



# Digital Focus

## Newsletter of the Calumet Region Photo Club

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### Club Information

Calumet Region Photo Club meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The 2nd Tuesday is our general meeting, and the 4th Tuesday is competition night (September - March only). Meetings are from 7 pm - 9 pm at the Munster Social Center located in Community Park at 8751 Lions Club Drive.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Tuesday, July 8, 2014** - CPRC Annual Picnic at Veterans Park in Munster. We will start shooting at 6:00PM and eat at 7:00 PM -

**Tuesday, August 12, 2014** - CPRC will hold its 2014-15 Board Member elections and we may have a speaker too.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bob Cross

#### MICHAEL KOBE

I am glad to report that Michael is back home convalescing after double-bypass surgery in early June. Michael had problems keeping his heart rate normal, but all seems to be under control now. Our sympathies to both Michael and Millie during his ordeal. Hopefully, the doctor will soon lift his five-pound limit so that he can again begin to photograph the flowers and birds and treat us all to his magnificent images.

#### COMPETITION

I am glad to report that we have obtained enough volunteers to keep CRPC's competition program going for the next year. We still need more members to participate in the monthly competitions, but we have a core group that will enable us to keep the program. We can always use more help, so please consider joining in and helping to keep our competitive program going.

It meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month from September through May.

If you're not familiar with how we run our competitions including what are the rules and policies, talk to any Board member. They will help you understand the basics or point you to somebody that can. The following members have

volunteered to fill the listed jobs:

- **DPI Chairperson** - Bill Coughlin
- **Print Chairperson** (Not firmed up as of this writing)
- **Statistician** - Amy Metrich
- **Procurer of Judges** - Julie Cross
- **CACCA Representative** - Raleigh Wolfe and Bob Cross

#### FIELD TRIPS

Despite the very uncooperative weather this spring, we have sponsored quite a few field trips. All of them were successful, at least from the standpoint of participation. The lingering winter kept the wildflowers under wraps for a long time. Finally, they bloomed in a very short period of time. You either were free to photograph them when they were at their peak or you missed them.

**Bobbie Czajka** is leading a [field trip to the balloon launch at the Porter County Fairgrounds on Thursday, July 17th](#). You will receive an e-mail blast with more information regarding this event.

A visit to the Renaissance Faire in Bristol WI is in the works, so stay tuned.

Anyone else that would like to lead a CPRC field trip should see me so that we can get it scheduled and publicized.

## SLATE OF OFFICERS 2014-15

Elections will be held in August at our regular program meeting (Tuesday, August 12th). Following are the CRPC members that have agreed to help direct the club next year:

- **President** - *Susan Stassin*
- **Vice-President** - *Raleigh Wolfe*
- **Secretary** - *Bonny Klootwyk*
- **Treasurer** - *Tom Zmigrocki*
- **Past President** - *Bob Cross (Non-elective)*

Any CRPC member is still eligible to run for any of the four offices. If you have a desire to do so, let me know and your name will be added to the ballot.

## JULY PICNIC

Tuesday, July 8th, is the date of our annual picnic. It will be held again in Veterans Park in Munster. Our plan this year is to meet at 6:00 PM in order to take advantage of the light for a shoot in the park before dinner at 7:00 PM.

Hopefully, mentors will be available to answer any questions that might arise and to help members take better pictures.

After dinner, we will hold a short meeting in which the Print-of-the-Year awards will be made. They are special this year: Framed certificates displaying a small image of the winning picture along with text explaining the pertinent facts relating to the image. Hopefully, we will be able to continue this type of award in the future.

After that, members can continue shooting in the park with what light is still available. The picnic is free to all members and their spouses. So, come one, come all. The pavilion is covered, so we will still hold the picnic in case of inclement weather.

## COMPETITION

Our next competition night will be on Tuesday, September 23rd. Remember—it's never too late to get your images ready for competition.

## PHOTO SOFTWARE CLASSES

Member Steve Kaminsky has held two Photoshop classes at his home. Basically, Steve helps the participants improve their own images on a variety of software programs. If you are interested in this one-on-one learning process, contact Steve (stevek1173@aol.com) to determine if he can help your situation.

## PHOTOS OF MUNSTER PARK DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

As part of our obligation to the Munster Park District, we are committed to taking pictures of a few of their events each year. Please contact me at (708) 799-7778 or rpcross@ameritech.net if you can help. We really need to provide the Park District with

some up-to-date images.

## REMINDER

WE NEED TO VACATE THE SOCIAL CENTER AT 9:00 PM SHARP FOR BOTH THE PROGRAM AND COMPETITION MEETINGS. Otherwise, the club will incur a fee to cover additional cleaning crew expenses. It is very helpful when members help put away the chairs and tables. Thank you in advance.

## BOARD MEETINGS

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, July 7th at The Fitness Pointe in Munster. All Board meetings are open to all CRPC members. Please feel free to join us. Abbreviated minutes are published in the CRPC newsletter. The date, time and location of each Board meeting are also published on the CRPC website.

## CRPC APPAREL

A newly designed line of apparel with the new CRPC logo is available at St John Sports on Indianapolis Boulevard in St John. A few of our members are sporting the new clothing. It is high quality and very distinctive. A variety of shirts, sweatshirts and caps is available. Find an order form on our website or order directly in the store. The clothing will help identify members at future meetings and outings. Note: Pricing is at cost—CRPC does not profit from these sales.

## CRPC NEWSLETTER and WEBSITE

We need articles for our monthly newsletter. All submittals should be sent to Dave Dornberg at [crcpwebmaster@comcast.net](mailto:crcpwebmaster@comcast.net). The due date for inclusion of articles into the newsletter is the Wednesday prior to the program meeting, which is always the second Tuesday of each month.

To have some of your images included on the website's gallery, send a collection of your best images to Dave at the same web address. Our club takes some great photos. Let's display them on the Internet.

## ABBREVIATED BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Susan Stassin from the CRPC board has picked out a wireless amplifier for the Clubs use. All board members agreed on the purchase. Thanks Susan.

The Club gifted a fruit basket to our Club Founder, Michael Kobe, June 13th, when he came home from having surgery. Wishing Michael a quick recovery.

As of 6/9/14, CRPC has a balance of 4,411.89. Monthly income was \$59.10; expenses were \$491.78.

Current membership is 70.