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N4C President's Message

Hello everyone, I hope everyone had a good holiday!

For those of us who were lucky enough to be in the way of the ice storms that just came though (as I'm writing this), did you get out to get some ice photos? I tried some as it was raining out in my backyard. I was out there with my camera on a mono-pod under a pink umbrella; I bet I was quite the sight. I found it's harder than it looks to photograph under an umbrella and keep the camera dry. It didn't help I was shooting frozen berries on a bush and trying to get the perfect angle. I was wiping water drops off my lens all that evening. I have had the itch to get a new lens for awhile.

I was sorry to hear that Ray Andrews from Des Moines CC passed away. He was always willing to share with what he knew. I'm still playing with photographs and using ideas I took from his still life set-ups he's shared with us. I always enjoyed talking with him when I got a chance. He will be missed.

In the last newsletter was the new Nature Rules Proposal, I meant to mention that any constructive comments/feedback is welcome. Send any comments to the committee: George Bebout <bybau@earthlink.net> is the chairman with Ed Siems, Teresa Vokoun <et@mycns.net> and myself <bbbobr@avalon.net>. We have received some feedback already.

In the last newsletter, Dwight Tomes mentioned to start thinking about what to do for a photo essay next spring. I'll add my two cents on photo essays. I'd recommend giving it a try, it's something I really enjoy each year. Coming up with a subject is the hard part. Doing a digital essay is a whole lot easier than a slide essay. At a club meeting last February, we had a "how to do a photo essay" program, and then some of us(4 or 5) brought in the "first draft" of our essays for critiquing. It was a fun evening and we all got some good suggestions to improve our essay. It's always fun to see all of the essays at Springbrook. Even though there were 18 entries (if memory serves me) last year, viewing them went fast. How many will be entered in 2007-2008?

Bob Rude, N4C President



Herb Gustafson Awarded New PSA Journal Medal

At the St. Paul Camera Club's annual Christmas Party, member **Herb Gustafson**, Hon PSA, FPSA, was the recipient of the *PSA Journal's* 1000 point contributor award.

The presentation was made by PSA's Divisions VP, **Vijay Karai**, FPSA, of the North Metro Camera Club and **Gene Schwope**, FPSA, Director of PSA Region Five and a member of St. Paul Camera Club.

Vijay, Herb and Gene are all members of PSA, N4C and the TCACCC.



N4C News Notes

Wondering

Grace E. Anderson, a member of the North Metro Photo Club, was wondering “If we are supposed to be a teaching club, why does it raise the hackles of some members when, they tell someone how to do something with a photo, that person does it, and then wins. Maybe I am wrong, but I don’t think that is the spirit of the club in general.

“I still remember the older members of the club, when I first joined, who gave out information galore or else showed another member how to do something new and different with their camera.

One of the members opened his home to do a hands on demonstration on the art of mat cutting. I learned how to cut a mat, which I did a few , but I will always remember the generosity of that member who took the time to help someone else learn a new skill.”

—**North Metro Photo Club**

“Us v Them Competition”

The RBCC of Lincoln, England, holds a “Us v Them Competition” which varies year by year; it may be the men again the women, members v “The Rest, or the left hand side of the room against the right hand side; it depends on how the Chairman feels on the night. Whatever is decided, a visiting judge, is selected for the ability to make it into a fun competition.

—**LCC Bulletin**

Exhibiting for the Republicans

The Great Northern Building in downtown St. Paul (Lowertown) is the official gathering place for delegates of the Republican National Committee. The reception area has a lot of blank walls, and the St. Paul Camera Club has been invited to exhibit works in the building for the convention.

Jim Levitt and **Karen Leonard** are making plans for the submitted framed prints.

—**SPCC News**

PSA Image

Pat Schwope’s “Table Bluff Lighthouse #2” is featured in the PSA new member gallery at http://psa-newmember.org/first+year_gallery/november.html. This image is from a double mounted slide. Pat took the original slide of Table Bluff Lighthouse in Eureka, California, during the daytime, and combined it with an overlay slide of stop lights, taken at Midnight, through the patterned glass of her motel window, also in Eureka.

Pat is a member of the St. Paul CC, PSA and is N4C Secretary.

—**SPCC News**



2009 LCC Photographic Seminar and Workshop

Leland Osten, Seminar Coordinator for the Lincoln CC, has made plans for a photographic workshop and seminar Friday February 29 and Saturday March 1. Jeff Morgan of Minneapolis will be the guest speaker.

—**LCC Bulletin**

Changes

Bunny Gilbert of the Huron Area Photography Club says, “It’s the time of year that I go through some of the photo articles that I clipped out of magazines for the past 15 years. When I go through them I realize how much photography has changed since I became an enthusiast. Now the magazines are filled with digital and Photoshop and other program hints and how-to’s.”

—**HAPC Image Maker**

New Website

St. Paul Camera Club has a new address for their website:

www.saintpaulcameraclub.com