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New President Minute—Tim Zeltner THINGS THAT MATTER TO ME

Well, here we go on the road to Medora. The Presidential Library, Cowboy Hall of Fame, TRNP, Horses, Bison and the list go on and on. Thanks again to everyone that is coming to the show. It has been an interesting time putting this together. With the planning group putting in some long hours, phone calls, grant applications and more. I think the planning committee is the way for us to work on future events. Spreading the work out and involving multiple camera clubs has really helped.

Judging is always a concern, and we are always trying to help but seems it can be a nightmare. Just keep in mind that we are all volunteers and some are still working full-time jobs. So please be understanding and yes, we all know not all photos have comments, but we try. Finding fellow photographers from outside your area can help. Allowing some of the regular judges you have get a break. Also keep in mind that even though we have some great photographers you may not get the awards you want or expect. If comments are made and you don't understand them or like them. Take a breath and realize that they are opinions of people who may not see what you see. I have had it happen to be and it drives me nuts but then realize it is their opinion only.

One thing to do is stated below.

Set up a system flag if a panel of 3 judges has a wide point variance on a single image (e.g., a spread of 4+ points out of 9). Pause to let the judges discuss that specific entry before finalizing the score.



On the lighter side I would like to know what your club has planned. Field Trips, Photo opps set up, send in a list to Deb for upcoming newsletters. When and where does your club meet? You never know when someone might show up. Let's call this section "Different Lenses, One Shared Vision".

See you all later. Tim



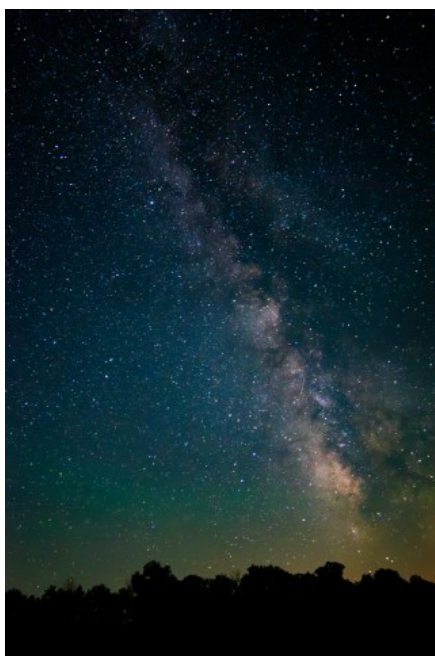


BUT!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Before we meet, I am asking for digital files of some of the past conventions. So, if you have a couple (2-3) I would like to print a few off. So, if you are willing to share email me a printable file. If you can, title them when and where would be helpful.

We are looking for a club to hold the 2027 Fall Convention.

Got a great area? Don't know where to start? Reach out to Tim Zeltinger at 701-720-3008 or bring it to our attention at the convention in Medora.

We have laid the framework to easily duplicate many of the pieces of this year's convention as headstart for you. We will be creating convention planning committee to assist the host club with planning the future conventions.



“Different Lenses, One Shared Vision”.

Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs (Creston, Iowa Area) hosted a Dark Sky workshop at the Madison County Conservation Center September 10, 2026. Speakers were Chuck Spindler, and Eric Burson.

Our purpose was to demonstrate Night photography techniques, review camera settings, and lenses for use during night photography. Obtain photos at designated Dark Sky pre-certification sites within the Madison County Parks.

We setup flyers at the State Fair and invited the Des Moines Camera Club to join us. Very successful night with 30 people in attendance with the Milky way showing off its glory.

With photos taken, the conservation center was able to use some of our photos for pre-certification of the dark sky and show to their annual fund raiser.

2026 Spring N4C Fall Board Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2026 6-8pm Central Time
Virtual Meeting

Present:

Officers: Jennifer Tigges, President, Tim Zeltinger, First Vice President, Carl Hardy, Second Vice President, Lynda Richards, Treasurer, Sonja Hoglund, Secretary

Board Directors: Stephonie Schmitz, Andrea Pellerito, Randy Moyer, Adam Papin

N4C Members: Richard Debertin, Katherine Debertin, Gordon Court, Julie Olson, Ryno Olsen, Greg Hogund, Tom, Paul Hagen, Deb Bates, Richard Russell

Call to Order 6:08pm via Zoom

Minutes: Approval of minutes of the September 2025 meeting- Motioned by Lynda, second by Andrea, approved

Treasury Report - Lynda Richards - see below. Motioned by Lynda, second by Stephonie, approved.

Convention Report: 2026 Tim Zeltinger. April 27, 2026 next planning meeting via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. Information will be released about the convention as soon as they are available. Zoom meetings with local clubs discussing details of the convention are available from Tim. Please reach out to Tim at tzbugman@gmail.com. Gordon will reach out to Tim with information on specific campgrounds that will be available.

N4C Competition Rules Updates

Update submission date change for Photo Essays- May 15th, same as all other submissions for judging. See below: Motioned by Stephonie, second by Tim, approved

Update submission dates for Photojournalism story - August is not allowing enough time for judging and submissions for end of year point submission and to get things ready for convention display. Changed to May 15th by Carl Hardy, Chair of the category

Return panorama contest to a print contest - Discussed with mixed feelings. The Panorama contest will stay as a digital contest at this time.

Continue to submit entries by May 15 for the Photo Essay, Photojournalism Story and panorama contests.

Board Elections

Board Members for the 2026-2027 Season- we need 3 more directors. send out for vote once nominated. Currently no additional nominations. Jennifer read an email from Paul Hagen highlighting declining participation. Several participants, including Paul, expressed concerns about declining membership and participation, while others emphasized the importance of maintaining the board size to support growth and engagement.

New Board Election Change: Change to Bylaws regarding officer Structure. Make Board members a 2-year Term. Change the current Board to 3 board directors instead of 6. Leaving with Pres, VP, 2nd VP, Sec, Treas, and 3 directors. The board of directors will be elected every two years now. Motioned by Lynda, second by Tim, approved after lengthy discussion.

2025-2026 End of Year Judging- Thank you to the following clubs who volunteered to find judges for the end of the year judging:

2026 N4C Fall Board Meeting Agenda
In Person October 11, 2026 12 Mountain Time, Medora, ND

Zoom if bandwidth allows:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87454732873?pwd=TBNfl6Aa4cJEtn4PIbBch5N7FGdbx.1>

Meeting ID: 874 5473 2873 Passcode: 378672

Officers: Jennifer Tigges, President, Tim Zeltinger, First Vice President, Carl Hardy, Second Vice President, Lynda Richards, Treasurer, Andrea Pellerito, Secretary
Board Members: Stephonie Schmitz, Randy Moyer, Adam Papin, Ron Tigges
Call to Order

Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the April 2026 virtual board meeting - see minutes below

Treasury Report: Lynda Richards

Convention Report: Tim Zeltinger

Convention Planning Committee: Jennifer Tigges, Tim Zeltinger

N4C Rule Updates:

Monthly Judging

Suggestion to require constructive comments again. Email below to be read and discussed.

Digital Submission Size Change

Stephonie Schmitz would like to propose increasing the size for digital submissions to 1mb per file. The low quality really affects images for judging. Increasing to this size would also still allow all submissions to be sent in one email, even for double month clubs as emails allow 20-25mb per email attachment total, so 16mb would be plenty to still submit. This is still small enough size to post on the website and to keep in the archives.

2026-2028 New Board Elected: Tim Zeltinger President, Carl Hardy 1st Vice President, Stephonie Schmitz 2nd Vice President, Jennifer Tigges Treasurer, Andrea Pellerito Secretary

Board Members: Randy Moyer, Adam Papin, Ron Tigges

N4C Art Scholarship: Tim Zeltinger

N4C Directory- suggestion to remove physical addresses/phone numbers from directory or make optional

New Club Coordinator- suggestions for nominations

North Iowa Photo Club will not be renewing this year due to declining membership.

N4C as a legal entity- currently an unincorporated nonprofit.

Board Member Reports/member suggestions

Next Meeting - April 22, 2027 Virtually

Board Member Reports/member suggestions - Carl Hardy has the 2026-2027 monthly judging matrix is almost done. Tim discussed asking what individuals and clubs did to teach youth via community involvement. Discussion of how individuals and clubs are currently working with teaching photography in their area. Carl to submit to newsletter on how the Sioux City club does youth outreach and how club meetings are done in summer. Consider nominating club members who already are involved with their communities or youth for the yearly Service Award. Jennifer suggested informal discussions at fall convention on what is working for clubs for engagement.

Next Board Meeting Date- October 10, 1-2:45 pm In Person the Rough Riders Rendezvous Convention in Medora, ND

Future Agenda items: Challenge to provide instruction to youth in clubs communities. Review of some judging rules.

Adjournment 7:23 Motioned by Carl, Second by Stephonie, motioned passed.

Minutes by Jennifer Tigges, aided by Zoom AI

NORTH CENTRAL CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 1, 2025 – April 1, 2026

Checking Balance on Hand – August 1, 2025 (Peoples Bank, Carlisle, IA)

\$6892.66

RECEIPTS:

Club Dues (29 Clubs 2025 - 26)	\$1486.00
CD Interest Income	310.37

TOTAL INCOME:	\$1,796.37	+\$8,689.03
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EXPENSES:

Convention Expenses	382.07
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Officer Expenses:

Postage	178.23
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Supplies:	72.31
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PSA Dues (paid 3 yrs. 2/7/25 – 3/28)

August 21, 2026

Via email

Hi Jennifer:

Thank you for taking on the position to be in charge of the upcoming N4C meeting in Medora this October. Events don't happen unless people like yourself roll up your sleeves and take on the work, and I appreciate your efforts.

I have been a member of The Minnesota Valley club for about 10 years. I enjoy participating in the N4C contests and seeing other submissions by the other clubs.

The most recent N4C newsletter mentioned that we should email you if with anything we would like to be considered during the October meeting, so I wanted to share a thought.

I find it disappointing that in the past some of the clubs responsible for monthly judging do not provide comments on the images. I would like to see this changed. Judges' comments can be very helpful in understanding how an image can be improved, and without that feedback, it can be difficult to understand how a particular score was determined.

Perhaps N4C could consider requiring the participating clubs to make these comments along with their scores in order for their club be able to submit images. I think this would make the judging process more useful and educational for everyone involved.

Just my 2 cents. Thanks again for taking on the October meeting, and I hope it goes well.

Best,

Mick Richards

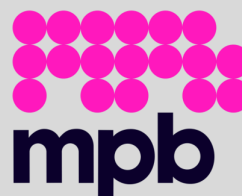
Thank you to the following clubs for sending in their dues:

ALBERT LEA LENS & SHUTTER CC	DULUTH/SUPERIOR CC	HURON AREA CC		
IMAGES BY SAM	IOWA CITY CC	KUNTEMIER CC	MINNESOTA VALLEY CC	
MITCHELL CC	OMAHA CC	SHUTTERBUGS	WESTERN WISCONSIN CC	
LINCOLN	GREAT RIVER	TOPEKA	HEART OLAKES	DES MOINES CC
IMAGE MAKERS	FARGO/MOORHEAD	WICHITA AREA	MINOT CC	
SOUTHWEST IOWA SHUTTERBUGS	DUBUQUE	WOMEN'S PHOTOGRAPHY		

We have an amazing sponsor for the convention and Camera For Kids Seminar. We also need donated DSLR bodies or kits for the program. So bring us your old gear if you are able. After youth attendees complete two classes, they get to keep a camera to use to further their photographic art.

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For Print Contest Chairs be sure to order your ribbon Supplies & forms for your contest. Digital N4C Contest Contacts be sure to order your ribbons for contest

For those of you who will be at the Convention in Medora or have members who are going to be at the convention, you can fill out a form and pick up your supplies from Julie Olsen.

Supply Order form link: <https://n4c.us/Supplies-Forms/N4C-Supplies.pdf>

This is an interactive form (you fill it out online) and you can email it to Julie Olson at julieo944@gmail.com

Please review competition Notes!

Entries may be submitted more than once, provided the entry has not been awarded a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or HM award in a monthly competition in the same year or later years, in the same or any other category.

An entry that has received such an award may not be entered again in any inter-club N4C contest.

Merit awards are eligible for re-submission.



Black & White Digital—1st Place

"Icelandic Horses"

Dorothy Sansom

Omaha CC

2nd Place—Black & White Digital

"Blaze"

John Calvin

Fargo-Moorhead CC



3rd Place—Black White Digital

Steel & Light

Terry Ingram

Omaha CC

N4C September (2026-09) Contest Results

Digital Altered Reality

1st What Have We Done - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
2nd That's My Perch - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
3rd Lightpainting Gooseberry Falls - Jackie Feil, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Old Fishing Boat, - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha
HM Hang On - Mick Richards, Minnesota Valley
HM Leaves of the night - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead
36 entries from 10 clubs. Judging Club: Dubuque Camera Club. Chair: Cara Pusateri. Judges: Terri Stephens, Greg Nauman, Tim Ollendick.

Digital B&W

1st Icelandic Horses, - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha
2nd Blaze - John Calvin, Fargo-Moorhead
3rd Steel and Light - Terry Ingram, Omaha
HM Puffin Portrait - Doug Long, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Old Farm Grinder - Allen Kurth, Omaha
HM After the Storm - Bob Rude, Iowa City
60 entries from 11 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Janie Lawson. Judges: Tim Abramowitz, Patty Foster, Diane Lowry.

Digital Journalism

1st So Good So Far - Allen Kurth, Omaha
2nd Training For The Call - Connie Wedemeier, Iowa City
3rd The Guardian - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
HM FMDerby Girls start the season as the Lead Jammer breaks out at the Coliseum in Fargo ND - Doug Long, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Remembering My Dad - Jim Splitt, Fargo-Moorhead
HM Low Break Cross - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
57 entries from 11 clubs. Judging Club: Duluth-Superior Camera Club. Chair: Joni Tazzell. Judges: Brian Rauvola, Michael Miller, Chris Carlson.

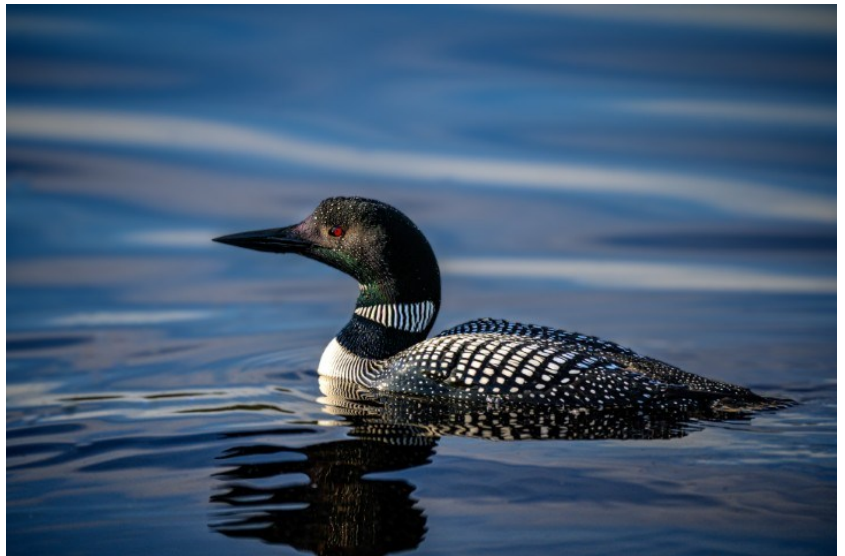
Digital Nature

1st Egret family - Diane Sisko, Western Wisconsin
2nd Crimson Gaze - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
3rd Green Sweat Bee - Craig Peterson, Minnesota Valley
HM Fishin' - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
HM Pollen time - John Corey, Minnesota Valley
HM Eagle On The Hunt - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
HM Bird's Eye View - Anna Frissell, Fargo-Moorhead
62 entries from 11 clubs. Judging Club: Omaha Camera Club. Chair: Nikki McDonald. Judges: Donna Gray, Jacobus Aucamp, Phillip Wonder. Comments: Many very strong images and a nice variety. Wildlife, especially those shots which caught animal behavior and/or were technically excellent, caught the attention of all three judges. At least one judge commented on every image.



**1ST PLACE DIGITAL NATURE
EGRET FAMILY
DIANE SISKI
WESTERN WISCONSIN PC**

**2ND PLACE DIGITAL NATURE
CRIMSON GAZE
DOUG CONRAD
SIOUX CITY CC
S**



**3RD PLACE DIGITAL NATURE
GREEN SWEAT BEE
CRAIG PETERSON
MINNESOTA VALLEY PC**



N4C September (2026-09) Contest Results

Digital Pictorial

- 1st Eagle hunting fish - Kelly Matrquardt, La Crosse Area
- 2nd Checking the Computer's Answer - Mike Barker, Omaha
- 3rd Submerged Flower and Ink - LaVaughn Hengst, La Crosse Area
- HM Bleeding Hearts - Rick Graves, Minnesota Valley
- HM Emergence - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
- HM Dreaming in Yellow - Canan Karatekin, Women's
- HM My Lily - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
- HM Grouse display - Cathy Richardson, La Crosse Area
- HM The Open Door - Nikki McDonald, Omaha

85 entries from 14 clubs. Judging Club: Lincoln Camera Club. Chair: Oscar Sarafian. Judges: Karen Harris, Bernadette Korslund, Kelly Asmussen.

Digital Travel

- 1st University of Dubuque-Iowa Night Lights on Campus Amphitheater with Fireworks in Background - Bob Felderman, Dubuque
- 2nd Young Abore Lady-Ethiopia - David Clardy, Fargo-Moorhead
- 3rd Into the Valley of the Gods, Utah - Nikki McDonald, Omaha
- HM Reaching for the Sun Estrella Park, Phoenix, AZ - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Dawn on Greece - Dorothy Sansom, Omaha
- HM Buffalo Grazing in a Field of Geysers, Yellowstone NP, WY - Edgar Evans, Wichita Area
- HM Splitrock Light House Lake Superior in the winter - Tim Zeltinger, Minot

62 entries from 12 clubs. Judging Club: Shutterbug Camera Club. Chair: John F. Larson, Jr.. Judges: Michelle Hall, Sarah Bissell, Carolyn Todd-Larson.

Altered Reality Prints

- 1st Sand and Surf - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque
- 2nd Mirror Rubic - Casey Klein, Dubuque
- 3rd Sculpted in Ice - Ty Smith, Mitchell

5 entries from 3 clubs. Judging Club: Central Iowa Camera Club. Chair: Teresa Vokoun. Judges: Doni Sheldon, Andy Spellman, Ed Siems.

B & W Pictorial Prints

- 1st The Windup - Gary Gilbert, Sioux City
- 2nd Train Engine - Shane Monahan, Sioux City
- 3rd Rocky Mountain Road Trip - Ron Tigges, Dubuque

15 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Sonja Hoglund. Judges: Scott Udey, Bob Wright, Greg Hoglund. Comments: Only 15 images from 5 total clubs. Most were from one club. Several great images.



**1ST PLACE DIGITAL
PICTORIAL**
EAGLE HUNTING FISH
KELLY MARQUART
LA CROSS AREA CC

2ND PLACE DIGITAL PICTORIAL
***CHECKING THE
COMPUTER'S ANSWER***
MIKE BARKER
OMAHA CC



3RD PLACE DIGITAL PICTORIAL
SUBMERGED FLOWER & INK
LAVAUGHN HENGST
LA CROSS AREA CC



N4C September (2026-09) Contest Results

Journalism Prints

1st Wildfoal at Corolla, N.C. - Karen Durrant, Dubuque

2nd Wrestler Grabs Food - John Larson, Shutterbug

3rd Mame's Hands - Casey Klein, Dubuque

9 entries from 4 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Nick Masuen, Denis Hirschman, Rich Wright. Comments: The numbers were very low. Only 9 entries. The entries were very good, showing journalism stories in picture form which would go well with news and human interest stories.

Nature Prints

1st King Vulture - Ryno W Olson, Great River

2nd Ready for Takeoff - Peg Gilbert, Sioux City

3rd Puffin With a Big Catch - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque

13 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Topeka Camera Club. Chair: Sonja Hoglund. Judges: Bob Wright, Scott Udey, Greg Hoglund. Comments: Only 13 photos received most were from 2 clubs. Lots of great photos; judging was fairly tight.

Pictorial Prints (Color)

1st Starry Night in White Pocket - Stephonie Schmitz, Dubuque

2nd Sunflower Drop - Ron Tigges, Dubuque

3rd Glacier Bay - Kevin McTague, Dubuque

12 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Central Iowa Camera Club. Chair: Teresa Vokoun. Judges: Doni Sheldon, Andy Spellman, Ed Siems. Comments: Did not receive Sioux City CC entries until Wednesday the 23rd. Judging was completed on 21st. Still waiting on print winning labels from Carl Hardy.

Travel Prints

1st Ernie's Station Whelan, Minnesota Red River Trail - Tim Abramowitz, Des Moines

2nd Caddo Lake, Karnack, TX. - Debbie Bates, Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs

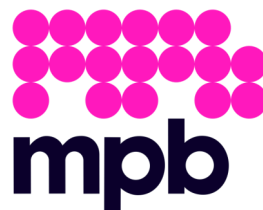
3rd Hoover Dam Bridge 2025 Colorado - John Larson, Shutterbug

9 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: Sioux City Camera Club. Chair: Carl Hardy. Judges: Nick Masuen, Denis Hirschman, Rich Wright. Comments: The numbers were very low. Only 9 entries. The entries were very good excellent Travel images showing the areas represented.

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1ST PLACE DIGITAL TRAVEL

*University of Dubuque-Iowa Night
Lights on Campus Amphitheater with
Fireworks in background*

BOB FELDERMAN

DUBUQUE CC

2ND PLACE DIGITAL TRAVEL

Young Abore Lady—Ethiopia

DAVID CLARDY

FARGO-MOORHEAD CC



3RD PLACE DIGITAL TRAVEL

Into the Valley of Gods, Utah

NIKKI MCDONALD

OMAHA CC



1ST PLACE DIGITAL ALTERED REALITY

What Have We Done

MICHAEL GREINER

SIOUX CITY CC

2ND PLACE ALTERED REALITY

That's My Perch

SHARON WATSON

FARGO-MOORHEAD CC



3RD PLACE ALTERED REALITY

Light Painting Gooseberry Falls

JACKIE FEIL

FARGO-MOORHEAD CC



1ST PLACE DIGITAL JOURNALISM

So Good So Far 1

ALLEN KURTH

OMAHA CC

2nd PLACE DIGITAL

JOURNALISM

Training For the Call

CONNIE WEDEMEIR

IOWA CITY CC



3RD PLACE DIGITAL JOURNALISM

The Guardian 1

KEN CHEUNG

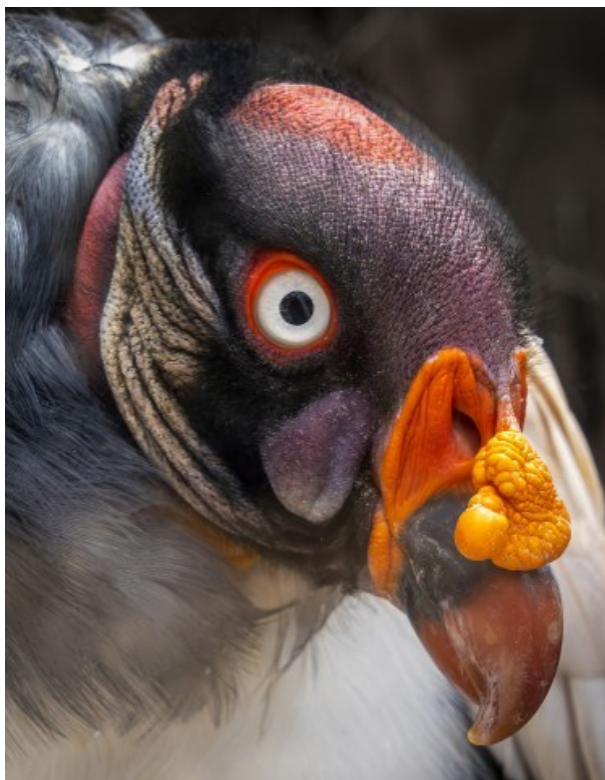
MINNESOTA VALLEY PC

1ST PLACE PRINT NATURE

King Vulture

RYNO OLSON

GRAND RIIVER CC



2nd Place Nature Prints

Ready for Take off

Peg Gilbert

Sioux City CC



3rd Place Nature Prints

Puffin With a Big Catch

Stephonie Schmitz

Dubuque CC



1ST PLACE ALTERED REALITY

Sand and Surf

STEPHONIE SCHMITZ

DUBUQUE CC

**2ND PLACE ALTERED REALITY
PRINT**

Mirror Rubic

CASEY KLEIN



3RD PLACE ALTERED REALITY PRINT

Sculpted in Ice

TY SMITH

MITCHELL CC



1ST PLACE JOURNALISM
WILD FOAL AT COROLLA, N.C.
KAREN DURRANT
DUBUQUE CC

2ND PLACE JOURNALISM
WRESTLER GRABS FOOD
JOHN LARSON
SHUTTERBUG CC



3RD PLACE JOURNALISM
MAMA'S HANDS
CASEY KLEIN
DUBUQUE CC





1ST PLACE TRAVEL PRINTS

*Ernie's Station Whelan,
Minnesota Red River Trail*

TIM ABRAMOWITZ

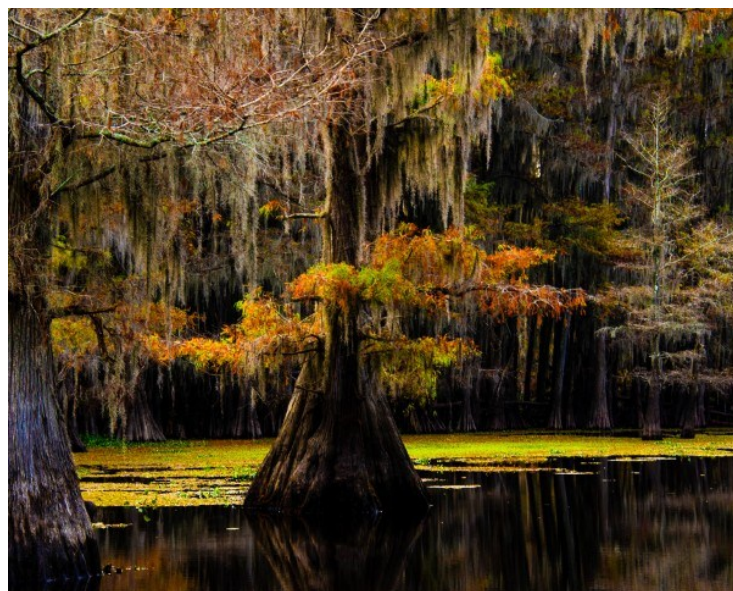
2ND PLACE TRAVEL PRINT

Caddo Lake, Karnack, Tx

DEBBIE BATES

SOUTHWEST IOWA SHUTTERBUGS

CC



3RD PLACE TRAVEL PRINT

Hoover Dam Bridge 2025 Colorado

JOHN LARSON

SHUTTERBUGS CC





1ST PLACE BLACK & WHITE PRINTS

The Windup

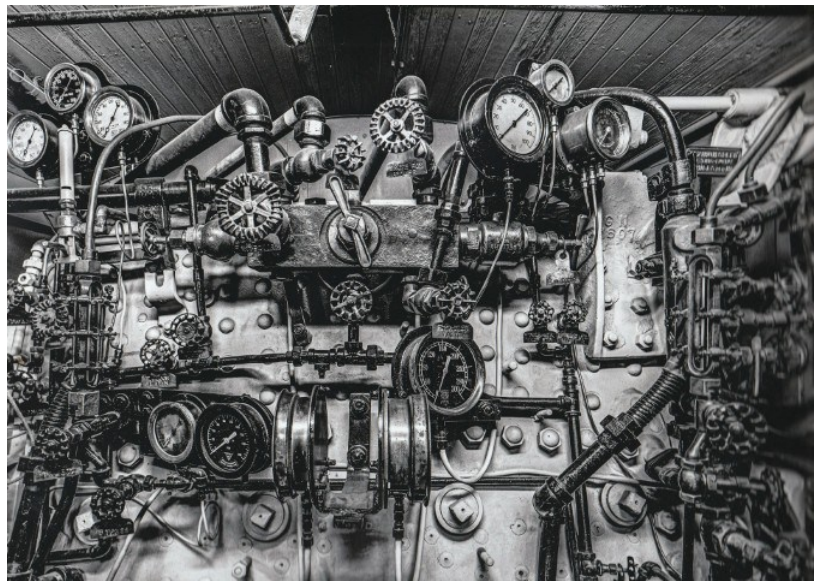
Gary Gilbert

Sioux City CC

2ND PLACE BLACK & WHITE PRINTS

TRAIN ENGINE

SHANE MONAHAN SIOUX CITY CC

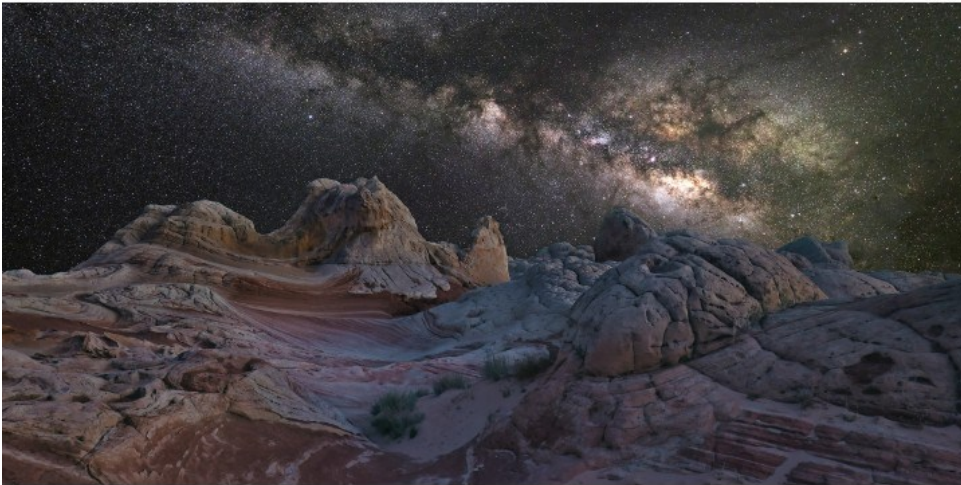


3RD PLACE BLACK & WHITE PRINT

Rocky Mountain Road Trip

RON TIGGES

DUBUQUE CC



1ST PLACE PICTORIAL PRINT

Starry Night in White Pocket

Stephonie Schmitz

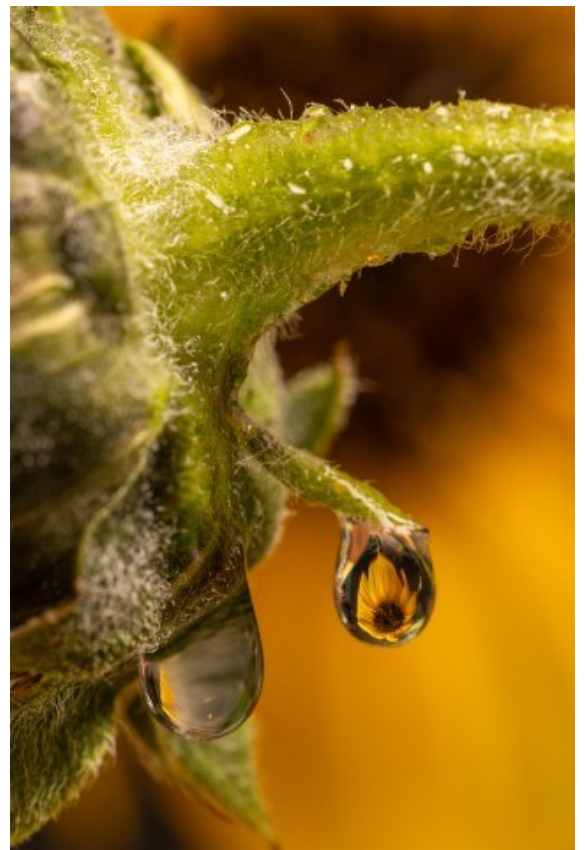
Dubuque CC

2ND PLACE PICTORIAL PRINT

Sunflower Drop

RON TIGGES

DUBUQUE CC



3RD PLACE PICTORIAL PRINT

Glacier Bay

Kevin McTague

Dubuque CC



N4C Digital (& Print) Contacts,

If I should contact someone different, please let me know.

IF YOUR CLUB ENTERS PRINTS, SEE BELOW FOR WHERE TO SEND ENTRIES.

FOR DIGITAL ENTRIES, they must be received by 5:00 pm October 15, however make every effort to send them by the 13th to allow time for confirmation.

- Judging may begin on the 16th - make sure you receive confirmation that entries were received.

The cutoff time will be 5:00 p.m. on the 15th, giving the judging chair time to organize the entries for judging starting on the 16th. The point is, don't wait until the last minute. There have been problems with occasionally missing entries when they were not received until late in the night on the 15th.

The 2025-2026 rules are on the N4C web at <http://n4c.us/competition.htm> by clicking the blue "N4C Contest Rules" button. A copy of the rules is attached. I don't expect any significant changes in rules. There will be a board meeting at the Convention, so stay tuned.

The N4C Directory is available by email from Carl Hardy and his email is torchenterprises72@gmail.com. The Handbook contains the contest rules and other general N4C Info. The Directory contains the list of judging clubs for all the contests along with contact info for all the affiliated clubs. The Handbook is available for download from the web <http://n4c.us/Supplies-Forms.htm> page.

There are six Digital Image Contests each month - (see the definitions of each category in the Rules):

- Altered Reality (DA)
- Black & White (DB)
- Journalism (DJ)
- Nature (DN)
- Pictorial (DP)
- Travel (DT)

Maximum of 8 entries per club per contest, not more than one from a member in each contest

Do not enter versions of the same image in multiple contests. For example, do not enter both a color and B&W version in the same month. Likewise, don't enter both Digital & print versions. If both win, one will be withdrawn. The rule is: "Any entry which receives a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or HM award in a monthly competition may not be re-entered in the same year or later years, in the same or any other category, regardless of variations or changes made."

Please check your entries before sending them on for judging. Look for three things:

1. File size 750KB max. (A requirement this year)
2. **Longest side 1,920 pixels max.**
3. File name should look like this example: 01,DE028,DP,Beautiful Sunset.jpg

Content of the Email Message when you send the entries:

- a. Subject Line of the Email should say "N4C Contest Entries from _(your)_ Camera Club".
- b. Specify which monthly contest and how many images are attached to the Email.
- c. List the Member Numbers and corresponding member names to ensure that the Judging Club has that information.
- d. Give the Club Name and your full name.
- e. Attach the image files

ASK THE JUDGING CLUB IF YOU DO NOT GET A RECEIVED CONFIRMATION BACK FROM THEM

Please send me updated member lists when you have added Member Numbers. I'm glad to see new members participating in N4C contests. Naturally, I need to register them so they are properly identified for the judging clubs. For new members, that really should be done a month before entering.

(Entries must be received by 5:00 pm October 15, however, **make every effort to send them by the 13th to allow time for confirmation.**

- Judging may begin on the 16th - make sure you receive confirmation that entries were received. If you have any trouble reaching these judging clubs, let Ken Johnson know as soon as possible.

October Digital Image Judging Clubs:

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ALTERED REALITY Digital "DA" (Digital Altered Reality) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number

Great River Camera Club
Peggy Schmelzer
31600 166th Ave W
Illinois City, IL 61259
309-791-2550
schmelzerp@gmail.com

BLACK & WHITE Digital "DB" (Digital B&W) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:

Sioux City Camera Club
Carl Hardy
3236 Maplewood St.
Sioux City, IA 51104
712-281-3345
torchenterprises72@gmail.com

JOURNALISM Digital "DJ" (Digital Journalism) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:

Shutterbug Camera Club
John F. Larson, Jr.
300 Lions Hill Road, Apt. W206
State College, PA 16803
319-671-1568
jflarson114@gmail.com

NATURE Digital "DN" (Digital Nature) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:

Western Wisconsin Photo Club
Terry Butler
1620 Wexford Way
Woodbury, MN 55125
612-270-1653
n4ccontest@wiphotoclub.com

PICTORIAL (Color) Digital "DP" (Digital Pictorial) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:

Minnesota Valley Photo Club
Phil Davies
1140 Edgcumbe Rd.,
St. Paul, MN 55105
651 307-8529

TRAVEL Digital "DT" (Digital Travel) is the contest ID that goes after the Member Number:

Be sure to include the STATE or COUNTRY of the image in the title.

Iowa City Camera Club

Randy Moyer

1021 Dover St.

Iowa City, IA 52240

319-354-4265

rmoyer8772@aol.com

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SEND NEW MEMBER NUMBERS AND NAMES TO KEN JOHNSON

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A club will normally have up to 8 entries for a contest. A typical image file name list might look like:

(USE YOUR CLUB NAME AND MEMBER NUMBER INSTEAD OF DA044 - zero "0" 44 not a letter "O")

(USE DA, DB, DJ, DN, DP, or DT for the Contest Code - This example is for the Digital Nature Contest)

(Notice commas separating the data in the file names) 01,DA044,DN,Deer.jpg

03,DA022,DN,Grand Arch.jpg

04,DA033,DN,Teton Reflection.jpg

05,DA037,DN,White Water.jpg

06,DA002,DN,Shadows.jpg

07,DA025,DN,Horsetail Falls.jpg

08,DA018,DN,Soaring Eagle.jpg

Members should submit entries with filenames similar to the above except for the sequence numbers. The club N4C Rep will rename the files to include the sequence numbers. The club N4C Rep may want to keep things simple for the club members and handle ALL the file naming - how this is done is left to the club. The sequence numbers will determine the sequencing of the image in the judging line-up. All the contest entries will be sorted in alpha-numeric sequence by filename so this will mix up club entries for judging. The 01's from all the clubs will be judged first and the 08's at the end.

Encourage your members to explore the N4C website where they will find a lot of photography to study, and photography links with an unlimited number of tutorials and educational videos to learn from. <http://n4c.us/>

PRINT ENTRIES - JUDGING CLUBS FOR October

Print contest rules are in the attached N4C Contest Rules.

Entries must be received by these clubs by October 15.

Because of experienced delays in mail and shipping, other clubs recommend that you also send an email to these judging clubs to expect your entries.

Ideally, give them your tracking number.

Send both Nature Prints and Black & White to:

SW Shutterbug Camera Club

Kim Walter

1559 210th Street Corning, IA. 50841

712-621-1862

shutterbugsN4C@gmail.com

Send both Pictorial Color Prints and Altered Reality Prints to:

Minot Camera Club
Tim Zeltinger
PO Box 157
Glenburn ND 58740
minotccn4c@gmail.com

Send both Travel Prints and Journalism Prints to:

Topeka Camera Club
Greg Hoglund
2230 SW Kingsrow Road
Topeka, KS 66614
785-633-2384
greg.hoglund@sbcglobal.net

Ken Johnson web@n4c.us,
A Digital Contest Chair
Enjoy photography whether or not it is yours!

Entries must reach the judging club on or before the 15th of the month in which the contest is held. **Judging is to be performed before the 25th of the month.**

Entering clubs will obtain an inventory of ribbons and merit awards from the N4C Supply Officer in sufficient quantity needed for the following contest season. The awards would be labeled and distributed by the entering club's N4C print Contact to their winning club members when contest results naming the award recipients are received from the judging club.

Judging Software for Prints:

Print entries can be used with the judging software with the same as digital entries in the judging format. Change out your print label to read, 01, SP001.PN, BLUE BIRD... which would be Print Nature. It would be the same for PB—print black & white, PA for Print Altered Reality, PJ—Print Journalism, etc. Take out the D for digital and replace with P for print.

When submitting print entries please supply your N4C print contact person with a digital image of your entry. We will be posting the digital image of your placing photo in the newsletter. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, HM. These are then used for the "Best of the Best" Year end video.

Any questions about the newsletter or if you have information for the newsletter contact Debbie Bates at edit@N4C.com

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