



The Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter May 2015



Affiliated since 1938

Meetings
1st & 3rd Wednesday
of the month
at 7:00 pm
(3rd Wednesday only
July & August)

Location:
Merrill Gardens
Retirement Center
1350 N. Suey Rd.
Santa Maria, CA

Membership Dues
\$25 Individual *or*
\$35 Family
\$15 year Competitions

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Upcoming Events...

May 6...Program Meeting: Helen Tarbert, US Forest Service Ranger.

Show & Tell subject...**Missions**

May 20...Competition...Open Category

May 24...Field Trip...I Madonnari in Santa Barbara...see page 2

May 30...SMCC Annual BBQ...home of Richard Russ

June 3...Program Meeting

June 6...Saturday Chat...8:00 am Francisco's Country Kitchen, Santa Maria

June 17...Competition Special Category...Geometric Shapes

July 24-25...Overnight Field Trip...Santa Paula Hot Air Balloon Festival



the May 6 Program Meeting

Our main speaker for the May 6 Program Meeting will be Helen Tarbet. She is a Ranger with the Los Padres National Forest and will do a digital presentation on wildflowers in the Los Padres. During the wildflower season she provides information on her blog about what is in bloom and where to find it. Unfortunately, the season is pretty much over at this point. However, it should be interesting to find out about wildflower sites in the National Forest that many of us are probably not aware of.

Helen is an amateur photographer with no formal training. However, she did receive a lot of help with her wildflower photography from a gentleman who use to live near Figueroa Mountain, Ernest Brooks Junior. He is the son of the founder of Brooks Institute and was the director himself for many years.

After our break, Richard Russ will do a slide show of some of his favorite bird photos. Richard's primary photographic efforts for the past several years have been bird photography. He has traveled to Alaska for eagles, Bosque del Apache for Sandhill Cranes and Snow Geese, and to Florida for the tame birds along the gulf beaches. He also has traveled by car to many places here in California. It should be a very interesting program.

Dave Clary

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Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic,
Bob Ginn, Alan Upshaw
Bonnie Adams
Rosie Brancacio

SMCC Field Trips May 2015 ... and Beyond

Please note: Rain or bad weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. Check your email for any updates as the date of the event draws near.

May 24th (Sun 8:45 am) I Madonnari in Santa Barbara
www.imadonnarifestival.com

Yes, it's in the middle of Memorial Day weekend, but it comes recommended by the Calvert's as a place for photography, with people, music, and food booths out in front of the Santa Barbara Mission. *Madonnari*, or street painters, transform the Mission plaza using pastels on pavement to create 150 vibrant and colorful, large scale images. Admission is free. Festival hours are 10-6 daily, but we'll head home sometime after lunch by consensus.

For carpooling, meet at Panera's, Betteravia & College in Santa Maria at 8:45 am. Otherwise, from the 101 Freeway, take Mission Street exit and travel east to Laguna Street, turn left and continue two blocks to the Mission entrance. Additional parking is available on the Mission field or on the street. Please Contact Penni by cell on the day of the field trip, 363-1931 or home beforehand 929-2420.

Why go? Enjoy art in the making & a festive day in Santa Barbara!

May 30th Scavenger Hunt before the Club BBQ at Richard's home

... and Field Trips Beyond

June 6 (Sat 8 am) First Saturday Chat Group - Meet at 8 am @ Francisco's Country Kitchen on North Broadway and Williams Street in Santa Maria, which is next to the Best Western Motel.

Why go? - Enjoy photo talk over breakfast & coffee.

June - TBA (let us know if you have an idea!)

July 24-25 Citrus Classic Santa Paula Hot Air Balloon Festival (an overnigher to take in the Friday evening "glow" and the early Saturday morning inflation of the hot air balloons.)

If you have an idea for a field trip, please contact any member of the Field Trip Committee...Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Bob Ginn, Alan Upshaw, Rosie Brancacio e3 Bonnie Adams

SMCC Club President **Nyla James** is currently presenting a show at the Santa Maria Public Library, in Shepard Hall, 421 S. McClelland Street, thru May 27. Entitled *Abandoned in America*, it runs thru May 27. Please join her for a reception on Saturday, May 16, 2:00 - 5:00 pm.

Contact Person...

I (Dave Clary) am the point person for the BBQ. If you have any questions feel free to email me at dclary@gotsky.com or call (805) 937-3811.

Date...

The annual SMCC barbecue will be on **May 30** this year. *(not May 16th as originally planned)*

Place...

Richard and Dawn Russ have graciously offered their home for the BBQ this year. Richard's home is in a very pleasant setting, with ample space for the picnic.

Scavenger Hunt...

Penni Powell is planning a scavenger hunt again this year, but on a smaller scale than the one in Los Alamos last year. However, that gives Penni more opportunity for devilish creativity. It should be fun.

Timing...

10:00 to 10:30 am ... time to arrive at Richard's 10:30 am. Penni will begin the scavenger hunt 12:00 noon to 12:30 pm. We are aiming for to have our meal at 3:00 pm, the end of the event, more or less.

Potluck...

Gene Kilmer has agreed to be our BBQ chef again this year. Thank you Gene. The rest is up to us. Please sign up at one of the meetings, listing the number in your group and the dish(es) you are intending to bring. We have started a sign up sheet (I will add a place for the number in the group) and will pass it around at the May Program and Competition meetings. If you are unable to sign up at a meeting, please Email Dave Clary at dclary@gotsky.com to let us know. Gene needs to know 1 week before the event, so he can determine how much meat to purchase. Please sign up or email Dave with your info on, or before **Friday May 22**. Please don't notify Richard or Nyla, or any other person expecting them to notify Dave. Just send me an email!

Directions...

Richard and Dawn live "in between". What I mean by that is that their address is in Arroyo Grande, but they are physically between AG and Nipomo.

To get there...

1. From 101 exit onto Willow Road and head west. (toward the Ocean)
2. Just before Willow intersects with Highway 1, there is a road to the right (North). This is Guadalupe Road.
3. Take Guadalupe Road north, almost to the point where it dead ends.
4. There will be a small private road on the right, & a sign (mailbox?) with Richard's address on it, "555."
5. Take this road until you see the main house. It is private, and there are only two homes on the property, Richard's house and a granny house.

Hope to see you there.

Dave Clary

Competition Special Assignments

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June 2015...
Geometric Shapes

August 2015...
Barns

October 2015...
Fall Color

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Competition Rules

3 entries per competition.

Categories of your choice not to exceed (2) in any combination of categories.

Categories will be:

Small Prints (9x13 max)

Monochrome Prints
(Large Back)

Color Prints (Large Back)

Slides

Digital

Submit your images for digital competitions to Glenn Bolivar...

glennabolivar@gmail.com

Images can also be submitted on a flash drive, or other media. Digital images MUST be received no later than midnight on the Sunday before the Competition. Images not received in time will not be entered into the competition.

April Competition Results

Mono Prints...

- 1st *Night Flight* by Brad Lake
- 2nd *Flowing Water* by Richard Russ
- 3rd *Liberty School House* by Elaine Calvert

Small Prints...

- 1st *Petroglyph and Milky Way in Twenty Seconds*
by Ron Calvert
- 2nd *In the River of No Return* by Elaine Calvert
- 3rd *I Go Fast* by Flavio Parigi

Large Prints...

- 1st *Trolley Express* by Janine Bognada
- 2nd *The Palouse* by Richard Russ
- 3rd *Time Takes Its Toll* by Elaine Calvert

Digital...

- 1st *Blur of Youth* by Ed E. Powell
 - 2nd *Blurred Skaters* by Robert Ginn
 - 3rd *Sparks in the Arch* by Jim Snodgrass
- H.M. *25 Seconds at Mobius Arch* by Ed E. Powell

Slides...

- 1st *At the Fair* by Flavio Parigi
- 2nd *Speed* by Flavio Parigi
- 3rd *Stop and Go in Honolulu* by Jim Snodgrass

Treasury Report

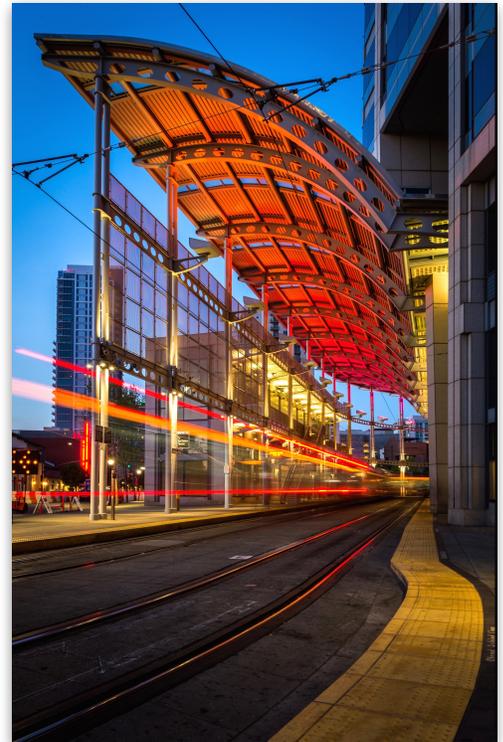
- The Club has a balance of \$1965.09
- There are currently 45 paid members.

Some of the Winning Images from the April 2015 Competition

Special Subject...
...*Slow Shutter Speed*



Blur of Youth, by Ed E. Powell, placed 1st in the Digital Category.



Trolley Express, by Janine Bognada won 1st Place in the Large Print Category.



Jim Snodgrass's *Sparks in the Arch* won 3rd Place in the Digital Category.

Honorable Mention in the Digital category was awarded to Ed E. Powell for his image *25 Seconds at Mobius Arch*.



Points North and East For May 2015 by Jim Ogg

Mammoth Lakes usually is still winter in April. The last weekend of April is the opening weekend for fishing. Often the high lakes are still frozen. In 2008, several fisherman fell through while ice fishing!! The lower portions of the Mammoth Mountain Ski area usually closed near Easter weekend. The upper portions usually are open until at least Memorial Day weekend. And frequently until July 4th weekend. The wildflowers in Owens Valley and Upper Mojave usually peak in April. Virginia Lakes at 10,000 feet, Sabrina Lake, and Rock Creek Lake are usually accessible for the opening of fishing. The rest of the high country roads usually open during May or early June but may open late April this year because the smallest snow pack ever recorded. The Tioga Pass lakes are usually accessible from the east by mid-May. The Yosemite National Park management can be anticipated to open Tioga Pass from its side for Memorial Day weekend. The Park Service is planning road repairs on the Tioga Pass road that should be completed by Memorial Day.

The high country tarns and lakes usually have "ice breakup" during May; included are Virginia Lakes, Tioga Tarns, Mammoth Lakes Basin, South Lake, North Lake, Lake Sabrina, and Little Lakes Valley. "McCloud Tree Roots (SR164)" shows the severity of the weather in the high country. McCloud Lake (AKA McLeod Lake) is on Mammoth Pass in extreme weather at the tree line. The trees strive for a root hold and when unsuccessful are polished by the elements. *(see photo on the back page of the Galleon.)*

May begins what I call "magic time" in the Sierra. For May, June and July, the local noontime sun is very high in the sky. So polarizers work on the horizon for all directions not just in two as for sunrise and sunset. So I do much scenic midday shooting during these months; planning to be at the primary locations at local noon. This also provides the opportunity for fully lit landscapes. While those done at sunrise or sunset often have large, very dark areas.

The lower Steppe wildflowers of the Eastern Sierra usually peak during May. Areas to checkout are Volcanic Tablelands, Fish Slough, Chalk Bluffs, Reversed Peak Tarns, and Oak Canyon near Independence. Also this is a good time to visit the Petroglyphs north of Bishop.

Desert Peach and Irises are the precursor flowers of the Eastern Sierra. Desert Peach is the first steppe shrub to bloom. The boring gray of the steppe "sagebrush" is overwhelmed by the pink-red masses of Desert Peach blossoms. And the Irises sometimes fill meadows with masses of intense deep blue. The meadows of Bishop and Round Valley usually happen in mid to late May and those of Mono Lake, Bridgeport and Bodie happen in early to mid June.

Upper Mojave wildflowers are usually past their peak in May. But the spectacular Desert (Mariposa) Lily, if any, are usually found in May. However in 2008 they were early and peaked the last weekend of April. The display was prolific in the Haiwee area; comparable to the best ever year of 2005. Even passed its peak, the Desert (Mariposa) Lily is certainly worth the search.

May is usually the best time to check out the many waterfalls and swimming holes at the middle elevations of the Western Sierra. This includes Angel Falls, Lewis Creek, Foresta Falls and of course Yosemite Valley Falls.

Film Shooters' Corner...



Check out lomography.com for the latest in film photography. You'll find galleries to look at, competitions, film & cameras for sale and lots of information about the creative underworld of modern photo artists who have eschewed Photoshop & iPhones and try to get it right in the camera, or in the developing tray. Some are amateurs, some are professionals, and nobody cares.

Santa Maria Camera Club Board Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2015 (draft)

Meeting started at 10:21

Present: Nyla James, Ramona Cashmore, Rosie Brancacio, Bob Ginn, Penni Powell, Flavio Parigi, Alan Upshaw, Lynda Snodgrass.

Minutes reviewed and discussed the possibility of moving the Board meetings to the fourth Wednesday and having more meetings so they aren't as long. Change of dates and times are: May 30th at 10:00am at Tom Wahweotten's home, July 29th at 6:30pm, September 23rd at 6:30pm, November 21st at 10:00am
Alan Upshaw made a motion to approve the minutes, Lynda Snodgrass seconds, all approve.

With the change of having 6 board members over the previous 5 members, this is a change to our by-laws. We would like Dave Clary to write something.

Special Project: We don't have a lot of extra funds, since Dr. Shepard is no longer funding, Penni Powell makes a motion to stop awarding money for the end of the years special project. Lynda Snodgrass seconds, motion passes. It was discussed to put a special recognition on the website and in the Galleon.

Website: Greg Doudna suggested to Nyla that on the website members can submit pictures. Greg will decide which pictures to post.

Program: Nyla suggested the club members provide some of our programs rather than just be entertained by others. She asked what we could do for the outside program people to thank them.

Penni made a motion for the non-club program people to receive our club Galleon emails but not put them in the directory unless they started participating. Presenters and judges who request would be given guest membership, newsletter subscription only, no voting rights, no directory and no competition unless they join. If they present in the first half of the year, memberships would end in December of the same year. If they present in the last half of the year, membership would be through the end of the following year. Penni made the motion to approve as read, Ramona seconds motion, board votes and passes.

Field Trips and BBQ: BBQ will be on a Saturday in May- date TBA. It will be at the home of Richard Russ.

April 25th- Rail Fest 7am

July 26-28th- Balloon Festival in Santa Paula. \$8.00. Overnight trip for early morning balloon rise.

Late in fall or winter- Point Lobos weekend. No date yet.

SLO Light House combined with SLO Club- Sometime this year, hopefully.

Meeting adjourned.

Ramona, thank you for taking notes, I appreciate it!

Janice Darby, SMCC Secretary



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(click on the above link)



McCloud Tree Roots (SR164)

McCloud Lake is on Mammoth Pass in extreme weather at the tree line. The trees strive for a root hold and when unsuccessful are polished by the elements.

The "McCloud Tree Roots" image is part of the Sealth body of work which are digital images of landscapes, scenics, and the human form and are based on locations in the McCloud Lake (AKA McLeod Lake), Mammoth Lakes Basin, Mammoth Lakes, Eastern Sierra, High Sierra and Central Coast of California.



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