



Digital Focus

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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, October 8 - Small Group Discussions, (Software for Photographers, Resizing DPI's, Point & Shoots vs DSLRs, Camera Buttons Explained, Mounting Images)

Tuesday, November 12 - CRPC Holiday Potluck

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bob Cross

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Our program for Tuesday 10/8/2013 at 7:00 PM at the Social Center in Munster will consist of five small-group leaders. Each will discuss a topic of interest to all. Participants are asked to circulate between the groups as the five small group discussions will take place simultaneously.

Raleigh Wolfe – Will discuss and, possibly, demonstrate various software for photographers

Tom Zmigrocki – Will demonstrate how to resize digitally projected images (DPI's)

Irene Ganas – Will discuss the advantages/disadvantages of a Point-and-Shoot vs a DSLR

Bill Coughlin – Will demonstrate how to use all of those buttons on your camera

Julie Cross – Methods to mount an image on a matte board

HOLIDAY POTLUCK **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

At last night's Board meeting, it was decided to hold our **Holiday Potluck on Tuesday 11/12/2013 at 7:00 PM** at the Social Center. The change in date

is necessitated by the lens program on Tuesday 12/10 (see below) that will be delivered by Canon Explorer of Light Edward Meyers.

We need members to sign up to bring dishes for the potluck. CRPC will provide plates, plastic-ware, napkins and beverages. Members will provide dishes to serve six or more. We need to know what you plan to bring in order that we don't end up with 100% desserts. There will be a list at the Tuesday 10/8 program meeting for everyone to sign up. The Holiday potluck is an excellent way to socialize and meet other members of the club. No program is planned for the Potluck. But, members can bring prints which can be discussed by those in attendance. Also, photographic questions (of any sort) can be asked. There's certain to be someone in the assembled audience that can answer or, at least, shed light on where one might find the answer.

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Michael Kobe has arranged to have Edward Meyers present a program on Lenses at our regular program meeting scheduled for Tuesday 12/10/2013 at 7:00 PM at the Social Center in Munster. Mr. Meyers' program was originally scheduled to be given at the Lake County (Indiana) Camera Club last August, but was canceled due to low participation. That gave us our chance to have a top-notch program, again thanks to

Michael. We plan to advertise this presentation to the general photographic public, so make certain to mark your calendars now to enjoy this educational program. Remember: He may be demonstrating Canon lenses, but ALL lenses are the same. They all have f/stops, focusing rings or automatic mode and fixed or zoom ranges. And most lenses will accept a vast array of filters and other attachments. Mr. Meyers is certain to show us what lens to use in different photographic situations and how best to use them.

ELECTION

At the 8/13/2013 program meeting, the following officers were elected:

President – Bob Cross

Vice-President – Susan Stassin

Secretary – Nancy De Paoli

Treasurer – Tom Zmigrocki

The 2013-14 Board of Directors will consist of those four elected officers and Raleigh Wolfe, Immediate Past President.

COMPETITION

We held our first competition night on Tuesday 9/24/2013. The judges were provided by the Kankakee Camera Club. The winning images will be entered into CACCA's 10/12/2013 competition. Results can be found on our website. The second competition at CRPC will be held on Tuesday 10/22 for CACCA's 11/9 meeting. CRPC members are urged to join in the monthly competitions. It is one of the best ways to see how your images are viewed by outsiders. Dave Dornberg's Digital Focus Roundtable is one of the best ways to have your images critiqued--- Take advantage of it.

The procedure for competing in CACCA's Inter-club competition (2nd Tuesday at CRPC's meeting) and Individual competitions are given on our website. If anyone has questions regarding the procedure, contact me at rpcross@ameritech.net or (708) 799-7778. If I can't answer the question, I will direct you to someone that can.

CACCA's SPECIAL CATEGORY DPI COMPETITION

CACCA has been holding a themed Special Category DPI competition for a few years now. It's time that our club enters this competition. It is extremely easy. Michael Kobe sent all CRPC members a CACCA e-mail that details the new CACCA procedure for entering the themed Special Category DPI competition. If you did not get this e-mail, or deleted it, contact me and I will send you another copy. I am certain that this procedure will be posted on our website soon, if it isn't already there. The themed Special Category DPI entries must comply with a monthly theme. The themes for the upcoming season are:

October 2013 (Due at CACCA 10/5/2013) Planes, Trains & Buses

November 2013 (Due at CACCA 11/2)
December 2013 (Due at CACCA 12/7)
January 2014 (Due at CACCA 1/4/2014)
February 2014 (Due at CACCA 2/1)
March 2014 (Due at CACCA 3/1)
April 2014 (Due at CACCA 4/5)
May 2014 (Due at CACCA 5/3)

Silhouettes
Wind
Reflections
Romance
Repetition
Temptation
Steeple

Start now by taking photos with these themes in mind. Then, when that themed month rolls around, you will be ready to submit your entries.

NEW CRPC THEMED DPI COMPETITION

In line with the above CACCA themed DPI competition, CRPC began conducting an in-house trial competition of the same themed subjects for the first three months (October through December) of the above CACCA competition. Thus, CRPC members are urged to take DPI photos in conformance with the CACCA themes above. Send no more than four (4) entries to Tom Zmigrocki each month. Make certain that your e-mail is labeled "THEMED DPI". The title of the photo and the entrant's name should also be included. These entries will be judged by the regular judges that are assembled to judge at our Competition nights. The judges will be instructed to take into consideration the appropriateness of the photo in relation to the monthly theme. In this way, each member that competes will obtain a rough estimate of how their photos will fare at the CACCA competition on the same theme. **NOTE: Each CRPC member is still responsible for sending their own entries in for the CACCA competition. CRPC will NOT send any entries to CACCA for this themed DPI competition. That is the responsibility of the individual entrant.**

Hopefully, this new competition will entice more CRPC members to join in and actually compete. The CRPC Board has decided to limit the trial to three months to see how popular this additional competition will prove to be.

QUESTIONNAIRE

The Board wants to schedule subjects of interest to the membership at its regular monthly meetings. In order find out what subjects are most desired, we are asking each member to let us know what they would be interested in. These ideas can be communicated via e-mail to me (rpcross@ameritech.net) or added to a questionnaire list that will be circulated at the Tuesday 10/8 meeting. The field of photography is full of separate subjects that may be of interest to the membership. We are interested in finding out which ones appeal to the most members. And, it wouldn't hurt to add field trip destinations at which you would like to spend time photographing.

REMINDER

WE NEED TO VACATE THE SOCIAL CENTER AT 9:00 PM SHARP FOR BOTH PROGRAM AND COMPETITION MEETINGS. Otherwise, the club will incur a fee to cover additional cleaning crew expenses.

DIGITAL FOCUS ROUNDTABLE

The Digital Focus Roundtable took the summer off so that we could enjoy the good weather. The next meeting will be announced because weather permitting we may do another field trip instead. Dave Dornberg moderates these meetings and requests that potential attendees reserve a spot as seating is limited. These meetings are held at Mrs. Dornberg's 24 Carrot Cuisine in Highland IN on the third Sunday of each month.

BOARD MEETINGS

Our next Board meeting will be held on Monday 10/28 at 6:30 PM. As of this writing, the location has not been determined. 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 published on the CRPC website.

The last Board meeting was held at the Fitness Pointe in Munster IN (reservation courtesy of Michael Kobe) on Thursday, October 3rd. If possible, we will hold our future Board meetings at that location. It is an excellent facility and very convenient to all Board members.

2014 CLINIC

Our next all-day clinic will be held at the Center for Visual & Performing Arts on Ridge Road in Munster on Saturday, March 15, 2014. Susan Stassin has accepted the Chairpersonship of next year's Clinic Committee. If you would like to help, let her know and you will be welcomed as a committee member. Susan is busy canvassing the field for appropriate speakers so that our one-day clinic can be advertised successfully to the Chicago-land photographic public.

CRPC APPAREL

A newly designed line of apparel with the new CRPC logo is now 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 and sweatshirts is available. A baseball-style cap is now 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.

FIELD TRIPS

So far this year, we have had (or announced) only four field trips (Taltree Arboretum, Kankakee River State Park, Pinhook Bog and Oak Ridge Prairie). If you would like to lead another group to one of your favorite locations, let me know so that we can publicize the event via the newsletter and in an e-mail blast to the membership.

CRPC NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

We need articles for our monthly newsletter. All submittals should be sent to Dave Dornberg at crcpwebmaster@comcast.net. 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.

CACCA

The annual CACCA Awards Banquet was held at the William Tell Restaurant in Countryside IL on Saturday, August 17th, at 11:00 AM. CRPC was represented by Michael Kobe (CRPC's CACCA Representative), Dennis Gray, Tom and Beverly Zmigrocki, Julie Cross and yours truly (CRPC's President). Individual CRPC members won a fair amount of awards and ribbons, with Michael Kobe topping the list. Congratulations to all.

Michael and two others from other clubs won William J. Cody awards. That award is presented to "CACCA members who are new to developing good programs to share with clubs and outside organizations, teaching classes, and/or writing articles for the Newsletter. They MUST also have their programs listed on the Speakers List." Anyone that attended our June 2013 meeting when Michael presented his program on Wolf Lake knows why Michael deserved this honor. It was an outstanding, educational presentation. We are lucky that Michael sees fit to share these types of programs with our membership.

This year, CACCA is sponsoring the Chicago Area Photographic School on Sunday, November 17th, at Elgin Community College. This event is only offered every other year. Refer to the CACCA website for more information and a listing of classes to be offered. It is usually sold out. So register early if you want to attend.

Calumet Photographic (Oak Brook, Goose Island and a second Chicago location) has offered CACCA a discount program. It appears to be off to a slow start as CACCA has not submitted a list of eligible members to Calumet Photographic. As it turns out, CRPC is one of only a handful of clubs that have submitted a list of members to be included in the final CACCA list. Hopefully, this program will get moving. It should be noted that Calumet Photographic donated three \$50 gift certificates at our September meeting to three lucky drawing winners. Thus, we owe them a great big thank-you.