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# Collins Photo Club

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June 2002 Newsletter

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**Next Meeting:  
Program:**

June 20 5:00 p.m. **at Thomas Park in Marion**  
*Outdoor Portraiture*

*by Mike Haeder, owner of Hall's Photo*

**Club Website:**

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

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## **June Meeting at Thomas Park in Marion**

### **Note Location Change**

The June meeting will be held at Thomas Park in Marion at 5:00 p.m. - the program is expected to last about an hour. We will meet in the Legion Park area which is in the back of Thomas Park. At the entrance turn right at the T intersection and go all the way back by the soccer and frisbee golf parking area.

In case of rain we will meet at the Main Plant Cafeteria – we will send out an email notification. If it does rain, Ron will need a hand with getting the Novatron and a backdrop from the darkroom.

### **From the Editor**

Please note the above change in location for our June meeting. Mike has done portraiture programs for us in the past and they have always been very informative.

Also, it's not too early to start thinking about FY03 club officers – elections will be in September. The Newsletter Editor position will be available. I spend a couple of hours each month pulling together the various

submissions. If you are interested, I will glad to give you more details.

### **Linn Photo Drop Box Processing**

From time to time, I have prints made by dropping my film off at one of the drop boxes located here at Collins. The last batch of prints were photos from my daughter's Prom Grand March. Many of the prints had washed out skin tones – the background was dark so I assume their machine just set the print exposure for an average tonality.

I sent my negs back three times before I had a set of prints that I was happy with. I learned a couple of things from this exercise. First, if your prints have washed out skintones, don't automatically assume that you messed up. Send them back and ask the printer to redo them.

Secondly, (maybe everyone else already knows this) Linn Photo marks their prints on the back with all sorts of useful information, like the neg #, date, printer setting, etc. So, according to Vina at Linn Photo, if you have just a few prints on a roll that do not turn out, keep the prints you are happy with and send back only the bad prints for them to redo. They will be able to quickly locate the proper neg. and will redo just those prints. Be sure to enclose a note describing the problem.

Gary Hamer – Newsletter Editor

## **Photo Bio – Randy Aschbrenner**

I don't remember exactly what sparked my interest in photography, but I remember when my interest started. With my high school graduation money, I purchased a Minolta X-700 and flash. I really didn't know how to use it, I think I just liked it because it had a lot of controls and adjustments. What really got me off to a good start in photography was when my high school sweet heart (now my wife) went on vacation for a week. While she was gone, I spent my new found free time with a co-worker who was really into photography. That week I bought a shutter release cable and we would set up our cameras on the middle of University Avenue in Cedar Falls and take pictures of cars at night by holding the shutter open for a second or two.

After the week was over, I didn't spend too much time taking pictures. My wife did volunteer me to take pictures at a wedding once. I did it for free and hand over the undeveloped rolls of film, I never saw how they turned out.

Out of high school, I thought I would like to become an industrial photographer (if there is such a job). I thought it would be interesting to see different industrial environments. That career choice never realized, but I am pacified by attending monthly tours of Iowa companies with our local section of ASQ.

I have four cameras now. The Minolta, a Fuji 35mm point and shoot, a cheap'o 35mm I bought just to have handy, and my newest and favorite, a Sanyo digital camera.

My favorite subjects now are my family and I mainly have been using my digital camera. I like being able to take hundreds of pictures with no film or developing cost. Some of my favorites are of my oldest son learning to ride his bike (with an audio clip of "I did it Daddy!") and a picture of my three year old getting her nails painted.

I joined the photo club immediately after I was hired at Rockwell Collins last April. The club has rejuvenated my interest in photography and I enjoy the contests that the club offers.

## **Meeting Minutes – May 16**

President Doug Dams called the May meeting to order at 5:10 P.M. with eleven members present. Introductions were made to familiarize members with each other and our photographic interests. Getting better acquainted has helped stimulate membership information exchange.

Doug again made a request for volunteers to help with the CPC One Shot Contest and the CPC Membership Guide upgrade. Clair Fransen volunteered to help with the CPC Membership Guide and is hoping for some additional help. Thank you Clair. We are still in need of One Shot volunteers to enable the club to hold the contest.

Ron Meyer announced that next month's meeting would be held at Thomas Park. Mike, from Halls Photo, will present the program.

The business meeting was adjourned for the CPC scheduled program.

Cathy Dewitz, assisted by Doug Dams, gave a hands-on demonstration of the art of hand coloring black and white photos. A number of different coloring materials were illustrated and available for members to try out on actual photos. Thank-you Cathy and Doug for an interesting presentation. Several of their references included: "Handcoloring Photographs" by James A. McKinnis and "The Art of Handpainting Photographs" by Chery Machat Dorakind.

Respectfully submitted by David Detwiler, Secretary

### **B&W Darkroom Assistance Needed**

There are several members who would like to learn more about how to use the darkroom facilities. If you would be able to give them a quick lesson on the B&W processing equipment, please call Kathy Rutherford x4113

### **Summer Photo Opportunities**

Thanks to Rick Nelson for submitting the following information.

**Quad City Air Show** - June 8 & 9 at the Davenport Airport. Air show features the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and the Canadian Snowbirds.

**Hawkeye Downs Fair** - June 5-9

**19th Annual Hiawatha Hog Wild Days** - June 20-23

**Freedom Festival** - June 27 - July 7th

**Balloon Glow** - June 28th at Bruce more, 7:30 - 10:30 P.M. Hot air balloons rest on Bruce more's First Avenue lawn and fill the sky with brilliant colors. Live jazz music.

**Wild West Weekend** - Usher's Ferry Historic Village, Seminole Valley Park. 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Join Willi's Territorial Rough Riders for a fun-filled weekend of robberies and shoot-outs as Ushers Ferry is invaded by some of the wildest, woolliest outlaws and gunslingers in the history of the old west.

**150th Great Jones County Fair and Food Fest** - July 17 - 21 in Monticello.

**Tanager Place Summer Fest** - August 23-24. Friday Aug 23rd, 6:30 - 9:00 P.M. Nite Glo Spectacular, Rockwell Collins Sports Complex. Bring your lawn chairs for a spectacular mass balloon glow and listen to the sounds of the hottest new classic rock band to hit Cedar Rapids, Mackie Blue.

**Iowa Renaissance Festival & Harvest Faire** - August 31 - September 2. Middle Amana Park, Amana Colonies. History and culture of medieval and Renaissance times, featuring a Royal Court, jousting knights, a living history encampment and headline acts, exhibits, food, children's art activities, games of skill, weddings and humorous village characters.

**Usher's Ferry Civil War Reenactment** - September 21-22. Take a step back in time to the days of the Civil War as the North and the South battle for the Village of Ushers Ferry. Take part in demonstrations, military drills and more. Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Sunday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**Usher's Ferry Buckskinners Rendezvous** - October 5-6. This 1830's fur trapping era event features demonstrations of black powder shoots, smithing and crafts of the early fur traders. Saturday 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Sunday 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**Usher's Ferry, All Things Scottish: Celticfest 2002** - October 12. The Hawkeye Area Grand Gaelic Island Society brings a little piece of Scotland to the Village with demos of Highland Games, traditional music, dance and food. 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

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### Club Officers

President	Doug Dams	x51929
Vice President	Ron Meyer	x50069
Secretary/Historian	Dave Detwiler	x59545
Treas./ Membership	Kathy Rutherford	x54113
Equip. Checkout	Rick Nelson	x52864
Exhibit Director	Darlene Ealy	x57323
Newsletter	Gary Hamer	x59551

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### Volunteer Alert

FY 03 Officers Please consider serving - the elections will be held in September. Contact: Doug Dams x51929 or Ron Meyer x50069

Membership Guide The existing guide needs to be updated. Clair Fransen has volunteered but needs additional help. Contact: Clair x53725 or Doug Dams x51929 or Ron Meyer x50069 or Kathy Rutherford x54113

One Shot Contest Need a couple of people to organize this contest which is held in October. Contact: Doug Dams x51929 or Ron Meyer x50069

Slide Shows/ Meeting Programs Are you willing to give a slide show or program as part of one of our meetings? Contact: Ron Meyer x50069

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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

• **Linn Photo**

(Show your membership card)  
15% off PROCESSING  
10% off FILM, PAPER, & CHEMISTRY.

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**Change of Address**

Please notify the Newsletter Editor of any change of address.

Contact Gary Hamer at 295-9551, email to ghamer@collins.rockwell.com, or mail to M.S. 137-154. *Thanks!*

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For more information, contact:  
Photography Salon  
Iowa State Fair  
P.O. Box 57130  
Des Moines, IA 50317

If you need more information sooner, email me and I will make you a photocopy of my entry form.

Gary Hamer

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**Important - Hazardous Waste Training**

If you use the darkroom, please check out this website. Under the training topics, see the "1 Hour C Avenue Hazardous Waste Refresher Training '02 Presentation" It is very important to understand the new ISO 14001 requirements and how they impact us. <http://rweb.collins.rockwell.com/ops/enviro-affairs/training.asp>

Some of the highlights:

- Before bringing chemicals into darkroom: check on-line for matching Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), it's OK to bring chemicals in if MSDS exists, if no MSDS exists contact Environmental Services (Somnath Dasgupta 295-3494) before bringing chemicals to darkroom.
- Do not dispose of any chemicals in sink, it is OK to rinse residues off photos/ equipment

Call Kathy Rutherford 295-4113 with any questions.

**Iowa State Fair Photo Contest**

Entry deadline: July 14

Entry Fee: \$10 for up to four entries

Classes: People, Places, things, Plants and animals, Theme: That's Funny!

Size Limit: 11x14, must be mounted, not framed

## Collins Photo Club Membership – June 2002

#	Last name	First name	Mail stop	Phone	Status
1	Aschbrenner	Randy	109-134	x5885	employee
2	Beer	Regine	137-108	x4984	employee
3	Bjorseth	Bruce		(319)393-6820	retiree
4	Boland	Pat	124-314	x4817	employee
5	Bortz	Mark	108-206	x4860	employee
6	Bortz	Mary			spouse
7	Dams	Doug	153-250	x1929	employee
8	DeKlotz	Ken		(319)922-2058	retiree
9	Detwiler	Dave	137-117	x9545	employee
10	Dewitz	Cathy	139-140	x0683	employee
11	Ealy	Darlene	108-103	X7323	employee
12	Franzen	Clair	105-152	X3725	employee
13	Hamer	Gary	137-154	x9551	employee
14	Hindman	Evan	105-191	x5239	employee
15	Hiratzka	T. Doug	108-206	x0268	employee
16	Hoeger	Doug	108-136	x4911	employee
17	Kittrell	R.L.		(319)854-7459	Retiree
18	Kittrell	Janet		(319)854-7459	Retiree
19	Lang	Christy	108-237	x7254	employee
20	Marzen	Vince	106-191	x5525	employee
21	Meyer	Ron R	108-205	x0069	employee
22	Miller	Cheryl			spouse
23	Miller	Todd J.	124-300	X8689	employee
24	Mishler	Rich	110-101		employee
25	Nelson	Rick E	137-108	x2864	employee
26	Paeth	Bill		(319)396-6470	Retiree
27	Rand	Tim	108-207	x0059	employee
28	Rand	Jennifer			spouse
29	Rutherford	Kathy	137-108	x4113	employee
30	Shelton	Lori	110-101	X4343	employee
31	Sliney	James	109-191	x4229	employee
32	Sliney	Sharon L. Beckley-		(319)378-8930	spouse
33	Smith-Mees	Amy		(319)373-4954	spouse
34	Tichy	SuAnn	109-206	x2421	employee
35	Weber	Linda	106-114	x3955	employee
36	West	James B	108-102	x8433	employee
37	Wilcox	Sherri	108-136	x3556	employee
38	Wild	Pam			spouse
39	Zelle	Jim	124-313	X6798	employee
40	Zelle	Pam			spouse
41	Zook	Lance	124-210	x0508	employee

Please let me know if you see any errors or if something needs to be updated.

Thanks – Gary Hamer x9551