

MENOMONEE FALLS RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
CAMERA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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The Camera Club will hold its first meeting of the 1982-83 year on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 7:15 p.m. in the Menomonee Falls North High School faculty dining room. The board will meet before the regular session at 6:30 p.m.

If you know anybody who'd like to join the club or take a look, bring them in. Dues for the upcoming season are payable at the meeting. It's \$6 for the year.

This month's program will be "Imaginative use of filters."

Got any photos you're just itching to show? Bring your six favorite slides or prints taken this summer to the meeting, so we all can enjoy them. A portion the meeting will be set aside, as usual, for this show n' tell.

Certificates for the 1981-82 Merit Award Program will be presented at the meeting, if they're available by Sept. 7.

Board members are busily preparing programs for the upcoming year. If you have any ideas, anything you'd like to see the club do, contact one of the officers listed above.

The program for the Oct. 5 meeting will be on macro photography. A field trip to the Mitchell Park Domes or Boerner Botanical Gardens in Whitnall Park is also tentatively planned for Oct. 9, a Saturday.

From time to time, this newsletter will tell about other programs available for photography nuts. For instance, there will be a full-day seminar on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Milwaukee Press Club. The seminar, "How to Make Photo Illustrations and Get Them Published", is by Jack Hamilton, a nationally known photojournalist and illustrator. It costs \$85 and it explores the world of freelance photography. There's money to be made out there from this hobby. National Wildlife, for example, pays a minimum of \$100 for a single Kodachrome slide. But the competition is fierce. For seminar details, call 354-8323.

Also, feel free to use the club and this newsletter as a marketplace for your used photo equipment. Anyone in the market for a Vivitar screw-mount 2x telextender? Ask Denis Kavemeier.

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Be sure to pack your gadget bags for the next meeting, held at 7:15 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, in the Menomonee Falls North H.S. faculty dining room.

Our hard-working board members have come up with an excellent program on close-up photography using a flash. Jon Moscicki, Bill Rietz and Bob Ruffing will show slides and demonstrate some techniques they learned at a workshop this summer in Michigan. After they talk, there will be hands-on sessions using these techniques. So bring your camera, macro lens, close-up filters, flash units and mounting brackets. If you have a good method to share, be prepared to share it with the group.

Also, remember to bring your slides or prints for this month's assignment: the imaginative use of filters. Since this will be a busy meeting, limit your slides to six.

After learning about macro flash photography, we'll all want to try it out. So the club has planned a field trip, most likely to the Mitchell Park Domes, on Saturday morning, Oct. 9. You'll hear details at the meeting.

Former president Ken Cina promises to have the certificates ready for the 1981-82 Merit Award Program winners. Board member Jon Moscicki is working on the '82-83 program.

Last month's meeting drew some new faces, and we are happy to welcome Paul Gruener of Germantown; Bob Schwan of New Berlin; Sandy Berg of Colgate; Ed Kolinski, Al & Linda Wenzel and Barbara Powell of Menomonee Falls; and Peter Patrick of Milwaukee.

For those who didn't pay up last month, treasurer Sue Richardson will be taking \$6 dues for the 1982-83 season at the meeting.

The Camera Club's mailing list is getting fairly large, and some of the people on the list have not been active lately. If you're receiving this newsletter and you don't really care to anymore, drop secretary Denis Kavemeier a line at 9051-C N. 95th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53224.

New member Ed Kolinski pointed out an interesting program coming up Nov. 7. The Chicago Area Photographic School will offer 36 seminars at Triton College, all for the price of \$15 for the entire day. Subjects covered include basic photography, composition, portraiture, print making, photo-journalism, night photography, nature, closeups, and movie photography. Sounds like a real deal. Maybe Ed will tell us more at the meeting.

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Camera Club members will be on the go Tuesday, Nov. 2, after the club's regular business meeting at 7:15 p.m. in the Menomonee Falls North H.S. faculty dining room.

After the business meeting, members will car pool to visit Monarch Studios in Menomonee Falls for a tour of their portrait facilities.

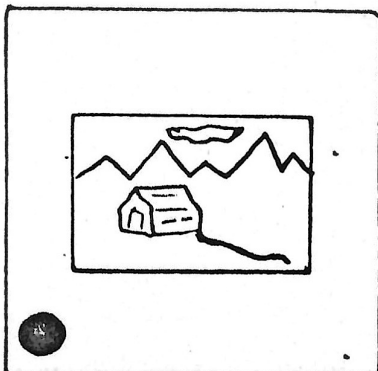
A trip to this portrait studio should inspire some good work by members at the Dec. 7 meeting when belly dance artists from the Academy of Creative Dance will appear as our models. This is the third appearance of Atea and her dancers, and each year they have proven very popular.

The new Wisconsin Calendar 1983 has been published by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. It includes 27 gorgeous photos from around the state, all submitted by freelance photographers. The Historical Society is again welcoming submissions for its 1984 calendar. They'll pay \$100 for the cover photo and \$60 for color pictures used inside. The deadline for submissions is Jan. 17, 1983. For details, contact club secretary Denis Kavemeier.

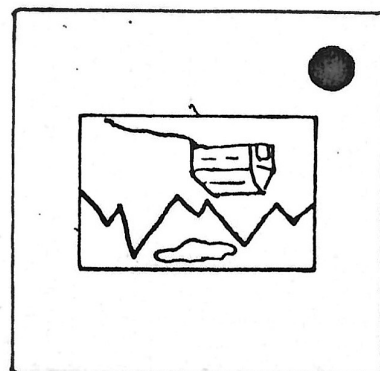
After this issue, the Camera Club will be sending this newsletter only to active dues paying members. If you want to keep active, be sure to pay your \$6 dues to treasurer Sue Richardson at the November meeting.

How many times have you watched slide presentations, or viewed members' slides at the club meetings, and have seen slides projected upside down or reversed? It's easy to do. There is, however, a universal method for marking slides so that they will be projected properly. When you get a slide from the processor, look at the slide just as you had taken the photo (figure 1) and then make a dot in the lower left corner. When you load the projector, turn the slide upside down and with the thumb of your right hand, drop it into the projector. The dot will appear in the upper right corner and the slide will be projected correctly (figure 2). The dots can be drawn on or stamped with a pencil's eraser and ink pad.

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Our Dec. 7th meeting promises to be interesting and entertaining. The club will meet as usual for its business meeting at 7:15 p.m. in the faculty dining room of Menomonee Falls North H.S. The club has reserved the large, adjacent student cafeteria for a photo session with bellydance artists from Atea's Academy of Creative Dance.

Club members will provide several backdrops and flash setups. There may be a flood light setting as well. So bring your cameras, lots of film, and flash equipment.

Atea plans to bring as many as 10 dancers and two drummers, and there may be some impromptu entertainment as well. The dancers will wear elaborate and colorful costumes and should make excellent models. They are appearing in exchange for publicity photos. Club members should bring some slides, B&W and color photos to the Jan. 4th meeting, and club secretary Denis Kavemeier will pass them on to Atea.

Here are some tips for this kind of photography. The most critical focus point is on their eyes. If their eyes are in focus in a photograph, the picture should be OK. Also, if you have a chance to work with available light, try to capture the dancers' movements with slow shutter speeds. The dancers' veil movements are especially photogenic. Our various setups should provide for solo and group shots.

Those members who went on the October field trip to the Mitchell Park Domes should bring their slides and prints to the Jan. 4th meeting. Club members will be making their own inexpensive slave flash units at the meeting.

We're getting into wintery weather now. Let's hope that the heavy snow stays away from our meeting nights. If there is a storm the day of the meeting, listen to your radio or call Menomonee Falls schools. If the Menomonee Falls schools are closed that day, we won't be holding a meeting that evening.

Only dues-paying members are getting this newsletter, and there are 38 of us, as of now. New members are welcome throughout the year.

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The Camera Club will kick off 1983 with a busy and varied program. The club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 7:15 p.m. in the Menomonee Falls North H.S. faculty dining room. The program will include viewing of members' slides and photos, an equipment demonstration, and an instructional slide presentation.

If you participated in the belly dance photo session last month, please bring some slides and prints for the dancers and drummers, who posed free of charge in exchange for publicity photos. You need not make prints from slides; in fact the dancers prefer slides, for they can make as many prints as they want. Color and B&W prints are also welcomed. Club secretary Denis Kavemeier will pass the photos on to Atea, director of the Academy of Creative Dance. The dancers and drummers are anxious to see the results.

We have some slide viewing to catch up. Bring your best slides from the December photo session and some select shots from the October field trip to the Mitchell Park Domes. Limit your slides to about a half dozen. If 30 members bring that many, we'll have a lot of view. It's a good way to learn from your peers.

The club will also view the Photographic Society of America slide presentation "Who Needs Daylight?", which explores low light and night time photography.

Club member Bob Schwan will give a short demonstration on how to build a dissolve unit for projectors.

Former club president Ken Cina was good enough to build a large quantity of flash slave units for club members. Priced at \$5 each, this is a bargain. Just check the prices in photo shops. They'll be available at the January meeting.

The University of Wisconsin-Extension in Milwaukee is offering several courses and workshops on photography this spring. Subjects include basic, intermediate and advanced 35mm photography; photojournalism; fashion photography; the zone system; color Xerox workshop; portraits; sales strategies for photographers; and natural landscapes. For details, call the UW-Extension at 224-4186.

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The Camera Club will meet again at 7:15 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1, in the Menomonee Falls North H.S. faculty dining room. The program will include a slide showing and instruction on multiple exposures.

The assignment for January was "low light photography." Bring your best slides and prints for a viewing session at the meeting.

Club member Jaye Theurich will show how to take double exposures on 35mm cameras that don't have multiple exposure buttons. She suggests that members bring along their 35mm cameras, a roll of exposed film, plus an acetate marker or razor blade for marking the film.

In a related presentation, the club will see a Photographic Society of America slide show, "Multiple Exposures on 35mm Film."

Atea, director of the Academy of Creative Dance, sends her thanks for the many nice slides and prints that our club members provided from the December studio session. The dancers and drummers enjoyed themselves and they look forward to returning again sometime, she said. Any club members who still have slides or prints that they can provide for the dancers should bring them to the February meeting, and club secretary Denis Kavemeier will pass them on to Atea.

The club welcomed two new members last month, Don Gurath and David Phillips of Menomonee Falls. That brings our paid membership to an even 40.

Photo tip of the month: When shooting your subject in a snowy, daylight setting, don't rely on your camera's exposure meter. It tends to get a bit snowblind and will render your subject dark. It's better to approach your subject, take a meter reading, and then back off for the shot. Another way is to meter off an 18% gray card available at photo supply stores. Beach settings with bright white sand will have the same effect.

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Our program for March 1 will be a tour through the Photo Department at General Electrics Medical Systems. The tour will start at 7 p.m. from the GE plant lobby, located just south of Pewaukee at I-94 and Highway T.

We will be car pooling from the Menomonee Falls North High School parking lot, leaving at 6:30 p.m. sharp. If you prefer to go there directly, take along this map. Please sign in at the guard house and wait in the plant lobby until the tour starts.

Don't bring your cameras!  
They aren't allowed in the plant.

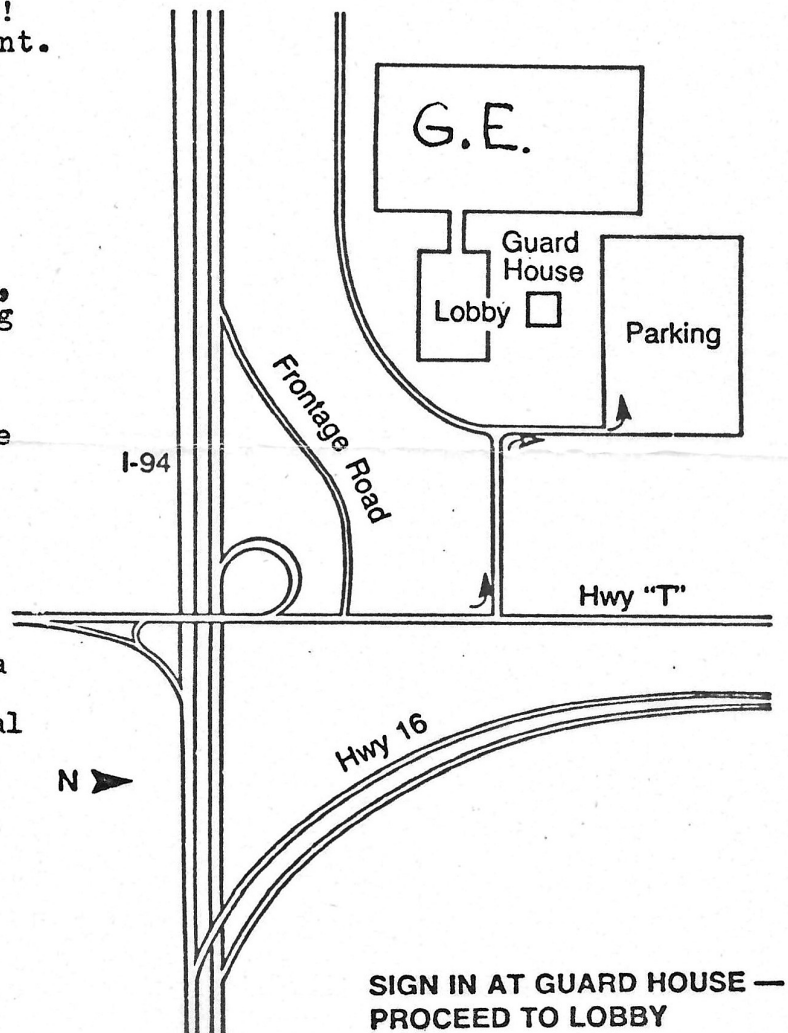
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If anyone still has slides or prints left from the belly dance photo sessions, bring them to the March meeting and club secretary Denis Kavemeier will pass them on to Atea and the dancers. By the way, Atea and her troupe will appear on Channel 36's "TV Workshop" at 5 p.m. on March 5.

Tip of the month:

John Kohout's School of Photography in the Chicago area is selling some handy items. They have an excellent universal calculator for determining flash-to-subject distance in close-up photography, brackets for mounting two flashes, hot shoe attachments for tripods, and tripod-mounted balancing plates for using long lenses. Contact John Kohout, Box 726, La Grange, IL 60525 for some literature and an order blank.



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Photo tip: Spring is in the air-- or it should be soon. A mild, sunny day is a good excuse to take a walk with your camera and notice the signs of emerging spring: birds nesting, trees budding, and early wildflowers. Nice locations nearby are Lime Kiln Park in Menomonee Falls, Pike Lake State Park near Slinger, and the Riveredge Nature Center on the upper Milwaukee River near Newburg in Ozaukee County .



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The Camera Club will meet again at 7:15 p.m., Tuesday, May 3, in the Menomonee Falls North High School faculty dining room.

The club assignment for April was "Multiple Exposures." Please bring a half dozen of your best examples to the meeting.

The May meeting will feature a two-part Eastman Kodak slide presentation on Beginning and Advanced Black & White Printing.

Photo tip: Many professional and amateur photographers find it a good idea to have two camera bodies, interchangeable with all their lenses. You can load one camera with B&W film and the other with slide film, or put a telephoto lens on one and a short zoom on the other. It saves fumbling around with lenses in the field. For many camera systems, the price of a body alone is not much more than that of a good lens. Both cameras can be carried around your neck on a single strap.

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The Camera Club will meet at 7:15 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, in the Menomonee Falls North H.S. faculty dining room.

Do you have any photo equipment that you'd like to sell? That old lens you've put aside might just be what another club member is searching for. The club will hold a "white elephant" sale of photo equipment at the meeting.

This month's photo assignment was "Signs of Spring." Be sure to bring a half dozen of your best spring slides and prints to show at the meeting.

Since this is the last meeting of the season, the club will hold an election to choose its officers for 1983-84. The Nominating Committee has been scouring our membership list for candidates. If you'd like to be considered for one of the offices listed above, contact the president or one of the other officers as soon as possible. It's a chance to have a direct hand in the club's programs and direction.

The club will also view the Eastman Kodak presentation on "Prize Winners-- What Makes Them Click."

Photo tip of the month: Many of Wisconsin's state parks and other areas offer breathtaking vistas. But how many times have you taken pictures from scenic overlooks only to be disappointed in the results? The problem is converting a three-dimensional vision into a two-dimensional picture. The results do not have to be "flat."

You can add depth to these pictures by "framing" your shot with tree branches or placing a person in the foreground. Don't have your subject looking at you, or you'll just have another "snapshot." Scenic pictures of lakes and rivers are enhanced by the presence of fishermen and boaters on the water.

Try shooting during the morning or evening hours, and use a polarizing filter if the light permits. The polarizer will avoid "washed-out" skies. Try using a wide angle lens with a rectangular hood. A tripod will allow you to get maximum depth of field and avoid camera shake.