



Menomonee Falls Recreation Department

Camera Club Newsletter

September 2009

Volume #347
Our 34th Year

People with an Interest in the Art of Photography

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at the Menomonee Falls Community Center, Phone 262-255-8460

www.falls-photo.org

The next meeting will be: Tuesday, September 1, at 7:00pm.

Welcome back after our wonderful mid-west summer. We hope you all had lots of opportunities to get out and play with your camera.

Our September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009.

At this meeting, Jeannette Lubitz will give us a presentation on Digital Infrared Photography.

She recently purchased a digital infrared camera and will be sharing some of

her images and techniques.

On Saturday, September 19th, our club will be taking a field trip to the Milwaukee County Zoo. We will meet at the old Sears Grand on Appleton Avenue in Menomonee Falls at 9am, and then carpool to the Zoo. If you would prefer to drive there by yourself, we will be meeting in the entrance room between 9:30 and 9:45. Carole Bailey will be coordinating this field trip. Call her if you have any questions.

Hope to see you there.



Refreshments for this meeting:

Sweet: Jeannette Lubitz & Ken Warning

Salty: Michael Matusinec & Steve Haynes

Soda: Carole Bailey & Steve Haynes

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Thanks again.

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Photo Challenge of the Month

Our photo challenge over the summer was:

Fun in the Sun

You have until the end of the month to submit your images

October Meeting

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Please read the letter from our club president on the last page

of this newsletter. He has something to tell us about the Horicon Marsh.



The Year at a Glance

Your club board and officers met in August and set up the following schedule for meetings and field trips for this next year. We may need to make some changes as the year goes on, depending on speaker availability and other opportunities that may arise.

Nov 3, 2008: Don Gorzek and Jeff Klug will host a Photography Forum.

Dec 1, 2008: Group evaluation of club members' digital images. Selection of prints for the January exhibit at the MF Library. Christmas refreshments coordinated by Jeannette Lubitz and Michael Matusinec.

Dec 12, 2009 field trip: Milwaukee at night

Jan 5, 2010: Table Top photo workshop. New and exciting set-

ups by Don Gorzek, Jeff Klug, and Carole Bailey.

Jan Field Trip: Petit Center Speed Skating

Feb 2, 2010: Bill Meyer: "The Photographer & the Winter Olympics".

Mar 2, 2010: Member's mini-shows. 10 min max.

Apr 6, 2010: Don Gorzek: Portrait Lighting

May 4, 2010: Wisconsin Circuit Show presentation.

May 8, 2010 Field Trip to Boerner for Spring tulip shoot.

Jun 1, 2010: Model Shoot at Klug's Photo World

Jul 6, 2010: Club Digital Image Show: topic "Reflections".

Election of officers for 2010-2011. Selection of prints for the August exhibit at the MF Library. Ice Cream Social

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Dan Weiss has been maintaining our **club web site**. Its address is: www.falls-photo.org. He will be posting our newsletter on the site. He has a section for member galleries and for images from our field trips.

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The really happy man is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Of Photographic Interest?

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Sept 4, 2009: Eagle Old World Wisconsin Photo Contest Opening Night. View the entries in the 'In Focus' photo contest, chat with the judge, and admire the winning photographs on display. 3:30-6:00pm. 262-594-6300 (www.oldworldwisconsin.org)

Sept 4-7, 2009: Baraboo River Rendezvous. Fur trade reenactment and rendezvous held on the site of the first settled part of Baraboo. 608-522-3319 (www.baraboo.com)

Sept 5, 2009: Horicon Marsh Classic Car Show. Classic and collectible cars and trucks. Riverbend Park. 920-387-5146 (www.carshowguide.com)

Sept 11-13: Milwaukee Indian Summer Festival. Largest Native American festival in the country. 414-604-1000 (www.indiansummer.org)

Sept 12, 2009: Sussex Dozer Day. The Halquist quarry opens for public tours. Quarry, military, and heavy construction equipment. 262-246-1973 (www.dozerday.com)

Sept 12-13, 2009: Schlitz Audubon Nature Center 'Raptors in Focus'. Raptor photo shoot and juried photo contest for participants. 8:30 am until 2:00 pm. 414-352-2880 (www.sanc.org)

Sept 18-19, 2009: Prairie du Chien Cannons & Redcoats Military Event. Living history exhibit of life in 1814 Prairie du Chien during the British years. 608-326-6960 (www.fortcrawforemuseum.com)

Sept 19, 2009: Holy Hill Arts & Crafts Fair. 230 artists and craftsmen present their work on the cathedral's

beautiful grounds. 262-966-7172 (www.holyhill.com)

Sept 19, 2009: Baileys Harbor Autumn Fest. Antique and collector car show, arts & crafts. 920-839-2366 (www.baileysharbor.com)

Sept 26-27, 2009: Greenbush Wade House Civil War Weekend. Wisconsin's biggest and best Civil War reenactment. Battle re-enactments, drills, and demonstrations. 920-526-3271 (www.wadehouse.org)

Sept 27, 2009: Racine Tour of Historic Places. Guides narrate tours of architecturally and historically significant homes. (www.preservationracine.org)

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Thanks,

Your Board & Officers

Odds & Ends

Our August club exhibit of prints will be at the MF Public Library until the end of August. If you have not seen it yet, it is worth the trip. Prints from our August library exhibit should be available for pickup at the September meeting.

Here is the list of members who have volunteered to provide a print for the MF Recreation Center's window

September: John Wiley
October: Diane Jaeger
November: Don Gorzek
December: Ken Warning
January: Bob Sawinski
February: Jane Hirst
March: Dan Weiss
April: Carole Bailey
May: Jessie Buchholz
June: Jennifer Bartlet
July: Michael Matusinec
August: Lou Bohlman

Bring in your prints to the meeting the month before you are scheduled.

A Message from our Club President

Hello Club Members:

Wisconsin is the state of opportunity for photographers of all levels -- amateurs, hobbyists, and professional. What state has a National Wildlife refuge with over 223 species of birds? Of course that would be Wisconsin.

The Horicon National Wildlife Refuge is the result of the work of a glacier that covered this part of Wisconsin some 70,000 years ago. When it receded about 12,000 years ago, it carved out a shallow lake bed which is now the Horicon Marsh.

The refuge is made up of about 21,000 acres. This is the only network of lands primarily dedicated to the preservation and management of fish and wildlife resources. The Horicon National Wildlife refuge supports the largest nesting population of redhead ducks east of the Mississippi River. Thousands of redheads use the marsh each year. Essential habitat is provided for trumpeter swans, great egrets, Forster's tern, peregrine falcons and bald eagles. The American white breeding pelicans have made their way back to Wisconsin, the exact count is not known as of this writing.

It is estimated that about 400,000 people visit Horicon refuge each year enjoying the various hiking trails, floating boardwalk and more.

On my last visit to the marsh, I photographed egrets, cormorants, a green heron, Foster's tern, and a family of American coots. I hope that you visit the marsh. Happy Shooting!

Regards,

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Refreshments for this meeting:

Sweet: Carole Bailey
Salty: Carole Bailey
Soda: Carole Bailey

I forgot to pass the signup sheet for meeting treats, so I will be bringing all of the treats for this October meeting. Please consider signing up to bring treats when the signup sheet is circulated at the October meeting.

Thanks, Carole

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Special Thanks To: Jeannette Lubitz

For her work as club president for the past year.

And Special Thanks To Bill Reitz and Jeff Klug

For their never-ending 'behind the scenes' work to keep our club strong and growing.

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Fire Hydrants

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This should be a good opportunity for everyone to learn a bit more and to help solve existing issues.



Club News and Future Events

We had about 60 members and guests at our September meeting.

Jeannette Lubitz shared with us some information on infrared photography and some of the options we have for shooting infrared. Her handouts should be available on our web site for those who missed this meeting.

We had 6 members at the Zoo fieldtrip on September 19th. We had a short scavenger hunt. See our web site for results.

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Klug's Photo World—Killdeer Acres in Hubertus provides discounts on framing, camera accessories, and digital printing. These sponsors are listed on the back of your membership card, and each of them also has a member list. Please support these businesses.

Bill Rietz has some printer ink for the Epson C80, C80N, or C80WN. He has Cyan, Yellow, and 2 Magenta cartridges. They are free to the first person who calls him at 262-251-7106

Nothing is really lost. It's just where it doesn't belong.

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Oct 2-4, 2009: Iola Hidden Studios: Art Along the Ice Age Trail. Nine working studios in Central Wisconsin will participate in demonstrations, shows, etc. 715-824-2809 (www.hiddenstudiosarttour.com)

Oct 2-4, 9-11, 17-18, 2009: North Freedom Autumn Color Train Rides. Enjoy a 50-minute train ride through the brilliant hues of autumn in the scenic Baraboo Hills. Reservations suggested. 800-930-1385 (www.midcontinent.org)

Oct 2-4, 2009: Beaver Dam Swan

Skate Autumn Invitational. A sanctioned, non-qualifying figure skating competitions. 920-885-9816 (www.swancityiceskaters.com)

Oct 9-11, 2009: Mauston River of Memories Rendezvous & Fall Festival. Re-enactment of life on the frontier, pre-1840. 608-847-1904

Oct 10-11, 2009: Lake Geneva Oktoberfest. Farmers' market, craft booths, and more. 800-345-1020 (www.lakegenevawi.com)

Oct 17, 2009: Fremont Pumpkin Festival. Carved and painted pumpkin contest, scarecrow contest, farm market, and more. 920-446-3838

Oct 17-18, 2009: Greenbush Autumn Celebration at Wade House. Horse-drawn wagon rides, experience Halloween during the 1860's.

920-526-3271
(www.wadehouse.org)

Oct 17-18, 2009: Wisconsin Dells Autumn Harvest Fest. Craft fair, farmers market, and other fall activities. 800-223-3557 (www.wisdells.com)

Oct 23-24, 2009: Green Bay Halloween at Heritage Hill State Park. 920-448-5150 (www.heritagehillgb.org)

Oct 24-25, 2009: Pearson Dirty Dog Dryland Derby. Sled dogs and mushers race through scenic grassy hills and trails. (www.witrailblazers.org)



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All-Member Digital Show

We will, again this year, be having our all-member digital show at our July, 2010 meeting. The topic for this year's show is "Reflections". Start shooting and collecting your images now. They will need to be formatted and turned in at the June meeting.

The past few year's shows are available on our web site for those of you who missed them or would just like to enjoy them again.

WACCO Leaders

Several of the key leadership positions in WACCO are currently held by our own club members:

Jeff Klug is President

Ken Warning is Vice President

Richard Knisbeck is Treasurer

To the three of you: thank you for your efforts and hard work.

A Message from our Club President

Hello Club Members:

Do you enjoy photographing butterflies? I do. Part of the adventure is the quest to finally get one in a resting position. Perhaps if you do, you have noticed a decline in butterflies and in particular monarchs. Much of this is due to herbicides.

Milkweeds and nectar sources are declining due to development and the widespread use of herbicides in croplands, pastures and roadsides.

Development of the land for subdivisions, factories, shopping centers in the U.S. consumes habitat for monarchs and other wildlife at a rate of 6,000 acres (9.4 square miles) a day which amounts to 2.2 million acres per year. This is roughly equivalent to losing an area of habitat the size of the state of Illinois.

Widespread adoption of herbicide-

resistant corn and soybeans has resulted in the loss of more than 80 million acres of monarch habitat in recent years. The planting of these crops genetically modified to resist the non-selective systemic herbicide glyphosate (Roundup) allows growers to spray fields with this herbicide instead of tilling to control weeds.

What you can do? To offset the loss of milkweeds and nectar sources we need to create, conserve, and protect monarch butterfly habitats. You can help by creating "Monarch Waystations" in home gardens, at schools, business, parks, zoos, nature centers, along roadsides, and on other unused plots of land. This is easily done by adding milkweeds and nectar sources.

The best time for photographing butterflies is in the early morning

when temperatures are fairly low and butterflies are just warming up. Wherever you live-- city or suburb, near mountains or at the shore, you will find butterfly watching a pleasurable and engrossing experience. There are many locations to capture these beauties, from your own backyard, to the Monarch trail at the Milwaukee County grounds, or even faraway places like Luverne, Iowa, Delta county upper Michigan, or the areas in the mountains near El Rosario Mexico. Happy shooting before man destroys this great mystery of nature.

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Still Life

You have until the end of the month to submit your images

December Meeting

Our December meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1st.

At this meeting we will be **evaluating members' images**. Any member who would like an evaluation may bring no more than 2 digital images to the meeting. We will then project each of them and all of the members will score them on the normal 1-to-5 scale. We will then discuss what is good about

each image and how each could be improved.

We will also be **collecting prints for the January exhibit** at the MF Public Library. Prints must be matted or mounted, but NOT framed.

We will also be having our **annual Christmas feast**. Jeannette Lubitz and Michael Matusinec will be coordinating the refreshments. Members are asked to bring holiday treats.



On Saturday, December 12th, we are scheduled to have a 'Milwaukee at Night' fieldtrip downtown to photograph the holiday decorations. Steve Haynes is coordinating this event. There will be more information at the meetings.

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We had 54 members and guests at our October meeting. Unfortunately Don Gorzek was unable to give his scheduled presentation on lenses. So we instead viewed Steve Haynes DVD Basics of Digital Camera Operations. This was well received by both novice and experienced photographers.

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Matt Rech has a lens for sale:

AF-S DX NIKKOR
16-85 f/3.5-5.6G ED VR

pbdmatt@aol.com - Please put 'Nikon L' in the subject line.

Kevin Hanley has the following Nikon Lenses for sale (AI mount; not autofocus):

500mm f/8 mirror lens

300mm f/4.5

180mm f/2.8

85mm f/2

135mm f/2.8

khanley@wi.rr.com

262.971.1041

For every minute you are
angry, you lose sixty
seconds of happiness.

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Nov 7, 2009: Racine Downtown Holiday Parade. Holiday lights, costumed characters, marching bands, and Santa. 5:30pm 262-634-6002

Nov 8, 2009: Madison Wisconsin Dog Fair. Demonstrations, seminars, breed rescue information and more. 608-662-3123 (www.badgerkennelclub.com)

Nov 14, 2009: New London Mosquito Hill Nature Center's Annual Art Fest. Midwest wildlife and nature artists will exhibit and sell their works. 920-779-6433 (www.co.outagamie.wi.us)

Nov 14-15, 2009: West Allis Trainfest. See more than 50 operating layouts, demonstrations, clinics, and more. 22-820-3566 (www.trainfest.com)

Nov 21, 2009: Milwaukee Holiday Parade. 82nd annual Milwaukee Holiday Parade features about 100 units. 262-377-5935 (www.milwaukeekeeparade.com)

Nov 21, 2009: Baraboo Holly Jolly Light Parade. "Christmas Around the World". Enjoy dozens of floats and many costumed characters. 608-356-7995 (www.fanfairepromotions.net)

Nov 21-22, 2009: Hudson Christmas Tour of Homes and Craft Sale. Tour features five privately-owned homes and the historic Octagon House. Free shuttle bus service. 715-386-8411 (www.hudsonwi.org)

Nov 22, 2009: Waukesha Christmas Parade. Features 100 units including the Dancing Grannies. 262-549-6154

Nov 27-29, 2009: Green Bay "The Polar Express". The classic story comes alive in a dramatic reading and train ride. National Railroad Museum. 920-437-7623 (www.nationalrrmuseum.org)

Nov 28-29, 2009: North Freedom Mid-Continent Railway Santa Express. Heated cars on this 7-mile, 50-minute round-trip ride. 608-522-4261 (www.midcontinent.org)

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Have you done your good deed today?

One of our long-time members, Jon Moscicki, is also a long-time volunteer with the Boy Scouts. He teaches a photography merit badge to the Scouts in Troop 61. Sometimes, one or more of the Scouts do not have access to a digital SLR. If you have an old SLR that is still working, please consider donating it to Jon for this very worthy cause. (Point and shoots would also be welcome.) The Scouts use the camera for a month or two to complete their merit badge requirements. This gives the boys some exposure to what could be a life-long passion, or even a career. Donations are tax-deductible. If you can help, please contact Jon at 414-464-6479

Favorite Places to Shoot

If you have a favorite place to shoot around the Milwaukee area, please email me and tell me about it. I'd like to start a section in this newsletter where we can share. msCJBailey@aol.com

Back to the Basics

The past 2 months, Michael Matusinec has used this column for a letter to our members. This month I will review how to mark your slide, print, and digital entries for competition.

SLIDES:

All slides must be 2"x2" only. Mark a "thumbspot" (a dark circle) on the lower left corner of the slide as you view it. On this same side, put the title and the Class and Category codes (depending upon the competition).

On the other side put your name and address. You should also include your club name for WACCO competitions.

DIGITAL:

The digital images should be a

maximum of 1024 (Width) x 768 (Height) or 7.5" (Height) x 10" (Width) @ 100dpi. Each should be JPEG format with a maximum file size of 1.4mb. They must be on a CD which should have your Name, Phone number, and E-mail address on it. The images should be put into folders labeled for the category entered (General or Nature). Each image should be labeled with Category, Entry #, Title. Where the category would be "G" for General and "N" for Nature, the entry # from the report card, and the title of the image with an underscore between each item as shown:

Example:

G_1_Milwaukee Art Museum.jpeg

PRINTS:

The WACCO rules call for 2 size mats or boards: 11x14 or 16x20. No framed prints will be accepted.

Large prints (color or monochrome) must measure between 8x12 and 16x20 and be mounted on a 16x20 mat or board.

Small prints can be any size from 3.5x5 up to 8x10 and must be mounted on a 11x14 mat or board.

On the back clearly mark your name, address, and print title. Also place a large and dark arrow pointing the 'up' direction for the print. Please make sure that this arrow is easily visible in the darkened room where these prints are judged.





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We will be taking our **annual club photo** at this meeting, so try to show up a few minutes before 7. Feel free to wear festive clothing.

At this meeting we will be **evaluating members' images**. Any member who would like an evaluation may bring 1 or 2 digital images to the meeting. We will then project each of them and all of the members will score them on the

normal 1-to-5 scale. We will then discuss what is good about each image and how each could be improved.

We will also be **collecting prints for the January exhibit** at the MF Public Library. Prints must be matted or mounted at either 11x14 or 16x20, but NOT framed. Each member may bring 2 or 3 prints.

We will also be having our **annual Christmas feast**. Jeannette Lubitz and Michael Matusinec will be coordinating the refreshments. **Members are asked to**

bring holiday treats.



On Saturday, December 12th, we will be taking a 'Milwaukee at Night' fieldtrip downtown to photograph the holiday decorations. Steve Haynes is coordinating this event. We are planning on meeting at the Ramada Inn parking lot on 6th & Michigan (enter on 6th St) at 3:30pm.

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Special Thanks
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Jeannette Lubitz
and
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For coordinating our annual Christmas Feast that we will all be enjoying at the December meeting.

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Architecture

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Jeff Klug and Don Gorzek led the round table discussion on several varied topics that our members had submitted earlier.

We hope it was an educational experience for our members.

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Matt Rech has a lens for sale:
AF-S DX NIKKOR
16-85 f/3.5-5.6G ED VR
414.588.5032
pbdmatt@aol.com - Please put 'Nikon L' in the subject line.

Kevin Hanley has the following Nikon Lenses for sale (AI mount; not autofocus):
500mm f/8 mirror lens
300mm f/4.5
180mm f/2.8
85mm f/2
135mm f/2.8
khanley@wi.rr.com
262.971.1041

Imagination is more important than knowledge.

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Dec 4-6, 11-13, 18-20, 27, 2009: Green Bay WPS Garden of Lights. This annual event at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens features thousands of lighted sculptures and fantasy scenes. 920-490-9457 (www.gbbg.org)

Dec 5-6, 12-13, 2009: Eagle The Spirit of Christmas Past at Old World Wisconsin. See how 19th century immigrants got their

homes and shops ready for the holiday. 262-594-6300 (www.oldworldwisconsin.org)

Dec 5-31, 2009: Madison Olbrich's Holiday Express. Come see large-scale model trains running through the holiday landscapes. 608-246-4550 (www.olbrich.org)

Dec 5, 12, 19, 2009: Green Bay A Heritage Hill Christmas. Experience an 'old fashioned' Christmas. 920-448-5150 (www.heritagehillgb.org)

Dec 12-13, 2009: Manitowoc A Holiday in History. Celebrate the holiday traditions of Manitowoc County's past. Decorated buildings, sleigh rides, and a tree auction. 920-684-4445 (www.mchistsoc.org)

Dec 12-13, 2009: Prairie du Chien An 1890's Christmas Holiday at

Villa Louis. Reservations recommended. 608-326-2721 (www.villalouis.org)

Dec 18-19, 2009: Green Bay New Zoo Holiday Fest. Holiday decorations, horse-drawn wagon rides, and lights. 920-434-7841 (www.co.brown.wi.us/zoo)

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Special Reminder

Our club's yearly dues are due every September. The dues are \$15 per member or a special rate of \$20 for two members living at the same address.

If you have not paid by the time of our December meeting, we assume that you no longer want to be a member of our club.

Thanks,

Your Board & Officers

Odds & Ends

My Favorite Place to Shoot by Michael Matusinec:

Perhaps one of my all time favorite places to shoot is the Kletzsch Park dam area in Glendale.

The Kletzsch historians say that the Glendale area was once inhabited by Pottawatomie Indians. It has been said there are burial grounds along the Milwaukee River as it winds through the park. Kletzsch Park became one of the most popular parks in the county park system during the early 1920's with a river, swimming beach, and picnic area.

Kletzsch Park was greatly improved with the use of relief labor. A Civilian Conservation Corps camp was established in Kletzsch Park from May through November, 1935.

The CCC projects completed included a new dam built across the Milwaukee River. The new structure, built of reinforced concrete in a serpentine design to lengthen the crest, provided increased discharge capacity without widening the river. Models, prepared by the landscape design section of the planning department, served as guides in erecting the stone facing and the fish ladder built into the face of the dam. The dam has the appearance of a natural waterfall.

Do you have a favorite place? Email me at msCJBailey@aol.com

WACCO Winners

Our club members did very well at the WACCO Fall Competition held November 7th. Here is a list of our club's winners.

Carole Bailey: HM Digital Open

Lou Bohlman: HM Digital Open

Jessie Buchholz: HM Small Color Print & Best Nature

Kevin Handley: Best Mushroom Nature Slide & Alternate Mushroom Digital Nature & HM Digital Open

Joe Higdon: HM Large Mono Print

Jane Hirst: Best of Division and Alternate Mono Small

Print & Alternate Large Color Print & HM Large Color Print & HM Digital Open

Karl Hokanson: HM Digital Open & HM Large Color Print

Richard Knisbeck: Best of Division Large Mono Print & HM Large Mono Print & Alternate Digital Open & HM Digital Open & 2 HM Large Color Print & 3 HM Digital Nature

Jeanette Lubitz: Best Open Large Mono Print & 2 HM Large Mono Print & 2 HM Digital Open & HM Mono Small Print & 2 HM Large Color Print

Patrick Lynch: Alternate Digital Open

Matt Rech: HM Digital Open

Bill Rietz: HM Small Color Print

Ken Warning: Best of Show & Best Open Small Color Print & HM Small Color Print & HM Large Color Print & HM Digital Open

Karen Wisth: HM Digital Open

Congratulations to everyone!!





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Salty: Mellissa A & Ellen Hanrahan

Soda: Tom Gentz & John Doorley

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Congratulations

To

Jane Hirst

Her photograph is on the front cover of the Journal Weather Calendar. You can buy copies at your local Pick 'N Save grocery stores.

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As a group, we evaluated over 60 images from our members. Everyone seemed to really enjoy this meeting. It gave all of us something we can use to improve our images.

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Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened.

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Jan 22-24, 2010: Waukesha Jan-

Boree. Winter celebration with fireworks, horse-drawn wagon rides, ice sculpting and more. 262-524-3737 (www.janboree.org)

Jan 23-24, 2010: Wisconsin Dells Flake Out Festival. One of the largest winter festivals in the Midwest. Wisconsin's only state-sanctioned snow sculpting competitions. 608-254-7300

Jan 29-31, 2010: La Crosse Shades of Blue Tattoo Show. The finest tattoo artists in the Midwest gather for this annual show. Artistic displays, and competitions. 608-789-7400 (www.lacrossecenter.com)

Jan 30, 2010: Green Bay Winterfest on Broadway. Ice sculptors line the streets. Lots of other activities. 920-437-2531 (www.winterfestonbroadway.com)

Jan 30, 2010: Two Rivers 3rd Annual Kites on the River. Fliers with an impressive display of kites. 920-793-9599 (www.uniquelyflyingobjects.com)

Jan 30-31, 2010: Cassville Bald Eagle Days. 100—250 bald eagles winter at Cassville each year. Knowledgeable volunteers assist visitors with locating eagles at outdoor observation deck. 608-725-5855 (www.cassville.org)

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Volunteers Needed

Our club is hosting a section of the Wisconsin Circuit on **Saturday, March 27, 2010.**

We will need 6 judges and several other volunteers. The judging runs the whole day, but if you can only volunteer for part, that will be fine.

If you can help, please see Bill Rietz.

Odds & Ends

At our **March 2010 meeting**, we will be showing member **digital shows**. These shows should be about 10 minutes in length. You can either put together a 'packaged' show with a product like ProShow Gold, or you can just put 25 or so images on a CD. These need to be turned in at the February Meeting so we can make sure that we will be able to display them at the March Meeting.

At our **July 2010 meeting**, we will be showing our **annual Club Digital Image Show**. The topic this year is "Reflections". Each member is asked to limit their entries to 10 or so images. Entries are due into Jeff by the May meeting. It takes a lot of work to put everyone's entries together and add the music. Past year's shows are available on our Web Site if you'd like to look at them.

Our club's prints are now displayed at the **Menomonee Falls Public Library**. They should be up until the end of January. If you get a chance, go see them.

If you are interested in **entering your images in the Wisconsin Circuit**, you can find a link to the information and entry forms on the bottom of the WACCO web site's home page. If you have any questions about this competition, please see Bill

From the President's Desk

The Civil War was one of the most violent periods in the history of the United State. It was in many ways the first industrial war, and it helped define the United States as a country.

Photography was some 20 years old at the beginning of the American Civil War. Mathew Brady was the most famous of the Civil War Photographers. His teams would go out in specially made wagons lugging the very heavy cameras of the day. The cameras hurriedly move to treat the plate before it dried out and then chemically transfer it to either tin-

plate or paper. You would to stand or sit very still for about 30 seconds in the good daylight to have your picture taken during the Civil War.

Bull Run gave Americans the first photographs of the war taken by Mathew Brady. Brady had hoped that a grateful nation would pay him handsomely for his efforts. But once the war was over, the public spurned the harrowing images the photographer had taken such risks to obtain. Even the sales of his achieve did not prevent Brady from dying penniless, and largely unac-

knowledged in 1896.

I have been to Gettysburg, it is very moving, and easy to remember what happen to our county during that period of history. The estimated that the number solders that lost there lives, 620,000. When traveling out East, Gettysburg is a must stop, capture this historical site in your hearts and with you camera.

Michael Matusinec





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Portraits

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So mark your calendars and come see what your fellow members are shooting.

Two sections of the Wisconsin Circuit judging will take place

on Saturday, March 27th at the Waukesha State Bank on Hwy 67, just off I94. Our club is hosting one of the sections. We need judges and other volunteers to help with this. It is a wonderful way to spend a day looking at images taken by photographers from all over the world. If you have the day free and would be willing to help, even if only for part of the day, please contact Bill Reitz.



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Jeff Klug, Don Gorzek, and Carole Bailey had about 8 or 9 different setups and our members brought lots of props. Everyone seemed to have a good time shooting.

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Marcia Getto has images in several photo exhibitions in the area:

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Stop in and take a look if you are in the area.

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turing the works of 100 artists. 920-494-3401 (www.artseventsinc.com)

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Feb 12-14, 2010: North Freedom Mid-Continent Railway Snow Train. Enjoy the winter wonderland of the Baraboo Hills. 50-minute train ride. Reservations recommended. 800-930-1385 (www.midcontinent.org)

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Shrine Circus. Annual production of this family-owned circus. 608-256-0281 (www.shrinecircusinfo.com)

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From the President's Desk

During a photo shoot at the Classic Car Show at the lake front in August, my Canon EOS 40D gave me an ER-ROR 99 message. The message reads "shooting is not possible turn the power switched to Off and On again or re-install the battery." Timing could not have been not been worse.

This happened after every shot I took. Needless to say it was very frustrating. I decided to change batteries, no luck; then I changed memory cards, still no luck; then I changed Canon lenses, no luck again. The code error 99 followed me around like a bad habit. I quit taking images after three

hours. I missed a lot of opportunities.

When I got home, I called Canon Technical support and told them what had happen and all the steps I took to correct. The Canon EOS 40D had frozen, it would not take any pictures no matter what I tried. On August 26 I had to send my camera to the Canon hospital. I got nervous without a good SLR camera, so I went out and bought a Canon EOS 50D.

On September 12, I got a message from Canon that a part was bent causing an error to be displayed. Canon replaced the shutter assembly

and dial assembly part, adjusted exposure and focus, cleaned the cmos sensor and checked all factory specifications. This all added up to a cost of \$211.20.

This error was very frustrating. I am having my cameras cleaned once a year by the experts and I clean my lenses every time I go out on a shoot. How many of our members have had this ERROR 99? What have our members done to protect their priceless equipment?

Michael
Matusinec





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The next meeting will be: Tuesday, March 2nd, at 7:00pm.

Our March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. At this meeting we will be showing member shows that were turned in last meeting. When I last talked to Jeff, he'd received images from about 15 members.

So come and see what your fellow photographers are doing.

Two sections of the Wisconsin Circuit judging will take place on Saturday,

March 27th at the Waukesha State Bank on Hwy 67, just off I94. Our club is hosting one of the sections. We need judges and other volunteers to help with this. It is a wonderful way to spend a day looking at images taken by photographers from all over the world. If you have the day free and would be willing to help, even if only for part of the day, please contact Bill Reitz.



Refreshments for this meeting:

Sweet: Ellen Hanrahan & Jessie Buchholz

Salty: Tony Shulist & John Wiley

Soda: Mark Jacoby & Jennifer Bartelt

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Have you Noticed ???

Many of our members have club name tags. If you'd like one of your very own, print your name clearly and turn it over to Steve Haynes.

The cost is \$5 payable when you pick up your tag.

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Photo Challenge of the Month

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Soft Backgrounds

You have until the end of the month to submit your images

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Our guest speaker was Bill Meyer. He was the Journal / Sentinel's photographer at the 2006 Olympics and he shared many of his pictures and experiences with us. It was a very enjoyable program.

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Jeff has finished our club photo. If you have email, you should have received your

copy. Jeff has a few 8x10 prints that he is selling for \$5 at the meetings.

WACCO is hosting a **Photography Seminar** on Saturday, March 13th. The speakers will be John Dykstra and Ed Post. It will be held at the Best Western Brookfield from 9am to 4pm. John and Ed will be covering Light, Exposure, Equipment, Composition, and Digital Processing. Cost is \$65 including lunch (\$55 without lunch) if paid by March 1st. Cost will be \$10 more if paid later. Special price for full time students. More information and registration info available on the WACCO web site:

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March 6, 2010: Waukesha Art Crawl. Great food, live music, and fine art. 4-10pm. 262-542-1522 (www.redhartartspot.com)

March 6-7, 2010: West Allis Wisconsin Kennel Club Dog Show. 1200 dogs compete. Demonstrations. 414-727-8840 (www.royjonesdogshows.com)

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March 13, 2010: WACCO Photography Seminar with John Dykstra and Ed Post. See page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

March 13, 2010: Milwaukee St Patrick's Day Parade. Starts at noon. 414-276-6696 (www.saintpatricksparade.org)

March 17, 2010: Plymouth Irishman's Walk. Starts at 11am. 920-893-0079 (www.plymouthwisconsin.com)

March 19-20, 2010: Plover Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Show and Competition. The largest woodcarving show and competition in central Wisconsin. 715-341-1414 (www.elizabethinn.com)

March 20, 2010: Newburg Maple Syrup Magic Open House. Demonstrations of collection and distillation of sap. Explore the preserve. Riveredge Nature Center.

800-287-8098 (www.riveredge.us)

March 20-28, 2010: Menomonie Lambing Time on the Farm. See newborn lambs and learn more about these woolly creatures. Wagon rides and demonstrations. 715-231-2377 (www.govinsmeatsandberries.com)

March 27-28, 2010: Oshkosh Art in the Garden. Art show featuring artists that work in a variety of media including photography. 920-231-2843 (www.altrusaofoskosh.org)

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History of the SLR

The ability of photography to capture a moment is what makes it so powerful. Strong photographs-whether they depict the national news or a love one's high school graduation-are able to tell us all kinds of things about the world around us.

Nowadays, within a matter of minutes, a mother can photograph her child and e-mail the pictures to family and friends half way around the world. News agencies can post images on the internet as a breaking news story is taking place. In this day and age, pic-

tures are basic units of information for all of us.

When you look at your sophisticated digital SLR, it's hard to imagine that the age of photography is only about 160 years old and the modern single lens reflex camera only a little over 50 years.

Prototype SLRs popped up in the early 20th century, but it wasn't until the 1950s that they became popular. At that point, the SLR became the camera of the choice for people with a serious interest in photography.

The SLR uses mirrors or prism so that the photographer can look into the viewfinder and

see directly through the lens. This allows you to see the same exact image that will be recorded.

So as the owner of a digital SLR, you are on the cusp of a great technological breakthrough. "Digital Photography has turned the darkroom of the past into the lightroom of the future and combined the power of the camera and the computer." You are all creative Photographers.

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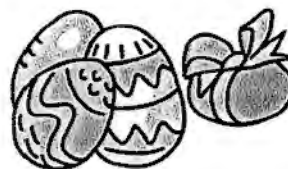
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With the coming of Spring, we now come to the time of year where our club is starting to look for our next Vice President. As current VP, John Doorley will take over as President next year. And we are looking for a volunteer to server as VP for the 2010-11 year and then as President for the 2011-12 year. Please consider serving your club in this capacity. See Bill Rietz if you are interested or have any questions about this.

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April 23-25, 2010: Madison Great Midwest Alpaca Festival. More than 550 alpacas will be competing in different categories. Educational seminars, demos and displays including a shearing demo on Sunday morning. 608-291-2131 (www.gmaf.info)

April 24, 2010: Pewaukee River Run. Canoe race on the Fox River from Pewaukee to Frame Park in Waukesha. (262-691-2700)

April 24-25, 2010: Jefferson Spring Car Show. Classics, col-

lectibles, street rods and trucks. 608-244-8416 (www.madisonclassics.com)

April 25, 2010: Fredonia Grafton Downriver Canoe Race. Several different divisions will compete on the 14-mile stretch of the Milwaukee River. 262-377-1650

April 30-May 1, 2010: Bay City 100-mile Garage Sale. Follow the Mississippi and a trail of distinctive colored ribbons from Fountain City north along Hwy 35 to Prescott. 608-685-3616 (www.mississippiriver.org)

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Odds & Ends

On Saturday, June 12, 2010, our club is joining with the Wehr Nature Center Camera Club to put on a field trip to see the Lake Michigan lighthouses from Milwaukee north to Sheboygan (or to Two Rivers if there is time). Ed Kolinski is leading the trip and will talk more about it at our meetings.

And as usual, we are planning on going to the Renaissance Faire sometime in late July or early August. We've been doing this now for 3 or 4 years and those who go have a really great time.

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Wisconsin's northernmost tip touches the mighty lake named 'Superior', a source of many photographic opportunities. Known to the Native American Ojibwe people who first populated the area as 'Gichegami' or 'big water' (sometimes spelled Gitche Gumee), Lake Superior is the largest freshwater lake in the world. Covering more than 31,700 square miles, it is the deepest and coldest of the Great Lakes. This immense lake measures more than 382 miles in length and 160 miles in width, covering in excess of 2,700 miles of shoreline. The lake is an average of nearly 489 feet deep with a maximum depth of 1,279 feet and contains 3 quadrillion gallons of

water.

Probably discovered by the French explorer Etienne Brule, one of Samuel de Champlain's scouts in the early 1620's, Superior's waves wash beaches and shorelines that contain half of all the water in the Great Lakes. More than an eighth of the earth's fresh water is contained here. The lake rarely freezes over, but ice along the shores closes its ports from approximately December to April.

My favorite Lake Superior spots are: Big Bay, Copper Harbor, and Whitefish Point in the UP of Michigan, Duluth's Aerial

Lift Bridge, Gooseberry Falls, Split Rock Park and Lighthouse in Minnesota, and the Apostle Islands in Wisconsin.

The Lake Superior Circle Tour has 1,300 miles to explore and enjoy. (Special note: fastest verified circle time 21 hours, done legally by motorcycle.)

I hope you find time this summer to drive up and see parts of it for yourself.

Michael



**Menomonee Falls Camera Club
Lending Library Survey
April 2010**

Several members have asked if we could start up a 'Lending Library' that would allow our members to share their photography resources. We are asking that all interested members fill out this survey and turn it in at the April 6th meeting. Or you can email it to msCJBailey@aol.com

If there is sufficient interest and sufficient resources to do this, we will most likely go with the following lending / borrowing guidelines:

1. The system would be run on a 100% 'honor' system.
2. Any member willing to share a current book or informational CD or DVD can bring it to any meeting. The member should clearly mark each book, CD or DVD with his / her name and contact information (phone or email address).
3. The club will purchase a large plastic bin that will be kept in the closet in our meeting room.
4. At each meeting, this bin will be put out into the room where members can either contribute resources that they wish to share or return resources they borrowed or borrow any resources that they find interesting.
5. We will ask that members borrowing any resources return them the next month so that other members can also share.
6. Members that lend any of their resources can remove them from the library at any time.
7. **The club will in no way be responsible for any missing / lost / misplaced resources.**

So if you are interested in this Lending Library, please fill out the following survey and return it as indicated above.

 I am interested in contributing to a club Lending Library.

Number of current books I'd be willing to contribute: _____

Number of current CD's or DVD's I'd be willing to contribute: _____

I am interested in borrowing from a Lending Library.

If interested in borrowing, what topics are you most interested in?



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Our annual members' digital show will be in

July. The theme this year is reflections. **You may turn in your images at this meeting or in June.**



Refreshments for this meeting:

Sweet: Diane Weber & Jeanette Lubitz

Salty: Jim Schaeffer & Norm Sorenson

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Club Lending Library Survey Results

I received surveys from only 4 of our members. It seems like the interest is very limited.

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We will have 6 students from a modeling agency. To pay them for posing for us, we will provide

each model with three 8x10 prints, a CD with about 100-150 images and a proof book. To meet this commitment, we need each member participating in the shoot to provide us with 5-10 images of each model on a CD that are full resolution image-ready (jpeg, tiff, or PSD). Each model should be in an individual folder. (Do not be concerned if you do not have names.)

Because of the limited space we have, this meeting is open only to

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There will be more information about the process and model / photographer etiquette in the next newsletter.

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(www.racinemontessori.com)

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May 5-7, 2010: Horicon Annual Horicon Marsh Bird Festival. Experience the peak of the spring bird migration. Includes guided bird hikes, banding demos, and pontoon boar birding adventures. Reservations required for some events. 920-387-7860

(www.horiconmarshbirdfestival.com)

May 8, 2010: Brodhead Tour the Farms Day. 5 farms in the Brodhead area will be open for tours, including a sheep farm, dairy farm, emu farm, organic farm, and a vegetable farm. 608-897-8411 (www.brodheadchamber.org)

May 15, 2010: Eagle Rituals of Spring at Old World Wisconsin. Sheep get their annual clipping with hand shears. Old-fashioned chores and games; annual heirloom plant sales. 866-944-7483

(www.oldworldwisconsin.org)

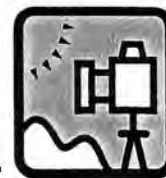
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May 28-31, 2010: Burlington Chocolate Festival. Carnival, concerts, chocolate creations, and

much more. 414-254-4813 (www.chocolatefest.com)

May 29-30, 2010: Fort Atkinson-Fort Koshkonong Rendezvous. 17th annual re-enactment of life in the early 1840's. Rock River Park. 920-563-3210 (www.fortchamber.com)

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come to attend and watch.

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Volunteers Needed

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We are looking for volunteers to help with the scoring and other administrative tasks. If you have some time that day and would like to help out, please contact Bill Rietz.

Odds & Ends

Our annual all-member club digital show is coming up in July. The theme this year is 'Reflections'. Get your images in competition format (jpeg, 1024x768, 100DPI) and turn them in to Jeff at the May or June meeting. Please limit your selection to 12 images. Depending on how many of our members submit images, Jeff may need to omit some images so the that final show is a reasonable length.

We are planning a club fieldtrip to the Renaissance Faire sometime in late July or early August. We've been doing this now for 3 or 4 years and those who go have a really great time.

If you have any other suggestions for fieldtrips over the summer, please let one of our officers know. So far, we have:

May 8-Shooting tulips at Boerner

May 22-Gold Coast houses (Lower East Side-Milwaukee)

June 12-Lake Michigan lighthouses

Late July / early August-Renaissance Faire.

From the President's Desk

US Lighthouse History

The oldest surviving original lighthouse in the Continental United States is at Sandy Hook, New Jersey. It is still active and was built in 1764, when New Jersey was still a colony of England.

The First public project funded by the US government was a lighthouse. The Cape Henry Light was constructed in Chesapeake Bay in 1792.

At a Lighthouse in the Pacific Northwest, a neighbor's bull kept charging the fog horn, no doubt thinking its bellowing was a competing bull.

Kate Walker, a widow and lighthouse keeper at Robbins Reef in New York Harbor, rescued at

least 50 people over the years of her duty there. In addition to maintaining the lighthouse, keeping the light burning and rescuing mariners in distress, she raised two sons, rowing them a mile each day to Staten Island to attend school. (I wonder if they had SNOW days?)

Tom Small, who tended Deer Island Light in Boston Bay with his brother, had a aquatic cat that would climb the lighthouse ladder, leap into the sea to fish and return on the ladder with the catch in her mouth.

World Lighthouse History

The first known lighthouse was one of the original Seven Won-

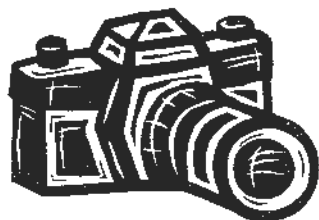
ders of the Ancient World. Built the island of Pharos in the Mediterranean Sea off Egypt in the 3rd Century B.C., it was 450 feet tall and covered with elaborate carvings. Its signal was an open fire.

The oldest active lighthouse in the world today is near La Corunna, Spain, and was built by the Romans about 2,000 years ago. During the Roman Empire it was known as the Tower of Hercules.

The State of Wisconsin has a wealth of information concerning our lighthouses. Facts about Lighthouses are extremely interesting, it gives you an idea of what keepers had to do for such little pay, it any at all.

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Our June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010. This meeting will be our annual model shoot at Jeff Klugs Photo World studio.

We will be starting the shoot at 5pm to take advantage of the outside lighting. Once the outside light starts failing, we'll move indoors, where we will have 2 or 3 model set-ups.

We will have 6 to 8 students from a modeling agency. To pay them for posing for us, we will provide each model with three 8x10 prints, a CD with about 100-150 images and a

proof book. To meet this commitment, **we need each member participating in the shoot to provide us with 5-10 images of each model on a CD that are full resolution image-ready (jpeg, tiff, or PSD). Each model should be in an individual folder.** (Do not be concerned if you do not have names.)

See page 4 of this newsletter for Jeff's address and guidelines for the shoot.

Because of the limited space we have, this meeting is open only to current club members.

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along Lake Michigan from Two Rivers back down to Milwaukee. Ed Kolinski and Mike Matusinec are coordinating this joint outing with the Wehr Nature Center Camera Club. Meet at the Petit Ice Center parking lot at 7:30am.



Refreshments for this meeting:

Sweet: John Wiley & John Doorley

Salty: Brian Luttamus & Roger Crill

Soda: Ken Warning & Lou Bohlman

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Annual Club Members Digital Show

Our annual members' digital show will be shown at our July meeting. The theme this year is reflections.

If you would like to participate, you may submit about 10 images to Jeff Klug before the June meeting.

His email is
KPW1255@aol.com

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Photo Challenge of the Month

We did not have a photo challenge for the month of May.

We will continue with a new challenge for June ... stay tuned

July Meeting

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Jun 11-13, 2010: Elkhart Lake AHRMA Vintage Motorcycle Weekend. Races, displays, and more. 800-365-7223 (roadamerica.com)

Jun 13, 2010: Racine Wind Point Lighthouse Tour to the Top. Climb to the top of the 108 foot lighthouse. 800-272-2463 (windpointwi.us)

Jun 18-19, 2010: Grafton Giro d' Grafton Professional Bike Race. Bick racing through the city streets. 262-377-1650 (wicyclingseries.com)

Jun 18-20, 2010: Monroe Balloon Rally. Balloon launches, flights, demonstrations, evening glows. And more. 608-558-000 (monroeballoonrally.com)

Jun 26, 2010: Warrens Cranberry Blossom Day. Marsh tours, cranberry foods tasting, and more. 608-378-4878 (discovercranberries.com)

Jun 27, 2010: Oskosh Benefit Car Show. Collector car show with 16 judged classes. 920-231-8014

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Right past his driveway is a parking lot for his business. Please park in this lot, first ones in please use the grass !!!!!

Model Shoot Guidelines

Here are some of the basic guidelines for shooting models. Please follow these at our June Model Shoot

1. Communication with your model is critical to getting the image you want. You may never touch your model or adjust his/her clothing or hair. You must ask the model to make any changes you want.
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4. Do not dominate the model's time. There are other club members waiting for their turn.
5. When selecting images to give to the model, make sure you choose the most flattering poses.

For this photo shoot, there will not be any model releases given to individuals. The model releases will be retained by the club. This shoot is meant to be a learning experience for our members and is not to be used for profit.

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From the President's Desk

Sunrise and Sunset

Have you ever been asked "How did you capture such a dramatic sky?" I would answer this question by saying I study the light and practice, practice, practice. I have some additional thoughts and tips on this subject.

GOOD TIMING: Everyone loves sunrise and sunset, but do we know the differences? Sunrise usually brings colder light with a blue-and-magenta color scheme. And you better work fast, as you have only a few minutes to shoot. Sunsets? Typically a much warmer

light with lots of red.

BAD WEATHER: Keep your eye on the forecast for changes. Rain, hail, or snow coming or going are almost guaranteed to bring dramatic light.

CLOUD FORMATIONS: Study how various types of clouds reflect light and colors during the golden hour around sunset. A sky full of hazy clouds kills all color, while big fluffy cotton balls light up on fire especially just after a rain.

EXPOSURE: There are a

range of correct exposures, if your camera has a built-in meter, you will usually be way off because the sky is still relatively bright, and the meter will under-expose the image. Best approach is to try meter the ambient level of light. To do this either take an incident-light reading or take your gray card reading. Both approaches will usually give a proper exposure.

COME BACK: Most of us have a favorite location. Shoot there often and study the light. That experience can be the best teacher.

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Soda: Tony Shulist & Ellen Hanrahan

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Photo Challenge of the Month

On the Waterfront

This challenge will run from June 1st through August 31st.

Board Planning Meeting

The tentative date for our annual board planning meeting is Tuesday, August 10th. It will be held in our normal meeting room. All officers and board members should plan on attending.

At this meeting, we will be planning our 11 meetings for the 2010-2011 year, as well as looking at scheduling a few fieldtrips, and taking care of any administrative issues that may arise.

If any members have any ideas for programs or fieldtrips, please con-

tact one of the Officers listed on the first page of this newsletter. We would like to continue to offer you a program that will be interesting and informative to all of you.



The board and officers wish you all a safe, productive, and glorious summer, and hope you get the opportunity to get out and take lots of pictures.

We'll see you all back in September.

Club News and Future Events

We had about 40 members at our model shoot at Jeff's in June. I couldn't make it, but I hear that everyone had a wonderful time.

Special thanks to Jeff for letting us use his studio and to everyone who turned in their best pictures for the models.

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Living History Days. Civil War reenactors. 608-756-4509 rchs.us

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Aug 7-8, 2010: Cedarburg Architectural Treasures of Ozaukee County. Annual self-guided 2.5

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Aug 14, 2010: Hartford Hot Air Balloon Rally. Evening launches, night glows and fireworks. 262-673-7002 hartfordchamber.org

Aug 21, 2010: Old World Wisconsin Vintage Base Ball. 1860's vintage teams compete. 262-594-6300 oldworldwisconsin.org

Aug 28-29, 2010: Green Bay Heritage Hill British Encampment. Life in the 1700's. 920-448-5150 heritagehillgb.org

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**Yearly Planning
Meeting**

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If you have any suggestions, please contact Bill Rietz or John Doorley, your new club president for next year.

There will NOT be a newsletter in August.

Odds & Ends

On Saturday, June 12th, we had 23 members from our club and from the Wehr Nature Center Camera Club join together for a field trip to shoot **Lake Michigan Lighthouses** from Two Rivers down to Port Washington. The day was mostly cloudy, but we all had a great time and had the opportunity to take many wonderful pictures. A big thanks to Michael Matusinec and Ed Kolinski for coordinating this trip. And a extra thanks to Michael for putting together the informative handout for all of us.

Our club will be going to the **Renaissance Faire**, tentatively on **Saturday, July 10th**. We will be finalizing the details at the July Meeting. If you are interested in going, but can't make the July meeting, please contact Jeff Klug or Bill Rietz for information on this field trip

Our camera club provides a **Print of the Month** to hang in the Menomonee Falls Rec Center window each month. Perhaps you've noticed it as you come into the building for each month's meeting. Bill Rietz coordinates this. He has members already signed up through September 2010. He will be accepting up to 12 names of members who would like to have one of their prints displayed from October 2010 through September 2011. He will be collecting names at the July meeting. Or you can contact him directly if you are interested but cannot make this month's meeting.

From the President's Desk

As the departing president, my word of advice to all of you is don't leave home without an essential item. If you're going on a field photo shoot for a day or a week, I believe that a check list can help insure the success of your experience.

Do research on the location that is your destination. Ask yourself what type of shooting am I doing? (Wildlife, lighthouses, flowers?)

An equipment check list is a necessity. Things that might be included on such a list are battery charger, batteries for camera and flash, busi-

ness cards, camera(s), cell phone or personal communicator, diffuse collapsible, dime, electronic flash, exposure meter, extra body cap and rear lens cap, memory cards, filters, flash light, liquid hand cleaner, gray card, GPS, lenses, lens shade, instruction manual, lens-cleaning supplies, plastic zip lock bags small, sunscreen, bug spray, Swiss Army knife or mini tool kit, tripod, water bottle, and sunscreen. Make a copy of your check list and check them off as you put them in your camera bag.

Here is an additional suggestion, I have made a medical

book and it is in my car at all times. Its contents include my medical history, the meds that I currently take, doctor contacts, plus other important medical information. Always tell someone what area you will be shooting.

It has been my honor to serve you as President for the past year. I have enjoyed my tenure, and had fun serving the Menomonee Falls Camera Club.

Michael
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