



The Sioux Projector

The Official Newsletter of the Sioux Falls Camera Club

NEW!! <http://www.siouxfallscameraclub.com> **NEW!!**

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September 2007 Edition

It's a Brand New Season!

*****NOTE MEETING LOCATION/TIME CHANGE*****

The Sioux Falls Camera Club will gather for the September 4th meeting at 7 p.m. at the Oak View Public Library, located at 3700 East Third Street, which is just north of our usual meeting place at the Kenny Anderson Community Center.

Tuesday, September 4;

Robert Tebben will be giving a program about their travels to (and through) the Panama Canal. The September subjects are "*Song Titles*" and "*Nature.*" Let's see some of those new summer shots!!

A Mystery Chef will be providing the tasty refreshments, so bring your appetites, and throw caution to the wind!

Tuesday, September 18

For our second meeting, we will be back at our regular location in eth Kenny Anderson Community Center at Anne Sullivan School on East Third Street.

September judging and N4C awards will be announced. We'd also like anyone who has one to bring a "nifty gadget" or tip to share.

Treats will once again be a great surprise.....

Sioux Falls Camera Club 2007-2008



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Feel free to contact the board members or chairpersons concerning Camera Club business.

Dues

Individuals: \$18.00 Family: \$27.00

Please pay Linda Rensberger, Secretary-Treasurer

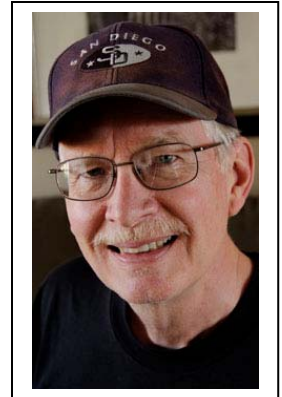
The Sioux Falls Camera Club meets at 7:00 P.M., the first and third Tuesdays, September through May, in the Kenny Anderson Community Center, at Ann Sullivan Elementary School, 3701 E 3rd Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

The Sioux Projector

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THE "NEW" PREZ SEZ!



The Oakview Library will be the location of the club's first meeting of the new season at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4th. We will resume meeting at the Kenny Anderson Community Center on September 18th.

We will begin our first meeting with a discussion of the results of last year's club-member survey, club goals for this year, this year's programs and activities plan, and several other topics the Executive Board has discussed over the summer months. Following the club business session Robert Tebben will show his DVD presentation on his trip to the Panama Canal.

The Board adopted the following club goals at their August 21 meeting:

1. Maintain a vibrant and growing camera club with continued efforts to increase and retain membership.
2. Provide learning opportunities to enhance club member's artistic and technical skills through a wide-range of programs and hands-on training.
3. Identify public locations suitable for exhibiting club member's photographic artwork.
4. Improve the club's exposure on the internet through an enhanced website displaying club member photography, with links to club member websites, educational sites and sites utilized by club members for display and critique of their personal portfolios.
5. Explore and develop avenues for club member personal growth through photographic related community service activities.
6. Acquire a digital projector, notebook computer and necessary software to enhance the showing of club competitions and the presentation of programs and training.
7. Evaluate the need to update the club's photo competition program, competition presentation format, and competition judging procedures.

Many of these goals were developed as a result of input from you through the club-member survey. In order for goals to be accomplished in any organization they must be accepted by a majority of the membership. Goal 5 will require a change to the club's constitution which requires a two-thirds approval by the club membership. All of the goals will be presented to you for your input and approval.

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The “New” Prez Sez, (continued)

Special thanks to Val Goering for her hard work and dedication to ensure the Sioux Empire Fair photography competition and exhibition was a success. Also, special thanks to Ken Starkenburg for his arm twisting, oops, I mean gentle persuasion of club members to staff the exhibit during the fair. Congratulations to all the club members whose entries met with success in the competition.

This year promises to be an exciting one. For it to be rewarding to you all it will require is your involvement and participation. Thanks for your support.

Roger Rose, SFCC President

Sioux Empire Fair 2007 Results SFCC Member Awards

The following SFCC members received ribbons at the Sioux Empire Fair competition- It appears that SFCC once again is well represented amongst the winning entries. Great job everyone!

Jennie Patrick

3rd Place – B&W Portrait – “Skim Milk or 1%?”

Ken Starkenburg

1st Place – Slide Portrait – “Jessica”
3rd Place – Slide Landscape – “Blue Morpho”
HM – Slide Portrait – “Afternoon Walk”
HM – Slide Landscape – “Summer Shadows”

Ron Balthazor

1st Place – B&W Landscape - “Sunshine”
2nd Place – Color Landscape – “She Loves Me”
3rd Place – Color Landscape – “Early Risers”
HM – B&W Landscape – “Basilica de Notre Dame”

Amy VanderVorste

Merit – B&W Portrait – “What Goes Up...”
3rd Place – Slide Portrait – “Ancient Reflections”

Tim Breitkreutz

HM - B&W Portrait – “Ty”

Lori Fisher

1st Place – Color Portrait - “A Good Sport”
2nd Place – B&W Portrait – “Pepper Style”
HM – B&W Portrait – “Portrait of Eek”
Merit – Color Portrait – “Take Time”
Merit – B&W Landscape – “Railroad Street”
Merit – B&W Portrait – “What Goes Up...”
Merit – Color Landscape – “Rippled Ambiance”

Sandy Tebben

1st Place – Color Landscape - “California Lighthouse”
2nd Place – B&W Landscape – “Tied up for the Day”
HM – B&W Landscape – “George, Tom, Teddy & Abe”
HM – Color Portrait – “Getting Ready to Nap”
Merit – Color Landscape – “The Trees Really Grew”

Robert Tebben

1st Place – Slide Landscape - “Mesa Arch”
3rd Place – B&W Landscape – “Gull Standing Guard”
HM – Slide Landscape – “The Mitten”
HM – Slide Landscape – “Pelican”
HM – Slide Landscape – “Gristmill”
Merit – B&W Landscape – “Sharecropper’s House”



Visitors at fair view award-winning photographs at SFCC exhibit

Members in the News



Don Rensberger – 75 years young!

(Got this note from Don Rensberger...)

Hi Marty,

I had a rather busy summer. I took pictures of our granddaughter's graduation and our other granddaughter's wedding. We did wedding books and cd's. Then we went to Texas and took lots of pictures of our newest granddaughter's baptism and some fiftieth anniversary pictures. I did pictures for brochures for a lady starting a new business. I also took pictures for a committee at the church to use for sympathy and get well cards they turned out nicely. I also continue to take baptism pictures to display as needed. Lastly, I sold a number of my large pictures for a business.

Don

Harold's CAMERA "Digital Days"

(Got this note from Tim Breitzkreutz...)

Harold's is having their Digital Days Sept 7-9 and will hold a variety of seminars and "Question & Answer" sessions on the 8th. For more information, check out http://www.haroldsphoto.com/digi_days.asp.

Looks like Tim is likely to be one of the instructors, so if you can go heckle him, feel free!

Help Needed!

We are looking for two members to coordinate the monthly competition judging and presentations. Unfortunately both Terry Rea and Chastity Merkwon are unable to do it this year. They did a great job last year and their efforts are appreciated. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering for this very important club activity.

Thanks for your support.

Roger Rose, President

Board Meeting Minutes

Sioux Falls Camera Club Board Meeting Minutes July 17, 2007

The Sioux Falls Camera Club met on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 6:30 PM at Kenny Anderson. Present: Roger Rose, Jennie Patrick, Amy Vander Vorste, Ken Ekert, Ken Starckenburg, and Linda Rensberger. Absent: Marty DeWitt, Eric Merrill.

Next board meeting: August 21 at 6:30 PM at the Oak View Library. Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 18 from 8-12 noon at Falls Park.

Regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Oak View Library. Time of the meeting discussed from 6:30 PM, 7:00 PM or 7:30 PM. Roger may bring it up to the club this fall.

Discussion on Competition, N4C, and judging. It was tabled for now. It was agreed that we need more training for judging. We need good critical feedback. There was discussion about reducing the number of pictures per entry. The board would like to see more feedback from the winners about their pictures. We were pleased Jim Stone will stay with points and awards for N4C until we get things going.

We need a new Chairman for programs. We decided to have a committee to include Roger and Jennie. Other names were suggested. Roger will contact Karel Vander Lugt and Jennie will ask Kaitlin Vogel.

Discussion about special interest workshops. Roger will try to schedule every Tuesday at Kenny Anderson.

Ideas to create interest:

1. Everyone buy a throw away camera and shoot the same subject and print it into a 8x10 and have it judged.
2. Use a pin hole camera.
3. Visit a dark room (possibility at Augustana).
4. Visit a studio (Jan or Feb).
5. Do a team scavenger hunt.

Roger will put a calendar together with thoughts, etc. At the first meeting we will go over the survey, and introduce work groups and goals. Robert Tebben volunteered to do a program on his Panama Canal trip if it is needed

Jennie, Amy and Linda gave a report on the new member orientation. They will prepare a sample packet and a cd for the next meeting.

Discussion on the Web Site. Tim Breikreutz has done it for us in the past. Tim says the free Geocities site is not big enough to do what we now need. He suggested that we change to GoDaddy with the economy plan. The board decided that we would go with the deluxe plan. We do want to put pictures on the Web Site. The deluxe plan would give us 100 gigabytes for \$4.89 a month or \$180.00 for 3 years. We talked about having a link to the free Flickr site. Amy gave a presentation with her computer on Flickr. She showed many things we could do. Roger and Amy will be visiting with Tim about the web site.

Roger presented seven goals for the coming year. He will present the goals per approval at the first meeting. The board was asked to review the goals for the August 21st meeting.

The goals to choose from are:

1. Maintain a vibrant and growing camera club with continued efforts to **increase and retain membership**.
2. Provide learning opportunities to enhance club member's artistic and technical skills

SFCC Projector - June 2007 – page 5 through a wide-range of **programs and hands-on training**.

3. Identify public locations suitable for **exhibiting club member's photographic artwork**.
4. Improve the club's exposure on the internet through an **enhanced website** displaying club member websites, educational sites and sites utilized by club members for display and critique of personal portfolios.
5. Explore and develop avenues for club member personal growth through photographic related **community service** activities.
6. **Acquire a digital projector**, notebook computer and necessary software to enhance the showing of club competitions and the presentation of programs and training.
7. Evaluate the need to update the club's photo **competition program**, competition presentation format, and competition judging procedures.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Rensberger

***Sioux Falls Camera Club
Board Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2007***

The SF Camera Club Board met on Tuesday, August 21 at 6:30 PM at the Oak View Library. All members were present: Marty DeWitt, Ken Ekert, Jennie Patrick, Linda Rensberger, Roger Rose, Amy Vander Vorste, Ken Startenburg, Eric Merrill, and Amy Vander Vorste.

Next Board Meeting: September 4th 6:15-6:45 PM at Oak View Library preceding the Camera Club meeting. To open our fall season Robert Tebben will present a program on the Panama Canal.

Roger went over the minutes of the July Board Meeting and asked for member updates.

The group visited about the fair and were happy to have a committee consisting of Bill Leshovsky and Valerie Goering. Amy Vander Vorste volunteered to assist if they need more help. Jennie presented the New Member Packet that the committee proposed. Consensus to put several packets together for September.

The new web site is up and running thanks to Tim Breitkreutz. Discussion on adding blogs and other information. Amy Vander Vorste volunteered to help Tim if he wants more help.

Roger handed out packets to board members with information he is proposing for the coming year. Discussion on Goals he proposed for 2007-2008. Eric moved that we adopt the rules and Amy seconded. Approved. Members will vote on them in September.

Roger presented a proposed Schedule for 2007-2008 to include workshops and extra activities. He asked for volunteers to help with the programs and got the following response:

Outdoor Campus - Ken Starkenburg

Scavenger Hunt – Jennie Patrick and Marty DeWitt

Christmas and Family Photo – Linda and Don Rensberger

Photoshop Workshop – Amy Vander Vorste

Digital Camera Workshop – Roger Rose

Matt Cutting – Marty DeWitt and Sandy Tebben

Roger will continue to look for someone to do a Lighting Workshop and fill other spots.

Discussion on paying an honorarium for outside speakers. There was consensus not to do so at the present time.

Monthly competition was discussed. Consensus to establish an annual judging assignment schedule to include all members and to establish an orientation and training class. Discussion on disallowing judges from entering competitions they are judging, and to reduce the number of pictures per member, but decided to leave it as is, at present.

Discussion on Club logo and tax exempt status.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Rensberger

2007-2008 Monthly Themes!

Here is the list for you to start working on:

September – Song Titles

October – Old Buildings

November – Close-ups

December – Autumn Foliage

January – Christmas Decorations

February – Reflections

March – Clocks

April – Clouds

May – Anything Goes!

NEW NAME TAGS

New SFCC member name tags have been distributed. Please remember to wear them at each meeting, so everyone will know who you are. If you haven't gotten yours yet, contact Linda Rensberger. Special thanx to the SD Department of Health for the donation of the lanyards.

NEW SFCC Web Site!!!

Thanx to Tim Breitkreutz, we now have our new domain name - www.siouxfallscameraclub.com!

Our old website has now been moved to the new address. The Geocities site will stay in place, but will later just redirect visitors to our new site.

All updates will take place on the new site, and eventually it will be redesigned.

Take Your Best Shot!

By Marty DeWitt, SFCC Editor



SFCC members at Big Sioux picnic

So, maybe you can tell me where summer went... Seems like only yesterday I was scampering about trying to get things ready for summer, and now it's just about over! Actually, unlike many of you, I am one who hopes to see the first snowfall come about July 8th, but seldom get my wish. The end of the park season (and actually, we still have a little more than a month left to our busy season here in the southeast tropics...) usually means things slow down for us a bit, but it also means the summer help is gone.

Anyway, it's been a very busy summer for SFCC, as well. We had a pretty good attendance for the picnics, but sure would have liked to see more of you. It was too bad

that the weather was less than cooperative for the Falls Park breakfast, but that was one case where I'm glad there was such a small turnout... that way I was able to take some of Roger's awesome breakfast burritos and some of Don Rensberger's 75th birthday cupcakes home for future consumption. Mmmmm!

Your SFCC Board of Directors has been very active as well this summer. Yes, that new president is quite the slave-driver, so be ready for lots of activity and neat new things in the months to come.

I actually don't have much to report from my summer. As usual, I failed miserably in my goal to take more pictures. I was going to experiment more with macro work this summer, and it just didn't work out. I did try some astro-photography, and specifically spent a long night trying to capture some elusive meteors during the Perseid Showers. Those puppies are tough to get! I did get some neat star shots, however.

For those of you who might be looking for a fun photo opportunity, I'd like to invite you to the 29th annual Homesteader Day Harvest Festival. Bring your cameras and step back in time to the days of the pioneer settling on the prairie in Dakota Territory. The event is held at Beaver Creek Nature Area (southeast of Brandon) from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, September 9th. There will be all sorts of pioneer activities and demonstrations, including Civil War soldiers and cowboy gunfighters, pioneer farming demonstrations, rope making, candle and butter making, rosemaking, blacksmithing, Dutch oven cooking and lots of fun, music, refreshments and more. And it's FREE admission!

Over the years we've seen many great photos of Homesteader Day pass through the monthly club contests. You, too, will find all sorts of possible images at this event, and may even be able to fulfill a monthly subject or two. I think the old 1870 Samuelson cabin would qualify as an "old building".

Well, I'd better get this thing done and sent out. The Pony Express is tied up outside waiting to deliver Ken Starkenburg's newsletter, since he hasn't joined the rest of us on the electronic world yet. We'll keep working on him....

Well, till we see each other in the viewfinder.... Keep on Shooting!

Marty DeWitt, SFCC Editor

Remember- Happy "Clickers" Take Better Pictures!



A volley from the 13th Infantry!

The Fine Print – The opinions expressed in "Take Your Best Shot" are those of the SFCC *Sioux Projector* editor, and not often (but occasionally I get lucky) those of the SFCC and its awesome photographers. Corrections, rebuttals, and certainly kind words are graciously invited but, depending on my mood, may or may not be published in future issues. Got a better idea? Think I'm all wet? Bring it on!!!