



Collins Photo Club

May 2001 Newsletter

**Next Meeting:
Program:**

MAY 17 5pm at the Club Darkroom – Bldg. 105
Club Darkroom Equip./ Procedure Review

Club Website:

<http://rweb.cacd.rockwell.com/data/clubs/photo/>
(website is not accessible from outside Rockwell)

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From the President

April 25, 2001

At the April meeting we had a discussion to raise club dues from \$8 to \$10. This motion was passed by the members attending the April meeting. The reasons for the dues increase was to allow the club leadership a little more latitude in planning club activities.

The annual photo contest had a number of fine entries this year. When you get to see a display of the work of several members, you can be impressed and/or intimidated by the level of talent in this club. Once the photos are up for display I urge all the members to go check out entries.

The next meeting will be held at the photo club darkroom instead of at main plant. The darkroom is in building 105. You will need a badge to enter the building. Will the first members there, please get the key from the guard and open up the darkroom. The

meeting will be an introduction to the darkroom for all of our members.

This years schedule includes the following:

- May 17 - Darkroom Meeting
- June 21 - Japan Slides (Pat Boland)
- July 19 - 5 Seasons Ski Show
- August 16 - Start One-Shot Contest
- Sept. 20 - Turn-In One Shot (Elections)
- October 18 - One Shot Show/ Judging

Any comments, suggestions, or volunteers to help out with programs and club activities will be appreciated. It's never too early to start thinking about volunteering for a club office next September.

Doug Dams
FY01 CPC President

From the Editor

At the meeting, there was some discussion on possible local places to go for a photo shoot. Usher's Ferry was mentioned several times because of the many interesting activities there. If anyone has a schedule of upcoming events at Usher's Ferry, please send me a copy and I will include it in the next newsletter.

Also, if you have any other favorite photo spots that you would like to share, please

pass them along. Gary Hamer - Editor

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CPC Member Discounts

• **Photo Pro**

Photo Club members can receive the following discounts and specials at Photo Pro, 153 Collins Road NE, Cedar Rapids. Note these specials are not valid with any other offer.

- Film Processing 20%
- Mats 20%
- Darkroom Chemicals 20%
- Photographic Paper 10%
- Film Cost +15%

• **Mote Brothers Custom Framing**

Photo Club members can receive the following discount at Mote Brothers Custom Framing, 701 Third Ave SE, Cedar Rapids. To receive your 25% off list price discount you must present your Collins Photo Club membership card.

Did you know...

Rockwell photo-finishing through Employee Services is now being sent to Linn Photo. This is because Qualex is closing their plant on Boyson Rd. Sandi Strike in Employee Services encourages us to send her our feedback about the quality of service we receive from Linn Photo. Editor

Interesting websites – at least I think so

<http://www1.minn.net/~rcland/MinnesotaNaturePhoto.htm> Minnesota Nature Photography Club, good links and newsletter

<http://www.phototravel.com/> Travel guides for photographers, very useful if visiting National parks

Editor

More about Digital Prints from Slides

Last month, I talked about getting a good print from 35mm slides. I can have 8x12 prints made by Slideprinter in Denver, CO for \$5.50. They have a limited tonal range and are not particularly sharp. Then I tried Photo Imaging in Flowood, MS – beautiful 8x12 print, increased tonal range and very sharp – but \$21.00 each.

Now the quest for high quality for a lower cost. Photo Pro offers an 8x12 digital dye-sublimation print for about \$8.75 (with club discount). Dave in the digital lab at Photo Pro was kind enough to do a print while I waited. After scanning my slide and creating a 44Mb file he was able to create the print in just a few minutes. The results were good. The tonal range and sharpness were both a little better than my \$5.50 print from Slideprinter – but the \$21 digital print from Photo Imaging was still obviously better. This is an option for a decent price and quick turnaround.

Gary Hamer x8378

Photo Contest Exhibit

The photo contest exhibit will be on display in Bldg. 106 in the main hallway between the cafeteria and Bldg. 124. It is scheduled to be up from May 7 through May 18.

Darlene Ealy – CPC Exhibit Director

2001 Annual Photo Contest Results

People and Portraits

1 st	Prize-winner	<u>Title</u>
2 nd	Rick Nelson	Street Sweeper
3 rd	Doug Dams	Jean Among the Beans
HM	Kathy Rutherford	Hannah
	Randy Aschbrenner	Two Foundry Workers

Nature & Animals

1 st	Doug Hoeger	Purple Cone Flowers
2 nd	Kathy Rutherford	Feeding Time
3 rd	Gary Hamer	Mrs. C II (Female Cardinal)
HM	Doug Hoeger	Swift Fox

Scenic & Travel

1 st	Gary Hamer	Johnson Falls
2 nd	Dave Detwiler	Alki Point Light
3 rd	Gary Hamer	Ice Storm
HM	Ron Meyer	Bench (B&W)

Black & White

1 st	Gary Hamer	Geese in Fog
2 nd	Mary Bortz	Being Kids
3 rd	Ron Meyer	Night Spin

Special Effects

1 st	Rick Nelson	Flowers
2 nd	Rick Nelson	Kernals Stadium
3 rd	Doug Dams	Handcolor F30

Theme: Humor

No Awards

Best of Show Doug Hoeger Purple Cone Flowers

Contest Summary We would like to thank everyone who entered the contest this year - lots of great photos! There were a total of 43 entries and about 17 members and guests present. Watch for the exhibit in the 106 hallway between May 7 – May 18.

The contest was not without a little controversy. Although there were two entries in the Humor category, the judge didn't think the entries really fit the category. After a brief discussion between the judge, Contest Committee Head and the Club President, we stuck with the judge's recommendation and awarded no prizes in that category. The unused gift certificates are being held by the Treasurer for possible use in the One-Shot contest later this year.

Gary Hamer – 2001 Annual Contest Committee Head.

Photo Details from Category Winners

Ron Meyer had suggested that it would be interesting to know some of the technical details on the contest entries, so I collected some information from the category winners.

People and Portraits 1st (Street Sweeper):

Picture was taken in 1999 at the Pella Tulip festival. Families were lining up in the street before the start of the parade and I was scanning the crowd looking for photo opportunities. When the girl stuck her tongue out, I knew that was the moment to shoot the picture. Photo taken with Canon A-2 with 70-200 lens on Kodak Gold film. Enlargement by Linn Photo - Rick Nelson

Nature and Animals 1st (Purple Cone Flowers):

The picture was taken on the trail over in Marion by the 8th Avenue bridge. I used a Nikon N90 with a 70-300mm Nikkor lens, set at 300mm, and an extension tube (I can't remember the length), and used a Sunpak DX-12R ringflash for fill. The exposure was between F/5.6-8 for a shallow depth of field in an aperture priority mode – approx. 1/125 sec. When shooting close-ups, I always use my Bogen tripod. As far as film goes, I was using Kodak Gold 100. The printing, of course, was done at Photo Pro – Doug Hoeger

Scenic and Travel 1st (Johnson Falls):

Canon EOS 620, 28-105mm zoom set to 28mm, Fuji Velvia slide film, camera mounted on Bogen 3221 tripod. approx. settings f16, ½ sec. Photo taken in September on an overcast day at Johnson Falls in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Northern Minnesota. Digital printing by Photo Imaging (Flowood, MS) – Gary Hamer

Black and White 1st (Geese in Fog):

Canon EOS A2, 300mm telephoto with 1.4 extender (total of 420mm), hand held in image stabilizer mode. Kodak T Max 400 print film, approx. settings: f8 1/250 sec. Photo taken on a cold morning in February at Cedar Lake in Cedar Rapids. Printing by Photo Pro – Gary Hamer

Special Effects 1st (Flowers):

Picture was taken at Como Park Conservatory in St. Paul (March 2001). Picture taken with Polaroid SX-70 camera and manipulated with several stylus tools. Polaroid picture was enlarged on color copy machine using photographic type paper - Rick Nelson

Judge's Comments on the Annual Contest Photos

Here are a few comments from the judge (Jim Slosiarek from the Gazette):

Humor Category: Judge was looking for juxtaposition (two or more things side by side) in the photos. Picture should not make fun of or humiliate the subject. Should be a picture that makes you smile or laugh.

- He wanted to see irony and facial expressions.

People: Street Sweeper - Nice soft lighting. "The tongue sticking out on the girl did it for me."

- Girl in Field - Nice senior type portrait. Recommended taking photo earlier or later in day to get "golden" light. Suggested bouncing light into the face to remove shadows from the eyes.

- For photographs with people, he said newspaper photographers are always looking to capture the moment, facial expressions.

- For some people pictures he suggested earlier in the day or later in the day for a more flattering light and/ or using a reflector to reflect some light into the subjects eyes and fill harsh shadows.

Special Effects: Kernals Stadium - Reminded him of a Norman Rockwell painting.

Flowers - Nice composition which led eye from front to back of picture. Nice lighting.

- He liked the painterly photography of Rick Nelson's special effects shots.

Animals: Cardinal - Nice catchlight in bird's eye. Blown out background leads eye right to the bird.

- Fish: Judge felt the picture was rather humorous in that the fish appear to be gasping for breath.

Scenics: Waterfalls - Nice time exposure to soften the water over the falls. Color of the leaves in background and rocks in foreground provide nice contrast in picture.

- Lighthouse - Nice bold colors and geometric shapes to the photo.

Black and White: General comment was that most of the pictures in this category could have been printed "harder" to provide more contrast.

- For black & white photographs he wanted to see more black and less gray.

- Children on Porch - Picture captures a special moment in time. Capturing the "moment" is what newspaper photography is all about.

- Geese - Nice silhouette of bird in foreground. Nice "depth" to the picture.

- Parking Ramp - Nice effect of light streaks twisting through the picture.

General Comments: He observed that many of the photos would have been improved by cropping out distracting or unnecessary elements – remember cropping can also be done after the photo is printed – sometimes an 8x12 print will look better when cut down to 7x9 for example.

- He also mentioned early morning and late afternoon light being a warmer, less harsh light.

Thanks to Doug Dams and Rick Nelson for compiling many of the above judge's comments.

Treasurer's Report

April 30, 2001

Welcome to 4 new members:

Tim & Jennifer Rand

Randy Aschbrenner

Kenneth Ruzicka

(membership dues for these members are not included in Treasurer Report)

Photo Club Balance as of April 19th, 2001

The club currently has a total cash balance of	\$703.57
Credit at Photo Pro	\$ 96.77
Gift Certificates for Photo Pro	<u>\$ 85.00</u>
Total	\$885.34

Outstanding Balances:

Plaque engraving	\$ 99.33
Photo Pro Gift Certificates	<u>\$410.00</u>
Total	\$509.33

Subtracting Outstanding Balances:

Cash Balance	\$291.01
Gift Certificates for Photo Pro	<u>\$ 85.00</u>
Total	\$376.01

The following is a reminder for how to handle Photo Club expenses:

Photo Club Expenditures:

All spending should be pre-approved by members of the board.

All expenditures require receipts. A receipt is required for any expenditure of \$1 or more.

There are 3 ways to access the club funds:

1. expense report

Save all receipts and send them to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will then do an on-line expense report.

2. the company can invoice the club

Collins has working relationships with Photo Pro, Halls, and Godfathers (Town & Country store). The invoice should be sent from the company to Sandi Strike, a copy of the invoice should be sent to the Treasurer for record keeping.

3. request a check requisition

This will be worked with the Treasurer through Sandi Strike. Send original of "order to be placed" to the Treasurer. Note: Checks are made on Thursday so requests need to be into the Treasurer by Monday afternoon.

Kathy Rutherford CPC Treasurer