

THE VIEWFINDER

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THE PIKES PEAK CAMERA CLUB

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"Spot lit Aspens" by Tom Moldenhauer

April 2007 Events:

Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday **April 3, 2007 7:00pm**, meet at Living Springs Worship Center, 604 Manitou Blvd. Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Monthly Competition Subject:

PSA/ Slide Show,

and Spring Scavenger Hunt Slide Show, Come and see some great photography.

Something New:

Continuing at the March 6th meeting we'll have the **Show and Comment**. This will be an open critique of projected digital images. Anyone may bring up to four digital images to show. Use jpg to keep file sizes down. The file name structure of MONTH_YEAR_PHOTOGRAPHERS_NAME_IMAGE_NAME will make it easy to sort the photos. Maximum file size should be 500 KB. The compression, (probably around 7-10), is recommended to get a file size of about 300-500KB. For easy down loading of your images to a laptop, store images on a flash drive (memory stick), or CD only. The **Show and Comment** will follow our refreshment break, before the slide competition begins. Our goal is to have PPCC's first judged digital projected imaging competition in June.

If anyone has any questions about saving/ naming files please contact Tim Starr (719-683-4347, timstarr@falconbroadband.net)

Board Meeting:

The members of the board will meet **April 17, 2007**.

PSA:

At the April meeting Bill Stewart will be collecting nature slides of PAS competition.

Travelogue:

May 15, 2007 Will be our next Scheduled travelogue. I'm sure it will be another great one.

April Fieldtrip:

Heron Photography at Rocky Top Resources, **Saturday April 14, 2007** I will be leading a fieldtrip to at Rocky Top Resources. **We'll meet 7:30AM at the Village Inn I-25 and Circle Drive**. This will be a morning trip. I've seen around ten nesting pair, but they are wildlife, therefore there are no guarantees. Bring a camera, long lens, fast film or fast memory. The walking is through the cottonwood forest bottom, so bring medium hiking boots. We don't walk far, but there is no trails.

Bring water, sun screen, and bug off may be needed too.

For more information call Jerry at 491-9845.

Third Tuesdays:

June 19, 2007? T.W. Special Effects Workshop – tentative

New Members:

Craig and Dusty Shutt, and Richard Snow have joined our club. Welcome to you all, looking forward to having you aboard.



"Beautiful Stature" by David Meisenheimer



"Frozen Falls" by Andy de Naray

The Presidents Corner:

I would like to thank Bruce and Tim for an outstanding digital workshop, I learned a lot and I'm sure everyone else did also. This was well attended with some new guest and we also had three new members join the club.

I would like to welcome our new members to the club I'm sure you will enjoy it. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to e-mail me or any of our members we will be glad to help.

Bruce and Tim have narrowed our search for a digital projector and will likely have it nailed down at the next meeting.

FYI there is a lot of High School Baseball being played from now till the end of April. This is a great way to get some sports action shots. Most fields have a opening in the fence by first base and also third base which is a good place for a 200 to 300mm lens.

T.W. Woodruff

From the Editor:

If anyone has anything they would like me to add in the monthly newsletters, please get the information to me by the 20th of the month.

I can be reached at 598-4268 during the evenings or 491-9845 most all the time.

Jerry Moldenhauer

Future Focus:

Robert M. Keith Award:

Keith Grove has announced the subject for the Robert M. Keith Award. The subject is Colorado Architecture, This even includes natural architecture.



"Early Freeze" by Spencer Swanger



"Ice Cap" by Jerry Moldenhauer

PRINT COMPETITION RESULTS: *As of March 2007:*

ENTRANTS		SUBJECT		MAKER MADE		COMMERCIAL		TOTAL	
		CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD
Steinhauer	Rita	14	48	7	23	12	41	33	112
Starr	Tim	19	53	18	51	0	0	37	104
Meisenheimer,D	David	22	51	15	52	0	0	37	103
Stanley	Bill	14	37	0	8	15	53	29	98
Schnelzer	J.R.	0	43	0	45	0	0	0	88
Vignone	Jacqueline	16	32	0	0	19	36	35	68
Stewart	William	16	16	18	51	0	0	34	67
Lloyd	Bill	7	7	13	33	0	0	20	40
James	Deb	18	18	21	21	0	0	39	39
Kittiel	Linda	0	0	0	17	0	20	0	37

Subject: *Something Frozen*

Awards:

“Same as it was” by Tim Starr
 “Mouse berg” by David Meisenheimer

Honorable Mentions:

“Sparring Pair” by David Meisenheimer
 “Icy Stalactite” by Deb James

Open – Maker Made:

Awards:

“Fisherman at Sunset” by Deb James
 “Triple Waterfalls” by William Stewart

Honorable Mentions:

“Craggy Silhouette” by Tim Starr
 “South Carolina Sunset” by Deb James

Open – Commercial

Award:

“Tracks” by Art Porter

Honorable Mention:

“Early Morning Fog on the Dock” by Jacqueline Vignone

Slide Competition Results: *As of March 2007*

	SUBJECT		OPEN		TOTAL	
	CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD
Jerry Moldenhauer	17	50	18	56	35	106
David Meisenheimer	19	50	18	54	37	104
Andy de Naray	19	51	16	48	35	99
Tim Starr	15	50	15	44	30	94
Beverly Cellini	15	47	19	44	34	91
William Stewart	15	32	17	52	32	84
J.R. Schnelzer	0	44	0	40	0	84
Tom Moldenhauer	15	23	19	56	34	79
T.W. Woodruff	15	29	16	49	31	78
Spencer Swanger	17	17	16	16	33	33

Subject: *Something Frozen*

Awards:

“Morning Mist at Yosemite” by David Meisenheimer
 “Frozen Falls” by Andy de Naray

Honorable Mentions:

“Ice Cap” by Jerry Moldenhauer
 “Early Freeze” by Spencer Swanger

Open:

Awards:

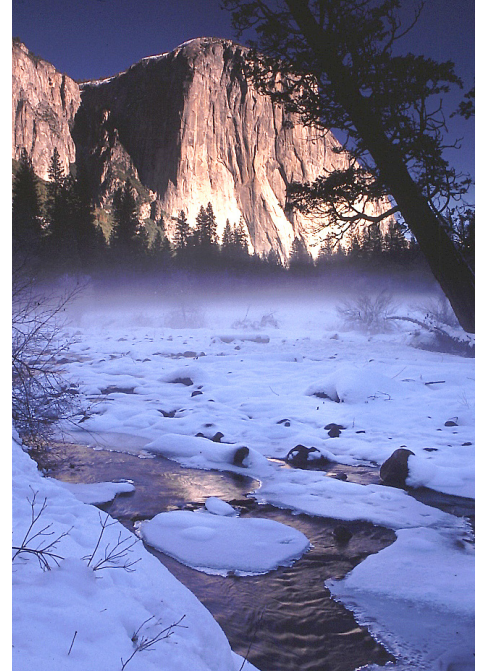
“Big Arch, Little Arch” by Beverly Cellini
 “Spot lit Aspens” by Tom Moldenhauer

Honorable Mentions:

“Beautiful Stature” by David Meisenheimer
 “Sea Gull in Flight” by Jerry Moldenhauer



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Field Trip Review:

March 17th was a beautiful spring type morning as we gathered at the Village Inn at I-25 and South Circle Drive. Around 7am the sun was on the rise, and Tim was wasting no time making pictures in the parking lot. Meanwhile Craig and Dusty, David and Carol, and Bruce and I talked and waited for others to show. At around 7:15 the seven of us headed south on I-25 and arrived at Fountain Creek Regional Park around 7:30. The first thing I did was check the white board at the visitor center. I was hoping to see if anything trophy had been sighted recently. To my disappointment, no unusual wildlife sightings were listed on the white board.

The white board is located between the outer and inner doors at the entrance to the visitor's center. The white board lists the dates and location of recent sightings within Fountain Creek Regional Park, and also the Hanson Regional Park just to the south of FCRP. Not listing any hot spots, and without a direct target in the plan, I decided to head out and see what we could see.

As we started our counter clock-wise loop around the park, we came across some white-tailed deer. The deer presented a few photo opportunities before they bounded out of photographic range. Our next stop was at the first pond. Ducks, geese and red-winged black birds were enjoying the water and rushes at the first pond. We photographed the wildlife, and then continued our loop. Working our way around the loop we came to the second pond. Here Canadian Geese were in the rut, or had the spring fever, or whatever you want to call it, they had it. This presented some great goose action shots. After shooting the geese, we made our way to Rice's pond.

Rice's pond is the largest pond in the area. Being bigger it also attracts more wildlife. This is great for wildlife viewing, but the down side is a photographer needs twice the lens he or she may have, regardless of how long it is. Most of us gathered at the south kiosk, and hung out and chatted about digital photography. Digital photography has taken off like a weed in July, and is the major topic of many photographic discussions lately. Carol and Dusty were the groups more adventuresome ones, and continued north on the regional trail, along the west edge of Rice's pond to see what awaited them along the way.

After Carol and Dusty returned back to the kiosk, a couple of people from our group soon departed. The remaining photographers headed back toward the second pond, and at this pond we took a right and continued our walk toward the third pond, the final pond in our loop. At the third pond a pied-billed grebe almost turned into an award winning shot for me, but as chance would have it, it was not to be. There were ducks and coots and geese to photograph, as well as more red-winged black birds. At this pond we enjoyed the birds for a while, and then headed up the hill toward the visitor's center parking lot. Getting back to the cars around 11:30 the group called it a day, and we headed home at our own leisurely paces.

Jerry Moldenhauer

Photographs from the March field trip:

Fountain Creek Regional Park - Photos by Jerry Moldenhauer:



Train on the move



An Optical Illusion



Worm Work



Goose on the water



Dreamy Tree

The 2007 Monthly Competition Subjects

January	Storefront Window	An interesting storefront window.
February	Self-Portraits	An expressive view of yourself.
March	Frozen:	Anything that is frozen (water, frozen in time, frozen with fear)
April	PSA/ Slide Show Spring Scavenger Hunt:	Subjects to be announced.
May	Government Building:	Photograph showing the exterior or interior of a government building (local, state, federal).
June	Neon Signs:	Scene containing a neon sign.
July	Ants Eye View:	Something shot from low to the ground.
August	Wet:	Anything wet.

- September** **People at Work:** A photograph showing people doing what makes them their living.
- October** **Fall Scavenger Hunt:** Subjects will be announced later.
- November** **Hot Air Balloons:** Interesting shot of hot air balloons.
- December** **Salon:** Subjects will be announced closer to December.

Club Officers for 2006

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