



Camera Club of Oak Ridge

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Newsletter

**This month's meeting – Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 7:30 PM at Roane State Community College,
Oak Ridge Campus, 701 Briarcliff Avenue**

FEBRUARY MEETING. At our February meeting, Allen Eubanks, head coach for the Atomic City Rowing and club manager for the Oak Ridge Rowing Association, spoke to us about the photo opportunities provided by our local rowing events. (Our venue has been named one of the top 3 in the country!)

There will be 7 major regattas from April to October this year, as well as numerous spring training visits. This should be starting in a week or so.

A photographer himself, Coach Eubanks showed some of his rowing images and discussed where along our course to get the best looks. He provided handouts of the regatta schedule and the course layouts and distances. If you would like to have copies of those, email Pat Postma and give her your name and mailing address. You can contact her at ppostma@comcast.net.

Harry Dunn also shared photographs from his trip to Yellowstone during the winter. He offered several useful suggestions for visiting the National Park, as well as, techniques for photographing wildlife and landscapes. It was a very informative presentation.

MARCH MEETING. This month Bill Fortney will speak to the club on the subject of "How to Become a Better Digital Photographer." He is a professional photographer with 33 years of experience in numerous areas of photography. An award-winning photojournalist and sports photographer, he was the official photographer for the Washington Redskins during the strike-shortened Super Bowl season. As a magazine photojournalist, he has interviewed and photographed over 70 celebrities.

Over the past 15 years Bill has become one of the best-known nature photography teachers in America. His company, The Great American Photography Workshops, is one of the most successful and top-rated workshop presenters, and he has worked with a virtual Who's Who of natural history photographers. In August 2002 Bill joined Nikon as a Professional Services Representative for the national nature market and the southern United States. He is a much sought-after speaker/entertainer.

This will be a great presentation so mark your calendars and be sure to join us.

APRIL MEETING. Competition: *Sports Photography*, Judge to be announced.

OTHER. Impromptu session – (Location to be announced).

2011 Membership Dues are "due" so please see Tony Habenschuss as soon as possible.

We've received several invitations from other photography organizations for a variety of activities. Please check your email to see if they interest you.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM/COMPETITION LIST.

April: Monthly Competition on *sports images*.

May: Paul Hassell will speak on *travel photography*.

June: Monthly Competition on *travel photography*.

COMPETITION RULES. (*A recurring summary of competition rules*). For our monthly competition your images should be a minimum of 60 square inches and a maximum of 320 square inches. Images should be mounted on foam core board, preferably 16" X 20" – if you prefer, framing is allowed. On the back, print the title of the photograph, your name and a direction arrow for UP on the top left hand corner. Matting is not necessary. Images must reflect the theme of the competition.

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**This month's meeting – Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 7:30 PM at Roane State Community College,
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MARCH MEETING: At our March meeting, Bill Fortney spoke to the club on the subject of “How to Become a Better Digital Photographer.” An informative and enlightening topic, Bill emphasized four key points related to becoming a better photographer:

1. Always choose a definable subject that can be verbally described in one sentence.
2. Choose light that works with the subject.
3. Are the conditions right for the shot? Be prepared to adapt to the conditions you have.
4. Control the foreground and background – whatever is sharp is the subject.

In addition to the discussion, Bill presented a superb program that featured many of the best photographs in his portfolio. It was a great program and we hope to have Bill back again.

On Saturday, March 12 the club held an impromptu session to discuss “Understanding Depth of Field.” Bob Stone led the discussion and all in attendance left with a better understanding of the concept. Very Informative – thanks Bob!

APRIL MEETING: Competition - Photos that exemplify good use of depth of field. So your photograph subject matter is wide open.

MAY MEETING: Speaker - Paul Hassell.

OTHER: Membership Dues are “due” so please see Tony Habenschuss as soon as possible.

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM/COMPETITION LIST:

April: Monthly Competition on *Depth of Field*.
May: Paul Hassell will speak on *Travel Photography*.
June: Monthly Competition on *Travel Photography*.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING: We just confirmed that we will be able to meet at the Roane State Community College campus in Oak Ridge for our first meeting on September 13, 2011. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 PM in the City Room and will consist of our first club competition. The theme for the competition is "Summer Time". Please participate; Bob Stone, Celeste Lewis, Pat Postma, and Brian Kaldenbach put a lot of effort in finding judges and speakers for our meetings so it benefits us all when you enter your works so we can all benefit and grow as photographers.

Dennis Clark has our website up and running, www.oakridgecameraclub.org. He's got some great ideas and could use your input. I believe he plans to highlight club member photo's at some point so please contribute to his effort.

Here is a special note of interest from Laura Capozzola:

Attached are the PSA Nature Division Inter club Competition Rules for the 2011 – 2012 season. They are in an early version of Word.

For the first competition, the deadline for digital entries to me is September 15, 2011. I will not be at the September club meeting as I will be out of state between August 29, 2011 – September 14, 2011 and will not have access to my computer. I am hoping to have club entries waiting for me when I get back.

To club members: The rules for you have not changed since last year but some things have been clarified. Remember, you do not have to be a PSA member to participate. Only our club has to be a member. You can submit up to 3 e-mailed images to me and it is okay to submit resized (see rules) qualified photos from former salon or club competitions in addition to anything new you might want to submit to me. We have to have a minimum of 4 club members participating and submit 6 total images to PSA in order to be competitive as a club. I will contact

all participants to let them know which entries were selected to go to PSA and what scores/points were received once the PSA judging is completed. Last year our club finished a little better than in the middle of the pack for the two competitions in which we participated. Not bad for our first season but let's try to better our finish this year.

Thanks, Laura

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OCTOER MEETING: Our October meeting will be held at the Roane State Community College campus in Oak Ridge, TN on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:30 PM. Our speaker will be Bob Stephenson who will lead a hands on discussion about macro photography – bring your cameras and macro gear. This promises to be a good learning experience.

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Here are the results of Septembers competition on Summer; judge Nick Myers. Nick is a sports photographer for UT Knoxville did a nice job judging and explained how our eye goes to white or red in a photo. His opinion was not to use a white mat because that is where your eye goes rather than to the photo. He also talked some about the rule of thirds and how using that rule generally gives a more attractive photo than one where the subject is dead center. As well as 30 years at UT, Nick has a military background and has done 8x10 negatives down to digital. He also mentioned a lady in North Carolina who has a website about dragonflies for those who might be interested. Not sure if this is the same lady, but I found some at: <http://www.dragonfly-site.com/dragonfly-pictures.html>

SEPTEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS:

Prints

1st Place, Country Lane by Jane Buchanan

2nd Place, Discovery by George Groom
3rd Place, Summer at Cape Horn by Jane Buchanan
HM, Rapids by George Groom
HM, Service Restored by Robert Winter
HM, Lazy Stream by Peggy Turner

Digital

1st Place, Water Lilies by Michael Slay
2nd Place, Cicada by Laura Capozzola
3rd Place, Lightnings by Michael Slay
HM, Tree Food by Dennis Clark
HM, Lake Michigan Sunset by Todd Hardt
HM, Rainbow at Mt. Rainier by Todd Hardt

PSA Nature Division Interclub Competition

Seven club members participated in the first PSA Nature Division Interclub Competition of the 2011 – 2012 season. Six photos submitted by Ann Ford, Alice Reed, Bob McAnally, James Ford (2) and Carol Slay were selected to represent the Camera Club of Oak Ridge. The selected entries will be judged and points will be awarded to the individual photos. Results will be reported when they are received.

We are in Class B. Individual blue “AWARD” ribbons will be awarded by PSA for the five highest individual scores in each class of each contest. Ties will be broken if more than 5 images have the highest score. Approximately 10% of the individuals will be awarded with red “HONOR” ribbons.

First, second and third place ribbons will be presented to the clubs in each class based on the total points for the six images in each

of the three contests. First, second and third place awards will be presented to the clubs in each class at the end of the season based on the total accumulated points for the three contests.

The judge for this first contest will be the Carolinas Nature Photographers, a club in Class A. Class A clubs judge Class B clubs and vice versa. At the end of this season, the two Class B Clubs with the highest season total for all three contests will be moved up to Class A for the following season's competition. The two Class A Clubs with the lowest season total for all three contests will be moved down to Class B for the following season's competition.

Last season, our first, we participated in only two of three PSA Nature Division Interclub competitions. We finished in the middle of the pack for each of those two contests and had no individual winners or honorable mentions.

The call for photos for the second contest of this season will go out in November. All entries are digital. You don't have to be a PSA member to participate.

If you need a copy of the instructions or have any questions, please contact Laura Capozzola at laurazzcap@comcast.net.

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November Swap Meet: This month is our annual salon so we will not have a competition. Instead we will have a camera gear swap and sale. This might be a good opportunity for you to get rid of some of the gear you have lying around gathering dust and someone else would love to have.

The club will not in any way facilitate any deals - all swaps and sales are between individual owners and sellers. We will try to have a couple of extra tables.

If you know of someone who does not receive these emails please pass this information on to them.

PSA Nature Division Interclub Competition 2

We don't have the results for Competition 1 as of November 2 but entries for Competition 2 are due to Laura Capozzola no later than December 15, 2011, via e-mail.

If you need a copy of the rules please contact Laura Capozzola. A few reminders:

Don't forget to size your photos according to the rules.

You are permitted 3 entries. Label the jpg files with your name: JohnDoePhoto1.jpg, JohnDoePhoto2.jpg, JohnDoePhoto3.jpg

Photos that were entered in the annual salon or club contests and qualify as nature per PSA (see rules) may be submitted.

Line of E-Mail: PSA Inter-Club Nature Division Competition

The photos must have titles and the titles should be descriptive and in the body of your e-mail message (examples):

Violets on A Hill

JohnDoePhoto1.jpg

John Doe

Copperhead

JohnDoePhoto2.jpg

John Doe

mounted on foam core board, preferably 16" X 20" – if you prefer, framing is allowed. On the back, print the title of the photograph, your name and a direction arrow for UP on the top left hand corner. Matting is not necessary. Images must reflect the theme of the competition.

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Remember: in order to enter the 2011 Salon, you have to be a Club member.

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