



This club was established in 1930 and is believed to be the oldest club in Colorado. Meetings are held at 7 PM on the second Wednesday of each month at the Living Hope Church, 640 Manitou Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO. **Next Meeting - June 14**



THE VIEWFINDER

NEWSLETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK CAMERA CLUB



“Old & Rusty” by Bill Stanley

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Table 1

PRINT COMPETITION - MONTHLY STANDINGS AS OF MAY 2017							
	PREV CUM TOT	SUBJECT		OPEN		TOTAL	
		CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD
Lee Bernhardt	21	0	0	0	21	0	21
Beverly Cellini	120	13	67	15	81	28	148
Bill Dahl	52	0	15	18	55	18	70
Janice Dahl	58	0	21	20	57	20	78
Al Schwecke	68	17	54	17	48	34	102
Bill Stanley	119	18	74	13	76	31	150
Rita Steinhauer	110	14	74	14	64	28	138
Al Swanson	25	18	30	14	27	32	57
Jim Van Namee	44	15	38	20	41	35	79
Jacqueline Vignone	120	14	76	15	73	29	149
Melinda Walls	22	0	13	0	9	0	22

Subject: On Wheels

Awards:

“Seabrook Bike Shop Wares” by Al Swanson

“Old & Rusty” by Bill Stanley

Honorable Mentions:

“Old & Forgotten” by Jim Van Namee

“In for Repairs” by Al Schwecke

Open:

Awards:

“Just Hanging Out” by Jim Van Namee

“Sea Dragon” by Janice Dahl

Honorable Mentions:

“Bristlecone & Milky Way” by Al Schwecke

“First Light, First Cast” by Bill Dahl

Table 1-1

DIGITAL COMPETITION - MONTHLY STANDINGS AS OF MAY 2017							
	PREV CUM TOT	SUBJECT		OPEN		TOTAL	
		CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD	CURRENT MONTH	YTD
Debi Boucher	151	20	96	20	95	40	191
Sherwood Cherry	104	0	52	0	52	0	104
Bill Dahl	113	13	70	21	77	34	147
Janice Dahl	111	22	76	19	76	41	152
Bruce Du Fresne	118	18	78	15	73	33	151
Cynthia Gibson	93	0	50	0	43	0	93
Bill Holm	137	13	81	18	87	31	168
Glenn Martin	21	18	39	0	0	18	39
Debbie Milburn	128	16	79	15	80	31	159
Jerry Moldenhauer	106	13	68	16	67	29	135
Karen Morris	79	0	36	0	43	0	79
Art Porter	36	0	13	0	23	0	36
Ken Roberts	62	6	48	0	20	6	68
Galen Short	59	0	28	0	31	0	59
Liz Stokes	54	14	42	14	40	28	82
Al Swanson	28	15	28	13	28	28	56
Jim Van Namee	77	13	40	14	64	27	104
Jacqueline Vignone	11	13	24	0	0	13	24
Melinda Walls	19	0	11	0	8	0	19

Subject: On Wheels

Awards:

“Rollin’ with Buddies” by Janice Dahl

“Howdy” by Glenn Martin

“Guardian” by Janice Dahl

Honorable Mentions:

“All Crossed Up” by Bruce du Fresne

“Old Car” by Debi Boucher

“Ranch Wagon” by Debi Boucher

Open:

Awards:

“Water Works” by Bill Dahl

“Mountain Man” by Debi Boucher

Honorable Mentions:

“Mississippi Egret” by Bill Holm

“Natures Tiny Jewels” by Janice Dahl

Table 1-2

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Award:

“Illusion” by Debi Boucher (see below)

Honorable Mention:

“It’s About the Journey” by Debbie Milburn



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

DEBI BOUCHER

Our annual High School Photography Competition was, once again, a huge success! Many thanks to Jerry Moldenhauer for his efforts every year to bring local high school students and the Pikes Peak Camera Club together, and to Bill and Janice Dahl and Jacqueline Vignone for volunteering to judge. In addition to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place cash winners, seven students took home honorable mention ribbons. It was fun to have the students and their families in attendance for the awards presentation. There are some very talented student photographers out there!

Speaking of talent, [Keith Loutit](#), an Australian filmmaker, created a mesmerizing time lapse video of Singapore that is as beautiful as it is amazing. The project took three years and *one million* photographs to complete, (25% of the images were actually used), and was shot in 70 different locations throughout the country. See this incredible video here: [The Lion City II](#)

A recent thunderstorm generated lots of excitement among local photographers, and some terrific images were posted online. Capturing a really nice image of lightning strikes with a suitable foreground can be tricky. Here's a great article about how to get the shot (without using an expensive hot shoe device): [Helpful Tips for Nailing the Shot](#)



Photo credit: Jim Reed

There is something of the marvelous in all things of nature - *Aristotle*

The Story Behind the Photo.....

This is a section in the newsletter where each month I ask certain club members to share their story on how they took their award winning photo.

Old & Rusty
by
Bill Stanley
Cover Photo of this Newsletter

Old and Rusty

My goal as a photo journalist and travel photographer is to capture reality. “Old and rusty” is from a fall trip several years ago to a family reunion in Illinois. On the return driving trip, we stopped at an Educators’ B&B in Topeka, Ks. Our hosts, understanding our passion for photography, directed us to local windmills and to an old farm-town park. We took photos in the evening as shadows were coming on soft and strong. This aging piece of equipment looked charming so I snapped a picture with my point and shoot set on “P.” Post processing - why would I do that?

Here is another photo at the same spot.



left.

Old and Rusty” is off to the



“Howdy” by Glenn Martin

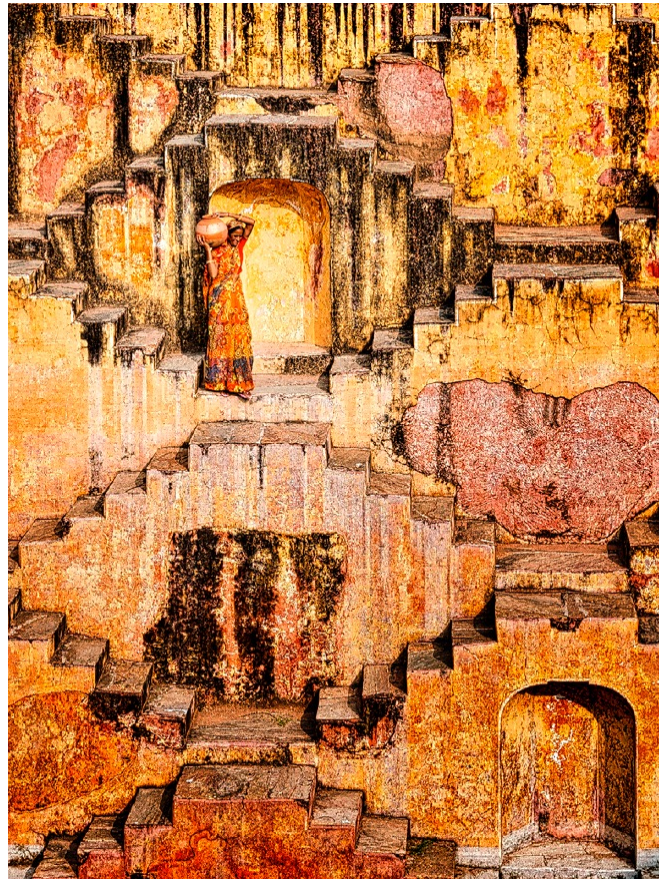
Howdy - This image was captured in February, 2016, at Colorado Spring's Memorial Park. I was part of a "4 Photos a Month" group on Facebook where we had a new theme each month - much like PPCC - but had to produce an action, profile, object, and street image for the theme. When I captured this image, the theme for the month was "Action."

I, and other local toppers from the group, decided to meet up at the skate park of Memorial Park on a Saturday to capture kid's with their skate boards and bicycles in action. The day was very nice, so there were many kids out "doing their thing!"

Part of the skate area's attraction is a built-up half-pipe where kid's can go from one side to the other and catch some "Gnarly Air!" The kid in the image was quite active in the half-pipe and doing many tricks, so I decided to stay and try to capture him in action. I was panning my camera/lens on him back and forth while rattling off shutter clicks that sounded like a machine gun during a fierce battle!! You know, Spray and Pray? Anyway, it paid off because I was able to capture the moment he had his hand up which made it look like he was waving to his shadow!

Did I do post work on this image? You betcha! For something like this shot where there is a high dynamic range, you need to do post work on the tones to bring back the details. Thus, I put on my Ansel Adams costume, and then did some dodge and burning until I got the image where I wanted it!

Here are the EXIF details of the image for the nerdy inclined, like me:
 Nikon D750 with 24-120mm f/4 lens.
 Captured at: f/8, 1/800, 120mm, and ISO 100



“Water Works” by Bill Dahl

This was one of those images you have in your mind long before heading overseas, always hoping for the best. I’d seen pictures of the step-wells and was fascinated by the concept. Imagine having to walk down the steps to get your water, and then hike back up to take it home. I hadn’t realized how important they were to the overall community-not only did the well serve as a source of water, it was also the place of community gathering where people would come to chat, relax or swim in the cool waters.

I was on a photographic tour with guide, Scott Stulberg. We were on our way to the Pushkar Camel Fair, hunting out interesting spots along the way from New Delhi. We targeted the famous Chand Baori, a stepwell situated in the village of Abhaneri near Jaipur in the Indian state of Rajasthan as a key stop. Fascinating place, and very interesting, but sadly from my photographic perspective it was very gray and sterile. I took some nice images, but this wasn’t what was in my mind and the site was tightly controlled. Not much room to play.

Two days later Scott took us to a hidden gem, the **Panna Meena Ka Kund**, located in Jaipur, India. It is an eight-story step well built in the 16th century. The well has criss-cross steps arranged on three sides with small niches created into the walls **and the colors are amazing!**

Yes, the woman was a plant (a local woman willing to play with us) and we did have to pay off the guard a wee bit. With that said, this is one of my favorite images and memories from the trip.

2017 High School Photo Competition Summation

Hi All,

Here is a summation of the 2017 El Paso County High School Photo Competition.

There were 5 High Schools that participated:

Palmer Ridge High School
 CIVA Charter High School
 Falcon High School
 Coronado High School
 Fountain Fort Carson High School

Out of the 5 High Schools there are 45 students that entered the competition.

From the 45 students yielded 152 digital images.

Out of the 152 images we had 15 images that placed.

9 Honorable Mentions, 3 Judges Choice, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Winners

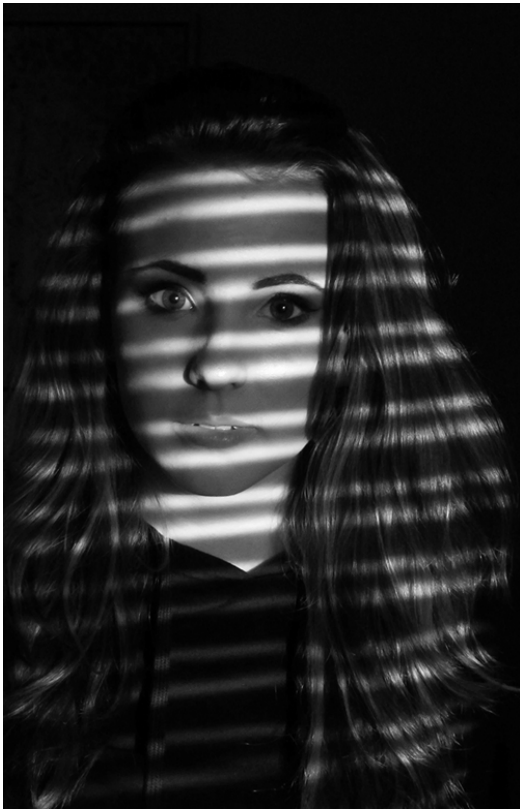
Here are the winners:

HM <u>Carson Tree</u>	Beverly Hunsaker, 11th Grade FFCHS
HM <u>See No</u>	Beverly Hunsaker, 11th Grade FFCHS
HM <u>Reflection</u>	Becca Bieda, Coronado High School, Junior
HM <u>Milky Waves</u>	Emily Murphy FFCHS, 11th Grade
HM <u>Parchment Petals</u>	Autumn Messenger, 10th Grade FFCHS
HM <u>Soul Behind Glass</u>	Liz Reza Chacon, Falcon High School, grade is 9th
HM <u>Makyla</u>	Natalie Forbes from Fountain Fort Carson High School, Grade 12
HM <u>Cold Stare</u>	Mianna, Fountain Fort Carson High School, 11th Grade
HM <u>Submerged and Smudged</u>	Emmy Lenore Hynes Fountain Fort Carson High, 12th
JC <u>LIGHT CUP</u>	Juan Urbina Fountain Fort Carson High School Grade 12
JC <u>Lost Girl</u>	Lauryn Garrison, Coronado High School, Junior
JC <u>Blocks</u>	Becca Bieda, Coronado High School, Junior (11)
3 rd Place <u>Pink Tint</u>	Autumn Messenger, 10th Grade FFCHS
2 nd Place <u>Bath Tub Dreams</u>	Natalie Forbes, Fountain Fort Carson High School, Grade 12
1 st Place <u>Playing in the Shadows</u>	Lydia Donahue, 9th Grade FFCHS

Special thanks go out to our three judges, Jacqueline Vignone, Janice, and Bill Dahl. I also want to thank Bruce du Fresne, and Galen Short for their technical assistance, and Nancy Ellis for helping me with the scoring.

All 15 winning images are posted on the club's website if you would like to check them out.

Jerry



“Playing in the Shadows” by Lydia Donahue



“Bath Tub Dreams” by Natalie Forbes



“Pink Tint” by Autumn Messenger

Thank you Jerry for all of your hard work in producing another successful High School Photography Competition!

2017 MONTHLY COMPETITION SUBJECTS

January - Black and White Landscape.

February - A place of worship.

March - Snow White...an image where white is the predominate color.

April - An image depicting wind, i.e. balloons in the air, flags, kites, clouds, etc.

May - On wheels...anything that rolls.

June - Baby, Oh Baby!... Wild animal babies, can be zoo shots, but NOT showing anything man made.

July -Twilight-After the sun sets on the horizon, before dark.

August - Sun Flare

September - Signs...advertising, billboards, any kind of sign.

October - Bright Colors...primary colors dominate the image.

November - Silhouettes

December - Salon Dinner and Awards

2 ENTRIES FOR SUBJECT, 2 ENTRIES FOR OPEN, 1 ENTRY FOR CREATIVE.

