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President's Corner

by John West
President, Olympia Camera Club

New Digs and Big Wigs

..It's Back to School for the Olympia Camera Club

Well, here we go again. Last month in my newsletter article to the club I wrote about a change of venue for our October general meeting. This month we have the same situation. Again we were unable to secure the meeting room at the fire station on Steilacoom Road in Hawks Prairie for our general meeting as we have for the past year or so. While the Lacey fire department has been very good to us, letting us use their meeting rooms for free, I think we need a place to meet that does not require us to sign up every three months or risk losing the use of the room to another organization who just happens to sign up for the room before we do. I think we need the stability of having the same place to meet without worrying about where we will be able to meet from month to month. My hair is already gray, but this situation is turning it even grayer.

So it is with great pleasure that I can now announce that we have located and secured a 'new' place for our general meetings which will be something we can count on for the next six months or so. We are going back to school. Capital High School, that is. Two years ago we were using the high school's pod A as our meeting place. Then the snows came and collapsed the roof of the school, making it unusable. That's when we started using the fire station meeting rooms. Well the school is back in business now and so are we. Starting this month, we will begin using **Capital High School's Pod A** (see page 4 for address) once again and let's just pray that the roof holds out this time around. We have been assured that we can use this facility from now through June when school gets out for the summer. This includes both our general meetings on the fourth Monday of the month and for our critique meetings on the third Tuesday of the month (our digital meetings will remain at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church). So, Yeah! Fewer gray hairs for me, but don't expect to see me blond again very soon either.

So that is that. And now I have one more bit of news to tell the membership (except for those of you who did show up for last month's general meeting... you already know). We have a change in the amount that some people in the club will pay as dues in the coming years. At last month's business meeting the executive board approved a change in the rate for two groups of members: students and members who have been elected to hold honorary membership (big wigs, I call them). At last month's general meeting the members in attendance unanimously approved the same dues rate plan for both groups. So from now on, students will pay \$5.00 a year in club dues. And our duly elected big wigs will pay \$0.00 (as in zero dollars, none, nada, nothing, zip you lucky people, you). So if you too would like to be elected to become an honorary member, just stick around for another twenty or thirty years and work your you-know-what off for the club and it may happen. In the mean time, congratulations to our three current honorary members, Dottie Hall, Donna Butler, and Bob Kletsch. Please spend that \$20.00 you three will be saving every year wisely and thanks for being the inspiration that you are for our club and our membership.

Sincerely, *John*

Social Programs: THE EAGLES ARE LANDING

by Frank Townsend



Every year the salmon swim up the Skagit River to spawn, every year their carcasses float down the river to a calmer spot, every year the eagles come from hundreds of miles away to feast on the dead salmon, and every year (at least lately) the Olympia Camera Club is there to view the eagles. This year is no different. Soon you will be getting information from Sally Parker and Amy Ridgeway on this year's venture up the Skagit River. We will be staying at [Clark's Skagit River Resort](#) Friday and Saturday night (date and price to be announced) so that we can spend two days photographing eagles. If we tire of eagles we can venture west to shoot the snow geese and swans that gather in the valley. This has become an annual event, one that you may not want to miss, so watch your email and the club's web site for more announcements.

From August Planning Picnic

2010-2011-- Field Trip Suggestions

1. Sequim Lavender Fields - July
2. Oregon Covered Bridges
3. Mt Rainier Wild Flowers - August
4. Fall Colors - October/November Highway 2/Tumwater Valley
5. Hoh/Quinault Rain Forest
6. Mt Rainier in Winter (Ranger guided trip)
7. Oregon Beaches - September
8. Port Townsend Architecture
9. Port Gamble Architecture
10. Bellevue Botanical Gardens Christmas Lights
11. Tacoma Arboretum
12. Glass Museum
13. Portland Chinese Garden
14. Combined Trip with Olympia Meet Up
15. Palouse w/ Linda F/Marie Browning May/June
16. Annual Year Book - January
17. Thurston County Fair - July & August
18. Olympia Air Show - June
- 19. Skagit River Eagles - January**
20. Where would you like to photograph?



Additionally, if you have other club outing ideas, call me at **705-1349** or email frank_townsend@q.com and we can work it out.

Trip #19 Skagit Rive Eagles

"Members ready to shoot eagles at Rockport"

Photo by Terri Townsend

Lighthouse Trip July 2010

By Allynn Balch, Vice President



On Saturday, July 10th, we took a field trip to the Puget Sound Lighthouses. I and other ambitious camera club members wandered around the four different locations, immersing our photographic eyes and curiosities into suitable images that would make an outstanding visual narrative unique to each one of us. We started off at the Pt. Robinson Lighthouse on Maury Island, and it marks the halfway point between Seattle and Tacoma. It began as a fog signal in July 1885. The weather could not have been better for us... The sun was shining bright and thus the lighting was excellent for my pictures, although perhaps a bit too bright in some of my results. The beach at Pt. Robinson was nice and rather sandy, with sea critters like crabs and jellyfish scattered about. It was also driftwood heaven with sun-bleached logs made into teepees and sculptures, and other pieces washed up to their current random placement which almost resembled a jigsaw puzzle. It was a

neat photographic opportunity, but I wish I could have had a chance to take a walk through the buildings as well as the lighthouse itself. Taking shots from the inside looking outside would have been an interesting perspective, but the buildings are only available for tour on Sundays.

After leaving Pt. Robinson, we made the drive up to the Northern Kitsap Peninsula to Point No Point, near Hansville. The lighthouse was open for us to make a cruise through the small building, reading about the history of the lighthouse and surrounding area. The nearby beach was thriving with activity, everything from sun-bathing, swimming, and fishing, to the basic pastime of people watching. Point No Point's lighthouse was shorter than Pt. Robinson's I noticed. Not sure if there is any meaning to it, or perhaps it was just my perception. The view was incredible. I could see Mt. Baker and nearby Whidbey Island, and Mt. Rainier as well.

We finished up at Point No Point, and started the trek to Marrowstone Point, which is on the North end of Marrowstone Island, at Ft. Flagler State Park. On the way to Marrowstone Point, we stopped in Pt. Gamble to have some lunch, and discuss what we had seen so far. I thought the grounds were beautiful, but we couldn't really get very close to the lighthouse, as it was off limits to the general public. Another location with lots of sand and driftwood, the rocks on the bluff were fun to navigate without risking a sprained or broken ankle too much. Again, the view was spectacular. We made it around the grounds we actually had access to, and I discovered what was labeled as a WWI era rifle range. That was fairly neat, and on our way to our next location, we briefly stopped by some of the remaining military bunkers and guns. One of the guns was aimed at Mt. Rainier, and I think it was meant to be an example of how to target enemy ships, etc. I took a picture of this, and it came out the way I wanted it to for the most part. After we were done, we piled into various vehicles, and made our way to the final official stop of the day, Point Wilson. The sun was on its traditional path to the horizon, and it provided a unique background for the lighthouse. Again, the buildings were unavailable for tour, but there was still plenty to photograph on the grounds and along the beach. After we got our fill of the Pt. Wilson lighthouse, we started the lengthy drive home, stopping at a quaint little diner for dinner on the way.

It was a great trip, and I am sure I am not the only person who got a lot of fantastic shots. As usual I look forward to the next great outing inspired by interesting locations in Washington.

Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes November 2010

Nov. 3, 2010 at the Mekong Restaurant

Present were: President John West, Secretary Chris Weinreich, Digital Group Chair Debbie Ferrell, Past President Wes Kirkpatrick and wife his Cornelia, Frank and Terri Townsend. Absent were: Vice President Allynn Balch and Treasurer Shauna Kearns,

Meeting was called to order at 6:20.

October Minutes: The secretary, Chris Weinreich, moved that the minutes of the October meeting be approved. Wes seconded. John moved to amend the August minutes to include Donna Butler as one of the three life members of the club (the other two are Bob Kletsch and Dottie Hall. The motion as amended passed.

Treasurer's report for October 2010

Beginning Balance - \$1158.00

Ending Balance \$1158.00

(There was no activity in October -- Shauna)

Savings Balance \$1372.40

President's report: John was still looking for a permanent place to hold the general meetings and will be contacting the various fire stations. In November, Lonnie and Susie Paul will show their pictures of Scotland and talk about their recent trip to that country. They were scheduled for the October general meeting but sickness intervened. December will be the Christmas meeting and in January Martin Kimeldorf will talk about using a green screen.

Social Programs: Frank said an eagle trip as planned probably in late winter. Also discussed was a field trip to photograph Christmas lights, possibly in Tacoma.

Digital Group: Debby said that histograms will be the subject of the Tuesday meeting.

Newsletter: Cornelia said she needs articles by Sunday.

Northwest Council of Camera Clubs: Wes announced that the NWCCC will have its conference in Des Moines on Nov. 13 at the Landmark Inn.

New Business: none

Old business: none

Meeting adjourned at 7:10

Chris Weinreich, secretary

Correction to August 4, 2010 Minutes

Membership List & Three New Honorary Members: ...Then a discussion arose about honorary members and it was ultimately moved and seconded to award honorary memberships to *three* people – *Donna Butler, a long-time club member and former board member*, Dottie Hall, a 40 year member of the club and a past president, and Bob Kletsch, also a long time member and for many years, the club's treasurer.

Upcoming Conference

2011 INLAND EMPIRE CHAPTER PSA
SPRING SEMINAR

"Plan on Spokane!" photographic Seminar & Field Trips, April 2-4, 2011, at Spokane Community College. Non-profit Inland Empire Chapter PSA presents

[Darrell Gulin](#), world renowned photographer & speaker – plus 3 free all-day Monday Field Trips, April 4.

-Otto O. Stevens, Secretary, Inland Empire Chapter PSA



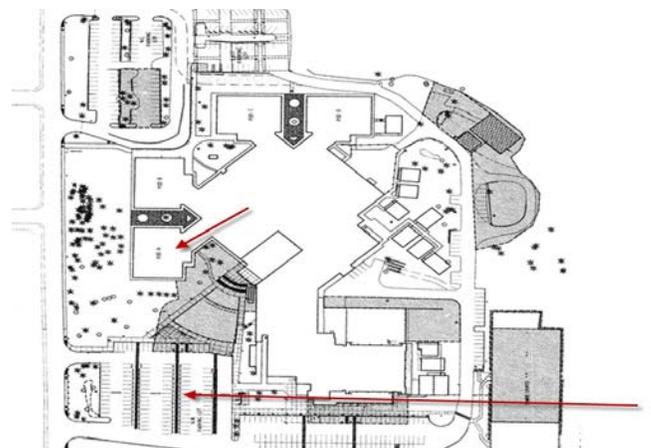
****ATTENTION**ATTENTION**ATTENTION****

Capital High School address:

2707 Conger Avenue N.W.

Olympia, Washington 98502-4590

There are two parking lots and two entrances to the building, Pod "A" is closer to the West entrance and the one closer to Division Street.



Report on the PSA Conference North Charleston, SC

Jan Bigalke, APSA, Conference VP reported that the **Charleston Conference** had 373 attendees, which included: 29 foreign members and 70 first time attendees of which 37 were new members.

Upcoming Conferences:

- ◆ **2011 Colorado Springs - September 18-24th.**
- ◆ **2012 San Francisco - September 16-22nd.**
- ◆ **2013 Portland, Maine - September 15-21st.**



A new PSA Board position has been established called **Information Systems VP**. **Joanne Stolte, APSA, EPSA** holds this position. **Liza Schnelzer** will take over the duties of the PSA Membership VP to fulfill Joanne's term. (See the October Journal for more information.)

Under the capable management of Joanne Stolte, APSA, EPSA, Membership Vice President, **PSA membership has grown from about 4500 in 2007 to 6398**, a truly extraordinary accomplishment. Joanne, Kara Goodson and Jimmie King at HQ, as well as all our RD's and others who have assisted in this remarkable achievement, are to be congratulated.

The following students of photography received **PSA Greenhood Scholarship** Awards of \$4,000 each: Jennifer Coudron at the Art Institute of Colorado, Todd Jacobsen at the Art Institute of Salt Lake City, John McDonald of the Art Institute of Atlanta and Kayla Peterson of the Art Institutes International Minnesota.

Dan Charbonnet, FPSA, EPSA, Chairman of the **PSA International Exhibition** reported on the very successful 2010 PSA International Exhibition.

Sharp Todd, APSA, PPSA, Chapters, Councils and Clubs Vice-President, reports there are 524 PSA Member Clubs.

The **Progress Medal Award** Chairman **Albert Sieg, Honorary FPSA, EPSA**, announced that Art Wolfe was this year's winner and Art presented an excellent program at the PSA Banquet.

The **Presidents Award** winner was **Daniel Charbonette III, FPSA, EPSA**. Dan has been the Chairman of the PSA International Exhibition for the past two years and has had great success. We are delighted that Dan will continue as PSA International Exhibition Chairman for 2011.

Dan Charbonnet III, FPSA, EPSA, PSA Honors Committee Chairman, announced this year's **PSA Honor's** recipients. See the November Issue of the *PSA Journal* for those honored.

The new Recognition of Photographic Achievement Award (**ROPA**) Program has been well accepted by PSA members and the Star Ratings Directors are now busy doing conversions. The new Chair of the ROPA Committee is **Kristina Kaye, APSA**. As many members know PSA has a large **Print Collection** of approximately 4000 images, yet little has ever been accomplished to warrant the huge responsibility and the insurance costs. In 2008 the appraiser stated that the collection was the largest, and one of, if not the best, collection of Pictorial Photography in North America. The collection is valued at more than \$600,000 dollars. In April of 2009 a home was found for the PSA Print Collection. A committee consisting of **Lynn Thompson, APSA, PPSA, John Davis Jr. APSA, PPSA and Fred Greene, FPSA, EPSA** brought a proposal to the board that was unanimously accepted in September 2010.

The new home for the PSA collection is at [**Artspace**] at **Untitled**, in downtown Oklahoma City. This 'unique' gallery is well funded and is located in a large refurbished warehouse. [**Artspace**] at **Untitled** has created a special **archival storage** room for the PSA Collection. A revolving 'year round' exhibition is on display in a special PSA gallery at this location. The "collection" will always be owned by PSA.

Lynn Thompson, APSA, PPSA, Treasurer reports that the Photographic Society of America, and its Divisions, continues to be in **excellent financial health**.

John Fuller, FPSA, Chairman of the PSA Endowment Funds, and **Rick Cloran, FPSA, EPSA**, Chairman of the PSA Investment Committee, report that **PSA Investments** have weathered the last two years very well.

Terry Carroll, Exhibition Services Vice President reports there were almost **1,000 international exhibitions** that received PSA-recognition in 2009. Terry quoted **Wade Clutton, FPSA, EPSA**, "Never has the exhibition process looked as positive as it does now."

The **Strategic Planning Committee** is now soliciting input from the PSA membership. Please feel free to send your thoughts and ideas to Chairman **John Davis Jr. APSA, PPSA** at jmdbwd@wavecable.com. A formal Strategic Planning Survey form will be emailed to all members early in the New Year.

I would like to issue this invitation. If YOU have skills and abilities that you would like to share with this wonderful organization, please make yourself known to a member of the Board of Directors, or to a division Chairman, etc.

The Photographic Society of America has made great strides in 2010 and is preparing for its future. I sincerely believe that PSA plays an important role in today's society and I believe PSA has a brilliant future....

The 72nd PSA Conference was filled with positive comments about the workshops, the tours, the programs, the exceptional 'sponsored' speakers, the hotel and of course the great photo opportunities in the Charleston area.

It is the "joy" of seeing old friends, the excitement of making new ones, the desire to improve our skills as photographers and the common goal of sharing with those who have the same passion that brings us to the annual conference year after year...

See you in Colorado Springs in 2011... -Fred Greene, FPSA, EPSA, President

November 2010



Olympia Camera Club - Digital Meeting
 Second Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Westside of Olympia

<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Photo Subject of the month</u>
November 9th	Histograms Basics (Suggested, bring an image with exposure issues for group learning)	Rosalind Phillips	Spiderwebs (Autumn or Halloween, etc.)
December 14th			
January 11th			
February 8th			
March 8th			
April 12th			
May 10th			
June 14th			



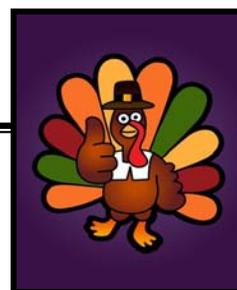
Olympia Camera Club—Photo Critique Meeting
 Third Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Location</u>
November 16th	Bring Images to Share	Tom Blankenship	Capital High School, Pod A
December 21st			Capital High School, Pod A
January 18th			Capital High School, Pod A
February 15th			Capital High School, Pod A
March 15th			Capital High School, Pod A
April 19th			Capital High School, Pod A
May 17th			Capital High School, Pod A
June 21st			Capital High School, Pod A

**Olympia Camera Club 2010-11 General Meetings
Fourth Monday of the Month 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm**



<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Location</u>
November 22nd	Adventures in Scotland Presentation	Lonnie and Sue Paul	Capital High School, Pod A
December 27th	Food and Fun with Gift Exchange	OCC Christmas Party	To be discussed.
January 24th	Green Screen Presentation	Martin Kimeldorf	Capital High School, Pod A
February 28th	???	Kevin McNeal (tentative)	Capital High School, Pod A
March 28th	Member's Theme Night		Capital High School, Pod A
April 25th	TBD		Capital High School, Pod A
May 23rd	TBD		Capital High School, Pod A
June 27th	Member's Theme Night		Capital High School, Pod A



Refreshment Sign-ups for 2010-11

Digital Meeting	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Member</u>
November	Lonnie Paul
December	Peter Schultz
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	

General Meeting	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Member(s)</u>
November	Any Volunteers?
December	ALL, bring finger foods to share @ party
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	

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