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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 MEETING

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 - Raleigh Wolfe will presentation Knowing Your Camera's Functioning and Capabilities. He will also talk about the important Dos and DONTs of image making in landscape and nature photography.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Raleigh Wolfe

Greetings fellow CRPC members. Welcome to our club for the year 2015-2016. I hope the summer has been good for all of you. Moreover, I hope it has afforded many opportunities to pursue your photographic interests and passion.

Louise and I had a very busy summer. Louise was pursuing her wedding officiating business, and I was fully engaged in all things photographic, including printing my own images for the first time. We also went on a road trip to New York to see our daughter, Dawn, and her family; namely Sandy (father) and our two terrific granddaughters, Aryanna and Cereese. We spent four days in New York City where we celebrated Louise's birthday. We also visited and photographed the Ground Zero 911 Memorial and One World Trade Center, also called Freedom Tower. It was quite impressive and emotionally moving. We spent the last part of our vacation in the Catskill Mountains near Woodstock, NY where "Hippie-dom" is still alive and well. Of course, there are always plenty of photographic opportunities to chase on such a trip.

Now, on to club matters. Your new Administrative Board is **Susan Stassin, Past President, Amy Metrich,**

Vice President, Bonny Klootwyk, Secretary, Tom Zmigrocki, Treasurer, Michael Kobe, CACCA Delegate, and myself. We have been very busy developing plans for our upcoming year, which we want to be interesting and exciting for all of our members. We are arranging program presentations that hopefully will be both interesting and educational. We are working with Dave Dornberg, our Webmaster, to formalize the educational/training program which will have as its core the development of small mentoring groups that will communicate and meet outside of our formal monthly meetings.

Each group will include a Group Guide/Sponsor and 3-5 group members. These groups will be free to pursue any interests or activities they choose in order to advance their skills. More information on this will be forthcoming.

The Board is also pursuing a variety of field trips throughout the year. Information regarding the trips will be made available in a timely fashion. Currently, we are looking at possible fall color trips to Turkey Run, Michigan, or Starved Rock State Park.

Perhaps the biggest announcement of all is that the Board has decided to move ahead with establishing a second club under the umbrella of the CRPC to be known as Calumet

Region Photo Club Two. This is being done for the purpose of providing fair and balanced competitive opportunities for the novice or intermediate photographer or those new to the competitive experience with both our club and at CACCA as well.

Remember, practice makes us better and likely generates increased comfort, confidence, creativity, and a willingness to engage in friendly competition and challenge within our club and at CACCA. Even if competition is not your end game, focusing on the development of better skills will bring increased success.

Of course, with more opportunity comes increased responsibility. That is, with the establishment of the new club, we will need a second completion chair to oversee the competition activities of this group and to assist in representing the club in the monthly CACCA activities as the CACCA Delegate for the new club. Volunteers are encouraged and welcomed, so please get more involved.

Lastly, the overriding purpose of the club is to provide a friendly and supportive atmosphere in which we can all share, learn, and achieve our respective photographic goals. We welcome your ideas and recommendations. Let's have a great year!

BYE. (Louise tells her students this stands for Best Year Ever). Let's make this year our very best!

CURRENT/FUTURE MEETINGS

On Tuesday, September 8th, Raleigh Wolfe will give a presentation on Knowing Your Camera's Functioning and Capabilities. He will also talk about the important Dos and DONTs of image making in landscape and nature photography. He encourages those who want to learn more about their respective camera system to bring their cameras to the meeting as there will be resource people available after the presentation and Q&A to further assist on getting to know your particular camera better.

On Tuesday, October 13th, Bill Brown, Past President of CACCA, will present a program on the use of Photoshop Elements in Post Processing Images entitled Getting Started with Adobe Elements.

THE WELCOME TABLE

By Dennis Gray

The CRPC Board has endorsed a new initiative designed to help grow our Club membership. The "Welcome Table" (WT) will be introduced at the September 8th meeting.

During the refreshment time a table will be designated as the Welcome Table. It will be in the midst of the refreshment area. Guests and new members will be invited to bring their snacks to the Welcome Table. The purpose of the WT will be to help make guests and new members feel at ease, meet one another, meet other Club members, and learn about the CRPC.

The WT will be casual. There will no speakers or formal presentations, but rather just conversation explaining various aspects of our Club. WT goals include making guests and new members feel welcome, and fostering enthusiasm about CRPC activities.

Current CRPC members are asked to stop by the WT and say "hello" to guests and new members. If there is an empty chair, feel free to sit down for a while. Bring your snacks with you! The WT will be a casual come-and-go or stay-and-snack table.

Each month a current CRPC member(s) will be asked to sit at the WT and to informally share something about photography or about the CRPC all through casual conversation. Dennis Gray will be looking for Club members to help, but please don't wait to be asked. Let Dennis (dennisw.gray@gmail.com) know of your interest in helping at the WT.

Watch for the table with the "Welcome Table" sign on it at the September 8th meeting!



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" 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, so please email Dennis Gray dennisw.gray@gmail.com with the number of boards you would like to purchase.

MEET THE BOARD



Photo by Terry Edwards