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# PLACER COLOR



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## The President's Corner

The meeting this month is November 21st, 6:30 pm at the Auburn library.

This month we have Print Critiques with Richard Myren. There are 5 print categories: Open, Travel, Nature (Wild), Landscape and Photo Journalism. Prints will be displayed and judged in a lighted print box. Matting is not required but is encouraged. Large framed photos can be hard to handle.

December is our annual Christmas meeting. Bring some Christmas goodies to share with the group. Also, we will have member slide shows. Your slide show can be up to 5 minutes and should be a connected theme.

We have been asked by the library to put the chairs against the wall when we are done with the meeting. If you can help us do this it would be appreciated. Club dues are now due, \$25 for single membership and \$40 for couples. See our treasurer Mary Nunes at the meeting.

Our webmaster Dennis Morgan has done quite a bit of upgrading to our website and he has more work planned. Check it out at <http://placercameraclub.org/> Our refreshment committee is Ardath Winterowd. If you would volunteer to help Ardath setup at the meeting it would be greatly appreciated. We will need club members to bring goodies for our meetings. There is a sign up sheet for this purpose. See one of the committee members.

The club has a Facebook group page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/922657154461718/>

Mike Schumacher  
President Placer Camera Club



## Featured This Month

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- **Solar Eclipse Photography**
- **Bishop Pumpkin Farm Shoot**
- **Lens For Sale**
- **California Dept of Fish and Wildlife Lands Pass expansion**



## Come To The Next PCC Meeting



The Placer Camera Club meets the third Tuesday of each month except August.

The meetings are held in the Beecher Room of the Placer County Library. 350 Nevada Street, Auburn, Ca.

Visitors are always welcome.

The meeting starts at 6:30 PM.

**The Next PCC Meeting  
will be on Tuesday November 21st.**

**"SEE YOU THERE"**



## Home Grown Solar Eclipse Photography

By Richard Balluff

This is a short summary of the "Solar Eclipse 2017" presentation given at the September 2017 meeting. This process will work well in both partial and full eclipse situations.

Cost was a major factor. Good Luck on your Next Eclipse Event!!

Equipment Configuration:

**Camera:** Nikon D750 with Tamron 150-600 Telephoto Lens (minimum 300 mm recommended)

**Solar Filter** (by Thousand Oaks Optical and others) mounted on Lens between 2 UV Filters

**Aiming Eyepiece** – 1 inch diameter tube mounted on Lens Hood

**Basic Photo parameters:**

Manual Mode with Auto ISO and AF off. Aperture f8. ISO 800

Exposure 1/125 sec to 1/8000 sec in a 7 Step Bracket at 1 F-stop per step

Selected Shutter speed in photos shown here is 1/1000 sec

QC mode with remote push button shutter control  
Pro Master GH25K gimbal mount on a Vanguard Alta Series tripod

General comments and recommendations:

Tripod and gimbal mount should be able to support heavy camera and telephoto lens.

Plan to operate camera in LiveView mode to minimize risk of optical damage using eyepiece.

Assure that filter on front of lens is absolutely light-tight to avoid optical leakage, distortion, etc.

Take a bracketed range of 5 or more Ev steps to assure good photography during entire partial and full eclipse period.

Practice setup ahead of the event. There are no re-takes possible with planetary events.

Figure shows photo obtained at maximum eclipse as occurred in Roseville, California, August 21, 2017.



FOR SALE

Tony Hallas

It is the **Canon EF-S 18mm-55mm f/3.5 - f/5.6** with IS and micro stepper motor. \$75

This is a GREAT DEAL for someone who wants to get something really good at a super cheap price.



# Canon

Delighting You Always



## Bishop's Pumpkin Farm

By PCC Photographers

Mike Schumacher, Jack Bachelder, Jim Cormier, Carmen Block, Judy Hooper, Karen Wyatt and Barry & Crispin Walton made the trip to Bishop Pumpkin Farm for a day of shooting. The weather was perfect and we all had a great time.



Photo by Jack Bachelder



Photo by Mike Schumacher



Photo by Jim Cormier



Photo by Karen Wyatt



Photo by Carmen Block



## Photographing Old Donner Pass

By Jim & Shirley White

Old Donner Pass as seen by travelling on old highway 40, thru Soda Springs, over the Rainbow Bridge and down to Donner Lake, is hard to beat for great photography. We photograph it in both summer and winter. We photograph the old buildings, rock climbers, railroad, ski areas, bridges, scenic mountains and of course in the fall, fall colors from the Willows, Aspens and lichens. Lake Van Norden, down in the valley south of Norden is now mostly a meadow since the dam was breached by PG&E, but still provides aquatic plant, animal and bird life along the creek in the summer. This very large high-mountain meadow now provides easy hiking to photograph wildflowers and birds, especially in the springtime. It is a very historic meadow since the early pioneers always camped there after their terrible struggle from Donner Lake over the pass. Maybe you can find an old oxen shoe there like I did many years ago.

Take I80 east from Auburn and turn off on the Soda Springs off-ramp and look for photo opportunities all the way to the Donner Lake boat ramp. There is great photo shooting along Donner Lake, especially in the winter with heavy snow, and earlier for fall colors. Use care in driving down the pass, high speed bikes often come barreling around the curves! The hazards are worth it and we think you will find a great photo experience.





## California Dept of Fish and Wildlife Lands Pass Expansion

By Bruce Gregory

The CDFW Lands Pass program has been expanded this year. It includes Gray Lodge Wildlife Refuge and the Woodbridge Ecological Reserve (Isenberg Crane Reserve) in November 2017. After January 2018 it's expanded to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Refuge and North Table Mountain. The passes are per individual person, not per vehicle and are available on-line or at Hunting & Fishing License agents. Possession of a valid Hunting or Fishing License meets the requirement of having the Lands Pass.

The passes are \$25 a year and are for the calendar year. If you buy one in 2017 you'll need another in January for 2018. I'm going to pay the daily \$4.00 fee until January when I'll get the annual pass for 2018. More info & links at the below link.

[CDFW Lands Pass](#)

### The Birds Are In the Refuges

A November 7, 2017 trip to Gray Lodge Wildlife Refuge found a large number of geese in the ponds. The ponds by parking lot #14 (restrooms & kiosk) and along the auto tour route contained a large population of geese. Gray Lodge says millions of geese visit every year. I haven't checked on Colusa or Sacramento Wildlife Refuges, but if they're at Gray Lodge they should also be in those refuges.

There's a fee of \$4.00 per person per day payable at parking lot #14. Look for the envelopes and the collection pipe at the kiosk.

Some images from Gray Lodge are attached.

Hope this works out to be a good bird year, it's a good start.

Bruce



Gray Lodge Refuge Sky



Gray Lodge Landing



Gray Lodge Snow Geese

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## Important Message From Your Newsletter Editor



All PCC members if you haven't contributed to the **PCC Newsletter** now is a the time to do it. The contributions to the monthly PCC Newsletter have been fewer & fewer over the past few issues. I cannot publish a worthwhile newsletter without content. I would hate to see the PCC Newsletter no longer published.

Do your part to keep the PCC Newsletter going. Drop me an [e-mail](#) when the next call for submissions goes out from Mike.



When you submit an article for the PCC Newsletter please try to keep it at 150 words in length and if you have photos that accompany your article please try and send no more than three photos. If your article warrants more than three photos to maintain the impact I can make exceptions on a case-by-case basis. Please put "PCC Newsletter" in the subject field when you make your submissions.

Jim Cormier  
Your PCC Newsletter Editor

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We have a great selection of  
Tutorials on our website...

### Huey Monitor Calibration

The club has a Huey Monitor Calibration System  
for use by the members.

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and photographs for this months  
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