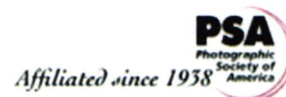




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President's Message

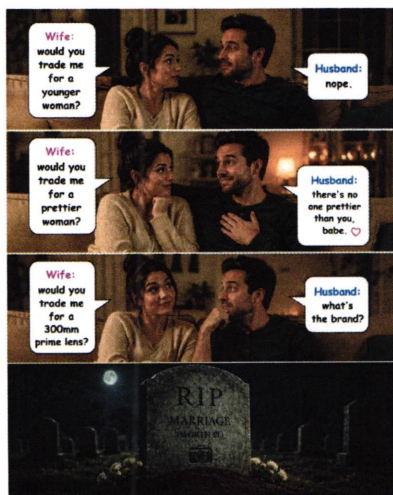
On Wednesday, August 5 at 7 p.m., we will have our annual Pizza Party and Swap Meet. The club will bring pizza and water to share. Bring a side dish to share if you feel like it and a beverage of your choice. If you have any photography equipment you would like to sell or give away, this meeting is your opportunity.

We do not have a regular scheduled program that night, but we will have a chance to remember two cherished members of our club: Bob Ginn who passed in April and Mary Goodspeed who passed in June. Nyla James will present information about Mary and a video about Bob.

Check out the rest of this newsletter for more information about the club.

Yours in the light,

Jeanne Sparks



JULY COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Lloyd Moriarity

Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Migrant worker	Ed E Powell
2ND PLACE	Personal delivery service	Jim McKinniss
3RD PLACE	Proto projection # 2	Jim McKinniss

Digital color

1ST PLACE	Belgium architecture sunrise	Harold Litwiler
2ND PLACE	Playa lake reflections	Penny Powell
3RD PLACE	A perfect landing	Jeanne Sparks
HONORABLE MENTION	Da Copper beast	Frank Tromp

Congratulation to everyone



Harold Litwiler



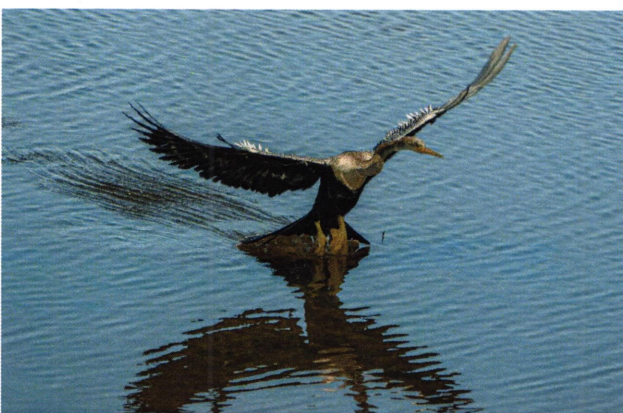
Ed E Powell



Penny Powell



Jim McKinniss



Jeanne Sparks



Jim McKinniss



Frank Tromp

Message suggested by Heidi Gruetzemacher

A really big congratulations to our new member Andy Samarasena for his winning image in the Sun last month.



Message from the editor

Do not forget that our first meeting of the month (August 5th) it is a pizza party.



Message from Adi Ringer

I am extremely excited about the following updates!

- The April 2027 Costa Rica trip is sold out.
Stay tuned for new date announcements.
- February 1st – 10th Tanzania trip: 3 spots left for this amazing experience.
- I am introducing new presentations, classes, and workshops for photographers of all experience levels.



Adi Ringer,
Email: adi@adiringer.com
Mobile: 805-610-5527

SMCC Field Trips for August 2026 by Penni Powell

Please note: Bad weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. Check your email for any updates.

Aug 11-12th (Wed night – Thurs morning) – Shoot the Milky Way at the Peak of the Perseid Meteor Shower Best time is 11pm – 3am. It is a new moon, and you can try to get the “astrophotography shot of the decade.”

This is for your information and will not be an official field trip. I have not been able to find a location that suits me so if you have or want company, feel free to share via email with your fellow club members.

Aug 14th (Sat 3:15 pm – 8pm?) Avila Beach Farmers’ Market – Street Photography on the Promenade

The farmers’ market is a small one in Avila but the live music (Melodious Funk is playing) and the beach setting in the late afternoon has its own charm.

Meet in Nipomo for carpool/caravan at the Miners/Starbucks parking lot at Tefft and Mary Street at 3:15pm or at the Avila Beach Farmers Market about 4pm when it starts. Parking is \$8 in the pay lot and there is a free trolley to move you around. Local restaurants or market food booths are possibilities for a shared dinner. And bring some cash if your buying produce...



Questions? Contact me penpowell2020@gmail.com or cell phone.

Why go? Street photography or veggie still life (for Sept. comp) – Take your pick!

And Beyond...

Got an idea for a field trip? Email Penni at penpowell2020@gmail.com

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings

In August there will be a program meeting (August 5) and the competition meeting (August 19)

Location

Our first meeting of every month will be held at Merrill Garden Retirements Center at 1350 N. Suey Road, Santa Maria. The second meeting will be via Webex.

If you want to participate, *please send an email to* santamariacameraclub@gmail.com

Saturday Breakfast

The meeting will be on August 8 at 1275 Betteravia Rd, Santa Maria. It starts at 8:00 and ends at 10:00.

Membership dues

\$ 35 per person; \$ 50 Family; \$ 30 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year

2025 Club officers

President: Jeanne Sparks
Vice President: Heidi Gruetzemacher
Secretary: Frank Tromp
Treasurer: Alan Upshaw

At-large Board Members

Nyla James, Harold Litwiler, Jim McKinniss, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell, Diane Thomsen

2025 Competition Rules

Each member may submit a maximum of 3 total image submissions in any category per competition.

Categories will be:

Digital Color, Digital Monochrome

Immediate Past president

Cheryl Decker

2025 Special Subjects

March – Landscape.
June – Macro Photography.
September – Still Life

Submit your images for digital competition to:

All the digital images can only be submitted by email at this email address santamariacameraclub@gmail.com
All the digital images **MUST** be received no later than the Sunday prior to the Wednesday competition. Images not received on time will not be entered in the competition

Galleon Director

Flavio Parigi fparigi@aol.com

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Webmaster	Greg Doudna
Digital Competition Projectionist	Frank Tromp & Jim McKinniss
Program Projectionist	Ron Calvert & Frank Tromp
SMCC Directory & Calendar	Rosie Brancacio
Historian	Nyla James
Judge Recruitment	Harold Litwiler
Saturday Chat	Jim McKinniss
Point Tabulator	Richard Russ & Flavio Parigi
Print Coordinators	Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass
Slide Coordinator	Elaine Calvert
Image scoring	Elaine Calvert, Penni Powell
Program Recruitment	Heidi Gruetzemacher
Refreshment	Everyone
PSA Representative	Nyla Janes
Library Coordinator	Ed E Powell
Meeting room setup	Everyone
Membership recruitment	Richard Russ
	Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
Field trips	
Name Tags	Nyla James

"Photography is not about the thing photographed. It is about how that thing looks photographed."

— Garry Vinograd