



# DIGITAL FOCUS

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### Upcoming Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7PM – Jim Klapac, a member of the Oak Lawn Camera Club, will be talking about how to create outstanding images at Brookfield Zoo.

### Presidents Letter

By Raleigh Wolfe

Hi Everyone,

October is almost here and fall color cannot be far behind. It's a beautiful time of the year for outstanding image making. In fact, it is my favorite time of the year for getting out and shooting. So I strongly recommend getting out and "shooting up a storm".

Reflecting on September, I believe it was a great start for our camera club year. Loyce Fandrei, one of our own, gave an outstanding presentation on Gibson Woods, sharing with us all of the photographic opportunities that abound there. I am sure that in the future we will be conducting field trips to that destination which is virtually in our backyard. Thanks Loyce for great presentation.

We had our first mentoring group meeting on September 18, 2018 and as proof positive that Dave is doing a great job overseeing the program, we had a record number of members attending; namely, 25 members and guests. I gave a brief presentation on Lightroom, utilizing the basic panel and the graduated filter, radial filter and the adjustment brush to shape and direct light in our images. Additionally, Michael did his usual outstanding job of teaching and coaching discussing various in camera techniques and settings and post processing issues as well. Thanks Michael. We had our first competition meeting of the year on September 25, 2018. The judges were from the Kankakee Camera Club. We had good participation from both the A and B groups. The images continue to demonstrate the increasing quality of the image-making skills of our members. I am sure we will do well this year in our competition at CACCA.

I believe that October will be a very good month for our club as we will have another excellent program and presentation on October 9, 2018 with follow-up field trips to Brookfield Zoo. Our mentoring group will meet on October 16, 2018. Lastly, our competition meeting will be on October 23, 2018.

Jim Klapac, a member of the Oak Lawn Camera Club, will be presenting a program at our October 9, 2018 meeting. His subject matter will be outstanding image making at Brookfield Zoo. He regularly visits the zoo and over the years has developed an incredible technique and style for shooting captive animals, many of which appear as though they were taken in natural settings. He captures the features and unique characteristics of each animal as well as group shots of interactions between animal parents and offspring that show not only outstanding technical skills but reveal humanlike interactions and emotions between animal families.

Jim's presentation will include a discussion of technical skills to make outstanding images, such as ISO settings, shutter speed, aperture, and exposure compensation settings. Moreover, he will discuss the art of image making he utilizes in producing such exquisite and impactful images all of which tell an incredible and compelling story.

Lastly, Jim has agreed to conduct two field trips/workshops to Brookfield Zoo to coach and demonstrate his technique for capturing such wonderful images. One workshop will be conducted during the week and one workshop will be on the weekend in order to accommodate those who are unable to attend during the week. The dates are likely to be in October and/or November. The specific dates will be announced at a later time. Those who have interest in the image making at Brookfield Zoo should really make an effort to attend.

I want to wish good shooting to all.

### October 2018 Photo Challenge

The photo challenge for October will be shooting reflections. You may shoot any type of reflection you encounter in water, metal, glass, plastic, water drops, etc. Please bring your images to the October mentoring session to talk about.