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Club Information

Calumet Region Photo Club meet-ings are held the 2nd and 4th Tues-
day of the month. The 2nd Tuesday
is our general meeting, and the 4th
Tuesday is competition night (Sep-
tember - 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, September 9, 2014 - Professional photographer and former Sun-Times Photojournalist, **Jeff Nicholls** will give a presentation on the techniques and dis-
ciplines needed for photojournalism. Topics covered will include location lighting,
portraiture, and skill sets needed by a professional photojournalist.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Stassin

Hello fellow CRPC members. First, I want to thank you for electing me as CRPC's president for the 2014-2015 year. I am sure that I will find it more than challenging as well as fulfilling and I want to encourage all of you to share your ideas and suggestions with me or any of our board mem-
bers. As you have seen, we have tried to vary up the monthly meet-
ing formats to reach a broad array of members, interests and skill sets and it is your feedback that helps us prepare our programming.

Secondly, although we have shuffled a few board members, I want to thank our outgoing secretary, **Nancy De-Paoli**, for her insight during our board meetings as well as maintaining club minutes. I am looking forward to working with our new secretary, **Bonnie Klootwyk**. Of course, many thanks to **Bob Cross**, our former president, while no longer leading our group, has been instrumental in expanding our club through programming, net-
working and strong leadership. His determination and attention to detail will be hard to follow, but luckily, he and **Raleigh Wolfe** have assumed the responsibilities of CACCA rep-
resentation for the club. They will be working with **Bill Coughlin, John Roquet, Julie Cross** and **Amy Metrich**

for our competition nights. Speaking of Raleigh, his guidance and counsel help us stay the course; his magical powers of persuasion are not to be underestimated and he is filling the vice president position. For the past few years, our treasurer, **Tom Zmi-grocki**, has held the responsibility of maintaining our funds as well as our membership, and I am grateful he will continue in this role. And thank you to his wife, **Beverly**, for assisting Tom at the monthly sign in table.

Beside the CRPC Board, there are three strategic members consistently keeping our group humming along with important behind-the-scenes efforts. **Dave Dornberg** maintains our website and publishes our profes-
sional monthly newsletter, which is very time consuming. He writes many of the technical articles to help up improve our photography; howev-
er, this is an area that every one of us can make a contribution. Our web-
site www.calregionphoto.org is kept current with information on meetings and outings, as well as an archive of all our past newsletters. Incidentally, there is a Gallery page on the website whereby members can share their photos and when I recently viewed the page, I noticed there were very few submissions. Hopefully, all of us can send at least one or two of our favorite photos to Dave and they don't have to be competition perfect.

A photo you feel represents the type of photography you enjoy would be great...I'm searching for a few myself.

Dennis Gray is our publicist and visitor/new member ambassador. He has been responsible for all of the newspaper submissions promoting our club and its activities, which is how we are able to grow membership. His warm personality makes visitors feel welcome as he introduces them at our meetings, but we hope that everyone takes the time to greet these visitors as well. We are a friendly club and we want all of our visitors to feel they can easily be a part of CRPC.

Finally, **Bobbi Czajka** has the responsibility of providing refreshments at the monthly meetings and coordinating our two yearly parties, the July picnic and the holiday potluck. Her yummy purchased and homemade treats over the past couple of years enable us to socialize during the break while refueling. Bobbi would welcome additional goodies at any time if you are so inclined.

If you are still awake at this point, I want to reaffirm, especially for our new members, we are a friendly, helpful club of all skill levels and equipment usage. Not every member has a desire to compete, take museum quality photographs or spend thousands of dollars on equipment, although we really enjoy their work and receive great teaching. Some of us use point and shoots with great results, some are the family historians, some come for inspiration and fellowship. We come for help with new equipment or to understand how to improve composition/lighting. Whatever your photographic needs, we hope you will find it with the Calumet Region Photo Club, but if there is something more we can do, please do not hesitate to contact any one of the Board members.

"PHOTOJOURNALISM" PRESENTATION FOR CALUMET REGION PHOTOGRAPHERS

By Dennis Gray

"Photojournalism" will be the featured program at the September 9th meeting of the Calumet Region Photo Club. Professional photographer, **Jeff Nicholls**, will explain techniques and disciplines needed in photojournalism.

Topics covered will include location lighting, portraiture, and skill sets needed by a professional photojournalist. Mr. Nicholls embraced photography at the age of 10. By the time of high school graduation, he was working for local newspapers. After studying photojournalism at Ball State University, Nicholls' career included working for newspapers in Ohio, Iowa, and Illinois before returning home to Northwest Indiana. Newspaper assignments have taken him coast to coast across the United States.

WELCOME GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS!

By Dennis Gray

A growing membership is needed for a strong photo club. Guests are always welcome at CRPC meetings. Each wears a blue "Hello" name tag and is introduced during the opening of meetings.

Please personally welcome these guests! Introduce yourself before the meeting and during the refreshment break. Ask guests about their photography interests, the cameras they prefer, how they heard about the CRPC, what community they live in, etc. Explain the wide variety of program subjects presented at club meetings. Invite them to look into the competition aspect of the CRPC. Introduce them to other club members.

And invite them to come again as a guest or to join the CRPC. Club policy is that guests are welcome, free of charge, for two meetings. Upon their third meeting, guests are expected to become members. (Membership includes spouses at no additional charge.)

You can help develop a strong Calumet Region Photo Club by welcoming guests and new members!

PORTRAITURE PRESENTATION DRAWS LARGE CROWD OF REGION PHOTOGRAPHERS

By Dennis Gray

Nearly sixty area photo enthusiasts attended the Calumet Region Photo Club's August meeting (8/12/14). Professional photographer, **Norm Turner**, explained how to improve picture taking by understanding and using various forms of lighting. Volunteers from the audience served as live models in demonstrations of how best to enhance portrait photography.

Norm Turner, whose studio is in Crown Point, is a professional photographer who focuses on weddings.



Photos by Nancy DePaoli

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 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.)

MEMBER PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS

Ben Dangerfield has an exhibit called "*International Photography*" at the Welcome to the Blackbird Cafe, 114 E. Lincolnway, Valparaiso, IN. The show runs September 1-30, 2014 and times are 4 PM to 8 PM. More of Ben's work may be viewed at his gallery: <http://iphotografix.com/bio.php>

DIGITAL BITS & BYTES TIME LAPSE PHOTOGRAPHY

I have never dabbled with time lapse photography, but would like to in the future. With so many other techniques grabbing my attention like focus stacking, high speed water drop photography and culinary photography, there just isn't enough time in the day to do them all!

Time Lapse photography has come a long way from watching water lilies open and close on a still pond in the film era. Back then most of the time lapse was limited to photographers with deep pockets because the equipment was a lot more expensive than today. With the invention of the digital camera, time lapse photography has come back in a big way and now everyone can do it for as little as a couple of hundred dollars.

The following links will show you in a nutshell how to get started in time lapse photography and what can be done with it. Some of the time lapse movies I have seen on YouTube and Vimeo are truly stunning and mesmerizing. We all have to move out of our comfort zone and try new things in our craft of photography and time lapse is definitely one to try.

Time-Lapse Photography Equipment Guide to Getting Started, by Ryan Chylinski from the Digital Photography School website: <http://digital-photography-school.com/time-lapse-photography-equipment-guide-to-getting-started/>

Here are quite a few tutorials from the Digital Photography School website: <http://digital-photography-school.com/?s=Time+lapse+photography>

The best way to get started is to read a forum like this one <http://forum.timescapes.org/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=40&t=5> and then dive right into it because trial and error and experimentation is really the best teacher.

Here are some great examples of time lapse photography from around the web:

Yosemite: Range of Light by **Shawn Reeder** and was showcased by Popular Photography Magazine and can be found on Vimeo here: <http://vimeo.com/40802206>

Here is another stunning example by **Sean F. White** who shot on 7 continents and 24 countries and titled his film **Terra-Sacra**: <http://www.terra-sacra.com/>

PHOTOGRAPHY MEET UPS WITH OTHER CLUBS

Jim Conrad of the Lake County Camera Club (meets at Deep River County Park in Hobart on the 2nd Wednesday) has been kind enough to invite all CRPC members to a meet up with his club for a shoot at the Michigan City Zoo on September 21st.

The zoo is open from 10 AM till 4 PM and he plans on being at the parking lot across from the entrance at noon.

The cost for admittance is \$6.50 or \$5.50 for seniors.

"I haven't been to this zoo in years so not certain what all is available to take pictures of but sure there will be more than enough interesting shots available. Hey if all goes well I will make it to the top of the 70 foot tower and get some great pictures of the light house with my long lens," says Jim.

"By doing it on the 21st, it gives us a rain date of the next Sunday and if I have to cancel on account of rain I will e-mail as early as possible. This is an open invitation to everyone and all clubs and as I don't have e-mails for everyone or all clubs please pass this along, the more the merrier as it's always great to meet new people that are interested in the same thing."

If you want more information, contact Jim at jec242@com-cast.net or (219) 759-1080.

Last month, Jim invited us to photograph the sunset behind the Chicago skyline from the beach in Michigan City. At least 12 of our membership participated in that outing.

MUNSTER RECREATION FALL GUIDE

The new Munster Recreation Fall Guide is now available. Please click on the link below and do some shooting for our primary sponsor, so that we can keep using the Munster Social Center for our CRPC meetings at no charge.

http://www.munster.org/egov/documents/1409150982_84679.pdf

Thank you!