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NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

COLOR MEETING -- NOVEMBER 2, 1972 ----Our color program for November will take us to AFRICA with the emphasis on wildlife photography. Mr. Selwyn Powers. our guest speaker, will show us not only his exciting slides, but also will display some of his prize-winning color prints and tell us how they were made.

Mr. Powers is a past president of the Silver Spring Camera Club, was a Vice President of the Greater Washington Council of Camera Clubs, and is a local representative of the PSA. He has won many honors in color photography including a first, second, fourth and seventh place in color prints in this year's spring competition of the CWCCC.

B&W MEETING--NOVEMBER 16, 1972 ----Mr. Gary Bernstein, a professional photographer, who has received many recent awards, will present his program entitled "USING THE SELECTIVE EYE". His comprehensive program, which includes composition, lighting, cropping and mounting. promises to be an oustanding learning experience.

## executive pard meeting

NOVEMBER 30, 1972 DATE:

TIME: 7:30 pm

PLACE: 822 Loxford Terrace, Silver Spring, Md.

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER CABLE RELFASE IS NOVEMBER 18, 1972

Workshop

COLOR MEETING--NOVEMBER 2, 1972----Workshop by Charles Keaton -- "Slide Protection".

B&W MEETING--NOVEMBER 16, 1972 -----No workshop scheduled.

NOVEMBER COMPETITION CATEGORY -- OPEN

#### NITE FIELD TRIP

Now that we have received some instruction at the October 19th meeting on how to take pictures at night and in preparation for December's category of night pictures, a field trip is planned involving this type of photography. The date is FRIDAY, NOVEM-BER 10, 1972. Meet at the Silver Spring Library at 7:30 PM. Bring a tripod and a cable release with you. We shall pool cars and proceed to the downtown Washington area to take some time exposures. It is a little different trip than we usually plan, but it should be interesting and a lot of fun.

(Editor's Note: In asking you to bring a cable release for the field trip, I do not believe Field Trip Chairman, Ed Bach, intended that you bring a copy of the monthly newsletter also called a "cable release". but rather a device for your camera which permits you to take time exposures. But then again, you never know what Field Trip Chairmans are up to. In any event, if you plan to go on the field trip and have any doubts as to what he meant, give Ed a call on 624-2901 or 871-7177.)

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### from the President

I'm a compulsive 'coupon clipper'! In fact, I've been tempted to put on a workshop about the benefits to be derived from clipping coupons and sending for free samples of things. One of the benefits, of course, is getting your name on a myriad number of mailing lists which will enable you to have a full mailbox every day and a full trash can twice a week. Mixed in with all the junk, however, is the real stuff you are looking for. In this case, photo trade magazines which you can receive free if you are a 'member of the trade'. Just who is a 'member' is open to some individual interpretation.

For years I have received several of these journals because I am interested in the broad subject of photography and these publications give a different viewpoint then the Popular-Modern type of magazine. With all apologies to Popular and Modern, it seems that they are just playing the same old record with their 'large grain, small grain - which color film is best' articles again and again. Believe me, the professional journals have none of that. The professionals are much too busy arguing with each other about 'is photography an art? and the worth of a masters degree from the Professional Photographers of America' (those who have it like it)! After a few of those articles you're almost glad to get back to such mundane subjects as grain.

Of course, while these pros are trying to figure out where they're going and why they always seem to find time to make some derogatory remark about camera clubs. You know, I don't ever remember reading anything in any photo magazine that said, 'camera clubs are good - camera clubs should be encouraged - camera clubs can help photography'. Instead you get little stabs like the following which was written by a Kansas professional commenting on the debate about 'is photography an art?'

"This sort of discussion is more appropriate at a camera club meeting where nothing is settled or decided anyway."

Photographic Business and Product News, Jan. 1972

What the hell did we do to him? Well, it doesn't matter anyway. This is all just a little background information. Although, if the professionals who write about photography in the magazines are representative of the general opinions of professionals everywhere, it would seem as if they look upon us with disdain if not utter contempt! Why, I wonder? Do they think that 'serious amateurs' are a threat? Do they hate us because we take photos on our own terms without any 'bull' from clients - because we're free agents?! Ah, there's the rub! Are we so free. Do we take pictures on our own terms - or do we take pictures 'for the judge''? In all too many cases I'm afraid that we are taking or making a picture a certain way ''for the judge''! And who are these judges? Don't we try to get 'professional' photographers to judge our work? Why?? Because we operate under the fallacious assumption that because they're pros their photographic knowledge and ability is superior to ours. That's a hell of a thing to take for granted! There is nothing godly or awe inspiring about a person just because he happens to make his living taking pictures. And yet, the way our little camera club society is structured, it seems that we place the professional in a position of supremacy. He is the leader and we are the followers. He is the master and we are the apprentices. He is the judge - and we are the defendants!! And all of these honors and positions of respect we bestow upon an individual who may not even like us.

I did not mean this to be a tirade nor do I mean to cast aspersions on the profession of photography. My remarks are, of course, generalizations to which there are many many exceptions. However, it irks me to see talented new photographers in the club - and in other clubs - whose only problem is that they lack the knowledge and and experience that comes through years of practice, being time after time inflicted with wounds which, in many cases, will never heal! The whole area of competition can do far more harm than good if it is not understood and placed in proper perspective by the competitor. This is especially true for the novice.

Next month I shall continue this subject in Candid Shots and explain how I feel about competition and where I think it belongs in the camera club picture.

Ira A. Penn

#### GWCCC SLIDE PROGRAM ON GREECE

The Greater Washington Council of Camera Clubs is bringing to Washington on Priday night November 10, 1972 Mr. Mike Stamoulis of the Boston Camera Club to present a slide show called "My Book of Grecian Essays."

The program consist of beautifully exposed and composed slides accompanied in some instances by Grecian music, in others by explanatory commentary by Mr. Stamoulis. He unites his Greek ancestry with his knowledge of the language, culture, and history to create a warmly understanding picture of Greece.

This program was given at the New England Camera Club Council outing at Amherst, Mass. in July and was enthusiastically received by the thousand or so photographers in attendance.

At our club meeting on October 5, 1972, when GWCCC representative, Morty Lebowitz gave us the information about this show, Jim Johnson added his high recommendation, having seen it at Amherst. In addition, George Winnett says that in eight years of going to the NECCC outing, he doesn't remember any show (including the Kodak Spectaculars using six projectors) receiving the five minute standing ovation that this program did.

Tickets for members (and their guests) of clubs of the GWCCC are available at \$2.50 from Morty Lebowitz 384-5524.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following people have agreed to serve on some of our various committees.

B&W Programs-----Pete Feldman
Color Programs-----Morris Graff
Ira Funk
Workshops------Frank DiBlasi
Alex Jacobs
Field Trips------Al Montanaro
Cable Release-----Linda Woo
Hospitality-------Rose Meisner

Thank you all for your help!

#### AD-HOC COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED

Two Ad-Hoc committees have been established to broaden the scope of activities of the SSCC.

Ad-Hoc Committee For Community Service
Chairman - Ronald Goor
This committee will explore ways in which
the SSCC can make a contribution to the
Silver Spring community through photography.

Ad-Hoc Committee For Purchasing
Chairman - Morty Levine
This committee will endeavor to find business outlets which will give a larger than normal discount to SSCC members either by co-op purchasing of large quantities or by establishing one camera store as the "official" SSCC buying facility.

As you can imagine, both of these committees have almost unlimited opportunities for accomplishment. If you would like to help in these efforts, please contact the committee chairman whose names are now on the back of the Cable Release. Our thanks to Ron and Morty for volunteering!

#### WHAT'S NEW IN PHOTOGRAPHY?

For those of you who just can not seem to find a darkroom anyplace, your worries may be over! "The photo project" located at 1804 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. (Wisconsin Ave. and S St., N.W.) Washington, D.C. has darkrooms for rent. There are 8 individually equipped darkrooms with 4 Omega B22XL and 4 Bessler 23c11 enlargers for your use. "The photo project" also has for your use some chemicals, rotary print dryer, washer, mounting press and other equipment. Hours are 2 PM - 11 PM Monday thru Friday and 9 AM - 5 PM on Saturday. Hourly rates are \$2.50 per hour before 6 PM and \$3.00 per hour after 6 PM. For further information call 965-0500.

## Ads

The Cable Release will print (without charge) any ads from members with items to sell, trade or give away!!

FOR SALE

50 mm Auto-Nikkor for Nikon/Nikkormat. Snap-on sunshade. \$55.00 Call Morty Lebowitz 384-5524

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Honeywell Pentax Spot II, f/1.4 Super Takumar Muti-Coated 50 mm lens, case. Never used. Still in factory carton. Call Mark Loegering 820-3304

The Boy Scouts of America need your help!

PHOTOGRAPHY: A Merit Badge of the Boy Scouts of merica

The Boy Scouts of America have had a Photography Merit Badge since 1911. Now they have a new modern program designed to interest today's Scouts. The photographic industry, retailers, professional photographers, and others are being asked to share in the fun of helping local Scout troops with this Merit Badge program.

Counselors for this badge need nothing more than an acquaintance with photography and a desire to work with boys. If you would like to volunteer your services to the program, send your name and address to:

Boy Scouts of America Photography Merit Badge Program Boys Scouts of America North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Competition for College or Art School Undergraduates

Mademoiselle Magazine College Photography Competition. College or Art School undergraduates enrolled full-time may submit from 5 to 20 black/white photographs before Jan. 15, 1973. Work will be juried, and prizes of \$300 and \$200 will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place, respectively. Write: College Competitions—Mademoiselle, 420 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

#### CONTESTS! CONTESTS! CONTESTS! CONTESTS!

A nationwide photo contest, "FOCUS ON POLITICS '72," is being sponsored by Newsweek and Konica Camera Corp. The idea is to record in b&w prints, color prints or slides any aspect of the electoral process up to Election Day and the response of winners, losers and voters; new 18-year-old voters are especially sought, both as subjects and contestants. Some 105 winners will be chosen; top prizes include a sedan, trips and photographic equipment. Contest ends November 25. To obtain entry blanks, check camera stores or write to Customer Service, Konica Camera Corp., 25-20 Brooklyn-Queens Expressway W., Woodside, N. Y. 11377

PHOTOS OF MEXICO taken between July 1, 1972 and April 30, 1973 are eligible in the Mexican Photo Contest, open to citizens or residents of the U.S. and Canada. Entries may be baw or color transparencies (only 35mm will be accepted). The Grand Prize includes a trip to Mexico, 25 rolls of Kodak color film and \$500. American Express Travelers' Cheques. A Special Prize category is open for photo essays on Mexico; the winning essay is guaranteed \$250, and will be considered for publication in Camera 35. For details and official entry blank write: Mexican National Tourist Council, 677 Fifth Ave., N.Y. C. 10022.

The LIFE BICENTENNIAL PHOTOGRA-PHY CONTEST is open to amateurs and professionals and offers a Grand Prize of \$25,000. All entries must reflect the theme "A Declaration of Interdependence"—the dependence of Americans on one another. Both color and b&w photos are eligible and must be received by December 31, 1972. For entry forms, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Life Bicentennial Photography Contest, Box 645, Radio City Station, N.Y.C. 10019.

The NATIONAL AMATEUR PHOTOG-RAPHY COMPETITION and Exhibit affords amateur photographers the opportunity of having their photos exhibited. Color and b&w prints (no transparencies) on any subject are eligible for cash awards. Award winning photos in addition to as many deserving entries as possible will be displayed at the Stevens Art Gallery in New York City on November 12-19. Alfredo Valente, former Curator of the New York Cultural Center, will serve as judge. Entries will be accepted through October 15, 1972. To obtain entry forms, send stamped, self-addressed envelope to First View Exhibitors, Inc., Room 201H, 127 East 49 St., N.Y.C. 10022.

The first major photo contest of its kind for a beef breed registry is being announced by the American Angus Association—"A WORLD OF ABERDEEN ANGUS CATTLE." The contest is open to everyone and is accepting baw and color entries depicting the contest's title. Cash prizes will be awarded and winning photos will be displayed at the Second International Angus Forum to be held on Oct. 1-4, 1973 in Kansas City. The contest begins immediately and ends July 1, 1973.

For details and entry form write: Photo Contest, American Angus Assoc., 3201 Frederick Blvd., St. Joseph, Mo. 64501.

Nikon World, published by Ehrenreich Photo-Optical Industries, Inc., announces a "CREATIVE USE OF SPECIAL LENSES" photo contest open only to Nikon World subscribers. Entries should offer new, offbeat ways of using Nikkor wide-angle, tele, zoom and fisheye lenses. Separate prizes will be awarded for both color and b&w in each lens category, with a Grand Prize of a trip. Complete information will appear in the forthcoming issue of Nikon World which can be subscribed to by writing: Nikon World, P. O. Box 520, Garden City, N. Y. 11530.

Scenery, wildlife or events and celebrations are the types of subject matter any shutterbug, aged 19 or over, may choose from in the PEACE RIVER COUN-TRY PHOTO CONTEST, sponsored by the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the British Columbia Peace River District. Entries may be b&w prints and color prints or transparencies taken between June 1 and September 30, 1972 within the 80,000 square mile Peace River-Liard Region in Canada. Entry forms can be obtained at seven visitor into centers.

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The Fifth Annual INTERNATIONAL UNDERWATER PHOTO COMPETITION/ EXHIBITION, co-sponsored by the University of Hawaii's Marine Programs, is open to all underwater photographers and offers a total of \$650 in prizes. There are two divisions, open and amateur-each subdivided into four categories: best of show, slides, monochrome, and color prints. Entry fees per category are \$4 for open and \$2 for amateur. The deadline for receiving all entries is September 29, 1972, Winning photos are scheduled for exhibition Oct. 21-23 at the Aloha Tower in Honolulu. For further info, contact: Tom Jacobus, Photo Competition, Hawaii Council of Diving Clubs, Box 298, Honolulu, Hi. 96809.

The Associated General Contractors of America is sponsoring the NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST, designed to increase public awareness of the role the construction industry is playing in the growth of the nation. Entries, baw only, must depict construction in progress and must be postmarked by January 15, 1973. Contest is open to all and offers a \$1,000 first prize. For details write to National Construction Photo Contest, Associated General Contractors of America, 1957 E St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

FUJI Photo Film's confidence in the beautiful performance of their Fujichrome 35mm color film in difficult early morning and early evening lighting has led them to make a special offer to photographers. Photographs taken on Fujichrome in this special light may be submitted for use in one of Fuji's ads. If your photo is used, you will receive a credit line and payment of \$1,000. Send your pictures to: Fuji Photo Film, U.S.A., Room 322, 350 Fifth Ave., N.Y. C. 10001.

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