



# the Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter September 2016



Affiliated since 1938

## Meetings

1st & 3rd Wednesday  
of the month  
at 7:00pm  
(3rd Wednesday only  
July & August)

## Location

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

## Membership Dues

\$25 Individual  
\$35 Family  
\$15 year Competitions

## 2016 Club Officers

### President

Dave Clary

### Vice President

Jeanne Sparks

### Secretary

Janice Darby

### Treasurer

Bill Hood

### At-Large

## Board Members

Richard Russ  
Penni Powell  
Rosie Brancacio  
Flavio Parigi  
Lynda Snodgrass  
Ed E. Powell

## Galleon Editor

Alan Upshaw

[abupshaw53@yahoo.com](mailto:abupshaw53@yahoo.com)

## Upcoming Events...

☛ *September 1st Saturday Chat cancelled due to the Labor Day Holiday*

Sep 7... **Program Meeting**, *Photo Books* presented by Karen Carson

Sep 21... **Competition**, *Special Category*: Flying Things

Sep 24... **Field Trip**, Vintage Trailers, Old Days, chalk festival, *details on page 6*

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

Oct 5... **Program Meeting**, Lightroom & Photoshop presented by Chuck Jennings

Oct 19... **Competition**, Open Category

Oct 19... **Deadline for Nomination of Officers & At-Large board Members**

Nov 2... **Election of Officers & At-Large board Members**

## September Program Meeting

I am looking forward to presenting a session on organizing and sharing our images in the form of photo books! Whether it be hand-made, self-published, ink-jet prints, the possibilities are numerous! I will share the books I have created and encourage any of you who have created a book to bring it and share with the group.

**Karen Carson**

## Nomination and Election of Officers & At-Large Members of the Board

It is that time of year again, when we need to be thinking about selecting officers and at-large members of the board for the next calendar year. In accord with Article V of the SMCC Constitution and Article III of the By-laws, we will be taking the following steps. The president will very soon be selecting a nominating committee. The nominating committee will submit its list of nominees at the **October 19, 2016** competition meeting. At that meeting, any member in good standing is entitled to propose additional nominees for any office or for the board, so long as the nominee approves of the nomination beforehand. The election will be held at the program meeting on **November 2, 2016**. Please seriously consider offering your services to the club for the coming year. Clubs survive or flounder on the simple matter of the willingness of its members to serve in these capacities. I have been gratified this year by the incredible willingness of members to pitch in and help when needed. Thank you for your commitment.

**Dave Clary**

## **Committee**

### **Chairs**

#### **Webmaster**

Greg Doudna

#### **Digital Projectionist**

Richard Russ

#### **Slide Projectionist**

Ed E. Powell

#### **SMCC Directory**

Rosie Brancacio

#### **Historian & Name-tags**

Nyla James

#### **Judge Recruitment**

Ramona Cashmore

#### **Point Tabulator**

Richard Russ

#### **Print Coordinator**

Flavio Parigi

#### **Slide Coordinator**

Elaine Calvert

#### **Program Recruitment**

Jeanne Sparks

#### **Refreshments**

Joyce Bolivar

#### **PSA Representative**

Nyla James

#### **Library Coordinator**

Ramona Cashmore

#### **Meeting Room Setup**

Dalton Pittman

#### **Sunshine Lady**

Bonnie Adams

#### **Field Trips**

Penni Powell

Bob Mihelic

Jim Ogg

Sharon Salerno

Rosie Brancacio

Bonnie Adams

Alan Upshaw

## **President's Message**

The fall season is approaching, which is prime time for visiting great sites for photography. I hope y'all are planning interesting trips. I know Penni and Ed Powell headed for the southwest for two weeks the day after our August 17 competition meeting. Southern Utah is their goal. I wish them a great trip. Penni has some interesting field trips planned for when they return. Richard Russ is looking into the possibility of a field trip to the Eastern Sierras in early October for the fall colors. He has to find out if his brother's condo in Mammoth is available for us. We will keep our fingers crossed.

I just purchased a YouPro YP-870 wireless remote for my Sony A7rII camera. It actually is well designed and works. The problem is not with the remote itself, but with the instructions. Unfortunately, although main manufacturers of photography equipment (Canon, Nikon, Sony) do pretty well with their translations (from Japanese), the lesser known companies, not so much. You Pro is a Chinese company. Their instruction manual (as they call it) is printed in type that is under 1/16" high, much less than 10 point. I have to use a jeweler's lens to read it. And the "manual" consists of a fold out sheet of paper with instructions in Chinese (I presume) on one side and English on the other. I think the English instructions were developed using an automatic translation program, without anyone who actually speaks English checking out the usage. Examples of the general instructions are:

**"Please turn off the battery if such long time won't use this product."**

**"Make sure the camera is power off before install the device of the YP 870RX. When the product connect the device, please not pull cable."**

**"It is a electronic product accessories, some of the environment condition may affect the working, however it is much less probability of this condition, please don't worry."**

If you think that is bad, you should have seen the specific instructions on using the remote. They were, for all practical purposes, incomprehensible. I worried a lot less when I looked the device up on YouTube. Someone had purchased a very similar You Pro remote, which came with no instructions at all. He spent some time figuring out how the different functions work. That saved the day for me.

I don't know whether to be upset or just to laugh. Since the remote works really well, I think I will go for the latter. Take care.

### **Prez Dave**



# Points North and East For September 2016 *by Jim Ogg*

El Nino continues to dissipate but the prediction of La Nina may have been premature for the Fall. 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 Parnasus 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.

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 tree-line 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. Later 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.

Up McGee Creek, the Autumn colored Aspens appear to languidly recline beneath Mt. Baldwin as shown in the Sealth image "McGee Aspens (SR045)". This 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 Canyon, Long Valley, Mammoth Lakes, Eastern Sierra, High Sierra and Central Coast of California.

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## McGee Aspens (SR045)

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## Competition Special Subjects



**September 2016**

*Flying Things*

**March 2017**

*Wildlife*

**June 2017**

*People*



## 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:**

**Richard Russ**  
[russ12@gmail.com](mailto:russ12@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 **Monday** before the Competition. Images not received in time will not be entered into the competition.

## August Competition Results Judge: Michael Collins

### Monochrome Prints

1st	<i>Venetian Angel #2</i>	<b>Jim McKinniss</b>
2nd	<i>Life in Old Havana</i>	<b>Dave Clary</b>
3rd	<i>The End of the Road</i>	<b>Ron Calvert</b>

### Small Prints

1st	<i>Avila Glow</i>	<b>Scott Clark</b>
2nd	<i>All to Myself</i>	<b>Janine Bognuda</b>
3rd	<i>Dinner in the Pasture</i>	<b>Rosie Brancacio</b>

### Large Color Prints

1st	<i>Ted and Motorhome</i>	<b>Scott Clark</b>
2nd	<i>View From Academia Bridge</i>	<b>Jim McKinniss</b>
3rd	<i>A River's Playground</i>	<b>Janine Bognuda</b>
HM	<i>Rhapsody in Blue</i>	<b>Scott Clark</b>

### Digital

1st	<i>Steps</i>	<b>Ed E. Powell</b>
2nd	<i>Cuban Bed Sheets</i>	<b>Tom Wahweotten</b>
3rd	<i>Cuban Side Street</i>	<b>Tom Wahweotten</b>
HM	<i>A Joyful Noise</i>	<b>Gregory Doudna</b>

### Slides

1st	<i>Windswept</i>	<b>Penni Powell</b>
2nd	<i>Approaching the Evening</i>	<b>Flavio Parigi</b>
3rd	<i>A Winter's Day</i>	<b>Flavio Parigi</b>

## 2016 End of the Year Print Competition

This year's subject is *Timepiece*. The prints will be collected in November, judged and then presented at the December Christmas Potluck. Please contact Nyla with any questions.



## Treasury Report



**The Club has a balance of \$1497.17**  
**There are currently 56 paid members.**



# A Selection of August 2016 Competition Winners



*Clockwise  
from the right...*

*Avila Glow*  
**Scott Clark**

*All to Myself*  
**Janine Bognuda**

*Cuban Bed Sheets*  
**Tom Wahweotten**

*Steps*  
**Ed E. Powell**

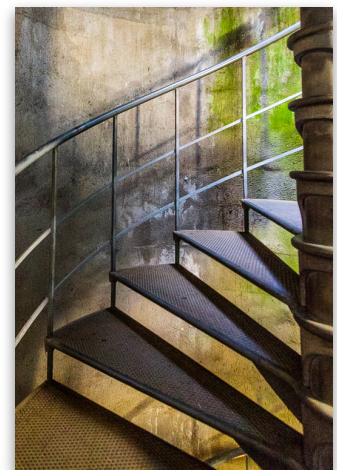
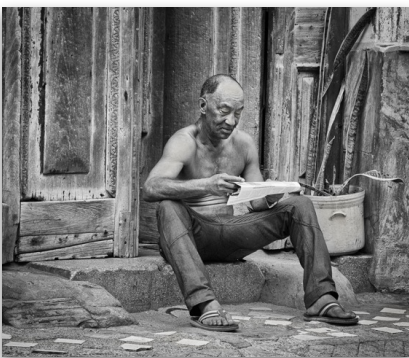
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These, and many more images from club members, can be found on  
our website [santamariacameraclub.org/gallery.html](http://santamariacameraclub.org/gallery.html)  
All submissions for the Galleon & the website should be in  
accordance with the digital competition guidelines  
[santamariacameraclub.org/downloads/  
SMCC\\_Competition\\_Rules\\_2016.pdf](http://santamariacameraclub.org/downloads/SMCC_Competition_Rules_2016.pdf)

# SMCC Field Trips September 2016 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.*

September 24... **Triple Treat !!!**

- Vintage Trailers, Buellton [www.vintagetrailercamp.com/event/7th-annual-vintage-trailer-bash/](http://www.vintagetrailercamp.com/event/7th-annual-vintage-trailer-bash/)
- Old Days, Los Alamos [losalamosvalleyolddays.com](http://losalamosvalleyolddays.com)
- Orcutt Children's Art Foundation Chalk Festival [www.orcuttarts.com/chalk-festival.html](http://www.orcuttarts.com/chalk-festival.html)

Meet at Panera, Santa Maria, 8:30am. Penni is the group leader, ph# 929-2420 home, 363-1931. cell

*Why Go? - 3 great photo ops in one!*

## Other September Ideas:

Rosie B. will have her September calendar out soon...

- Sep 10...La Purisima State Historic Park, People Day [www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=598](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=598)
- Sep 10...Model A All Ford Car Show - Orcutt [www.santamariamodelaclub.com](http://www.santamariamodelaclub.com)
- Sep 10...Avocado & Margarita Festival, Morro Bay [avomargfest.com](http://avomargfest.com)
- Sep 10 & 11...Santa Barbara Sea Glass & Ocean Arts Festival  
[www.santabarbaraseaglassandoceanartsfestival.com](http://www.santabarbaraseaglassandoceanartsfestival.com)
- Sep 16 - 18...Solvang Danish Days [www.solvangdanishdays.org](http://www.solvangdanishdays.org)
- Sep 17...Arte De Tiza in Paso Robles - street chalk painting [pasoroblesdowntown.org/downtown-calendar/paso-robles-events-arte-de-tiza/](http://pasoroblesdowntown.org/downtown-calendar/paso-robles-events-arte-de-tiza/)
- Sep 24 & 25...Santa Barbara Lemon Festival & Car Show [www.lemonfestival.com/goleta-fall-classic](http://www.lemonfestival.com/goleta-fall-classic)
- Sep 30 - Oct 9...Replica of a 1542 Galleon (*not a newsletter*), Morro Bay [morrobaymaritime.org/](http://morrobaymaritime.org/)

**We get  
the  
shots!**

## Notice of Board Meeting

Please note that the Board for the Santa Maria Camera Club will have a meeting on Wednesday October 26, 2016 at our regular meeting place at Merrill Gardens. It will begin at 7:00 pm and we hope to end between 9:00 and 9:30 pm. Our Board meetings are open to all members who wish to attend so please feel free to do so.

**President, Dave Clary**



*Ted and  
Motorhome  
Scott Clark  
See page 5 for full  
August 2016  
competition results.*