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President's Corner



Thurston County Fair Time, August 3 through August 7

Greetings All,

It's July, and it's definitely that time of year again! After circulating the volunteer sign-up sheets the last couple of months, we have a pretty good team of volunteers to assist with the 2011 Thurston County Fair so far. For the pre-fair dates of Sat. July 30th, Sun. July 31st, and Mon. August 1st, we could use a bit more help with collection on the 30th, and on hanging day the 1st. Judging day is the 31st, and anyone is welcome to observe the process. As far as volunteer shifts at the exhibit during the fair, Wednesday, August 3rd through Sunday, August 7th, we need help on Sat. the 6th as I have no one signed up as of yet (see page 5). For those that have already confirmed their help, please be sure to review the schedules here in the newsletter to make sure I have your shift recorded correctly. If anyone else would like to volunteer, or if you have any questions, please either call me @ 360-570-1928 or email me at seriously_long_hair@yahoo.com. Thank you so much for your help!

Cornelia, social programs chair, has prepared a short survey to poll the club about the types of fields trips everyone would like. When you receive the survey link by email (survey at SurveyMonkey), be sure to take it right away and let your preferences be heard. The survey will only be available for seven days. She will present the results of the survey at the August planning picnic, August 22.

It's a busy time! I hope you all are enjoying the warm summer weather, it's finally here! Are you having fun collecting your scavenger hunt images? In this issue see Mort's field trip to the local Harley Davidson dealership, the fireworks meet up at Lakefair, and I hope to see you at the fair!

-Allynn Balch

President

Field Trip

HOGS! Harley Bikes Up Close and Personal

by Mort Schechter

WHEN: Friday, July 22, 2011, 2:00PM.

WHERE: Harley-Davidson Northwest,
8000 Freedom Lane NW, Lacey, Washington 98516
Exit 111 off I-5

DETAILS: Shiny, new, artistically designed Harley-Davidson motorcycles, each one unique in its custom construction, ready for you to capture on your digital file.



At the HD Dealership, sales manager, Joey Villarreal is expecting the club and welcomes us shooting his fabulous "bikes".

After the shoot, if you are so inclined there are several social venues close by:

FOOD: A fine coffee bar is located on the premises for a quick drink or we can go just a few blocks away to the Ram or Hawks Prairie Diner for a snack. Several nice places to have a snack after the event would be the Hawks Prairie Diner or the Ram Restaurant...very close to the HD location.

PREVIEW: A few photos follow this message to give you an idea of what to expect.

CONTACT: Call Mort at (360) 456-1512 for any additional information or questions.

Why do they call Harleys, hogs? Hog originated in the 1920's, when a team of farm boys consistently won races, they became known as the "hog boys" and they used a hog as their mascot. Later, the term was re-adapted "Harley Owners Group."



TIPS on How to shoot fireworks by Scott Kelby (expert) <http://www.scottkelby.com/blog/2010/archives/11047>

For starters, you'll need to shoot fireworks with your camera on a *tripod*, because you're going to need a slow enough shutter speed to capture the falling light trails, which is what you're really after.

Also, this is where using a *release* really pays off, because you'll need to see the rocket's trajectory to know when to push the shutter button—if you're looking in the viewfinder instead, it will be more of a hit or miss proposition. Next, use a *zoom lens* (ideally a 200mm or more) so you can get in tight and capture just the fireworks themselves. If you want fireworks and the background (like fireworks over the capitol), then use a *wider lens*. Now, I recommend shooting in full *manual* mode, because you just set two settings and you're good to go:

1. Set the Shutter Speed to 4 seconds
2. Set the Aperture to f/11. Fire a test shot and look at the LCD monitor on the back of your camera to see if you like the results. If it overexposes, lower the shutter speed to 3 seconds, then take another shot and check the results again.

TIP: If your camera has "Bulb" mode (where the shutter stays open as long as you hold down the shutter release button down), this works great—hold the shutter button down when the rocket bursts, then release when the light trails start to fade. (By the way; most Canon and Nikon digital SLRs have bulb mode). The rest is timing—because now you've got the exposure and sharpness covered.

Club Photo Meet Up Shoot: Fireworks Display at Capital Lakefair on Capitol Lake

Sunday, July 17th, Fireworks start at 10pm

By Cornelia Kirkpatrick, Social Chair

For a fun relaxed photo shoot get together come early, hang out, and choose your fireworks location before dark at Capitol Lake. The Lakefair weekend fireworks finale can be viewed from many locations. From the lake's edge, this article describes two positions A and B (see map below). A is on the north side walkway and B at Marathon Park.

Location A – view from the northside walkway on 5th Avenue. This area is the most popular viewing spot with fair-goers. It has a nice scenic view of the capitol and the water, horizontal shots (example photo—right). There is a small grassy knoll for a bit of elevation and surrounding concrete walkways. Stake out a spot early, it may shift by fireworks time with the growing crowds of non-photographers. The club has met up here in the past. From personal experience, I found it a difficult location to maneuver with a tripod and make shooting adjustments.



Location A—Shot shows the view from the north side (wide angle lens).



Location B—This shot taken from Marathon Park

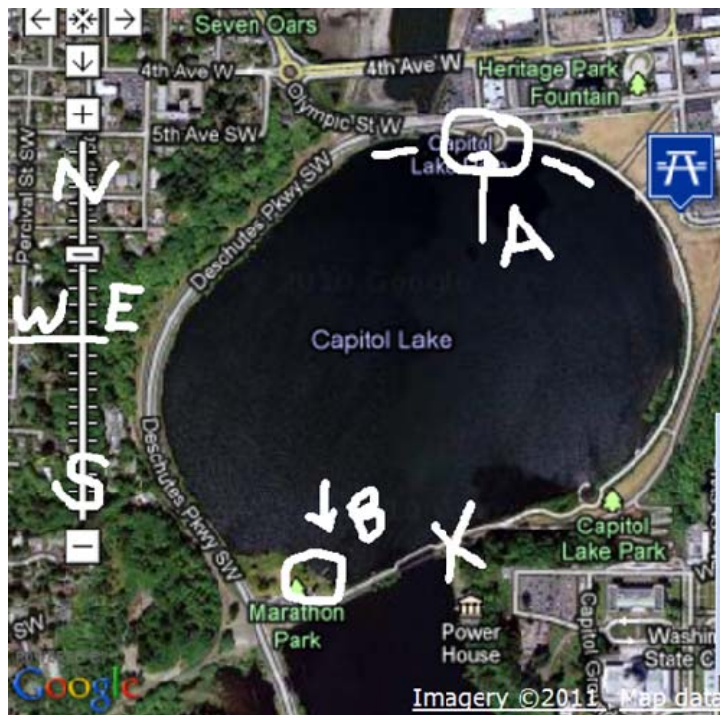
“X” is the fireworks launch area.

Location, location, location, wherever strikes your fancy, you decide —there is not a bad seat in the house.

You will find **Wes and me at the Marathon Park around 5 pm.**

Questions, email corneliak@isomedia.com

Location B – at Marathon Park is on the southwest side of the lake and has a grassy shore with space. This area is less crowded, has parking and room for blankets, chairs, and tripods. Bring snacks to share, if you care to. The fireworks are closer at an angle which is nice for a different aspect. Shots from here are primarily vertical.

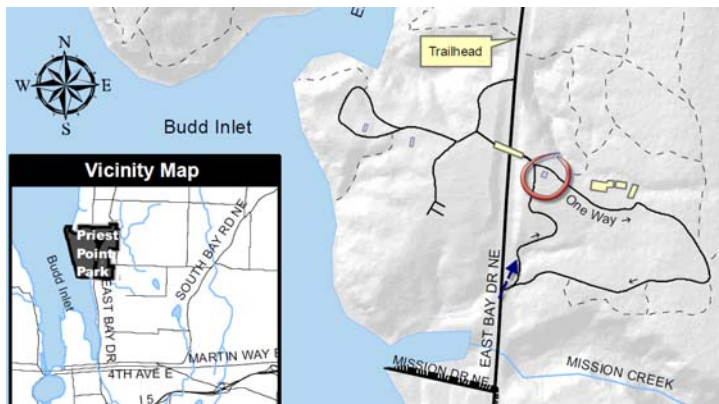


See page 2, for a short article on how to shoot fireworks.

No July OCC General Meeting - See you at the fair!

August 22nd Planning Picnic at Priest Point Park, 6 pm

4th Monday of the Month



The next general meeting will be the August Planning Picnic, August 22nd. At the planning picnic we discuss and decide activities (field trips, etc) and topics (for meetings) for the upcoming 2011-12 year. Cornelia will present results of the field trip survey. This is a favorite event and a great pot luck picnic, so bring a dish to share and your appetite (plates, utensils, napkins provided).

DIRECTIONS: Priest Point Park is located at 2600 East Bay Drive NE, travel north on East Bay Drive .

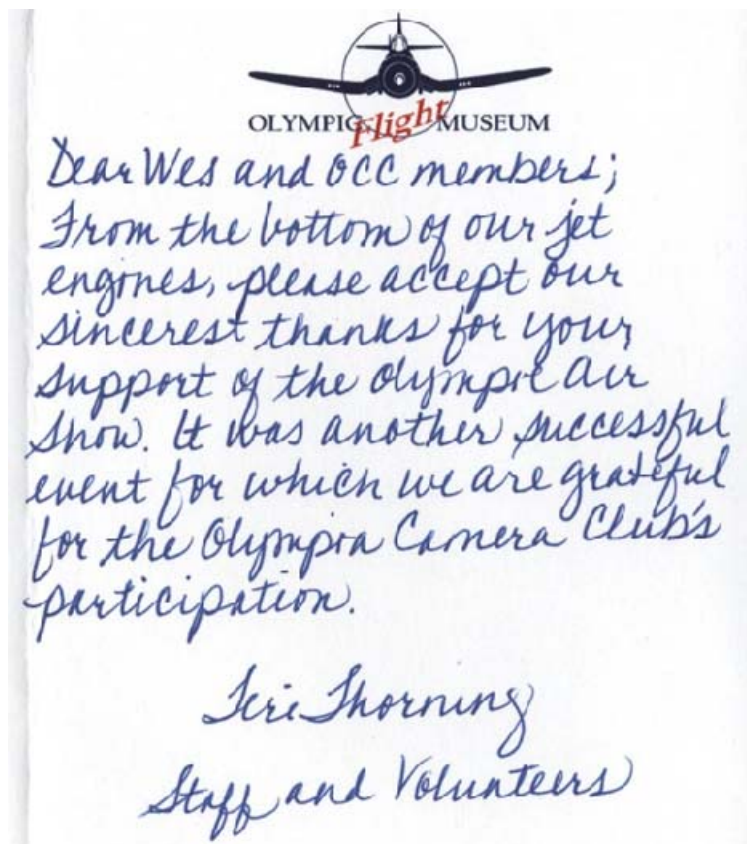
Follow East Bay Drive from 4th Avenue and take first right into the park and follow one-way lane (see map for blue arrow for turn and the red circle marks shelter #1). We will gather at Priest Point Park Shelter #1, the Rose Garden. It is a covered picnic shelter that has water, electricity, large flat grill, and parking.

Thank You to Club Members

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to photograph and provide images for the Olympic Flight Museum. Even though the weather wasn't as good as some years I think that everyone was able to get out and take some awesome shots and the Museum Director will have many photos to choose from. As of this newsletter I've received 10 CDs from you.

The below is a Thank You note from Teri Thorning and Staff/Volunteers expressing their sincere thanks to the club. It also pleases me to see that members volunteer to do community events and provide photos to them.

Again Thank You all members. -Wes



2011 Thurston County Fair is Coming Soon

Print submission deadline is **Saturday July 30th at the fair**, see exhibitor's guide for complete information.

www.co.thurston.wa.us/fair/documents/exhibitor_guide/Fair-Guide-complete.pdf

THURSTON COUNTY FAIR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

By Allynn Balch, Photography Exhibit Superintendent

This year's Thurston County Fair runs from Wednesday, August 3rd to Sunday, August 7th. Each year the camera club sponsors the fair's Photography Exhibit, as well as providing volunteer assistance for print drop off, judging, hanging, and staffing the exhibit during the fair run.

As of July 9th, below are the two volunteer sign-ups showing slots taken and others still available (marked in yellow). The first table is for the fair photo processing weekend (fun and educational) and the other is during the fair days (free fair admission). Feel free to email me at seriously_long_air@yahoo.com, if you have any questions or are interested in helping out.

Thurston County Fair 2011 PRE-FAIR SIGN UP

	Saturday, July 30 th	Sunday, July 31 st	Monday, Aug. 1 st
	Collection Day	Judging Day	Hanging Day
	9am-4pm	9am-3pm	9am-1pm
1	Debby Ferrell	Allynn Balch	Allynn Balch
2	Frank & Terri Townsend	Frank & Terry Townsend	Terri Townsend
3	Wes & Cornelia Kirkpatrick	Wes & Cornelia Kirkpatrick	Wes Kirkpatrick
4	Allen Raphael	Robert Kletsch	Rosalind Phillips
5	Nandita Adhia?	Nandita Adhia	Chris Weinreich
6		Randy Yaple	
7-12			

Thurston County Fair Volunteer Schedule 2011

	10:00-1:00	1:00-4:00	4:00-7:00	7:00-10:00
Wednesday, Aug. 3 rd	Allynn Balch	Jim Chamberlain	Randy & Sharon Yaple	Allen Raphael
Thursday, Aug. 4 th	Linda Pardee	Linda Pardee	Bonnie & Terry Liberty	Wes & Cornelia Kirkpatrick
Friday, Aug. 5 th	Chris Weinreich		Linda Pardee	Frank & Terri Townsend
Saturday, Aug. 6 th				
Sunday, Aug. 7 th	Frank & Terri Townsend			(Fair closes @ 8pm. Print pickup 8pm-9pm) Allynn Balch
Monday, August 8 th	Allynn Balch	XXX	XXX	XXX

The Puyallup Fair 2011, PHOTOGRAPHER'S EXHIBITIONS

The Northwest International Exhibition of Photography (NWIEP) and the 2011 Washington State Photographers Exhibition at the 2011 Puyallup Fair will be held Sept 9th through Sept 25.

To view the rules and regulations visit www.thefair.com and at the bottom of the home page click on "Entries" and then you are able to click on the links to either exhibition for step-by-step instructions. If you have participated in either exhibition in prior years please be sure to read this year's prospectus as there are new requirements.

The Washington exhibition is to showcase exclusively the work of Washington state photographers where the NW International Exhibition is for anyone throughout the world and is much more competitive.

For those interested I've included the Int'l information below for rules and requirements but since there is much more information for the Washington State exhibition please visit the website.

Olympia Camera Club volunteer coverage is needed for two days from 10am to 9pm at the fair. Volunteers will man the information table in the salon. Six entrance tickets per day and three parking passes will be provided (carpool). You can visit the fair at any time and stay as long as you want. Volunteers please contact me as soon as possible, wesk67@gmail.com.

Thank You,

Wes Kirkpatrick

Online Entry Registration Step-by-Step for Northwest International Exhibition of Photography (NWIEP) at the 2011 Puyallup Fair

Enter online at: www.thefair.com and click ENTRIES at the bottom of the Puyallup Fair's home-page then select one of these options. It is titled 2010 but is actually for 2011.

[2011 NW International Photo Salon](#)

LAST DAY FOR ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION:

Monday, August 8, 2011, by 10 pm (Pacific Time)

LAST DAY TO RECEIVE ENTRY PACKAGES:

Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 3pm

2011 CALENDAR

Last day for receiving entry packages August 9 (3 pm)

Judging of Digital-Projected Images and Prints ... August 20 and 21

Judging will be completed August 21

Notification letters will be mailed on or before September 1

Entries for which the exhibitor requests "Return Prints" and pays the return fees will be mailed (if not already picked up) by October 8,

Prints may be picked up from the Photo Salon on these days and times:

September 29, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

September 30, October 3, & October 4, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Prints will be destroyed after October 8 unless prior arrangements are made.

Catalog will be online at thefair.com on or before..... October 21

Digital images must be submitted on a disc. Do NOT send digital images via email. Discs will not be returned

You can also view all the information for submitting images into the [2011 Washington Photographers Exhibition](#) on the page as well.

SCAVENGER HUNT 2011 (reprint)

It's time for the annual OCC Scavenger Hunt, a summer of looking for images that fit the new list of 24 scavenger hunt categories, things like "insect" and "bliss", and "graffiti". Some are more challenging than others. You have all summer to find one image for each category. Then you name and size then according to the rules (enclosed) and send them on CD to John West by September 13. One of the rules is to not make improvements with Photoshop. This is all for fun, not for competition, and no one's picture gets identified. John will transform all our images into a wonderfully entertaining slide show for our viewing pleasure at the monthly general meeting on September 26. That meeting will be a dinner meeting, held at the Chambers Restaurant at Panorama City, so it's a special night out for OCC members and their guests.

Later in the summer we'll get information to you about menu options and reservations, but for now, just take a look at the rules of the hunt and the list of categories and begin collecting your images. If you work better under pressure, you can wait until early September for all this, but some great summer photo ops may have passed by then. Have fun!

"Give us Your Best Shot!"

This year's planning committee for the Scavenger Hunt (Ann Rockway, John West, Nandita Adhia, and Allynn Balch) has come up with the 2011 list of categories for the hunt. We are assuming that all images will be shot and submitted digitally. Here are the **rules**:

1. Make one exposure for each category listed on the form and briefly describe each image.
2. Images must be new images taken after receiving this announcement. They may be taken in any order.
3. The self-identification image tells the compilers (and your audience) who the images belong to. You can be creative (photo of self, things that reflect your interests, etc).
4. No post-production in Photoshop or other image manipulation software is permitted, other than sizing and naming the image file as described below under Image File Properties.
5. Put all your images on a CD as jpeg files, and mail to Scavenger Hunt 2011 c/o John West, 3808-C 22nd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98501. The CD and the form listing your images must be received by Tuesday September 13. E-mail submissions will not be accepted.

Images taken under conditions other than these are not eligible for entry into this Scavenger Hunt.

Image File Properties:

1. Images must be submitted in JPEG only. (No RAW or TIFF files allowed)
2. Image resolution: no more than 1024 pixels wide or 768 pixels high at 72 DPI (no cropping – resize the actual file). Check with John if you have questions about this.

Filename: Save each image as follows: 2 digit number of category- _your name_ category (example: 02_JohnWest_grafiti.jpg). This makes it much easier to compile the digital slideshow of all our images.

The Scavenger Hunt Committee will assemble the digital images into a slideshow to be shown at the September 26 OCC general meeting. This meeting will take place at Panorama City's Chambers Restaurant 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.org.

We look forward to seeing how varied and creative the 2011 images will be. Your involvement will help make the scavenger hunt a fun program for our September 26 meeting. Everyone in the club is encouraged to participate. If you have questions contact Ann Rockway (mimosatree@q.com or 866-1415), John West (johnmwest2@comcast.net or 459-3183), Nandita Adhia (Nandita@prodigy.net), or Allynn Balch (seriously_long_hair@yahoo.com or 360-556-9427).

Olympia Camera Club

Scavenger Hunt 2011

Your Name: _____ **Fill in this form and give to**

Address: _____ **John West by Sept. 13, 2011**

Phone: _____

Photographs may be taken in any order.

Cat.# Categories Give a brief description of the image representing the category

01	Self identification	
02	Graffiti	
03	Tattoo	
04	Inspired	
05	Bliss	
06	Night Shot	
07	Fireworks	
08	Insect	
09	Cat	
10	Nails	
11	Mailbox	
12	License plate	
13	Framing	
14	Sign	
15	Purple	
16	Snack	
17	Cup	
18	Corner	
19	Blurry	
20	Landmark	
21	Scary	
22	Creating	
23	Soft	
24	Oops/your choice	

Images MUST fit the category. Use your IMAGINATION!

**Mail your CD of digital images and this form to John West
3808-C 22nd Avenue SE
Olympia, WA 98501**

Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes July 6, 2011, held at the Mekong Restaurant

Present were: President Allynn Balch, Mort Shecter Vice-President, Secretary Chris Weinreich, Treasurer Shauna Kearns, Past President John West, Newsletter Editor Cornelia Kirkpatrick, Critique Group Chair Tom Blankenship, Wes Kirkpatrick, Frank and Terri Townsend.

Meeting was called to order at 6:15.

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

Treasurer's report for June 2011:

Beginning Balance - \$1981.01

Collections:

Dues - \$115.00

Expenses:

Stamps - \$15.84

Church room rental for rest of 2011 – \$300.00

Ending Balance - \$1780.17

Savings Balance \$1374.74

President's report: Allynn said she had nothing specific to report other than what is listed below.

Vice President: Mort brought up the possibility of the club shooting the motorcycles at the Harley-Davidson dealership. He said he has talked to the people there and they have no objections. Mort suggested a date of Friday afternoon, July 22nd as a date for the shoot.

Community Liaison: Wes thanked everyone who submitted pictures of the air show.

Social Programs: Cornelia wants to do a short survey of club members on their preferences for social programs, i.e. day trips, overnight trips, etc. She also wants to have an informal meet-up to shoot fireworks at Lake Fair. She and Wes will be at the Marathon Park location, while others may want to view from the north, 5th avenue side. The newsletter will have a map of locations.

Thurston County Fair: Allynn reminded members that the 2011 Exhibitor Guide is now online and that the fair will run from August 3 thru 7th. She passed out sign-up sheets for staffing the photo show, processing photos and hanging the show.

Newsletter: Cornelia said she needs articles by Saturday.

Web Site: Last month it was reported that the club's former web master, Dave Simmerman, would assume the duties for a fee. Allynn said she has contacted him but he has not yet gotten back to her.

NWCCC (North West Council of Camera Clubs): Wes reminded people of the NWCCC's annual meeting to be held Nov. 13 at the Nile County Club in Mount Lake Terrace.

PSA (Photographic Society of America): Frank had nothing to report.

Digital Group: Tom said the group is "resting" since the school is closed for the summer. Someone suggested that he see if he can get a fire hall to meet in during the summer, and Tom said he would look into it.

Equipment: John had nothing to report.

Video Group: nothing to report.

Old Business: The subject of the club's brochure came up in light of the fact that the Puyallup Fair is coming up and there is a table for area camera clubs to display their promotional material. Wes said he would look at the brochure and see what needs to be updated.

Wes again brought up the subject of the Olympia Bag and Pipe Band which wants to perform for the club but when and where, was the question. Priest Point Park was suggested as a place. There was a discussion but nothing firm was decided.

New Business: The annual planning picnic will be held at Priest Point Park, shelter #1, Aug. 22 at 6 p.m. Someone asked if a communications chair would be beneficial. It was discussed briefly but no action was talked.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 Chris Weinreich, Secretary

July 2011 Olympia Camera Club Monthly Meetings

No Digital Meeting in July

Church unavailable—Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Westside of Olympia

For more information contact:

Rosalind Phillips, Digital Group Chair

photoelegance@comcast.net

No Photo Critique Meeting in July



School closed—Capital High School, Pod A

For more information contact:

Tom Blankenship, Critiquing Group Chair

tom@tomblankenship.com

No General Meeting in July

See you at the August Planning Picnic

(See page 4)

Meets at Priest Point Park, Rose Garden

Time 6:00.



Business Meeting, August 3rd Meeting Mekong Restaurant

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

All members and guests are welcome to attend.

For more information contact:

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