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## President's Corner

By John West, president

### The Club's Projector

Hi everybody. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year. I know I did, although I did catch the flu or a cold from somewhere and am just getting over that now. I hope everybody else had better luck than I did in that regard. But not to worry... all is on the mend now.

Now down to business. In January's recent business meeting there was a rather lively discussion about replacing our current computer's projector with a new, better quality one. Yves duVerglas, who was last month appointed to be the committee chair to look into this replacement issue, reported his findings on three "education grade" projectors, one of which he thought would be the best one to buy because it matched the native resolution of the club's laptop computer. The cost of this projector is \$999. That is a lot of money, but technically, the club does have enough money in its accounts to handle such an expenditure. And everyone who regularly attends our meetings knows that there is a pretty constant conversation about the poor quality of the projected images vs. the way they appear on the computer screen. I, for one, would be absolutely elated if we could easily solve this issue before too long. We are a camera club, after all, and most of our members shoot digital images that are best shared to a large group by projecting them. And the quality of those projected images is an important issue for our club. We have even had requests by general meeting presenters to please fix this issue before they give their presentation in the not too distant future, so there is some time urgency with this issue as well.

Having said that, a thousand dollars is a thousand dollars and that is not a trivial amount to spend for any organization of our size and structure.

The executive committee voted to table further movement on this issue until it could be discussed by more of the membership at one or more of our upcoming meetings.

So keep your eyes and ears peeled. We will be discussing and even voting on this issue soon. If you have something to say about this or whether or how we should pay for it, please let your voice be heard. Come to the meetings, especially the general meetings. Email me if you like ( [johnmwest2@Comcast.net](mailto:johnmwest2@Comcast.net) ) and let me know what you think. If you know something about whether the quality of the projector would really make that big a difference, we need your input.

The time to debate this issue is now. I hope that you will join the conversation.

Sincerely,

*John*

## **PROJECTOR UPGRADE? Let's vote.**

**by Frank Townsend, board member**

A little over a year ago the Olympia Camera Club made the purchase of a new lap top computer and digital projector in order that members could share their digital photographs with the rest of the club. Since the purchase the club has had many presentations at the general membership meeting, the digital group and now at the critique group. The one thing that is regularly heard is, "Nice picture, but you should see it on the monitor." The quality of the projected image is not doing justice to presenters or to the members who share their photographs. How can you honestly critique an image that is washed out and colorless?

In recognition of this problem Yves du Verglas volunteered to research the availability and cost of a replacement projector. Wednesday night he brought his findings to the Executive Board. Part of the problem, Yves advised, is that the computer's resolution is 1280 x 800 while the projector's is somewhat less. Essentially we bought a low priced item, marketed for the indiscriminate user. Yves presented three educational grade projectors but only one has the same resolution as that of the computer. After a long discussion the board chose the highest resolution projector which sells for \$999. The board recognizes that a purchase of this size must be approved by the membership, and a motion will be made at the January 24 general membership meeting to make this purchase. All members in attendance will have the opportunity to discuss and vote for or against the purchase.

Funding, while the club has sufficient funds to buy the projector, thought and discussion should be given as to how to replenish the treasury; raffle/auction the old projector; bake sales; donations etc., a decision for funding the purchase will not be presented for a vote by the membership this month.

## **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. Thurston County Fair - July & August
17. Olympia Air Show - June
18. Other suggestions for other club outing ideas?

Call Frank at 705-1349 or email [frank\\_townsend@g.com](mailto:frank_townsend@g.com)

## **2011 NWCCC PRINT COMPETITIONS**

### **Traveling Print Salon (club competition)**

A set of prints from each participating NWCCC (Northwest Council of Camera Clubs) member club travels from club to club (within their circuit) during the winter/spring months, where they are judged and sent on to the next club. The juried finalists are based on the total number of votes by that circuit's participating clubs. After the juried circuit is completed, these images are judged an independent judge(s) for the final results. All prints accepted during the juried round are displayed and the awards are announced at the fall conference.



### **2011 Traveling Print Competition Starts Soon!**

By [Nandita Adhia](#), Traveling Prints

This is a great fun way to see the beautiful work of our talented members. Last year's finalists from our club were

- ◇ **Nichon Thorstrom-Smith**
- ◇ **Lynnette Peizer**
- ◇ **Allynn Balch**
- ◇ **John West**

**I**f you are going to participate, and I highly encourage you to do so, your prints are due to me on or before the **January General meeting on the 24th**. Even though it is not required that each club judge their own prints, we will be judging them during the meeting. Everyone who attends will get to vote on their favorite prints in the color and monochrome category. The winners will be announced at the end of the meeting.

For those of you who are new to the club or haven't heard about this competition -

The Northwest Council of Camera Clubs (NWCCC) hosts a competition each year. Participating clubs send their prints on a circuit as laid out by the organizers and are judged by 3-4 clubs. Winners have a chance to compete at the NWCCC as well as PSA.

The rules of the competition are simple:

- Each club can send in a maximum of 25 prints.
- Prints can be monochrome or color
- Each participant may only have a max of 4 prints total.
- The prints have to be mounted

The print sizes INCLUDING the mount are - Maximum 16" x 20" and minimum 8" x 10"

Your prints will be returned to you at the completion of the circuits unless of course, your prints were selected to compete further. In any case, you shall get your prints back.

## **Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes January 2011**

### **Jan. 5, 2011 at the Mekong Restaurant**

**Present were:** President John West, Vice President Allynn Balch, Secretary Chris Weinreich, Past President Wes Kirkpatrick, Frank and Terri Townsend, Digital Group Chair Debbie Ferrell, Lonnie Paul, James Stebert, Yves duVerglas and Jay Mason. Absent was Treasurer Shauna Kearns. There was one guest: Elena Pierini-Buls, a friend of John's.

**Meeting** was called to order at 6:30.

**December Minutes:** Chris moved that the minutes be approved and Wes seconded. Motion was passed.

**Treasurer's report for December 2010:** (Shauna e-mailed her report to board members)

Beginning Balance -	\$1,158.00
Dues Collected	\$285.00
Expenses	
Membership Cards	\$16.26
Plates for Christmas Party	\$8.64
Rent for 2 days at Capital High School	\$37.50
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Ending Balance	\$1,380.60
Savings Balance	\$1,372.99

**President's report:** John said he had nothing to report

**Community Liaison:** Wes said he had nothing to report

**General Meeting:** Allynn said that Martin Kimeldorf will give a presentation on using a green screen at the January meeting and in February, will be the presentation about Scotland by Lonnie Paul and his wife.

**Social Programs:** Frank said he still had openings for the Skagit River eagle trip January 14. So far 10 people have signed up.

**Thurston County Fair:** Allynn had nothing to report

**Digital Group:** Debbie had nothing to report, except to say that the meetings are held at the Olympia High School, Pod A, every third Tuesday.

**Newsletter:** Per Wes, Cornelia said she needs articles by Saturday. Wes said she did not attend the meeting because she was sick.

**Website:** The web site is on hold as Nandita, the club web master, was in a car accident and is now recuperating.

**Equipment:** Yves reported on the three choices of projectors rated for school use to replace the club's existing two machines. He said that only one of the three had the resolution of the club's laptop and thus would give the best images when projected. That one cost \$1000. He made a motion to purchase the projector and Wes seconded. After much discussion concerning the price, compatibility with the club's current laptop, and whether or not the decision should be put to the general membership, Frank moved to table the motion and bring it up to the general membership at the next meeting for a vote. The motion was passed.

**Video Group:** No report

**New Business:** Lonnie brought up the problem of the automated meeting announcements that have incorrect information, especially the announcement of the Christmas meeting. (The automated notice said the meeting would be held at Capital High School which was wrong.) There was discussion about how to change the information on the announcements and who would do it. No conclusions were reached.

**Old business:** None

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:35

*Chris Weinreich, secretary*



## December 2010—Olympia Toy Run

By [Allynn Balch](#), Vice President

The bright, sunny afternoon was a bit on the brisk side of winter as thousands of motorcycles headed towards me on the route of the 2010 Olympia Toy Run. For over 30 years, motorcycle riders from the Olympia area and beyond have banded together with the help of the Salvation Army to benefit needy children during the holidays.



Image by Allynn Balch

I have lived in Olympia 30 of my 32 years, and although I have known of the Toy Run more prominently over the last decade, this was the first time I witnessed the camaraderie of motorcyclists and their generosity first hand. As I took pictures from my vantage point at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Deschutes Parkway, I saw nothing but chrome, smiles, toys, Xmas decorations, and experienced the feeling of joy as people with a common bond came together for a good cause. With the smell of leather and exhaust filling my nose, I made my way to Marathon Park. I observed many different styles of motorcycle whose rideability ranged from piece of cake to absolutely intimidating, filling me with curiosity...could I try one on for size? In startling contrast, but also a perfect fit, were many Salvation Army volunteers, each with a bag in hand to collect the toys that bikers so generously gave. As I write this, I am unsure of how many bikers took to Olympia streets this year, but I would hope that the smiles that come of this event outnumber the great number of smiles I observed as they all rode past me.

## 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





**Time to Pay Your Dues!!!**  
**by Shauna Kearns, treasurer**

For those of you who missed the Christmas party this year and did not have a chance to pay your 2011 dues, you will have another opportunity at the January general meeting. Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$35 for couples. Students are just \$5!!! Please make checks out to Olympia Camera Club. Our dues support things like meeting room rentals and keeping our club's equipment up to date so the images and presentations we share look their best!! We can't continue to operate without dues, so please pay as soon as possible! If you can't make the January meeting, you can also mail your dues to:

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PO Box 13333  
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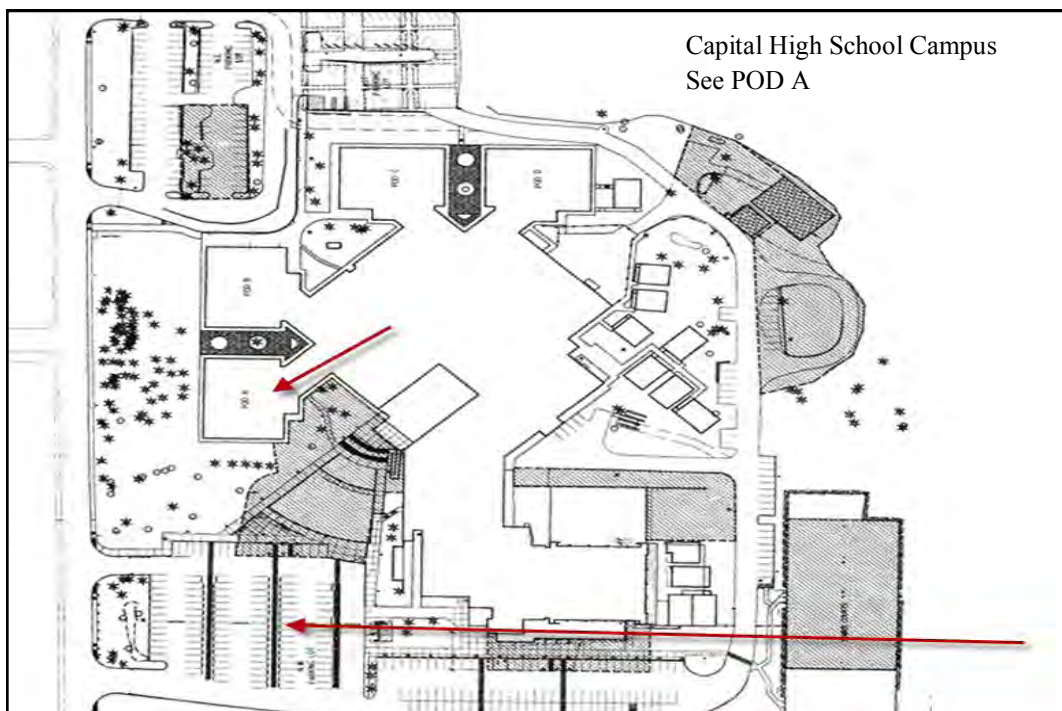
I thank you in advance for paying your dues and keeping the Olympia Camera Club going strong!

**\*\*Reminder\*\*Change in OCC Meeting Location (except the digital group)**

**Address:**

**Capital High School  
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.



# January 2011

## OCC Scheduled Meetings

### **Olympia Camera Club - Digital Meeting**

Second Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**Meets at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Westside of Olympia**

For more information contact:

Debby Ferrell, Digital Group Chair

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### **Olympia Camera Club—Photo Critique Meeting**

Third Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**Meets at Capital High School, Pod A**

For more information contact:

Tom Blankenship, Critiquing Group Chair

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### **Olympia Camera Club - Business Meeting**

First Wednesday of the Month 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

**Meets at Mekong Restaurant (banquet room), Downtown Olympia**

Address: 125 Columbia Street NW

All members and guests are welcome to attend.

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

<b>Month</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Location</b>
January 24th	Adventures in Scotland Presentation	Lonnie and Sue Paul	Capital High School, Pod A
February 28th	Green Screen Presentation	Martin Kimeldorf	Capital High School, Pod A
March 28th	TBD	Member's Theme Night	Capital High School, Pod A
April 25th	TBD	Kevin McNeal (tentative)	Capital High School, Pod A
May 23rd	TBD	Devin Sawyer (tentative)	Capital High School, Pod A
June 27th	Member's Theme Night	Club members	Capital High School, Pod A

**Refreshment Sign-ups for 2010-11**

<b>Digital Meeting</b>		<b>General Meeting</b>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Member(s)</b>
January		January	
February		February	
March		March	
April		April	
May		May	
June		June	



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