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Grand Canyon Dawn by Andy de Naray

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June 2007 Events:

Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday **June 5, 2007 7:00pm**, meet at Living Springs Worship Center, 604 Manitou Blvd. Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Monthly Competition Subject: Neon Signs: Scene containing a neon sign.

Something New:

Show and Comment will be turned into **Show and Compete**. This will be the first ever **Projected Digital Image Competition** of the Pikes Peak Camera Club! Anyone that competes may bring up to four digital images to show. Two for the Open category, and two for the Subject category.

Use jpg to keep file sizes down. The file name structure of : 06_07_Open(or Subject)_Title_Your Name This will make it easy to sort the photos. Maximum file size should be 500 KB. .jpg files 1024wx768h pixels max for horizontal, vertical 768h max. A color space of sRGB works good. 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 will follow **Projected Digital Image** 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 **June 19, 2007**.

Travelogue:

June 19, 2007 Wendell will be showing digital projected images on his trip to China.

Wendell writes:

We were part of a 16 person tour group, traveling by air, train, bus and riverboat through China and Tibet. Among the places we saw were the Forbidden City, Tian'anmen Square, the Great Wall, the Terra Cotta Soldiers, giant pandas, the Potalla Palace in Tibet, the gorges and the 3 Gorges Dam on the Yangtze River, and Hong Kong. We made the 3 1/2 week trip in June 2006.

This will be a digital show, showing some of the major sights we visited. I will use the manual slide advance option, and I will talk about what is on the screen. The presentation may take longer than 30 minutes especially if there are questions.

Wendell

June Fieldtrip:

Up For Grabs. Anyone interested in doing a field trip now would be the month. I have a honeymoon to attend. Let me know if you would like to do a field trip in June.

Jerry Moldenhauer
491-9845

New Members:

Al Swanson has joined the PPCC. Al does color prints and shoots a Canon 20D. Please welcome Al to the club.

PSA: TBA

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.

My PC is in a box in storage for a while. I'll be doing the newsletter on my work PC, so if the newsletters look different, please be patient. I'll have my PC up and running again before too long.

I can be reached at 491-9845 most all the time if you have any questions.

Jerry Moldenhauer



Denver Christmas Lights by William Stewart



Remains of Fort Union by David Meisenheimer

The Presidents Corner:

I'm infected with that dreaded disease photographers all get from time to time known as the dreaded PHOTOGRAPHERS BLOCK. I go for days where I have lost all motivation; I just have no ideas, no energy, and no spark. There is nothing I want to photograph, and no new ideas pop into my head. PB is like the common cold and thankfully, goes away in a few days. One way I have found to combat these symptoms is to get up in the morning and go out with camera and tripod and try to find something to photograph. Usually, I find something in the wild to get me back on track and feeling like my old self again.

Two weeks ago I came down with this ailment and struggled to get out of bed. I knew I would not get better unless I got up and took the cure, so I took off to Fountain Creek. Just below the dam, I spotted a hooded merganser duck busy swimming around looking for breakfast, I started feeling better. I spent the next hour and half crawling through muck, mud and weeds to get close enough to get a decent shot. I crawl in the mud a lot to get closer to wildlife (rattle snakes excluded). After obtaining some

decent shots I was walking back to the truck and noticed something in the grass which was a little browner than the grass. As I got closer to investigate, a little long-tailed weasel popped up from his, or maybe her, den (I couldn't tell) so I spent another thirty minutes taking shots of it. At eleven am, tired, muddy, and with a few weeds hanging from my tripod I headed for home completely cured.

I can't write any more I've just come down with a bad case of WRITERS BLOCK.

T.W. Woodruff

PRINT COMPETITION RESULTS: *As of May 2007:*

| ENTRANTS | SUBJECT | MAKER MADE | | COMMERCIAL | | TOTAL | | | |
|----------------|------------|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|----|-----|
| | | CURRENT MONTH | YTD | CURRENT MONTH | YTD | CURRENT MONTH | YTD | | |
| Steinhauer | Rita | 16 | 64 | 7 | 23 | 17 | 58 | 40 | 145 |
| Meisenheimer,D | David | 21 | 72 | 19 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 143 |
| Starr | Tim | 16 | 69 | 14 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 134 |
| Stanley | Bill | 17 | 54 | 0 | 8 | 17 | 70 | 34 | 132 |
| Stewart | William | 20 | 36 | 14 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 101 |
| Vignone | Jacqueline | 14 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 51 | 29 | 97 |
| Schnelzer | J.R. | 0 | 43 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 |
| Lloyd | Bill | 10 | 17 | 17 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 67 |
| James | Deb | 0 | 18 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 |
| Kittiel | Linda | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 37 |
| Porter | Art | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 36 |

Subject: *Government Buildings*

Awards

- Christmas Light Up by William Stewart
- Governors Palace & Sacred Cow by David Meisenheimer

Honorable Mentions

- Lighthouse at Portland Head by David Meisenheimer
- Super Max by Bill Lloyd

Maker Made:

Award

- Crab in His Beak by David Meisenheimer

Honorable Mention

- Pasque Flower by Bill Lloyd

Commercial:

Award

- Native American by Bill Stanley

Honorable Mention

- California Surfer by Rita Steinhauer

Slide Competition Results: *As of May 2007*

| ENTRANTS | SUBJECT | | OPEN | | TOTAL | |
|--------------------|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|
| | CURRENT MONTH | YTD | CURRENT MONTH | YTD | CURRENT MONTH | YTD |
| David Meisenheimer | 19 | 69 | 16 | 70 | 35 | 139 |
| Jerry Moldenhauer | 14 | 64 | 16 | 72 | 30 | 136 |
| Andy de Naray | 19 | 70 | 17 | 65 | 36 | 135 |
| Tim Starr | 14 | 64 | 19 | 63 | 33 | 127 |
| Beverly Cellini | 15 | 62 | 15 | 59 | 30 | 121 |
| William Stewart | 16 | 48 | 18 | 70 | 34 | 118 |
| Tom Moldenhauer | 19 | 42 | 0 | 56 | 19 | 98 |
| T.W. Woodruff | 18 | 47 | 0 | 49 | 18 | 96 |
| J.R. Schnelzer | 0 | 44 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 84 |
| Spencer Swanger | 0 | 17 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 33 |
| Richard Snow | 0 | 0 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |

Subject: *Government Buildings*

Awards:

Denver Christmas Lights by William Stewart
Pioneers Museum by Tim Starr

Open:

Awards:

Comet Falls by Tom Moldenhauer
Silhouetted Camels by David Meisenheimer

Honorable Mentions:

Domes by Andy de Naray
Remains of Fort Union by David Meisenheimer

Honorable Mentions:

Grand Canyon Dawn by Andy de Naray
Iris by T.W. Woodruff



Silhouetted Camels by David Meisenheimer

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.

Third Tuesdays: TBA



Comet Falls by Tom Moldenhauer



Pioneers Museum by Tim Starr



Iris by T.W. Woodruff

Field Trip Review:

Saturday the 26th, was a beautiful spring day in May. I was on call, which meant I had to change over the security tape out at 7 Am., or there about. T.W. wanted to leave on the field trip at 7am, so I went in early to do the work that I needed to do. I finished my required tasks, and headed for the meeting place, Village Inn at I-25 and Circle Drive. I called Tom on his cell phone to let him know that I was on my way, and ask T.W. not to leave with out me.

I arrived shortly after 7am. T.W.'s van was still in the parking lot, and I knew that my message had been relayed. I walked into Village Inn, and wow, 6 others were at a table with T. W. and Tom. It appeared that they were just finishing their beverage of choice. I sat down and joined them. At the table with T.W. there was Tom Moldenhauer, Tim Starr, Richard Snow, Bill Stewart, and Bill Stanley, and also David Meisneheimer, and myself.

Soon after I joined them T. W. made the motion that we be on our way to photograph some birds. We departed from Village Inn, and headed for the Pueblo Raptor Center. The trip down I-25 was speed limit or less due to all State Troopers on the road. I wish I would have counted them. They were everywhere, keeping everyone in check on this Saturday during a holiday weekend.

At the Raptor center T. W. gets things underway by having the bird handler bring out our first bird, a male golden eagle. We photographed the golden eagle for at least a half hour, and then we requested a change of bird. While the handler went to get a turkey vulture, we also changed our location. The vulture was fun, and seemed to enjoy having it picture taken. After the turkey vulture, the handler came out with a barn owl. Now that is a beautiful bird. The barn owl was very cooperative. He posed with its front, and also with its back facing the arc of photographers to its east. Last but not least, a male kestrel was brought out. He was the smallest raptor of that day's subjects, but the most colorful bird of the shoot. What a joy he was to look at through the view finder.

After the kestrel, our photo time was finished. The sun was getting high, and the light was beginning to turn harsh. We thanked the handler for her great job, and patience. We packed up our gear, and headed back to the vehicles where a cool beverage awaited to quench our sun warmed bodies.

I have made three visits to the raptor center, and each visit is as rewarding as the first. I'm not sure a person could ever tire of photographing raptors up close; especially when you love looking at raptors as much as I do.

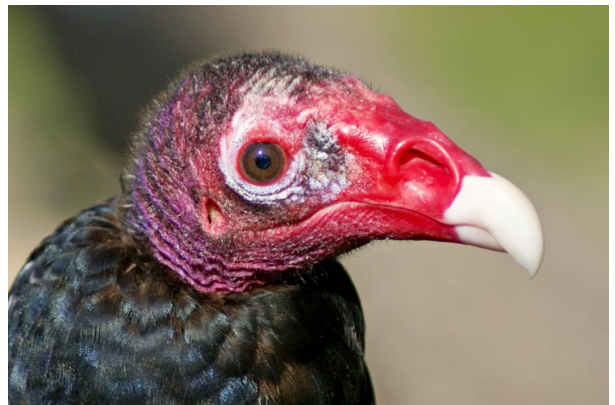
Thank You T. W. for planning this field trip! And I'm looking forward to doing it again sometime.

Jerry Moldenhauer

Photographs from the June field trip:

Photos by Richard Snow

Photos by Tim Starr



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. |



Domes by Andy de Naray

Club Officers for 2006

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