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Placer Camera Club meets the third Tuesday of each month, except August, at 7:00PM in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Placer County Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn, Ca. **Visitors Welcome!**

This month's meeting will be **Tuesday July 20th**. Informal gathering at **6:30** with the meeting starting promptly at **7 PM**.

This month.....

We have our **theme of sinuous**. 2 entries per member, projected only.

We also have **elections for club officers**. Think about who you would want to see as club president, vice president, 2nd vice president, secretary and treasurer. Nominations will be taken and then voted upon.

Steve Hubbard will give a presentation on preparing a photo book.

This is my last issue as editor of the **club newsletter**. Ardath Winterowd will be taking on the job with the September issue.

We also need someone to fill the **audio / visual** position. This entails setting up the club laptop and projector, receiving the digital files by email and presenting the files at the club meeting. Let a club officer know if you are interested.

2010 Placer Camera Club Annual Picnic

It's time once again for the PCC Annual Picnic. Once again this year Tony and Kristi Middleton will be hosting our Annual Picnic. The date is Saturday August 21. Time is 11:00 AM till everyone is done!!!

We will have Bocce ball, Horseshoes, indoor Shuffleboard, and lots of fun and camaraderie so we look forward to seeing you there.

The basic menu is potluck, so check with Kristi for items needed. We will be doing chicken & smoked sausage on the grill this year. If that doesn't work for you, feel free to bring your own meat. Water, lemonade, and iced tea will be provided. Once again you are welcome to put your drink of choice in the ice with all the rest.

Address is **5481 Paragon Court, Rocklin** just off Sunset and Whitney. **See you there!**

Event Calendar

July 20

Monthly Meeting
Theme is **Sinuous**
Election of club officers.

August 21

Club picnic
No monthly meeting

Sept 21

Monthly Meeting

Oct 10

Monthly Meeting

Nov 16

Monthly Meeting

Dec 21

Monthly Meeting

See last page for club officers & committees

Cape Meares Lighthouse Vandalized

by Mike Schumacher

Cape Meares lighthouse in Tillamook county, Oregon was vandalized back in January of this year. This beautiful light was shot at with a gun, The window glass suffered damage but the saddest part is the Fresnel lens, the light itself. It sustained \$500,000 worth of damage. There are plans to replace the window glass in July but the light itself will have to wait. The lighthouse is taking donations and it may be a while until it is repaired. Two suspects are in custody. The biggest surprise is they are adults and not juveniles. Truly a senseless waste.

Here is a link to the Cape Meares lighthouse website for more information.

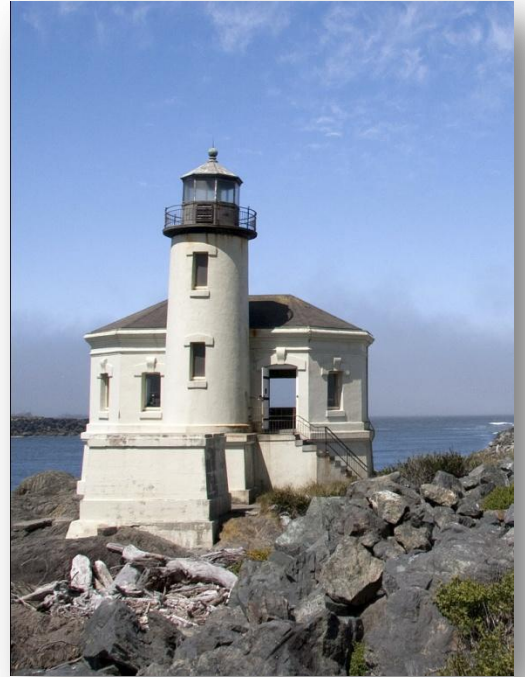
<http://www.capemeareslighthouse.org/>



Coquille River Lighthouse Restoration

by Mike Schumacher

The Coquille River lighthouse in Bandon Oregon is finally undergoing restoration. The Lighthouse has been painted and work on the top light enclosure and roof will begin next year. It already looks much better than in years past. Here are two photos, the first one is from 2006 the second June of this year. Here is a link to the lighthouse website for more information.
<http://www.lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=127>



THE CASE FOR A 'POINT AND SHOOT'

By Jim L White

We were hunting Sand Hill Cranes in Sierra Valley the other day and I was out of the car standing by the fence, peering thru my glasses when I looked down at my feet and saw this beautiful carpet of small blue flowers. With the flowers in the fore ground, the valley behind and the distant mountains, there was the picture.

My SLR was in the car with the 80-400 on it which was worthless for this shot. What I really needed was a wide-angle lens and I needed it "right now" while the early morning light was there. No problem. I reached to my belt and grabbed my Canon S90 out of its holster, pushed one button and fired. The picture shown here is what I got.

Time and time again, my "point and shoot" saves the day. I wear it where ever I go. To the store, barber shop, and even to the library and museums. I don't need my cell phone much but I can't leave the house without my "point and shoot" camera.



I am a history nut. I especially like historical pictures taken in the 1860's of railroads, people (especially cowboys like this one), and early day town scenes with their horses and muddy streets. I write history stories for magazines and need lots of old time pictures. So how many hundreds of miles of driving and time do you think I save by slipping my "point and shoot" out of the holster and copying that old time picture off that museum wall or the library book picture with the point and shoot. No flash needed with the 10 mp, f2 high-speed lens. The Carson City museum offered to turn up the lights the other day but I said no thanks and just kept on shooting. Don't leave home without one.

A Visit to Locke

by Bruce Gregory

Locke is a small, and a place to go slow, but there's some interesting stuff there. Located on the Sacramento River and Highway 160 that goes through the Delta.

It's a community built by the Chinese for Chinese in about 1912 when they were displaced by a fire in nearby Walnut Grove. It's on the National Register of Historic Monuments.

It's only a block long & a couple of blocks wide, it's not a big place. There's a very good Chinese restaurant up on the Hwy 160 part of

town, and Al The Wops, a former brothel, now tavern that serves steak dinners down on Main St.

Tourists are welcome. the town is building a rest room facility & parking area at one end of town. Currently restrooms are available in the Chinese School Museum at the end of Main St.



It's easy to get to Take I5 South from Sacramento and then take Hood-Franklin Rd, or Twin Cities Rd off & go west toward the river. At River Rd turn South and stay on the East side of the River. When you come to Locke take the road going down to Main St and park. Walk through town enjoying the architecture & look for details.



Notes from the Field

by Ardath Winterowd

I took this portrait of my son's 150 pound, seven month old Bull Mastiff puppy around the last part of May. It's a good thing he's a real "pussy-cat", because he's going to be a huge dog when he's fully grown!

This is probably the photo I should have submitted in the "Portraits" judging last month. If there's going to be an animal division I will enter it at that time.

Happy Photo Shooting Everyone!

Ardath



For Sale

I have a Canon 70-200 f4L IS lens FOR SALE. Its one year old. The current new price at BH is \$1200. I am asking \$1050 for the lens. This is one of the sharpest zooms that Canon makes. I am selling because I am now am using a Canon 100-400L IS and I don't need both of the lens.

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WHAT JUDGES LOOK FOR IN PHOTOS

You're probably wondering why we pick one image over another; there actually are some simple rules of photography we look for in each photo. Common mistakes are:

- (1) A photo out of focus, either the whole photo or part of it in an important location such as the bottom front of the print
- (2) Too much "clutter" in the picture. We want our attention to go directly to the subject, not see a lot of competing, but not necessary, clutter around it.
- (3) Exposure - is the picture too light or too dark to easily see the subject.
- (4) Poor lighting, a "flat" image where rocks, subject, sky, etc. all blend together without different shadows, colors, etc. or the opposite where the sun might bleach out the lighter parts of the image, giving no texture to those areas.

There are other more subtle criteria we look for; placement of the subject, size of the subject within the image, etc. but the 4 listed above are the first and foremost most commonly seen, easily correctible problems that usually cause a photo to be eliminated.

For more specific guidelines, please feel free to drop in on any of our Placer Camera Club meetings and ask questions! We have meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 at the Beecher Room in the Library off Nevada Street. We have short programs, critique our own images, have "how-to" presentations and to end it all, great desserts!!



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Placer Camera Club Webpage

Check out the Placer Camera Club webpage.

<http://placercameraclub.org>

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*Don't forget our tutorials webpage. It's
at:*

<http://www.placercameraclub.org/tutorials/index.html>

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Huey Monitor Calibration

The club has a Huey monitor calibration system for use by club members.

Contact Judy Hooper to 'check out' Huey.

530-888-8308.