

PLACER COLOR

NEWSLETTER OF THE...



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<http://www.placercameraclub.org>

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, October 19th**, We'll have an informal gathering at **6:30 PM**, with the meeting starting **promptly** at **7 PM**.

This month.....

To all PCC members

Thanks to all of you who have paid your dues for the new year.

For those who haven't yet paid, dues are:

\$25 for single membership

\$40 for **2** in a family

Please don't forget...This is going to be a great year!

**Your Treasurer,
Judy Hooper**



Mike Schumacher Photo

GREETINGS FROM YOUR EDITOR!

I'm sure you've noticed that the Placer Color header is once again redesigned! Our new PCC member, Jim Cormier, designed a really cool logo for the club, which I incorporated into the header design.

Thank you Jim, for your professional looking contribution!

**Ardath Winterowd
Newsletter Editor**

EVENT CALENDAR

Oct 16

Auburn Fair Grounds
Native American
Pow Wow

Oct 19

Monthly Meeting

Nov 16

Monthly Meeting

Dec 21

Monthly Meeting

See last page for club officers

FROM THE FIELD

The Birds Are Back!

By Jim L White

Yep! Yesterday Oct. 3 was a day for the birds. We first spotted about 4-500 Sandhill Cranes in a flooded alfalfa field along Franklin Blvd. in the Consumnes River Preserve. The birds have returned to the Sacramento Valley Delta after spending the summer in Alaska, Canada, Washington, Oregon and our own Sierra Valley, where they bred, nested and raised their young. Around noon we moved down to the Isenberg Crane Preserve near Lodi where we saw maybe 1500 to 2000 Cranes from the western viewing area along Woodbridge road.



Jim L. White Photo

Sandhill Cranes stand up to four feet tall and have a wingspread up to seven and one half feet! With their brilliant red head they really stand out against the blue of the sky. Professional nature photographers travel from all over the world to photograph these spectacular creatures in the central valley of California in the open grain, grass, and flooded agriculture fields near Sacramento. Even if you do not own a super long telephoto lens, some outstanding photos can be had with normal focal length lenses by shooting up into the sky as they fly over the roads. This is especially true in the early morning and late evening hours.

How to find the Sandhill Cranes? First I suggest you Goggle “Consumnes River Preserve” and the “Isenberg Crane Preserve” for more information about the facilities and maps and directions. There is a world of information on these web sites.

If you go: There are fast food restaurants nearby south of the Consumnes Preserve along I 5. If you are there on a weekend, check out the parking lot of the small grocery store in Thornton where a portable BBQ is sometimes in operation. We bought ½ of a BBQ chicken with a packet of special hot sauce for \$6.00. We ate our chicken while sitting in the back of the Subaru Outback watching the birds at the Isenberg. Yum!!

What else to look for: We saw two Bald Eagles 300 feet up in the sky holding absolutely still, surfing the strong south wind. We saw and photographed two pairs of Wandering Tattlers along Woodbridge road. We have never seen this northern bird before. Members of PCC have often seen and photographed River Otters along this water canal and photographed Peregrine Falcons nearby. Multitudes of other waterfowl including thousands of Swans will arrive in this area soon.

Please keep a special lookout for Sandhill Cranes with bands and radios on their legs. We are especially interested in a female Crane with the number Z015 on one leg. This bird was banded on the Consumnes Preserve



Jim L. White Photo

in November 2007 and we photographed the bird in Sierra Valley this past May. We are especial interested if she is with a juvenile (a smaller and lighter colored bird) this fall. Our photograph of this bird, along with 5 of our other S.H. Crane photos was used in a display at the California State Fair by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service this summer. The banding of Cranes is being done by the International Crane Foundation <<http://www.savingcranes.org/>> and should be reported to them. You may contact me for more information on Z015 or the banding program.

Judy in a B&W/Color Spot — J.R. Bennett Photo



Here are a couple pictures from our **Northstar** field trip.

Submitted By:
Jim R. Bennett

Tri-pods At The Crossroads — J. R. Bennett Photo



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Native American Pow Wow

Sat. Oct. 16, from **10am-10pm**, there is a Native American Pow Wow with lots of dancers in beautiful, authentic regalia, at the **Auburn Fair Grounds**. Lots of colorful photo opportunities!

For more information:

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

Submitted by:
Judy Hooper



Fall Foliage

Check out Carol Leigh's <http://calphoto.com/> for an up to date Fall Foliage report on-line. I was up in the Sierra on 9/30 and the area I was should be fully developed by about 10/10. Other areas I passed should be getting there by that time. It's only about a 2-3 week window, so make your plans soon. It will develop at lower elevations later.

Submitted by:
Bruce Gregory

Ardath Winterowd Photograph

FALL COLOR FIELD TRIP

We had a Fall color field trip on 10/9 to Independence Lake Rd off Henness Pass Rd. The color is just about what I saw about 10 days ago. We will have another couple of weeks of developing color to enjoy. Apparently the mild Sierra temps of the last week haven't brought out the color yet.

Bring a polarizer to bring out what color there is and a tripod to assure an adequate depth of field if that's your choice.

Independence Lake is now owned by The Nature Conservancy and open through October.. in previous years it's been closed to the public at this time of year to keep the hunters out. It's about a 1/2 mile walk to the lake from the parking area.

Submitted by:
Bruce Gregory

A REMINDER FROM BARRY WALTON

Be sure to add an invitation to my Photoshop Lightroom 3.2 Class at Placer Adult Education.... Intro (30min) on the 27th and Part 1 of the class on Wednesday October 27th and part 2 on Wednesday November 3rd. I believe there are still openings available.

I have a show at City Hall for the next two months as part of the October Art Walk.

For fun... Tony and Christie took the Lava Boat Tour on the Big Island a few weeks back when we were all there. Crispen and I did the same tour about a week later. It was fabulous as you get up close and personal to the lava flowing into the ocean in the early morning light. Look for photos at the meetings.

Barry

TIP OF THE MONTH

Here's one way of making sure your lost or stolen camera, memory card or stick will be able to find it's way back home:

**THIS CAMERA BELONGS TO
JRBENNETTN@NETSCAPE.NET**

Prepare and copy your own specifics in such a message in txt or jpg format to your memory card/stick and leave it there - title it "owner of camera etc....."

FOR SALE

Lens's and Filters

One pair of OM-1 bodies, 3 lens; Zuiko f1.4 50mm, Vivitar Series1 f1.9 28mm, Vivitar f2.8-4.0 Zoom 70-210mm.

Vivitar 2x converter & many filters all in an aluminum case.

Asking \$535 obo

Hasselblad 150mm f4.0 Sonnar lens; a

Asking \$595 obo

Offered by:

James Bennett
530-888-9617

Canon Pixma Pro 9000 Photo Printer

Takes paper up to 19" wide. Short one yellow ink tank. Several spare tanks come with it. It is in excellent condition with little use. Seller will bring it to the next PCC meeting.

Price: \$100

Offered by:

Dick Black

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