



# 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, August 12, 2014** - CPRC will hold its 2014-15 Board Member elections and member Norm Turner will give a presentation on how to use your on-board flash, off camera flash and studio flash. Members are asked to bring their cameras and flashes.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Bob Cross*

#### Time flies.

After two years serving as President of the Calumet Region Photo Club, I find that I am writing my last President's Message. I hope that you, member and reader, have found them instructive with regards to the many activities of our club. I truly believe that our varied programming presents an interesting and educational format for all photographers—beginner, intermediate or advanced. As you might have perceived, I am big on field trips. We have sponsored eight in the last 12 months. If you haven't joined one yet, please consider making the effort in the future. You won't be sorry that you did.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 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:

<i>President</i>	<i>Susan Stassin</i>
<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Raleigh Wolfe</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Bonny Klootwyk</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Tom Zmigrocki</i>
<i>Past President</i>	<i>Bob Cross</i>

Any CRPC member is still eligible to be nominated and 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

This year's annual picnic was fun and successful. As usual, Bobbie Czajka provided some really good food from a deli in Schererville. Many members brought their spouses and/or children. That added to the sociability of the event. Some members took the opportunity to shoot in Veterans Park or Centennial Park (across Calumet Avenue). Framed certificates showing the winning images were made by Julie Cross and presented to the winners of the Print of the Year contest.

### AUGUST PROGRAM

Photography and Lighting will be the featured program at the Tuesday, August 12th program meeting. Photographer and CRPC member Norm Turner will explain how to improve picture-taking by understanding and using various forms of lighting. Topics covered will include the best use of both built-in camera flash and portable flash units. Studio lighting will also be explained. Norm, whose studio is in Crown Point, is a professional wedding photographer who also provides photo services relating

to portraits, senior pictures, and babies.

Members are urged to bring their cameras and flash units in order to take part in a hands-on learning experience.

## COMPETITION

Enough CRPC members have stepped forward to keep our competition program going for another year. There is still time for members to volunteer to help out. The main jobs are listed below. Each of those activities needs an alternate or backup in case any one of the members listed below is unable to undertake his/her duties on any particular night. If you think that you could serve as an understudy for one of these jobs, please contact me. Your contribution will really be appreciated by everyone else in CRPC.

<i>DPI Chairperson</i>	<i>Bill Coughlin</i>
<i>Print Chairperson</i>	<i>John Roquet</i>
<i>Statistician</i>	<i>Amy Metrich</i>
<i>Procurer of Judges</i>	<i>Julie Cross</i>
<i>CACCA Representative</i>	<i>Raleigh Wolfe and Bob Cross</i>

CRPC competitions are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from September (Tuesday 9/23 this year) through May. If you're not familiar with how we run our competitions including the rules and policies, talk to any Board member. They will help you understand the basics or point you to somebody that can.

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

## 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.

## FIELD TRIPS

As I mentioned above, we have sponsored eight field trips in the past 12 months, six of them in 2014. Anyone else that would like to lead a CRPC field trip should contact me so that we can get it scheduled and publicized.

## PHOTO SOFTWARE CLASSES

Member Steve Kaminsky has volunteered to hold Photoshop classes in his home. He has already held two classes. 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](mailto: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](mailto:rpcross@ameritech.net) if you can help. We really need to provide the Park District with some up-to-date images.

## SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS

We are planning on starting something new. We will meet for breakfast while discussing a wide variety of photographic subjects. Please refer to the article elsewhere in this newsletter. Our first breakfast will be at Jedi's Garden on Saturday, 9/13 at 8:30 AM. Jedi's is located at the corner of Cline Avenue and Ridge Road in Griffith.

## BOARD MEETINGS

The date of the next Board meeting has not yet been determined. A Board meeting was held on Thursday August 7th at The Fitness Pointe in Munster. Actions taken at that meeting will be reported in the next newsletter. 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 submissions should be sent to Dave Dornberg at [crpcwebmaster@comcast.net](mailto:crpcwebmaster@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.

## ELECTIONS

*By Bob Cross*

At the program meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, the Calumet Region Photo Club will hold their annual elections. It is not too late to nominate members for the four elective offices (as long as the nominated member agrees to his/her

nomination). Following are this year's nominations:

**President - Susan Stassin Vice President**

**Raleigh Wolfe Secretary - Bonny Klootwyck**

**Treasurer - Tom Zmigrocki**

**Past President - Bob Cross (Non-elective)**

**Webmaster - Dave Dornberg (Declined invitation)**

CRPC wants to thank the above nominees for their efforts in helping to maintain the high quality of programming, competitions and field trips associated with our mission of providing all levels of photographers with a beneficial experience.

## **SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS**

**By Bob Cross**

Something new. We are going to start meeting for breakfast and photography talk on a trial basis. The idea is to provide a sociable atmosphere for discussion of any photographic topic. Participants are urged to bring their cameras and manuals. That way, questions regarding how to accomplish a certain task (bracketing, ISO, white balance, etc.) can probably be answered successfully. In addition, the conversation may center around photographic techniques such as HDR (high dynamic range) or focus stacking. Another prime reason for holding these breakfasts is just plain old sociability. So, if you're free, come join us.

The first breakfast will be held at Jedi's Garden, 444 West Ridge Road in Griffith IN (corner of Cline Avenue and Ridge Road), at 8:30 AM on Saturday, September 13, 2014. Mark your calendar now so that you won't miss this meeting.

## **NEED VOLUNTEER JUDGES**

**By Bob Cross**

The Foresters Camera Club of Palos Heights IL has requested that CRPC provide three judges on each of the following dates: Tuesday 11/7/14 and Tuesday 3/3/15. They meet at 7:00 PM at the Palos United Methodist Church, which is located at 12101 South Harlem Avenue in Palos Heights.

If you can help out by volunteering to judge at one of these competitions, contact me at [rpcross@ameritech.net](mailto:rpcross@ameritech.net) or call me at (708) 799-7778. We need to reciprocate by supplying judges to the clubs that provide judges for our monthly competitions.

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**By Nancy DePaoli**

Treasurers' report: Balance \$5,266.85.

Current membership is 71.

### **Topics Discussed**

- The Clubs original Bank account with Regional FCU was closed.

- Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Bob Cross to keep everyone that was in category A in A and also add Louisa Murzyn. She will be joining Bill Coughlin, Amy Metrich, Steve Kaminsky, Michael Kobe, Jim Rettker, John Roquet, Norm Turner & Raleigh Wolfe. It was seconded by Tom Zmigrocki and was passed.
- Susan made a motion for next year to create an award for print of the year for each A and B category and all DPI's get a separate award. This motion was seconded by Tom Zmigrocki
- Bob Cross has 16 judges on his list. CACCA has a school for training judges. Bill Brown, President of CACCA, has given these trainings, but is stepping down.
- We agreed to reimburse our out of town speakers. Per Bob
- We will not be paying for judges

## **MATTE BOARD SALES FOR COMPETITION**

The club provides photo matte boards to current Calumet Region Photo Club members. Boards in the following sizes and prices are:

11"x14" white matte board w/self adhesive for \$.90 \*\*

11"x14" black matte board w/out adhesive for \$.90

16"x20" black matte board w/out adhesive for \$1.25

Matte boards are available for purchase at club meetings. Please email Dennis Gray [dennisw.gray@gmail.com](mailto:dennisw.gray@gmail.com) with the number of boards you would like to purchase.

**(\*\*NOTE: We will no longer sell white matte boards once our supply runs out because CACCA no longer uses them.)**

## **COMPETITION DATES for 2014-15**

Competition meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month and are as follows:

September 23, 2014

October 28, 2014

November 25, 2014

December 23, 2014

January 27, 2015

February 24, 2015

March 24, 2015

April 28, 2015