



The Sioux Projector

The Official Newsletter of the Sioux Falls Camera Club

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November 2008 Edition

Winter’s A Comin’ Edition

The Sioux Falls Camera Club now meets at the Oak View Public Library, located at 3700 East Third Street, which is just north of our former meeting place at the Kenny Anderson Community Center. Meetings will start at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 4th - DON'T MISS IT!!!!!!

Chad Coppess (Senior Photographer for the SD Department of Tourism and Economic Development) will present an informative program on his career with Tourism and share with members his tips and secrets on how to get that special shot. Chad has traveled the state and country, capturing award-winning images and has had his work published in numerous venues. You won't want to miss this one!

Steve Thompson will be providing the tasty treats.

Tuesday, November 18th

This will be the third month for the group critique session. Each member is invited to bring one image to share for an evening of creative learning! Be sure to provide the technical data for your images and be prepared to discuss your inspiration for your particular shot.

David Bair will provide refreshments.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

Sioux Falls Camera Club 2008-2009



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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

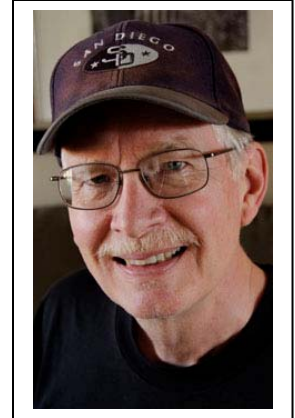
The Sioux Falls Camera Club meets at 7:00 P.M., the first and third Tuesdays, September through May, at the Oak View Library, 3700 E 3rd Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

The Sioux Projector

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THE New/OLD/NEW PREZ SEZ!



There aren't many pages left in my pocket appointment book for 2008. Yes, it's nearly Christmas and that means the Sioux Falls Camera Club's Christmas Dinner is right around the corner. Thanks to Val Goering for her efforts in finding an appropriate location for this year's festivities. We will not be able to meet at the Sunnycrest United Methodist Church as in the past; however, the Pizza Ranch on 41st street should prove to be a suitable replacement. We extend our appreciation to the Sunnycrest Church and Don and Linda Rensberger for enabling us to use the church facilities in previous years.

October's "critique night" was really a lot of fun. It appeared that everyone enjoyed showing their photographs and getting some feedback from fellow club members. We had several new members show their work for the first time and they deserve a pat on the back for their efforts. In August we decided to temporarily suspend the club's monthly competition and replace it with the "critique night." On December 2nd we will revisit the decision and determine if we want to return to the former competition format, a modified version, or other possible options. The club's board and committee chairs want to provide programs and activities that are of the most interest to club members. The December 2nd meeting will provide you an opportunity to voice your opinion. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

The club conducted six N4C contests this fall, Travel slides and prints for September and Nature prints (large & small) and Black and White pictorial prints (large and small) for October. I would like to thank Ken Starkenburg, Steve Thompson, Jim Stone, Keith Anderson and Karel Vander Lugt for consenting to judge these contests. The entries were excellent and competition was tough but I believe our judges did a great job identifying the top photographs.

We are planning to present a special photo essay program at the Christmas Dinner consisting of a compilation of church photographs taken by club members. All members are invited to participate by providing up to three of your favorite church photographs (interior or exterior). Prizes will be awarded for the following: 1. Most inspirational church photo, 2. Photo that best depicts the spirit of Christmas, and 3. Best night photo. Please email your entries to me at rose@sio.midco.net by December 12th or bring your digital image or un-matted print to one of the regular club meetings. I'm looking forward to the exceptional images I know you will all provide.

Roger Rose, Interim President (IP)

SFCC Website

-- Photos WANTED --

Our web page has a "revolving" banner. Amy would love to have more than two images cycling through on the top of the web page. Photo donations would be appreciated. They will only be used for the web page and Amy can crop them to the correct size for the banner area. Email images to Amy via sfcameraclub@gmail.com or bring them to a meeting. Thanks!

LATEST Tips from the PUG!

From Amy VanderVorste

Photoshop/Photo-Editing User's Group (PUG)

Next Session - Tuesday, 11/25, 7:00 PM @ Oak View Library (We'll meet every other month.)

The goal: A time where we can share image editing know-how in a very informal setting.

Bring a tip to share, a question or an image to tinker with! (If you need, you can bring a CD, flash/thumb drive, or media card with an example.) I'll have computers with Photoshop CS3 and GIMP (Gnu Image Manipulation Program) connected to the projector. Suggestions for editing software besides these two programs are welcome, but I only have laptops with those programs.

The Photoshop topics I'll be sharing are:

*Blending Modes
Masks*

I know Photoshop is expensive to purchase, so I wanted to let people know there are alternatives out there. I focus on Photoshop because it's the industry standard. But I'll bring in a copy of GIMP on my other laptop. It is a free yet powerful alternative to Photoshop and I'll give a quick overview of it.

Looking forward to seeing y'all in November!

Hospitality Schedule

From Val Goering

Following is the list of folks who have volunteered to provide treats for future meetings. However, you'll notice that there are a number of nights yet to fill. Please contact Val if you are able to help.

Nov 4 - Steve Thompson

Nov 18 - David Bair

Dec 2 - Eric Merrill

Dec 16 - Christmas Banquet

Jan 6 - Don and Linda Rensberger

Jan 20 - Roger Rose

Feb 3 - Sandy Tebben

Feb 17 - Marty DeWitt

Yet To Be Filled:

March 3

Mar 17

Apr 7

Apr 21

May 5

May 19 - Spring Banquet

Won't You Help? THANK!

***"There are no shortcuts to
anyplace worth going."***

Beverly Sills



SPECIAL GUEST for NOVEMBER!

This month's special guest speaker (for the November 4th meeting) is Chad Coppess, from Pierre. Chad has been the Senior Photographer for the South Dakota Department of Tourism and State Development since 1993. In that position, he has traveled the entire state photographing fairs, festivals, state parks, historic sites, landscapes, manufacturing facilities, wildlife, visitor attractions, and the like. His photographs have appeared in publications ranging from National Geographic Traveler to books on the rock band KISS and have also been exhibited at the National Museum of Wildlife Art and the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. And if that isn't enough, Chad's photos have added color and impact to nearly every Tourism-related publication and advertising piece that promotes

South Dakota.

Chad will show a number of his favorite images, and share with us his tips and tricks for capturing award winning (or marketable) photographs. It will be an informal session, so questions are welcome.

If you'd like more information, take a look at Chad's website. There you'll see a nice assortment of Chad's images, like the one at left of an old mill in the Smoky Mountains, some of our area state parks, and even a photo of "yours truly" during a photo walk at Palisades. Click on his profile below (or cut and paste the address into your browser) to see his other blogs.

<http://dakotagraph.blogspot.com/>

CHRISTMAS BANQUET CHANGE

This year's Christmas Banquet will be held Tuesday, December 16th at the **Pizza Ranch** near 41st Street and Kiwanis. A private room has been reserved from 7-9 pm. We will eat first, and then have the program. We do not need to pre-pay, just pay the cashier when you get there. The cost for the buffet is \$9.75 per person for adults, and less for children. Spouses and guests are welcome.



"MONTHLY THEMES for 2008-2009

November - In Motion

December - Inspiration

January - Candle light

February - Love & Romance

March - Spring

April - Wet Stuff

May - Anything Goes

NAC Digital Results

October Digital Pictorial (DP)

<i>Merit</i>	<i>“Discovery”</i>	<i>Roger Rose</i>
<i>Merit</i>	<i>“The Rose”</i>	<i>Dave Bair</i>
36pts	“Window Seat”	Lori Fisher
27pts	“Slide”	Amy Vander Vorste

October Digital Nature (DN)

34pts	“Oriole”	Dave Bair
33pts	“Iguago Falls”	Sandy Tebben
26pts	“Toxic White”	Roger Rose



SAGE ADVICE

*“If at first you don’t succeed,
call the oldest person you
know and ask them
how to do it!”*

Author Unknown

(Heeeeyyy Ken....HELP!!!!!!)

Take Your Best Shot!

By Marty DeWitt, SFCC Editor

I’m really excited this month that Chad Coppess, Tourism’s crack-shot photographer, will be in town and has graciously accepted our invitation to stop by and share with SFCC members his secrets for success. I’ve known Chad since he started with Tourism in 1993, and have worked with him on many projects over the years. You have no doubt seen much of his work. Any time you pick up a South Dakota *Vacation Guide* or Tourism advertising piece, chances are they are packed full of Chad’s images. Chad’s photos also appear in many other advertisements for resorts, communities, corporations and other economic development projects. In short, it is Chad’s job to make South Dakota look good. And he does an incredible job! Whether it’s stampeding bison at the Custer Roundup, convoys of choppers at the Sturgis Rally, or smiling faces at Teapot Days, Chad has captured it all. And in his spare time, he has collected some fantastic shots of some pretty impressive concert venues, like KISS... ever heard of them? And he’s even done some traveling to some of my favorite national parks.

Anyway, I’ve learned a lot from Chad over the years, and I know you can too. I sure hope you can join us!

Not much else going on... Cathy and I just returned from a two-week trip to New England. We played tour guides for some recently retired friends from Pierre who have never seen that part of the country. We saw some great color in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, some fantastic shooting conditions at Acadia in Maine and at Niagara Falls, and everything else, including snow, in between. But, more about that later. See you next Tuesday!

*Remember- Happy “Clickers”
Take Better Pictures!*

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!!!