



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter September 2023

President's Message

Hi everyone,

Hope you enjoyed August and the two Super Moons. Does anyone get some good photos of them? I wish I had, but I was too busy.

I look forward to seeing you all at one of our meetings or field trips.

May you find the light you are looking for!

See you soon!

Jeanne Sparks

Vp message

I hope to see all of you at the program on September 6 at Merrill Gardens. My chemotherapy is done (though I have not had a scan yet). Send up to 3 images to Greg or bring them on a thumb drive for our group input on ways you might improve them.

I have wonderful news for the club. Dan Holmes has agreed to judge our September 21 image competition. Remember that there is a theme for September... "animals."

Dan is an excellent photographer and we have enjoyed his Thoughtful judging many times.

Cheryl

September 6, 2023, Program Meeting, at Merrill Gardens

Tonight, we will try something different. Ever have some images that you would like to enter into competition, or present for Show & Tell, but they just weren't right in some way, or you just weren't sure? Well...let us see them tonight!

Bring, or send in advance to Greg, up to 3 images and we will look at them, and figure how to improve them, using the competition guidelines of **Impact**, **Technique**, & **Composition**. Maybe the angle needed to be different, the lighting changed, cropped differently, looks better in monochrome, distracting elements eliminated, etc. *Do not be bashful!* This will be fun and educational. Send your images to Greg at santamariacameraclub@gmail.com or bring them in by 6:45pm

Do not forget to arrive before 7:00pm or you may find the outside doors are locked. If that is the case, it is necessary to go around to the front of Merrill Gardens to get let in, and it is a long walk back!

Cheryl and Alan

Pizza party memories



AUGUST COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Mark Velasquez

Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Rodney's roadster	Ed E Powell
2ND PLACE	Desert layers	Penni Powell
3RD PLACE	The county fair	Elaine Calvert
HONORABLE MENTION	Nude study	Jim McKinniss

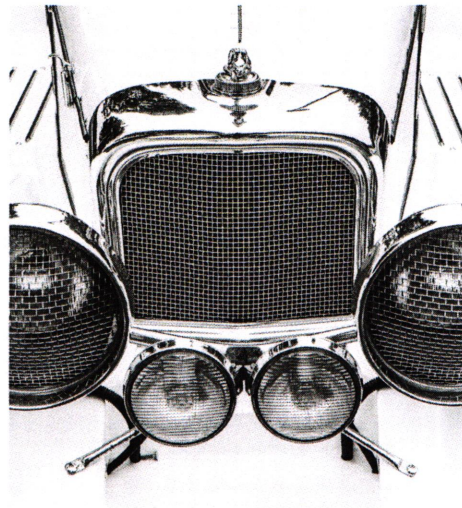
Digital color

1ST PLACE	Sunset at Bandon beach	Elaine Calvert
2ND PLACE	Full moon ridge	Ron Calvert
3RD PLACE	Late afternoon thunderstorm	Penni Powell
HONORABLE MENTION	Paleo cave at valley of fire	Ed E Powell

Congratulation to everyone



By Ed E. Powell



By Ed E Powell



By Ron Calvert



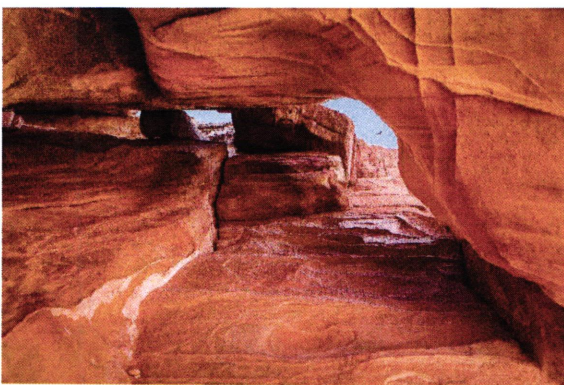
By Penni Powell



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By Elaine Calvert



By Ed E Powell



By Jim McKinniss

SMCC Field Trips for September 2023 and Beyond 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.

September 2023 – Make Your Own Field Trip! Looking for field trip leaders this month.

If you would like to lead a field trip, get the word out via email. Email the particulars to Frank at santamariacameraclub@gmail.com

WHY GO? - Part of the fun of belonging to a camera club is to get out to shoot together!

From Boredpanda.com I hope you got some good animal photos for competition



And Beyond...

Oct 7th – Worldwide Photo Walk – Scott Kelby (<https://worldwidephotowalk.com/>)

Oct 22nd (Sun) -Solvang Pumpkins and Scarecrows More info in the October Galleon

Oct 29th-30th (Sun am – Mon pm) - Pinnacles NP overnight with tent cabin rental (\$129) or camp out (\$40-59) with one day up and back option for non-campers. On the Eastside, the Bear Gulch Cave is supposed to be *fully open* the last week in October and it is nearly a full moon, too.

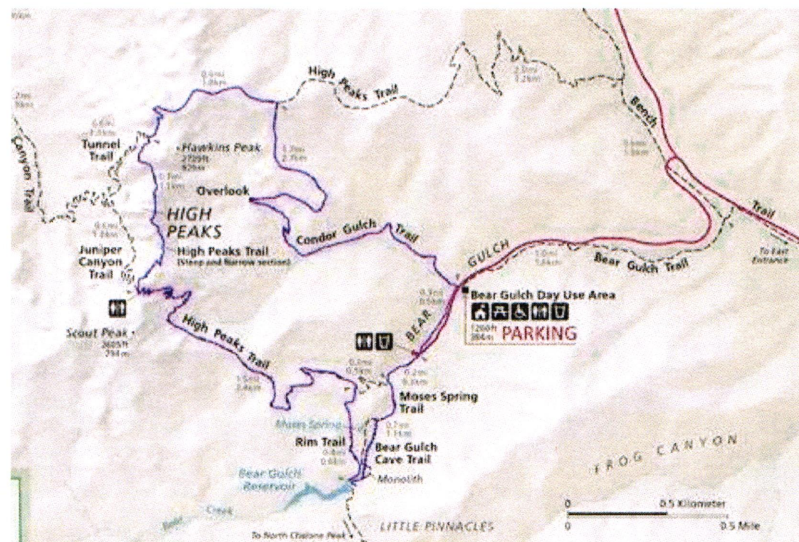
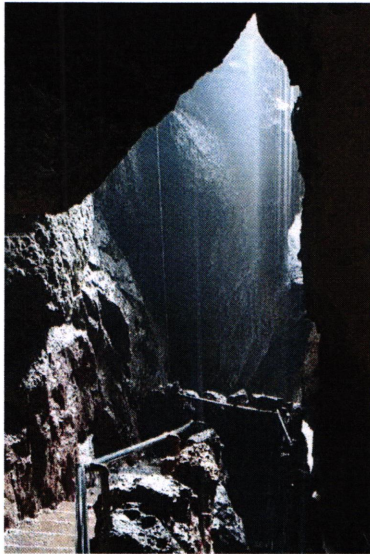
Ask Penni about reserving a camping spot as soon as possible so we can get campsites together. Email Penni penpowell2020@gmail.com or cell 805.363.1931.

November possibilities: Kern Co. Pioneer Village and Pixley sandhill crane fly-in, Big Sur coast, the Getty at dusk... Maybe you have an idea to share?

2024 possibilities: Death Valley, Carmel/Monterey, Sacramento Birding, Total Eclipse in Texas April 8th (I have a camping spot available in Bandera TX, say to me if you are interested), Gold Rush and Hwy 49

Field Trip to Pinnacles National Park (Eastside)

Sunday October 29th (with overnight camp option)



- Explore the Bear Gulch Cave, both upper and lower sections (if open as planned)
- Maybe spot the endangered California condor, but also look for turkey vultures, falcons, golden eagles, hawks, owls, wrens, swallows, etc.
- Camp out Sunday night with moonlight photo shoot if conditions permit

The Bear Gulch Cave has a main (lower) section plus a smaller chamber (upper) at the top of the cave. The cave is often inhabited by bats, including the Townsend's Big-Eared bat, and the park service restricts access by humans depending on the bats' activities. In October, especially the end of the month, the lower and upper sections are both open for exploring. A trail leads up and through the cave and to the Bear Gulch reservoir (2.2 miles round trip and 2-3 hours).

National park entrance fees apply. Cell service is extremely limited. Bring a headlamp or flashlight for the cave. Gas up as you leave Hwy 101. Directions need to be to the East entrance of Pinnacles (5000 E Entrance Road, Paicines 95043) heading North on Hwy 101 to King City and CA-25 to Pinnacles.

For the overnight camp option, reserve either a campsite or tent cabin through Recreation.gov for October 29th. Campsites start at \$35 and tent cabins with electricity \$129. So far, we have reserved campsites #4 and 5, and tent cabin #117. If we want to and the weather is good, it is nearly a full moon on Sunday night for nighttime shooting.

For more info, contact Penni at penpowell2020@gmail.com or text to 805.363.1931

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings	On September 1 st and 3 rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm
Location	In September, the first meeting 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, <i>please send an email to</i> santamariacameraclub@gmail.com
Membership dues	\$ 30 per person; \$ 45 Family; \$ 20 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year
2023 Club officers	President: Jeanne Sparks Vice President: Cheryl Decker Secretary: Frank Tromp Treasurer: Alan Upshaw
At-large Board Members	Elaine Calvert, Nyla James, Harold Litwiler, Jim McKinniss, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell
2023 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
2023 Special Subjects	March – Minimalism June – In the street of the city September – Animals
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 in time, will not be entered in the competition
Galleon Director	Flavio Parigi fparigi@aol.com

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Webmaster	Greg Doudna
Digital Projectionist	Greg Doudna
Slide Projectionist	Ed E. Powel
SMCC Directory & Calendar	Rosie Brancacio
Historian	Nyla James
Judge Recruitment	Cheryl Decker
Saturday Chat	Jim McKinniss
Point Tabulator	Richard Russ
Print Coordinators	Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass
Slide Coordinator	Elaine Calvert
Image scoring	Elaine Calvert, Ramona Cashmore, Penni Powell
Program Recruitment	Alan Upshaw
Refreshment	Everyone
PSA Representative	Nyla Janes
Library Coordinator	Larry Decker
Meeting room setup	Everyone
Membership recruitment	Richard Russ
Field trips	Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
Name Tags	Nyla James & Amaya Rangel

- “My life is shaped by the urgent need to wander and observe, and my camera is my passport”
— Steve McCurry