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Upcoming Meeting

Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7PM – Barbara Lucas will present, “Birds and Bison at Kankakee Sands”.

Presidents Letter

By Raleigh Wolfe

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the first month of the 2018/19 year of the Calumet Region Photo Club with our first meeting being held on August 14, 2018. I'm hoping that this will be a great year for our club. Louise, my wife, tells others that “BYE” stands for Best Year Ever. Let's aim for that this year. Michael Kobe and the board have been working very diligently to create a positive experience for all through our program presentations. Dave Dornberg will, of course, be overseeing the mentoring group meetings again for the year. I firmly believe this program has significantly contributed to the quality of our experience and growth, and we thank Dave for this valuable opportunity to learn and share.

Michael Kobe has arranged to have a great program for our first month. The program speaker will be Barbara Lucas, a former teacher and a current volunteer at the Kankakee Sands. She will present a program about their 20 year history, the bison that were introduced in 2016 and their impact on the prairie, as well as present bird species found there each season. Michael and Barbara have arranged for us to have a follow-up field trip on Thursday, August 16, 2018. The time of the field trip will be communicated at the meeting.

I want to again remind everyone of the importance of the August meeting as it relates to a discussion and vote on whether we will remain two clubs (A & B) for the purposes of competition or return to a single club status. The vote will be by secret ballot. A YES vote will be to retain the two club status and a NO vote will be to return to a single club status. Please attend the meeting and vote to let your voice be heard. For a more detailed

explanation of the discussion and impending vote, I refer you to the email that was sent to all members on July 31, 2018.

Field Trip to Kankakee Sands

On Thursday, August 16th, Barbara Lucas who is speaking at our August meeting, will be leading a field trip to the Nature Conservancy's Kankakee Sands conservation area.

August Photo Challenge

Our photo challenge for August is insects on flowers and plants of summer. You may shoot close-ups and/or macros of the all types of insects from bees, to beetles, butterflies, dragonflies, flies, etc., or whatever you encounter in the grasslands, forests, meadows and wetlands.

If you need some help with identification of insects you encounter or need a few hints on shooting, check out the premier “BugGuide”—<https://bugguide.net/node/view/15740> brought to you by Iowa State University's Department of Entomology.

“Up Close and Personal: The Wild World of Insect Photography” is another interesting site: <https://expertphotography.com/insect-photography-introduction/>

September Mentoring Meeting

On Tuesday, September 18th at 7 PM our mentoring meeting returns in the library at the Fairmeadow Church. Our President, Raleigh Wolfe will be giving our members a lesson in Adobe's Lightroom. Afterward we will view images from the August photo challenge. Please bring 4 images on a flash drive to talk about and receive feedback.