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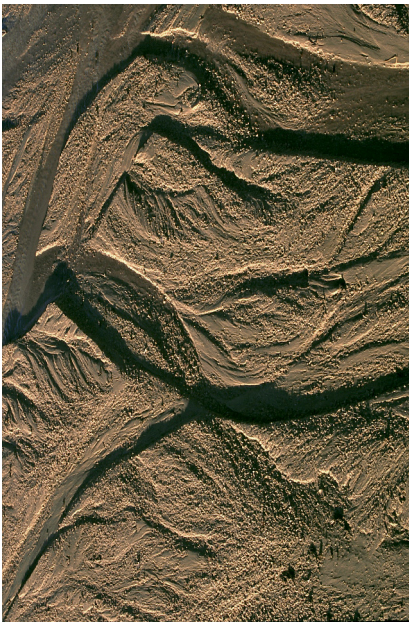
## THE PIKES PEAK CAMERA CLUB

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Member of the Photographic Society of America



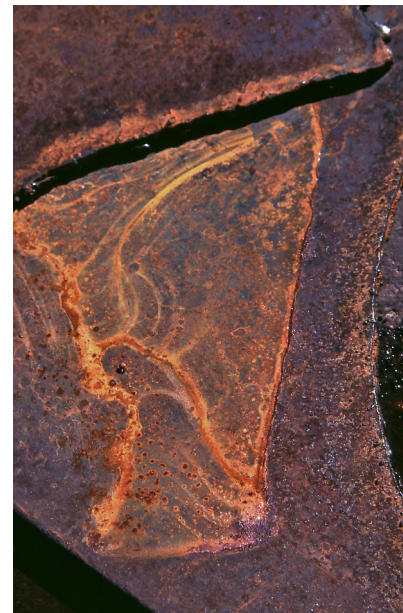
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Surreal in Sand by Bruce



Geometry in Industry by Bruce



Rusted Art by Jerry

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# May 2007 Events:

## Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday **May1, 2007 7:00pm**, meet at Living Springs Worship Center, 604 Manitou Blvd. Colorado Springs, Colorado.

**Monthly Competition Subject:**

**Government Building:** Photograph showing the exterior or interior of a government building (local, state, federal).

## PSA:

Bill Stewart will be collecting nature slides of PAS competition.

## Third Tuesdays:

**May15, 2007** T.W. Special Effects Workshop – Come and see how T.W. does those fantastic Special Effect shots that he does so well.

## Board Meeting:

The members of the board will meet **May 15, 2007**.

## May Fieldtrip:

T.W. Woodruff will be leading the May field trip to the Pueblo raptor center. **We will be going May 26th.**

We will be leaving at 7am and shoot from 8am to 10 or so.

Cost is 75.00 per hour. So if we have 6 people 2 hours would be \$25 each.

We can also hang around and shoot on the Arkansas or have lunch.

TW

If you have any questions please contact TW at 685-4850 or [twphotos@yahoo.com](mailto:twphotos@yahoo.com)

## New Members:

Al Swanson joined our club last month, lets all give Al a warm welcome when we see him.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 can be reached at 491-9845 most all the time if you have any questions.

## **The Presidents Corner:**

**I wish to start out welcoming our newest member; Al Swanson.**

**On a different note; anyone shooting digital cameras with interchangeable lens has most likely seen some spots on the image when down loaded into the computer. These little annoying specks can virtually ruin an image, a few can be cloned out in photo shop but a lot of them require to much cloning.**

**I first experienced this while shooting in the Garden of the gods when it was snowing. When I returned home I downloaded the images and to my horror there were spots all over. Checking the menu on my camera I spotted the sensor cleaner, ah I said this will clean those spots those Canon people think of everything, so I pushed the button thinking it would clean the sensor automatically, took some test shots and it resulted in spots, spots, and more spots so I had to do something I hate to do; go back to the manual, ok so Canon suggests that you push the sensor button and while the mirror is locked up gently use a rubber blower to blow dust off the sensor. Well this worked about as well as my, uh (automatic sensor cleaner) so in a frantic frenzy I got on the internet and typed in 'sensor cleaning' thinking I had ruined my camera and would have to send it back to Canon for repair. To my surprise I got tons of info and learned this was a common problem with digital, and yes, the camera manufacturers would like you to send it in for a cleaning at about \$100 bucks a pop, but some photographers who had sent theirs in claimed they got them back with the same or more spots on the sensor.**

**From the hundreds of articles on the internet I ordered sensor swabs and eclipse optic cleaner from photographic solutions. After the first cleaning there were still a few spots but additional cleanings got rid of most of them, a few I can deal with. There are a lot of products and solutions out there to deal with this problem and I don't know which is best so if anyone has a sure fired cure let me know. Now Canon has come out with auto sensor cleaning in their new cameras. Technology for us is like a gray hound race; no matter how fast they run they cannot catch up to the rabbit.**

*T.W. Woodruff*

# Future Focus:

## Travelogue:

TBA

## Something New:

Continuing at the March 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:timstarr@falconbroadband.net))*

## 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.

## 2007 Spring Scavenger Hunt:

**Note:** Not all Entrants entered all 12 categories.

### Curves:

Award - Bubbles by Tim  
HM – Chute by Tim

### Geometric Shapes:

Award – Geometry in Industry by Bruce  
HM – Chapel by Bill

### Farm / Ranch:

Award – Old Wagon by Tim  
HM – Cattle Grazing by Bruce

### Objects in Motion:

Award – Break by Tim  
HM – Flags Waving by Deb

### Surrealism:

Award – Surreal in Sand by Bruce

### Optical Illusion:

Award – Objects Closer Than They Appear by Tim  
HM - Straw by Tim

### Migrating Birds:

Award – Attentive Goose by Bruce  
HM – Chaos by Bill

### Metal:

Award – Jacobs Chuck by Bruce  
HM - Rusted Art by Jerry

### Artisan:

Award – Painting by Bill  
HM – Sketching by Tim

### Gardening:

Award – Small Rock Garden by Bill



HM - Quite Pond by Tim

**Spring Sports:**

Award – Base Ball by Bill

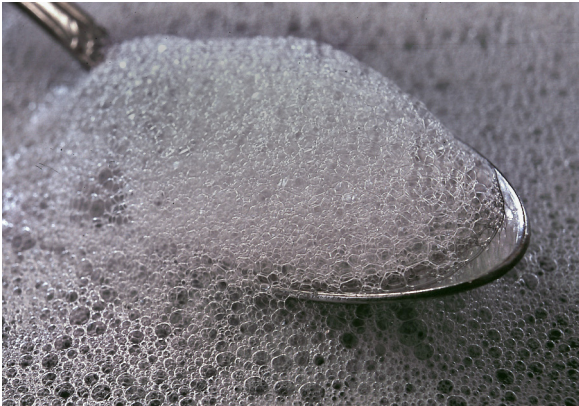
HM – Getting Ready by Tim

HM – Purple Crocus by Deb

**Opposites:**

Award – Boy Girl Thing by Bill

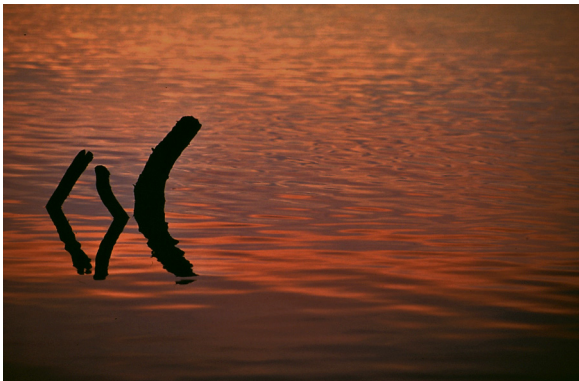
HM – Flash Spot by Jerry



Bubbles by Tim



Old Wagon by Tim



Quite Pond by Tim



Break by Tim



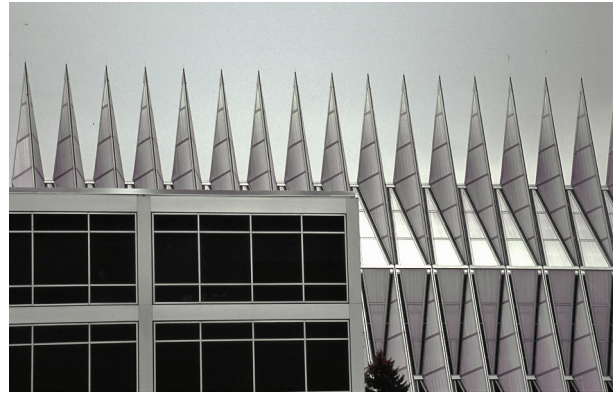
Boy Girl Thing by Bill



Crocus by Deb



Base Ball by Bill



Chapel by Bill

And the results are:

Tim Starr	178
Jerry Moldenhauer	164
Bill Stanley	159
Bruce du Fresne	99
Deb James	78

## Field Trip Review:

It was a brisk but beautiful morning April 14, 2007. Tim joined me for breakfast at the Village Inn at I-25 and Circle Drive. Shortly before 7:30 Bruce showed up and the three of us headed for Rocky Top Resources, (RTR). We reached the Heron Rookery promptly at 8 when RTR opens on Saturday. We saw several nesting herons, and an osprey. The osprey didn't stay around very long though. A couple of calls from a red-tailed hawk, and the osprey were gone.

The red-tailed hawk was tormenting one nesting heron in particular. The hawk would buss the nesting heron, plucking head feathers out of the heron as it flew by. The heron held tight, and never left its nest. The heron's feathers would float in the air as they slowly headed toward the ground.

Walking on the frozen ground was easy work right after we got there. But then around 10am the frozen ground turned into sloppy black mud. RTR has concrete slabs where they pile different types of mulch. These concrete slabs also helped to keep us out of the mud.

From one of these slabs we were shooting a heron that would fly over to an empty nest. Then the heron would grab a limb from that nest, and fly back to its mate and the nest they were building. This heron made several trips back and forth. We also setup there waiting for the hawk to buss the heron again. But when we were ready, and waiting, the hawk never made its move. Around 11am, Bruce and Tim headed out. I wanted to stay for a while longer and wait for the hawk to make its move, but my 200mm- 400mm lens stopped working. So, shortly after Tim and Bruce left, I left too.

*Jerry Moldenhauer*



## Photographs from the April field trip:

All Pictures are from Tim Starr, Thanks Tim!



## The 2007 Monthly Competition Subjects

- |                 |                               |                                                                   |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>January</b>  | <b>Storefront Window</b>      | An interesting storefront window.                                 |
| <b>February</b> | <b>Self-Portraits</b>         | An expressive view of yourself.                                   |
| <b>March</b>    | <b>Frozen:</b>                | Anything that is frozen (water, frozen in time, frozen with fear) |
| <b>April</b>    | <b>PSA/ Slide Show</b>        |                                                                   |
|                 | <b>Spring Scavenger Hunt:</b> | 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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