



# The Currents



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## River City Camera Club Newsletter

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[www.rivercitycameraclub.org](http://www.rivercitycameraclub.org)

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month we're going to call the question on moving our meeting nights from the third Saturday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month beginning with our new year in September.

Based on unanimous support from emails and phone calls I received on the question, the board in January unanimously recommends the change.

An advisory vote of the membership at the January meeting also saw overwhelming support for the issue.

You still have an opportunity to give input on the issue. Please contact me if you would like to have your voice heard before the February 21 meeting. Or, come to the meeting and let your voice be heard.

At our last board meeting, Brian Gudas said he needs to step down from the vice-president position in September, so when we have elections in April, we need a new vice-president.

We have two nominees for President and Treasurer and Elaine Christrup is willing to continue on as secretary - newsletter editor so we are in good shape.

Vice-president runs the meeting when the President is not there—which with the change in presidents shouldn't be a problem.

The vice-president also gets the programming for the monthly meetings. That is the real meat of the job. The vice president arranges for programming for our meetings---they don't have to produce the programming itself.

Finally, don't forget to sign up for the portrait WorkShoots coming up in March and April. Information is inside. See you all February 21.

Larry

## Upcoming Events

2009:

- February 18 – RCCC Digital Competition Entry Deadline
- February 21 – RCCC meeting
- March 4 – WorkShoot
- March 21 – RCCC meeting
- April 18 – RCCC meeting
- April 29 – WorkShoot
- May 2 – Year End Competition
- May ? - Year End Banquet/Social

Meetings are the third Saturday of each month, September thru May, at West Side Christian School, 955 Westend NW, Grand Rapids, MI (except as noted).

## Officers Corner

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**RCCC Meeting  
February 21, 2009**

The meeting will begin at 7 PM and will be held at West Side Christian. We will be holding our Competition as usual with a short program to follow. The Assigned Topic is Chrome.

**February  
Cookie Brigade**

Lori Wysocki  
Elaine Christrup

**BOARD MEETING**

**Summary of the Minutes  
from January 14**

\*Treasurer reports a balance of \$1,277.85. Additional funds will be raised from Fridays at Sunset, our WorkShoots and the Year End Banquet.

\*A proposal was made to change our meeting night from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday to the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday to begin 9/09. Motion was seconded and supported. Will bring to membership for discussion and vote.

\*Discussed Year End activities. The competition date is May 2 at Tom Carter's home. The date for the banquet/social is still pending.

\*Leadership changes will be discussed and decided at the April club meeting.

**WORKSHOOT NEWS**

**For more information on future WorkShoots stay tuned to the website.**

**ASSIGNED TOPICS FOR  
THE 2008-2009 MONTHLY  
COMPETITIONS**

**2009:**

**February** Chrome-This is pretty self-explanatory, and you would not have to leave your premises to get what you need. However if you are looking to shoot chrome that does not belong to you, there is ample opportunity. I have found that nearly every festival I went to this summer had a car show as part of it. There are bicycles and vehicles all around us to take advantage of for this. Visit the Gilmore Car Museum near Kalamazoo or a car dealership. Portrait shooters can have a model posed with a cycle or car in it, just remember, the main emphasis should be on the chrome.

**March** Weather Moods-We are looking for something other than a nice, bright, sunny day, which means you might try and shoot on a day that you normally would not. Some suggestions would be rain, snow, fog, drizzle, very windy (evidenced by leaning trees or high waves), storm clouds, or a rainbow. (With a rainbow we know it is raining nearby even if there is sun in the picture.) Since we live in Michigan, inclement weather, which is what we need for this month, is not hard to come by.

**April** Flowering Vines,  
Bushes and Trees

The March WorkShoot is going to be Studio Lighting Simplified by Larry Heibel. It will be 7 to 10 p.m. March 4 at Larry Heibel's house, 6050 Buttrick Ave. SE, Alto. Larry will have a model and will demonstrate how to create portraits using studio lighting. Participants will be able to photograph the model while experimenting with the lights! Event is limited to 6 people on a first come, first served basis.

The April WorkShoot will be Shooting Outdoor Portraits in Downtown Grand Rapids on Wednesday April 29 at 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. In case of inclement weather, we'll meet Wednesday May 6. This will be held outside in the environs of the Gerald R. Ford Museum. We will use natural light, reflectors, on camera flash and outdoor studio flash to photograph models with an urban backdrop. You'll learn how to balance natural and artificial light and how to photograph after dark. A tripod is REQUIRED! We have three leaders and will have three models and will limit participation to 15 people on a first come, first served basis.

Cost for each one of these WorkShoots is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members payable in advance to River City Camera Club. Your reservation for one or both WorkShoots will be held with your non-refundable payment. RSVP to Larry Heibel, at 616-868-6790 or [lawrence@heibelmedia.com](mailto:lawrence@heibelmedia.com). With your reservation, payment should be made out to RIVER CITY CAMERA CLUB, but mail your check to Larry Heibel, 6050 Buttrick Ave. SE, Alto, MI 49302.

**May 09** Kalamazoo Nature Center

## Fridays at Sunset

Anyone who has a show they would like to share with residents at Sunset Manor, please contact Lori Wysocki at 616-498-0159 or [loriwys@yahoo.com](mailto:loriwys@yahoo.com).

**Did You Know That...** In 1872, two men made a bet about whether all four of a horse's hooves leave the ground when it gallops. To settle the bet, photographer Eadward Muybridge set up 24 tripwires and cameras along a racetrack. As the horse galloped, it triggered the cameras one after the other. One photo showed all four feet in the air.

## RESULTS FROM January 09 COMPETITION

JUDGES: Tom Carter, Elaine Christrup and Brian Gudas

### SUMMARY and HIGHLIGHTS

- 13 members submitted a total of 116 images in the three divisions.
- This month remained steady with the same number of competitors and 8 additional entries over December.
- Nine Perfect 24 Scores were awarded in the three competitions, 1 in prints, 1 in slides and 7 in digital. The perfect scores accounted for 7.7% of all entries.

- With the New Year we've added a new stat! Each category summary now shows a breakdown of the total number and percentage of TOP HONORS—24 points, HONORS--21-23 points and ACCEPTANCES—18-20 points.

### PRINT COMPETITION

4 Members Submitted 21 Prints  
1 TOP HONOR (24 points) (4.7%)  
17 HONORS (21 to 23 points) (81%)  
3 ACCEPTANCE (18 to 20 points) (14.3%)  
Average of all Print Scores 21.67 points

#### The One-Twenty Club

1. **Kelly Walkotten, 135**
2. **Cal Dyk, 131**
3. **Bob Talsma, 122**

#### Honor Prints

**Cal Dyk:** (4<sup>th</sup> of July, 21; A Smooth Ride, 21; Porcupine Mts, 22; All Fanned Out, 24; Wood Duck, 23)

**Larry Heydenburg:** (Megan, 22; Due Covered Ram, 23; Mountain Goat, 22)

**Bob Talsma:** (Matt, 21; Karen #2, 21; Christmas at Meijer Gardens, 21; Halloween Scene, 22)

**Kelly Walkotten:** (Bright and Shiny, 21; I'll Play my Drum for Him, 22; Flamingo Profile, 23; A Busy Clipper Butterfly, 23; Bonaire Clipper Butterfly, 23; Misty Orchid, 23)

#### Kudos

Kelly Walkotten received honors on 6 of 6 entries; Cal Dyk received 5 honors on 6 entries including ONE perfect 24 score; Bob Talsma received 4 honors on 6 entries; and Larry Heydenburg received honors of 3 of 3 entries.

### SLIDE COMPETITION

4 Members Submitted 24 Slides  
1 TOP HONORS (24 points) (4.2%)  
14 HONORS (21 to 23 points) (58.3%)  
9 ACCEPTANCES (20 points) (37.5%)  
Average of all Slide Scores 20.92 points

### The One-Twenty Club

1. **Tom Carter, 130**
2. **Cal Dyk, 125**
3. **Marian Carter, 124**
4. **Sharon VanderBoon, 123**

#### Honor Slides

**Marian Carter:** (Morpho Side view, 21; Famous Mill, 21; Spicebush Larva, 22)

**Tom Carter:** (Posing, 21; Colorful Skyline, 21; Muffin, 23; Gracie's Hat, 21; Sweet Smile, 24)

**Cal Dyk:** (Crystal River Mill, 21; July 4 Fireworks, 21; Independence Day, 22; Cecropia, 21)

**Sharon Vander Boon:** (Subdued Colors, 21; St. Patrick's Day Parade, 21; Pretty Poinsettias, 21)

#### Kudos

Tom Carter received honors on 5 of 6 entries including ONE perfect 24 score; Cal Dyk received honors on 4 of 6 entries; and Marian Carter and Sharon VanderBoon received honors on 3 of 6 entries.

### DIGITAL COMPETITION

13 Members Submitted 71 Digital Images  
7 TOP HONORS (24 points) (9.9%)  
47 HONORS (21 to 24 points) (66.2%)  
17 ACCEPTANCES (18 to 20 points) (23.9%)  
Average of all Digital Scores 21.58 points

#### The One-Twenty Club

1. **Marian Carter, 137**
2. **Lori Huff, 137**
3. **Larry Heibel, 134**
4. **Kelly Walkotten, 133**
5. **Brian Gudas, 132**
6. **Sharon VanderBoon, 129**
7. **Cal Dyk, 128**
8. **Tom Carter, 127**
9. **Bob Talsma, 120**

#### Honor Digital Images

**Marian Carter:** (Pink Cactus, 23; Poinsettia, 21; Ibis, 23; Iguana, 24; Amaryllis Stamen, 23; Portrait of Molly, 23)

**Tom Carter:** (Thanksgiving Décor, 21; In the Pines, 23; Brilliant Blossom, 21; Dan the Man, 23; Pretty Fancy, 21)

**Seth Christrup:** (A Portrayal of Pentecost, 22; Chrome Framed Taillight, 21)

**Cal Dyk:** (July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks, 21; A Smooth Ride, 21; Great Egret, 21; Mushroom Duo, 23; Wood Duck, 22)

**Brian Gudas:** (Christmas Dog, 21; Beach Oats, 24; Chicago, 24; Blue Eyes, 23)

**Larry Heibel:** (Flag Day, 22; Patriotic Girl, 22; Alley the Angel, 23; Sexy Sarah, 22; Bright Eyes, 22; Coy Redhead, 23)

**Lori Huff:** (Christmas Cactus, 22; Mesa Temple, 24; Bobcat, 21; Canadian Lynx, 22; Standing Proud, 24; Verdin 1, 24)

**Larry Heydenburg:** (Three Carolers, 22; Dew Covered Ram, 23; Mountain Goat on Ridge, 23; Megan, 22)

**Bob Talsma:** (Halloween, 21; Karen#2, 22)

**Sharon Vander Boon:** (Rotary Club Light Show, 21; Why Us?, 21; Great Swallowtail, 21; Hanging Ice, 22; Icy Foliage, 21; Pretty Pier, 23)

**Rosemary VanHouten:** (Letter Man, 22)

**Kelly Walkotten:** (Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 21; Green Heron, 23; White Mouthed Moray Eel, 23; Heron on a Rock, 24; Tree Nymph, 22)

**Lori Wysocki:** (Grand Sable Dunes, 23; Young Hawk, 22)

## **Kudos**

Lori Huff received honors on 6 of 6 entries including THREE perfect 24 scores; Marian Carter received honors on 6 of 6 entries including ONE perfect 24 score; Larry Heibel and Sharon VanderBoon received honors on 6 of 6 entries; Kelly Walkotten received honors on 5 of 6 entries including ONE perfect 24 score; Tom Carter and Cal Dyk received honors on 5 of 6 entries; Brian Gudas received honors on 4 of 6 entries including TWO perfect 24 scores; Larry Heydenburg received 4 honors on 5 entries; Lori Wysocki received 2 honors on 4 entries; and Seth Christrup received 2 honors on 2 entries.