

# Shutterbug Times



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## June General Meeting

*By Vice President, Dave Simmerman*

### Elections and More

Well, it's that time again where we hold our last General Meeting (June 18<sup>th</sup>) before the 2007 summer break. This is the time we select and vote in our Executive Board for the 2007-2008 year. Here's how this works: We have in place a presidential train where the Vice President becomes the President and Current President becomes the Immediate Past President. (basically a 3-year term) We then take nominations from the floor for the positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. All other positions are appointed by the President. Once the ballot of candidates is selected, we will then vote for and approve the board by a majority of votes. The handing over of the Gavel is the final portion of the election ceremony.

After the election, we will be presented with the 2007 Ethnic Celebration slideshow. This is a 10 minute presentation of our community's cultural diversity and hopefully we will have comments from the City of Olympia at the conclusion of the program. For the past 3 years, members of the Olympia Camera Club have photographed this event and provided the images, to the City of Olympia, for their use in advertising for the Ethnic Celebration. Just another part of our community involvement!

Now for the "Nitty-Gritty" of our evening presentations: The 5th "Members 10-min Themed Program." This very popular event showcases our very own member's style of photography based on a theme. This program will feature images from members: Marie Browning, Allen Raphael, Julie Bennett, Cornelia Kirkpatrick, and John Bair. Come join us as we celebrate a wonderful close to a joyous year of general meetings and programs. If you would like to be a part of the planning of our general meetings, then I encourage you to participate in our annual planning picnic sometime in August. Stay tuned for more information.

As you can see, we have a great program for the evening and I hope to see you all there!

### **Refreshments will be provided by the following:**

June.....Kathy M.

"Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever... it remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything." — Aaron Siskind

## President's Corner

*by Shauna Kearns*

Now that it is June and it's time for a new president to take over, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked with me this year! It's been an honor to serve as your president. I would recommend signing up to be president to anyone. I know it's tough to commit yourself to something like this, but I found it fun to tell people (co-workers, friends, family) that I was the PRESIDENT! It made me sound so important. It also made me sound like a much better photographer than I really am. 😊 I'll miss that.

I'd like to individually thank my Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Dave, Thank you for all your help. I appreciate your enthusiasm and your dependability. We can always count on you.

Chris, Thank you for being such a dependable minute-taker. You really stepped up to the plate volunteering to be Secretary that first year and you continue to impress me with your dedication.

Bob, I don't think the club can thank you enough for all your years of service, keeping our finances in order and the money safe. It's been a big responsibility and hopefully we haven't taken you for granted.

I'd also like to thank all the other folks who have served the club this year. The club is only successful because of the hard work you all put in. Thank you for making this such a fun group to be a part of.

Cheers!

## The Fair Is Coming!

*by Frank & Terri Townsend*

The Thurston County Fair ranks as the Olympia Camera Club's largest undertaking of the year with about 400 volunteer hours in a week long effort to display the County's photographic efforts. The work begins on Saturday, July 28, at the Hobbies & Crafts building where we will accept fair entries from 10 am to 4 pm. During this time we also label the prints and put holders on them for hanging. Sunday, July 29 is the most fun, judging. We set the prints up for the judges, record the winners, and present the ribbons. Sign up for 9:30 to about 3, and we provide lunch for the volunteers. On Monday, July 30 we hang the prints for display. Last year we had well over 500 prints but because of rule changes we expect something less this year.

During the Fair itself, Wednesday, August 1 through Sunday, August 5 we try to have one or two members at the exhibit for a 3 hour shift: 10 am to 1 pm; 1 pm to 4 pm; 4 pm to 7 pm; and 7 pm to 10 pm. Generally we are just there to answer questions, recommend membership in the club and award the daily people's choice award. By the way, on the day you volunteer admission to the fair is free!

There will be sign up sheets at this month's membership meeting, so check your calendars and pick some time to help out. If you can't be there all day on Saturday, Sunday or Monday, pick some time you can and look for a shift at the fair. If you can't be at the membership meeting call us or email us, our phone number and email address is located somewhere in the newsletter.

We are excited about this year's fair and we are looking forward to having a fun time. We hope you can join us.

## Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes

*by Chris Weinrich*

June 6, 2007, Mekong Restaurant

Meeting called to order by President Shauna Kearns at 6:15 p.m.

Present were: President Shauna Kearns, Vice President Dave Simmerman, Secretary Chris Weinreich, Treasurer Robert Kletsch, Terry & Bonnie Liberty, Frank & Terri Townsend, Wes Kirkpatrick, Donna Butler, Dotty Hall and Allen Raphael.

The May minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's report: Since Robert was absent for the May, the treasurer's report covered both April & May. April: the beginning balance was \$1049.26, \$39 was received in dues, and the only expense was \$71.91 for the newsletter. May: the beginning balance was \$1016.35, \$34.36 was received in dues and the newsletter expense was \$58.27. Ending balance was \$991.94

May general meeting: Per Dave, the June meeting will be June 18 and will have a screening of the video of the Ethnic Celebration, and also the member presentations.

Terry said that the Capitol Land Trust will have their summer gala August 25th at Ralph Monroe's place.

Website: Dave said in May the web site had 1600 visits, down from April's almost 2,000, but the site is still averaging 50 to 60 a day. The gallery continues to be the area that receives the most visits. He also reminded people that the members can now upload their videos to the site.

NW Council of Camera Clubs: Wes said the council's web site is up and running ([www.nwcameraclubs.org](http://www.nwcameraclubs.org)) and information on the fall annual meeting is on the site.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45

"A great photograph is a full expression of what one feels about what is being photographed in the deepest sense, and is thereby a true expression of what one feels about life and its entirety." — Ansel Adams

# Be Prepared!

By Dave Simmerman

As photographers we always prepare for the shot. We make sure our equipment is in great working order, we have enough film or digital media to keep us shooting for a good length of time, and we are generally prepared for the day. I had really never given this much thought in the past, but it is nice to always be prepared. Here's my story of how being prepared really paid off.

Well it all started on Friday, part of Memorial Day weekend, and I wanted to get out and shoot some landscapes. I decided to go to the Lewis River area of Mt. St. Helens and shoot the lower falls, one of my favorite waterfalls to photograph. I asked my daughter, Maria, if she wanted to come along with me. Kind of like that special Father / Daughter outing we need to do once in a while. Relying on past experience and trips to the area, we hastily gathered up our gear and headed out that evening so we could be there during the first morning light. I should have known that this was going to be an eventful trip, when I realized I forgot my card reader and laptop power supply. Isn't digital wonderful! Luckily, we were still close to home, so we went back to get them plus a few other items. Finally we were on our way and as we were driving south, we fired up the ole laptop, started the GPS mapping program, and keyed in our trip destination. I did not like the route it chose, so I took an alternate course based on previous trips to the area. That goes to show you that relying on technology to lead the way isn't always the best answer. (or is it?) My plan was to be on the east side of Mt. St Helens for the sunrise shot and the route had us on the south side. I wanted to shoot from Windy Ridge. So we retyped the coordinates and set out for the adventure. After a couple hours of driving and arriving at our destination, or so we thought, we were only to be turned away by the infamous "Road Closed" sign. Disappointed and also getting late, we drove on to find a place to camp for the night. We ended up at a snowpark, next to Ape Cave, and quickly bedded down for the night. After-all, we had to get back up at 4am to hopefully catch a morning sunrise. I knew a couple of places along the road that would give us a vantage point to photograph the first light.

The alarm went off and in a matter of a few minutes we were on the road again. Needless to say, overcast skies were upon us and it looked as if we were not going to get that early morning sunrise shot after all. Trying to make the best of a not desirable situation, we took a few shots of a lake and surrounding area, hoping for some dramatic skies. As our photographic opportunities were quickly fading away, our hunger for nourishment soon overcame us. Wanting to sit down for a hot breakfast was now on the only thing our minds. With our mouths drooling with anticipation, we headed for the nearby town of Cougar, only to find that nothing opens up at 5:30 in the morning. Disappointed once again, we headed for the Lower Lewis River Falls, munching "Chicken in a Biscuit" crackers and drinking orange Powerade along the way. What a great breakfast! We finally arrived at the lower falls and spent the rest of the morning photographing its beauty. After a couple hours we were ready to venture

on. We decided to continue east on FR-90 and photograph along the way. I knew the road would eventually lead us back to a turn towards Randle and then back home. As we were driving, we were tickled with a few glimpses of Mt Adams, which drove us to explore more. We followed the GPS mapping software along the route and finally made it to our turn towards Randle. Well guess what! Another infamous "Road Closed" sign. We now had two choices. We could turn around and head back OR continue on toward Trout Lake, on the Yakima side of the mountain range. Fate would lead us to make an interesting decision.

Well we decided to press on. Seeing that this road was less traveled and not cleared from winter road debris, we cautiously proceeded. There was snow patches here and there, fallen trees across the road, and coyote that darted from one side to the other. All in all, it was not too bad, so we began to look for vista views with Mt Adams in the background to photograph. Luckily, and not so luckily, we decided to take this route, because as we rounded a corner in the road, we found a couple, in a Mercedes, stuck in the middle of the road on a patch of snow, trying to dig out. Boy, were they glad to see us! Oh, I forgot to mention that they were on the second snow patch and we had a drift between us and them. Seeing that they made it through the first snow patch, I put the ole girl in four wheel drive and proceeded forward. Not inspecting my route to the other car. I took the path and within a matter of seconds, I was buried to the frame! Stuck! At 4500ft above sea level and going nowhere quick! Guess that's the unlucky part of the story. Not only were they stuck, now I was too. Just because you have a four wheel drive doesn't mean you can go anywhere. I began to see the panic on Maria's face and I was thinking: Oh great, it's going to get very cold at night and if I don't make it out of here were going to be on the next version of "I Shouldn't be Alive" TV Series or they are going to have to send out the National Guard to find us. There was no cell phone service, even though I let Maria dial the phone to help put her mind at ease. Thankfully, I was prepared for such a situation. Because of the stories about people getting stranded, last year I put together a survival kit, which I always carry in the truck, and I let someone know the area we were going too. The most important tool I had with me was a small entrenching shovel. We proceeded to dig ourselves out, taking turns at the digging. After about two hours of shoveling snow, we broke free and was finally back on solid ground! Now our focus was to once again get the other car out. It took about 30 minutes of rocking, putting logs under the tires, and pushing when we were able to get the car into a position where we could use the second most important tool I had and that was a 50 foot rope. We were so glad to be free, we thanked one another, but never got each other's names, and drove quickly in the opposite direction. Needless to say, we all got out of this situation, which could have turned bad if we were not prepared. Just a thought to share...

Dave Simmerman

*Keep the Photographic Spirit in your Heart  
and the Camera to your Eye!*

## **SCAVENGER HUNT 2007**

### **“Give us Your Best Shot!”**

This year's planning committee for the Scavenger Hunt (Ann, Bonnie and Allen) have come up with this year's list of images for the hunt. Both slide and digital shooters are invited to participate. Here are some rules:

#### **Slide shooters:**

1. Make one exposure for each category listed on the form, using one roll of 24 exposure color slide film.
2. Images must be new images taken after receiving this announcement.
3. Have film processed and mail to Ann Rockway, unopened. Ann's address is 5424 Steamboat Island Rd NW, Olympia WA 98502. They must be received by Monday Sept. 10.
4. Images may be taken in any order. Please use the list of images provided and identify the camera exposure number and note a brief description of each exposure taken. Please check the column indicating whether the photo was taken horizontal or vertical. Your list must match your pictures with the categories provided.
5. Make an identification slide. This will tell the compilers (and your audience) who the slides belong to. You can be creative.
6. Processed slides must be received unopened from the film processor.
7. Your slides must be received by Monday September 10 to give us time to create the show for the Sept. 24 dinner meeting. Make sure to mail the form listing all your images along with the slides themselves. Slides taken under conditions other than these are not eligible for entry into this Scavenger Hunt.

#### **Digital shooters:**

1. Images must be new images taken after receiving this announcement (no great shots from your file archives!)
  2. Take 24 digital shots, one shot per category. (Think as if you are following the slide film rules above)
  3. **No** post-production in Photoshop or other image manipulation software, other than sizing and naming the image file for the projector.).
- Images must be shot in JPEG, in the camera. (No RAW or TIFF files allowed)

#### **Image File Properties:**

- Image Resolution – no more than 1024 pixels wide **or** 768 pixels high at 72DPI (No cropping – resize the actual file)
- Image Format – JPEG (All other formats will be rejected i.e. PSD, TIFF, PNG, GIF, etc)
- Profile – in camera - sRGB or AdobeRGB 1998

Filename – your name\_category (example: AllenRaphael\_hands.jpg). This makes it easier to compile the digital slideshow portion of the Scavenger Hunt.

Send your 24 images on CD, along with the category list, to Scavenger Hunt 2007, c/o Allen Raphael, 4611 Belair Drive, Lacey, WA 98503, by Monday Sept 10th. The CD's will be returned at the Scavenger Hunt 2007 dinner. E-mail will not be accepted.

The Scavenger Hunt Committee will assemble the digital images and slides into a program to be shown at the September 24 OCC general meeting. This meeting will take place at Panorama City as a dinner program. All members of OCC are invited to attend the dinner show and can bring a guest. We'll send out information about menus and reservations in an upcoming newsletter and on the OCC website [www.olympiacameraclub.com](http://www.olympiacameraclub.com).

We hope to repeat the great participation and showing from last year. Start now or procrastinate – your choice!

# Olympia Camera Club

## Scavenger Hunt 2007

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Fill in this form and give to  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Ann or Allen by Sept. 10, 2007  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Photographs may be taken in any order.

	Titles	Exp.#	H	V	Give a brief description of the slide/image representing the title
1	<b>Self identification</b>				
2	<b>Blue</b>				
3	<b>Windows</b>				
4	<b>Vitality</b>				
5	<b>Sizzling</b>				
6	<b>Hands</b>				
7	<b>Haunting</b>				
8	<b>Garden Creature</b>				
9	<b>Public transportation</b>				
10	<b>Birds</b>				
11	<b>Nighttime</b>				
12	<b>Two second or more expo- sure</b>				
13	<b>Curves</b>				
14	<b>Close up</b>				
15	<b>Harmony</b>				
16	<b>Tee shirt</b>				
17	<b>Summer activity</b>				
18	<b>Mountain (preferably not Mt. Rainer)</b>				
19	<b>Crane</b>				
20	<b>Triangle</b>				
21	<b>Abstract</b>				
22	<b>Portrait</b>				
23	<b>Life</b>				
24	<b>Your choice/Oops</b>				

Slides **MUST** fit the category. Use your **IMAGINATION!**

Mail your slides to Ann Rockway  
 5424 Steamboat Island Rd. NW  
 Olympia WA 98502

Mail your CD of digital images to Allen Raphael  
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## Equipment for Sale 2007

Dave Simmerman –

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Toshiba Laptop – 1.3Ghz, 512Mb Ram, Windows XP..... \$400.00

Tamrac Expedition 5 Camera Back-pack..... \$100.00

Quantaray 77mm Circular Polarizer ..... \$45.00

Quantaray 77mm UV Filter (brand new)..... \$25.00

### **BIRDWISE be aired on channel 22,**

Channel 22 is airing one of Dottie Hall's video clip, of a robin and her babies, and how she cleans the nest.

The program is called BIRDWISE which has been aired Sundays at 1:00 o'clock, and on Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.

### **Annual Convention of the Columbia & Northwest Councils of Camera Clubs Oct. 12, 13, 14, 2007**

The annual convention planning committee is still in the planning stages for the conference.

For information on speakers, registration, vendors and much more please visit the web site: [www.discoverthebigpicture.com/2007Convention](http://www.discoverthebigpicture.com/2007Convention).

The photo shoots that are being planned will take you up the Columbia River where the opportunities are numerous for great shots and also the trip into Portland will be a great opportunity as well.

This is shaping up to an excellent convention so put it on your calendar and plan on attending.

## **OCC Members using Fuji prepaid slide mailers.**

Fuji wants the address on the mailers changed to;  
P. O. Box 837  
Parsons, KS 67357.

I mailed two rolls of slides to the address on the mailer and it took over two weeks for my slides to come back. The slides were returned with a notice that said "To avoid any delay with the Post Office, please be sure to change the mailing address on all future slide mailers."

Robert Kletsch

**WWF**

**Alias Western Washington Fair,  
alias The Puyallup Fair.**

**SEPTEMBER 7-23**

Time to share your talents, love of photography and the club you belong to.

The planning is moving ahead to have educational programs in the photo salon area. Clubs, local photo shops, photo artists and others interested in the art of photography will have an opportunity to do presentations and share information. We are looking for presenters to explain and show topics such as portrait photography, macro, nature, use of camera, editing programs, pet photography, only to name a few. Thursday has been set aside for your Club's volunteer time. Hope this helps in your planning. Other times will be available as we embark on this new adventure.

If you have an INTEREST OR QUESTION please contact Joani Easterlund [joani-e@att.net](mailto:joani-e@att.net)

We hope to have a proposed schedule by **May 25<sup>th</sup>**.

**This is a community service to you, your club and the photo bugs out there.....**

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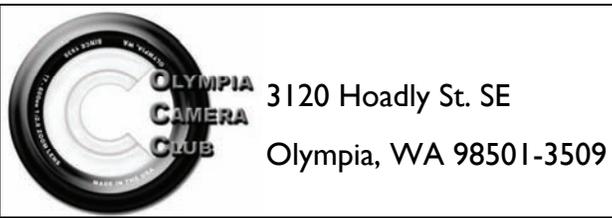
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