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September 25th General Meeting Annual Scavenger Hunt Dinner

Our September General Meeting will be the clubs annual Scavenger Hunt dinner. There will be at least 9 entries presented and will be a lot of fun and enjoyable. Put this on your calendar and plan to attend and see those members you haven't been able to over the past year and this will give everyone a chance to meet the new members who have recently joined.

Please contact Ann to make your Scavenger Hunt dinner reservations for September 25 at the Chambers House Restaurant at Panorama City (same spot as last year). This will be our September regular meeting, where we'll dine and view everyone's images from the scavenger hunt list. You don't need to have taken pictures to join us for the evening, and you can bring a guest if you like.

Please make your dinner selection(s) and let Ann know by September 10 or as soon as possible how many are coming and what menu item you want.

The choices are:

1. Apricot beef brisket with red potatoes
2. Sole Almandine with wild rice pilaf
3. Chicken Marsala with red potatoes

All items are \$13. Alcohol or dessert would be extra. Come at 6 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30. It should be a lively evening and good fun.

My e-mail is mimosatree@iconnectto.net or phone is 866-1415. Note my new e-mail address

Ann

President's Corner

by Shauna Kearns

This Should Be a Great Year!

I would like to say that I am very excited about the upcoming year's activities. The planning picnic was very productive and we came up with many exciting ideas for trips and general meeting programs.

This year I would like to refocus our general meetings to make member sharing a priority. I know it is important to all of us, but sometimes with all the business we have to take care of, member sharing gets pushed to the end of the meeting. Dave and I will do what we can to make sure there is time for sharing. All you have to do is make sure to bring in images.

We should have plenty of outing ideas to keep us shooting all year long. I am very excited to have Gary Ouellette as our new Photo Trip Coordinator. Gary has shown a great deal of enthusiasm for organizing outings and he shared several ideas at the picnic that I know I am looking forward to, such as kayaking photo trips. Thank you Gary for helping us generate ideas for photo trips in all different seasons, so that we will have places to visit all year long.

This year I am making a commitment to go out on as many photo trips as I can. I always have such a wonderful time on the trips and it is so fun to see the images we all come back with. I would like to challenge all of you to come along as well. If the photo trips we have planned don't interest you, then plan one that you would enjoy! Let's get out there and shoot!

Thurston County Fair, Wrap Up

by Frank Townsend

The Olympia Camera Club came through again, making the Photography Exhibit one of the best spots in the fair. We had 549 prints entered this year, a record, by over 100 entrants. We spent Saturday, Sunday, and Monday before the fair registering photos, printing labels and preparing the prints for display, judging all prints and finally hanging them. With the fair opening on Wednesday, we had someone in the exhibit the entire time until the fair closed on Sunday. We were even there on Monday so that exhibitors could retrieve their prints. All told we spent around 300 community service hours. Well done OCC, and thanks.

Member Reap Ribbons at County Fair

by Frank Townsend

Olympia Camera Club members did themselves and the club proud taking home many ribbons including one Champion (best in Lot). The winners are: Shauna Raphael, Champion in Scenic's; Kevin McNeal, three firsts and a second in Scenic's and a third in Special Effects, Dave Simmrman, a first and two seconds in Scenic's; Larry Jensen, a first and honorable mention in Scenic's, a second and third in Human Interest, and a third in Plants & Flowers; Cornelia Kirkpatrick, a third in Animals and an honorable mention in Still Life; Bobbie Rockett, an honorable mention in Animals; Allen Raphael, an honorable mention in Special Effects and in

Scenic's; Donna Butler, an honorable mention in Scenic's; Bob Rudolph, an honorable mention in Plants & Flowers; Dennis Caines a second in Animals, a second in Miscellaneous, a third in Scenic's, and third in Still Live; and Pat McLachlan, a third in Scenic's, a third in Plants & Flowers, and a third in Animals. Congratulations to each of you and thanks for adding to our exhibit.

Social Functions

by Gary Ouellette

A list of proposed trip planning activities for the upcoming year is will be forthcoming and will also be updated as events are scheduled.

These are field trips and outings which were proposed at the annual picnic.

You can contact Gary or the trip planning coordinator for information and/or questions concerning the trip.

Gary will always be looking for new ideas so please feel free to contact him if you have some place special you have visited in the past and would like to go to again or places you have heard about and would like to visit again. Even if you don't feel like it is something you would like to set up the particulars please mention it and perhaps someone will be willing to.

Mt. Baker Getaway

by Kathy Morris

Plan to get away for a fall foliage adventure on Mount Baker the weekend of Oct. 6-8. Contrary to previous trips, our overnight accommodations will be in the town of Glacier, which is very close to the entrance to Mt. Baker National Forest. This was the shooting locale for London's *The Call of the Wild*, produced in 1935 starring Clark Gable and Loretta Young. There are numerous day hikes and at least one waterfall that can be checked out on Saturday. On Sunday we can re-trace our route of five years ago down Chuckanut Drive (out of Bellingham) to the Conway tavern before returning to reality. (I wonder if the bikers will still be there?)

For a trip of this nature, it would be best to plan carpools in advance, so please advise me of your intent to participate in the trip and/or a carpool as soon as possible. I can be reached at photogal55@comcast.net or 360-943-3934. I'm recommending the Glacier Creek Lodge as "home base" <www.glaciercreeklodge.com>. I've stopped there in the past, and have been impressed by their service, their cleanliness, and the hot tub. They also provide a free continental breakfast, served from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. and there's a grocery store, Graham's, right across the street. There are a number of cabins and motel rooms available. Certain cabins can accommodate up to six persons, while others accommodate 2, 4, and 5 persons.

Cabin 8 is the nicest, and all but one of the cabins have a kitchenette. If you'd be interested in sharing a cabin with me and/or other OCC members, the sooner I know, the sooner we can book the cabin. The motel rooms all accommodate up to two persons, but have no cooking facilities. There are at least two B & Bs close to Glacier. The Inn at Mt. Baker, www.theinnatmtbaker.com is a luxury B & B; the Mt. Baker Bed & Breakfast, www.bnbchoices.com/usa/washington/mount-baker-bnb.bnb, appears quite pleasant but with slightly lower rates.

We are currently scheduled to depart Olympia at 7 p.m. on Friday night, 10/6/06, but we could leave earlier depending on the feelings of trip participants. The drive from Olympia to Glacier is approximately three hours, not including rest/coffee stops. (Glacier is 33 miles east of Bellingham on Highway 542.) This makes for a rather late arrival, but it was the lesser of all the possible evils discussed at our Executive Board meeting on Wed., 9/6. With a Friday evening departure, we'll be all set to capture the morning light on Saturday.

I look forward to sharing this fall fling with my OCC friends and hope you will plan to join in the fun!

Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes

by Chris Weinreich

Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes Sept. 6, 2006, Mekong Restaurant

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

Present were: President Shauna Kearns, Vice President Dave Simmerman, Treasurer Robert Kletsch, Secretary Chris Weinreich, Frank and Terri Townsend, Terry Liberty, Bobbie Rockett, Wes Kirkpatrick, Allen Raphael, Kathy Morris, Gary Ouellette and Ann Rockway.

August Minutes: Approval of the August minutes was tabled until the October meeting since there was no newsletter in August (the August and September newsletter is a combined one) and hence no printed minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Robert Kletsch reported that the July balance in be bank was \$567.97. Expenses for August were related to the photo exhibition at the Thurston County Fair: \$80.84 to Frank Townsend for the fair lunch. The club spent an additional \$60.51 for supplies, which was reimbursed by the Fair. The balance at the end of the month was \$487.13.

The treasurer's report was passed.

Scavenger Hunt dinner: As of the meeting, seven people have signed up for the dinner, and nine have submitted entrees for the contest.

NW Council of Camera Clubs: Wes will put the schedule for annual conference in the newsletter. (The conference will be at Ft. Worden in Port Townsend November 17, 18 & 19 and urged everyone to attend.) The council has sent the club nomination applications for three a NW Council awards, The progress award, The club service award and The hall of fame award.

Vice President report: Dave said he is in the process of compiling the list of topics raised at the planning picnic last month.

Social Programs: Gary Ouellette said he will be putting out a list of upcoming events. The list will be structured so that by clicking on to an event the user can access a web site.

In conjunction with social programs, Kathy asked when would be a good date fro the Bellingham fall color trip. After one and all consulted their calendars, the weekend of Oct. 6, 7 and 8 was chosen.

Digital Group: Bobbi said that Marie Browning will bring a slide show to this month's meeting (Sept. 12).

Capital Land Trust: Terry reminded everyone that this Friday is the deadline for entering pictures. Send him low resolution images of their pictures. Terry asked for people to assist him in judging the pictures and Bonnie, Shauna, Allen, Kathy, Dave, Ann, Wes & Cornelia volunteered.

Membership Roster Revision: Kathy will be sending out e-mails to various club members to correct or confirm the information that will be included in the roster.

Web site: Dave reported that in August, Romania slipped to number 21 for the number of foreign hits on the web site. The United Kingdom was in first place. Dave said that although the number of hits was down 200 from last month, the site is still averaging 47 per day. The web site membership gallery will soon expand. Enabling members to post more pictures.

Photo Class: Allen said he was contacted by a member of the Lacey Parks and Recreation program who wants to put together an eight or ten week basic photography class for teenagers. Nothing is in writing yet.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by Chris Weinreich, secretary.

Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes

by Chris Weinreich

Olympia Camera Club Executive Board Minutes Aug. 2, 2006, Mekong Restaurant

Meeting called to order by Vice President Dave Simmerman at 5:40 p.m.

Present were: Vice President Dave Simmerman, Secretary Chris Weinreich, Frank and Terri Townsend, Bonnie and Terry Liberty, Bobbie Rockett, Wes and Cornelia Kirkpatrick, and Gary Ouellette. President Shauna Kearns & Treasurer Robert Kletsch were excused

June Minutes: Terry moved to approve the July minutes and Bonnie seconded. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: In Robert's absence, Dave gave the report -- \$567 in the checking account as of the end of July.

Northwest Council of Camera Clubs: Wes reminded everyone of the annual meeting at Ft. Worden in Port Townsend Nov. 17, 18 & 19 and urged everyone to attend.

Digital Group: Bobbie said the topic for the next meeting (Aug. 8th) will be how to develop a slide show.

Community Liaison: Terry is still looking for examples of pictures taken of land Trust sites.

Thurston County Fair: Frank said that 110 photographers entered the photo show at the fair had 549 photos were submitted. They had enough space for everyone and the show is fully staffed for the week. He also thanked everyone who helped put the show together.

Web site: Dave reported that the number of visits (1556) was down by 40 over June. And Great Britain is in first for the number of foreign county visits, while Romania has slipped to 13. "About Us" is still the most popular, followed by the gallery page.

Costco photo contest: Someone announced (it may have been Dave) that Costco has a photo contest going on which will end Sept 30.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50

Chris Weinreich

This following information became available at the last NWCCC for Club members and you are encourage to register and attend. You will surely enjoy the workshops, field trips and seminars that are scheduled.

Updated information will be on www.nwcameraclubs.org

Welcome to the NWCCC Conference November 17th-19th 2006

Historic Fort Worden State Park and Conference Center Port Townsend, WA

Conference Cost \$35.00 \$40.00 on site.

Banquet \$26.00 by reservation only.

Housing available on site and also:

Harborside Inn 1-800-942-5960 Port Townsend, .Conference rates are available. Be sure to mention that you will be attending the NWCCC conference and they will then give you the conference rates.

The conference will include the following:

Image Competition and Salon

Workshops

Field Trips

Banquet

Silent Auction

Check the NWCCC Website for more information, competition rules and entry date www.nwcameraclubs.org

Friday PM:

Field trip with Bob Stahl and Keith Lazelle

Directors and Delegate meetings

Chat session and informal gathering in the Break out room

Saturday

Sunrise photo shoot

Registration

Vendors from Hunts Photo Supply!!! Good buys

Exhibitors: Sony, Wacom and Epson

Workshops: Eight scheduled sessions

Banquet Keynote speaker Bob Stahl

Silent Auction

Sunday: AM

Photo shoot of historic Port Townsend hosted by Port Townsend's Camera Club.

Sunday Brunch available at Fort Worden

Reservation application is on the following page and also available on the NWCCC Website. at www.nwcameraclubs.org

Items subject to change without notice.

Please enclose this form with your payment. THANK YOU

Conference November 17-19, 2006

Pre-registration for Annual Conference November 17th – 19th 2006

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ CLUB _____

CONFERENCE PAYMENT \$35.00 _____ Check _____ Money order

Amt included _____ Number of Attendees _____

Banquet Reservation: Payment \$26.00 ea Check _____ Money order _____

Amt included _____ Number Attendees _____

Total _____

Banquet reservation due **NOVEMBER 10TH**

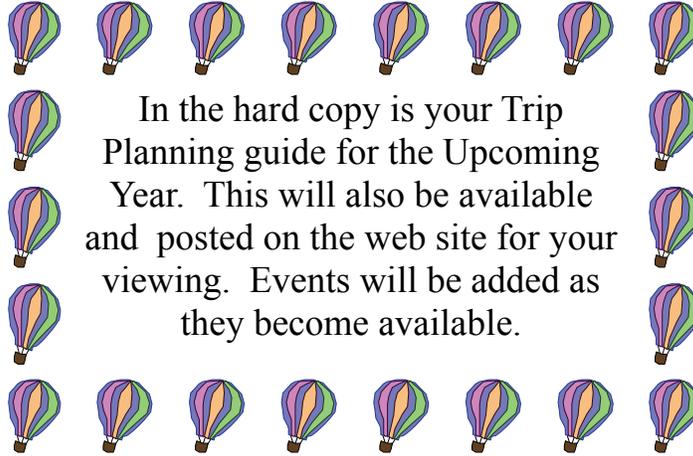
Submit payment to: NWCCC PO Box 44825 Tacoma WA 98444

NWCCC Annual Conference

Fort Warden State Park

Port Townsend Nov 17 - 19

**MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR AND MAKE A FIELD TRIP
ADVENTURE THAT INCLUDES THE CONFERENCE!!!!**



In the hard copy is your Trip Planning guide for the Upcoming Year. This will also be available and posted on the web site for your viewing. Events will be added as they become available.

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