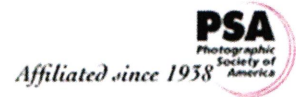




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The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter May 2024

President's Message

Hey y'all –

Hope you got some nice photos of the Solar Eclipse on April 8!

My husband Ken and I joined Penni and Ed Powell in Bandera, Texas hoping to see a total eclipse of the sun. The sun kept peeking out from behind the clouds as the eclipse began, but when it reached totality – those darn clouds totally covered the sun! Dagnabit! We still had fun watching the sky go dark, the birds getting confused and enjoying each other's company. And we celebrated with our dogs Little Bit and Eclipse, who was found on the day of the solar eclipse in 2017. The animal shelter named him, and we decided the name fit, although sometimes we call him Houdini or Dancer, because those names describe him, too!

This month is an enjoyable time to prepare photos to enter in the Santa Barbara County Fair in Santa Maria. Entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on June 1. This year is the first time the Fair is requiring photos to be submitted digitally at the time of entry to make sure entries are in the correct categories. The physical entries must be submitted on June 26 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the Convention Center.

Everyone is required to create a new online account this year even if they had one before. The Fair did not have all the information online when I talked to them but expected to have it posted early in May. The Fair will be held from July 10 to 14. I have asked if we could put up a display featuring our club. We will see what they say.

Our next board meeting will be Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. via Webex. Our Spring Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 20 at Lake Marie Valley Club. More details to come. Please mark your calendar! Hope to see you May 1 for our Program Meeting at Merrill Gardens!

Jeannie