



THE

LAST FRAME

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St. Albert Photo Club's Monthly Newsletter

President's Message

Upon beginning the 2006-07 season of the St. Albert Photo Club we ran into some difficulty. Securing guest speakers once again proved to be difficult. After spending several mornings trying to find speakers for the fall program, I had all but given up when two photographers that I had left a message with called me back. They said they would come out but were not sure about what to talk about. After a brief discussion we both agreed on a topic. Neither of them knew that there actually was a camera club in St. Albert. After this initial set-back, we managed to find speakers for all eight monthly meetings. In addition, due to scheduling issues, a guest speaker was brought in for the Christmas Party in December.

This past year, our speakers ran the gamut from Professional Photographers of Canada (PPOC) members, such as Darcy Cooper, who discussed wedding photography, and Lloyd Linkewich, who talked to us about print judging, to avid photo enthusiasts like Ray van der Woning and Dan Foley. For the 2007-08 season, we have been successful in almost lining up speakers



Al Popil, left, accepts the "Photographer Of The Year" trophy from club secretary/treasurer, Allen Skoreyko, during the club's wind-up dinner Wednesday.

for the fall already, but will follow up with a confirmation, possibly in late July.

Internally, we are seeing a definite paradigm shift from film-based photography to digital. For the first time since I became a member of the club, in 1998, 35mm slides will now be replaced by a digital projection competition. This will still be in addition to the long-standing print competition. As has happened in

many camera clubs around the country, the transformation to digital has not been an easy one for all those involved. I'm sure there will be an on-going debate in coming year as to what how we prefer to handle digital media and hope a consensus can be easily and quickly reached. Will full-scale digital manipulation and photo collages become the norm? We will have to see.

Some clubs have lost membership

<p>SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER TBA</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER COMPETITION Summer Project "Open"</p>	<p>Click here to access our website</p>	<p>OCTOBER COMPETITION Flowers</p>	<p>OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER TBA</p>
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due to this contentious issue, but at the same time, have brought in new photographers as well, many having been involved in the digital arena for years. On the topic of membership, it appears that web site is successful in bringing in new photographers. Also, those members interested in having a gallery of their photography on our web site, just need to contact Tracey Guzak.

Beginning in the summer

of 2006, coffee shops did not stay open past 10:00 p.m., partially due to crime but primarily due to manpower. Those of us who wanted to go out for a coffee post-meeting had to travel into Edmonton. Since our meetings disperse at about 10:00 p.m., once you include travel time to and from Edmonton, it was usually around midnight before many finally got home. As a result, the "club execu-

tive" decided that we will commence our meetings at 7:00 p.m. instead of the traditional 8:00 p.m. By concluding our meetings at 9:00 p.m., we should still have an hour to convene at some chosen local coffee shop and hopefully, a 7:00 p.m. start will not make it too difficult on either or guest speaker or on competition night.

Finally, congratulations must go out to Al Popil for winning the overall Print

Competition title. In many of the monthly competitions that Al placed first, his final score was often well ahead of the rest by quite a margin. Quite a standard he has now set for future competitions.

I hope everyone has a great summer (hopefully the weather will improve) and I encourage you all to keeping taking those great photographs you have shared with us over the past year.

Updates And Changes For next Year

Some new changes were discussed for next year. One of the changes is that the meetings will start an hour earlier at 7 PM.

Some club members felt that people who do not enter the competitions were being left out. So, for next year, non competition images will be critiqued after the judging of the competition images. This means, members who do not enter the themed competitions can have their work critiqued afterwards. This will be very helpfull to members in general photography.

Next year will see the critiquing of images alternate between Eric Hagedorn and Mufty Mathewson.

The transparency is dead. The club has come to a conclusion that the slide competition is pretty well history. Next year, only prints and

digital files will be accepted for the competitions and critiquing.

Prints (colour, black and white, monochrome) will remain at 3 prints per competition. Print size must be 5"x7" minimum to any size print that will fit to a maximum of 16"x20" mount or matted size. Non competition prints can be framed or glass for critiquing.

Digital files cannot exceed 768 pixels at its longest side. Digital files must be e-mailed to both Allen Skoreyko (allenskoreyko@shaw.ca) and Sieg Koslowski (windhover@shaw.ca) by 6 PM Monday, prior to competition nights. The same rule applies to non competition images.

To speed up the judging process, judging will only require the participants to select their choice for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Ah, yes, the themed competitions for next year.

SEPTEMBER: OPEN. Any image taken between June 20th and September 12th.

OCTOBER: FLOWERS.

NOVEMBER: COUNTRY SCENE

JANUARY: OPEN

FEBRUARY: COLOUR RED

MARCH: SNOW & ICE

APRIL: WATER

MAY: ROADS

The first meeting is held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at the St. Albert Inn which will feature a guest speaker.

The second meeting of the month is our competition/critique night which is held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at the St. Albert Inn.

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CLUB MEMBERS WINNING MONTHLY PICTURES



1st Place Print - March



2nd Place Print - September



1st Place Print - October



1st Place Print - April



1st Place Print - May



1st Place Print - January