! *Miraculous?* No, just the art of knowing how, after working out the details. Ed, shy and humble as he is, is willing to share his expertise with us. *Don't fail to miss this presentation on program night, Wednesday, September 2, 2015.*

Dave Clary

☆ HELP WANTED ☆

Looking for one or more club members to join me, Alan Upshaw, on the Nominating Committee, for the 2016 Club Officers. Won't be much of a commitment. Meetings will be thru email, phone calls, break time at a club meeting, etc. Lemme know...

Alan

**Important: Merrill Gardens is now locking the outside doors
at 7:00 PM, for security reasons.**

Please call members on their cell phones if you arrive late!

Committee Chairs

Webmaster

Greg Doudna

Digital Projectionist

Glenn Bolivar

Slide Projectionist

Ed E. Powell

SMCC Directory

Rosie Brancacio

Saturday Morning Chat

Bob Ginn

Historian & Name-tags

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Judge Recruitment

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Program Recruitment

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Refreshments

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P.S.A. Representative

Nyla James

Library Coordinator

Ramona Cashmore

Meeting Room Setup

Dalton Pittman

Sunshine Lady

Bonnie Adams

Field Trips

Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic,

Bob Ginn, Alan Upshaw

Bonnie Adams

Rosie Brancacio

Upcoming Program Meetings

October

Sorry ... nothing yet. You will be among the first to know when we have something lined up for program night Wednesday, **October 7, 2015**. Keep that date open. Some have suggested another pizza/swap fest party, as people had such a good time with the last one. However, one does not live on pizza alone, and it is way too soon for a repeat, right? We will fill the slot with an interesting (hopefully) presentation. Suggestions are welcome. Contact Dave Clary (805) 937-3811 or by Email at templeclary@gmail.com

November

Smart Phone Photography – by Nyla James

Our Prez, Nyla James, will be attending a PSA conference in October. At that conference, there will be a class on Smart Phone photography, with much of the latest and greatest in the field being discussed and demonstrated. So with that in her back pocket, she said she is sure that she can do a better presentation than the last time, where she says she think she covered too much. I, personally, thought it was great. But we should never restrain a presenter who wants to do an even better job than the last time.

And it is time we revisited this realm of photography. It is actually included in the small print category (or even large if you wish) in our monthly competitions. And as this is computer based even more than our digital cameras, the technology and software do not stand still. Smart phones are not the principal camera for many of us (if any), but those of us who have them (most of us), almost always have them with us. That makes them very important cameras indeed. They are simple and they work and they are able to do more and more, unrestrained by conventional standards. Ask Bob Ginn about his 40 plus mexapixel smart phone.

So please keep Wednesday **November 4, 2014** on your Calendar for Nyla's update on Smart Phone Photography.

Treasury Report

- The Club has a balance of \$1667.59
- There are currently 47 paid members.

SMCC Field Trips September 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.

Sept 5th (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.

Sept 20th (Sun 7:15 am) Santa Barbara Zoo - See about 500 animals!

It's time to check out the Santa Barbara Zoo @ 500 Ninos Drive. Parking is \$6 and the entrance fee is \$10-\$15. It's an extra \$6 to feed the giraffes (check online). Photos and video are fine as long as for personal use only.

For breakfast, meet at Panera's (Betteravia & College, Santa Maria) 7:15 am.

For carpooling, meet at 7:50 am there and leave by 8:00 am.

We'll be at the zoo 10 am - about 1 pm and then have lunch in SB before heading home.

Why go? - Go on a Photo Safari and be back home for dinner!

Other September Ideas - Rosie B will have her September calendar out soon.

Q: Where will you be for the Sept 27 - Lunar Eclipse @ 7:45pm ??



And Field Trips Beyond...

Oct 3rd (Sat 8 am) First Saturday Chat Group - Meet at 8 am @ Francisco's Country Kitchen, North Broadway & Williams Street in Santa Maria, which is next to the Best Western Motel.

Nov 2015 - SL Lighthouse Photo Tour?

Dec 2015 - Christmas in Cambria



**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, Rosie Brancacio,
Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw...at your service!**

Some Lesser Known Photo Editors

Paint Shop Pro, PC only www.paintshoppro.com/en/

Affinity Photo, Mac only <https://affinity.serif.com/en-us/photo/>

Dark Table, Mac, Linux www.darktable.org

ACDSee, PC, Mac www.acdsee.com/en/index

Competition Special Subjects



October 2015...

Fall Colors

February 2016...

Night Photography

April 2016...

Eyes



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.

August Competition Results

Judge: Christine Lester-Deats

Monochrome Prints

1st Place *Big White Barn* **Richard Russ**

2nd Place *Destroyed Barn - Photographer's Treasure* **Dave Clary**

3rd Place *Rain Coming* **Richard Russ**

Small Prints

1st Place *Barn in the Mist* **Janine Bognuda**

2nd Place *Barn with Gated Entry* **Elaine Calvert**

3rd Place *The Grey Mare's Barn* **Janine Bognuda**

Large Prints

1st Place *Winter Barn* **Elaine Calvert**

2nd Place *They Call Me Mellow Yellow* **Janice Darby**

3rd Place *Last Wall Standing* **Ed E. Powell**

HM *Hay Barn* **Lynda Snodgrass**

Digital

1st Place *Three Birds at a Barn* **Ed E. Powell**

2nd Place *Mormon Row* **Bonnie Adams**

3rd Place *Vermont Attitude* **Bonnie Adams**

Slides

1st Place *Pastoral Montana* **Bonnie Adams**

2nd Place *The Woodstock Barn* **Robert Ginn**

3rd Place *Wallowa Valley, Oregon* **Penni Powell**



Three Birds at a Barn by Ed E. Powell

A Few of the Winning Images from the August Competition...Special Subject: Barns



They Call Me Mellow Yellow
by Janice Darby



Pastoral Montana by Bonnie Adams



Last Wall Standing by Ed E. Powell



Hay Barn by Lynda Snodgrass



Barn with Gated Entry by Elaine Calvert



Mormon Row by Bonnie Adams



Vermont Attitude by Bonnie Adams

These, and many more images from club members, can be found on our website
santamariacameraclub.org/gallery.html

Points North and East For September 2015 by Jim Ogg

The good news is that by mid August, the Mosquitoes are usually passed their peak. The bad news is so are the wildflowers, streams, snow pack, lake levels and meadows. In 2007 and 2008, the Sierra was very dry. Horseshoe Lake was nearly dry. By late August or early September Rabbitbush usually has turned. Some of the late Alpine and treeline wildflowers such as Blue Gentian, Alpine Gentian and Smooth Grasses of Parnassus are usually prominent late in August and may still be found in early September. And drought can cause Fall color to start earlier in September. This year the Eastern Sierra had a very dry winter and spring but the summer was very wet with Tioga Pass closing for snow!

Early September brings the first frosts for the high country. And after Labor Day weekend, the eastern Sierra will have fewer visitors. Many consider early September as the best time to visit. As with August, I visit the locations that are not seasonal. The Bristlecone Pines in the White Mountains, Bodie Ghost Town, Tuolumne Meadows Domes, Tuolumne River and tributaries, Saddlebag Lake Loop, Mono Lake, South Tufa, Great Sierra Silver Mine, and the Labor Day Art Shows, rodeo and celebrations.

Alpine and treeline Wildflowers are usually well past their peak, however some may persist. Late in August half of the more than two dozen varieties of wildflowers usually can still be found in bloom along Coldwater Creek. Besides Coldwater Creek, recommended are Lundy Canyon, Little Lakes Valley, and Minaret Vista. Trailheads at Tioga Pass, South Lake, North Lake, Emerald Lake, Lake George, and Upper Virginia Lake also provide day hiking access to Wilderness areas and possibly some wildflowers. Also look for Rabbitbush. It sometimes forms billowing mounds of yellow-orange in the otherwise drab Great Basin Steppe areas, particularly at South Tufa, Mono Lake and Long Valley Caldera.

The big attraction of September is "Fall Color"! The high country, 7,000 to 10,500 feet elevation, Aspen and Cottonwood Fall color usually peaks the last weekend of September through the first weekend of October. Earlier fall color indicates that the trees are stressed usually by drought conditions. The earliest Fall Color is usually found in locations between 9,000 and 10,500 feet; this includes Heart Lake in Little Lakes Valley, Glass Mountains, Sagehen Peak, and Dexter Canyon. Then look for Fall Color at Virginia Creek, Virginia Lakes, Conway Summit, and upper Bishop Creek. Afterwards the Fall Color peaks at Laurel Meadows, Hilton Creek, Tuff Campground, Lee Vining Creek, Summers Meadows, and South Bishop Creek Waterfall. The areas in the 4,000 - 7,000 feet elevation range usually peak in October but may be earlier this year.

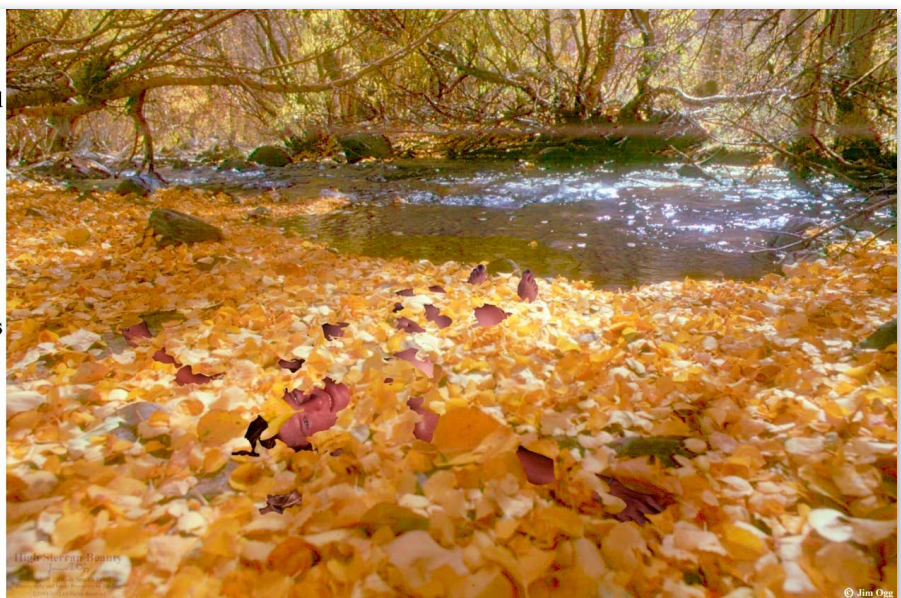
McGee Creek at the boundary with the John Muir Wilderness is one of those special places where deciduous Poplars are represented by the Black Cottonwood and the Aspen. Because of their water needs and elevation range, they are seldom found together. Except for one secluded spot, the Creek is an almost impenetrably dense thicket of both Poplars. So when these Poplars turn colors and their leaves fall they sometimes form a very thick blanket of colorful leaves as shown in the Sealth image "High Sierran Beauty (SR193)".

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

High Sierran Beauty (SR193)

In the Eastern Sierra, deciduous Poplars are represented by the Black Cottonwood and the Aspen. Because of their water needs and elevation range, they are seldom found together. McGee Creek at the boundary with the John Muir Wilderness is one of those special places. Except for one secluded spot, the stream is an almost impenetrably dense thicket of both Poplars. So when they turn colors and their leaves fall they sometimes form very thick blankets of colorful leaves.

The "High Sierran Beauty" 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 McGee Creek, Long Valley, Mammoth Lakes Area, Eastern Sierra, High Sierra and Central Coast of California.



Minutes from the SMCC Board Meeting

July 29, 2015 *draft*

Meeting called to order by President Nyla James at 6:48

Attendance: Nyla James, Dave Clary, Alan Upshaw, Bob Ginn Richard Russ, Elaine Calvert, Lynda Snodgrass, Janice Darby

Minutes read by Janice Darby and approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$1,729.63 with 46 paid members

Alan Upshaw will send a link to the website to view the Galleon.

Competition cards must be 3x5

Upcoming Field Trips:

August- Santa Maria Airshow

September- Santa Barbara Zoo

November- SLO Lighthouse tour and moon rise, Fort Bragg Glass Beach

December- Christmas in Cambria, Monterey- Point Lobos

CAL/PAC Photo Competition

Categories:

color, monochrome, travel, photo journalism

opens 1st of August, closed end of October

Christmas potluck, Wednesday December 2, 2015. Please talk to Nyla if you would like to be on the committee.

Next Board Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 19th @ 10:00am, Francisco's Country Kitchen, Santa Maria.

2016 subjects for themed competitions are:

1. **February:** *Night Photography*
2. **April:** *Eyes*
3. **June:** *Flying Things*
4. **August:** *Wildlife*
5. **October:** *People*

Meeting adjourned.

Thank you Tom and Heather for hosting our meeting and the delicious snacks.

Welcome New Member...
Jim McKinniss



SMCC Club Member Joseph Amanzio is in a show with 7 of his images, currently at The Studios on the Park, in Paso Robles, through September.

www.studiosonthePark.org



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Winter Barn by Elaine Calvert (see pages 4 & 5 for more photos and August Competition results)