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SLIDE MEETING

Thursday, November 5, 1981; 7:45 P.M. Sligo Creek Community Center Competition - Nature (for a complete definition, see October's Cable Release under GWCCC rules)

Betty Foster, our slide program chairperson, has really done it this time! She has enlisted Dana Bodnar as our guest speaker and competition judge.

Ms. Bodnar is an employee of E. Leitz, Inc. purveyors of the Leica line. She says that her second biggest thrill in photography (with tongue-in-cheek) is making money from the photos she shoots for herself. Hence, the title of her presentation, "Making money from the pictures you shoot for yourself." This always popular subject should be very familiar to Ms. Bodnar who has been quite successful with her photography.

In addition to selling stock photos and freelancing, Dana's pictures and/or articles have been published in <u>Camera 35</u>, <u>Popular Photography</u>, <u>US Camera and Industry Week</u>. She is also a regular contributor to the <u>Leica Quarterly</u>.

Want to make some money from your photos? Be sure to attend and learn how!

PRINT MEETING

Thursday, November 19, 1981; 7:45 P.M. Longbranch Public Library Competitions - Monochrome = Nature Color = Advanced

For all you nature and close-up buffs, we have brought in a team of experts to show you how they're supposed to be done.

Jim and Lenna Chadwick, of the Northern

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Virginta Camera Club, will lecture and demonstrate on the delicate points of close-up and nature photography. On November 19, they will bring their workshop-style program "Close-ups" to entertain and educate us.

Be sure to attend this interesting program at the Longbranch Public Library, second floor. (REMEMBER, we're known as New Directions Print Division to the librarians).

See you there, nature-lly!

An Open Letter To The Silver Spring Camera Club,

Not such a long time ago, I was in a galaxy far, far away! I was in a photographic "society." In a way, I suppose, it was honest...it didn't call itself a "club," and it wasn!t!

The dictionary defines a club as a group of persons organized for "social... purposes" amongst other things. Not only did I find the "society" unsociable, but I found individual members unwilling to share their "secrets," their knowledge and experience. That which I had joined for besides comraderie in a common hobby. Those members were solely out for competition.

Not so SSCC, as I have now discovered MANY times. There are so many of you who have been personally willing to share of yourselves, I want to thank you all!

Those of you who are new to SSCC will soon discover what I mean, if you haven't already. Just spend one evening in the dark with Emerson, Thelma, Shelly and Paul, and you'll understand.

Sincerely,

May the Parce be in your Deskrown.

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A FULL MEMBERSHIP LIST WILL BE PRINTED IN A FUTURE ISSUE OF THE CABLE RELEASE

THE CABLE RELEASE BULLETIN BOARD

SSCC member Donald A. Becker's works will be on display from October 23 to November 26, 1981 at the Colorfax gallery at 8150 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner, Virginia. The theme of his exhibit is "Glamour Portraiture."

FOR SALE - Beat the rush, I have a collector's beauty, an Argus C3A Rangefinder 35 mm Camera complete with meter, flash and leather case. All in mint condition, all yours for \$35.00 or offer. Call me at 774-3463. Arthur

Once again SSCC's purchasing expert, Fred Nathanson, has been on the prowl for photographic bargains. Here's his latest report:

FILM PRICES - BELL IS BETTER THAN BEST!

I have again made a mini-survey of film prices in the area. For most items, W. Bell & Co. is less expensive than most other stores including New York mail-order. Evans is next, but has a limited selection. Best Products has raised their prices quite a bit. If you're not in a hurry, you can do even better if you watch for film sales at Snap Shops (their ads appear in the friday Washington Post).

Film Type	W Ball	Back Desired	-
	W. Bell	Best Products	Evans
KR 135-36	\$3.76	3.97	
KR 135-20	2.58	2.77	2.79
ED 135-20	3.65	3.87	
ER 135-36 EL 135-36	4.28	4.63	
EL 135-36	5.88	6.47	
TX 135-36	3.15		
TX 135-20	1.60		
C 135-24	2.15		2.10
C 135-36	2.90		2.79
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PK 20	2.32	2.87	2 70
PK 36	3.80	4.87	2.39
DP 24	6.99	8.27	6.98
DP 36	9.98	11.47	9.90
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Fred's service is intended to give you an idea of the lowest prices in the area, and is not meant to be exhaustive.

Interested in a Silver Retrieval System? Here's some important information:

According to Kodak's publication J-10A (allegedly \$1.00, but sent free from their Virginia consumer affairs office), 1,000 rolls of 100 feet each 35 mm Plus X can maximally yield about 60 Troy ounces of Silver, while BW papers have a lot LESS silver (e.g. for 8 X 10 inch the most silver you can recover per 1,000 sheets is about 1.8 Troy ounces). You may want to get a copy of this brochure before investing in a recovery system. There's not much silver in them there hills!

Specifically about the GWCC Individual Competition...

As background, it is helpful to know that the Silver Spring Camera Club is affiliated with two local groupings of photographic "clubs." They are the ALL-Maryland Council of Camera Clubs and the Greater Washington Council of Camera Clubs. Their names define the geographic areas of their member clubs. As an affiliated group, SSCC is entitled to compete in two annual events for each of the two councils: the individual competitions (held in the Fall) and club competitions (held in the Spring).

The competitions are different from our monthly club meetings in several respects: 1- there are three judges, 2- you compete against members of other clubs as well as those of SSCC, 3- the number of competing works may be quite large.

The Fall, Individual, competitions (ALL MD, November 8, 1981 - Baltimore and the GWCC, December 5, 1981 - Springfield, VA) are your chance to put your works up against those of other club members. Works that YOU feel are your best! For the ALL MD, you may enter up to four works in each grouping; slides, monochrome and color prints. The GWCCC is a bit more complicated (to say the least). Fortunately, SSCC's representative to the GWCC, Hal Ettinger, gave us a thorough explanation which appeared in last month's Cable Release. Incidentally, please revise item A.3. in that there is no longer a restriction against entering a work a second time if it has taken 1st, 2nd or 3rd place.

The Spring competitions pit club against club. Thus, you will be asked to provide several of what you regard to be your best works which will then be "judged" by an SSCC committee as potential club entries. Selection of your work(s) gains you club points and the honor of representing the SSCC against other clubs.

In all four of the competitions, points are earned toward "Star" awards for any prize you take; 1st through honorable mention. Check out the September Cable Release (you saved it, didn't you?) for the point story. Furthermore, when you bring home an award, you KNOW that you've really accomplished something!

Slides and prints to be entered in the competition should preferably be brought to the SSCC Slide meeting of November 5, 1981. Register your entries with Hal Ettinger or Alan Lisook. The entry fee is 25¢ per work. Full rules of the competition appeared in the October Cable Release. Your works will also be accepted at the November 19 Print Meeting; but earlier registration is preferred because of the required paperwork.

The competition is planned for Saturday, December 5, 1981 at the Washington Gas Light Company building in Springfield, Virginia (the Shirley Industrial Park). The two auditoriums used have excellent viewing facilities and comfortable seating. The judging is professional and the images are great! The show starts at 9 A.M. and usually runs to about mid-afternoon.

All SSCC members and guests are invited - car pooling is suggested for more fun and less gas. Please let Hal Ettinger, our GWCC representative, know if you plan to drive and can accomodate a few passengers.

REMEMBER, RESERVE THE DATE, December 5, 1981.

A LITTLE REMINDER FOLKS, YOU MAY ONLY ENTER THESE COMPETITIONS IF YOU ARE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING; I.E. IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR DUES!

A few thank you's for people who have gone out of their way to inform all of us:

Bernie Blass - Good moral; Art
Drucker - thanks for the idea: Stan
Chase for upholding our rigid workshop tradition!

Challenge of the month (perhaps a good monthly subject). Photograph the oldest subject you can find!

AME:	SPOUSE NAME:
DDRESS:	
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egular member \$18.00	Make checks payable to Silver Spring

Spouse member - - \$9.00 Student - - \$9.00

Camera Club and give or mail to: Normand Bernache 6313 63rd Place Riverdale, Maryland 20737

WHAT'S A PRINT CRITIQUE MEETING (and WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?)

PRINT CRITIQUE MEETINGS are informal gatherings of interested club members who wish to learn about various aspects of monochrome printing. No experience is necessary! The meetings are loosely structured and our club members are more than happy to share their knowledge and experience with you.

This year a number of interesting events are planned by chairperson Levin. There will be discussions of both technical and aesthetic aspects of monochrome printing. The September meeting began a series of discussions on films and developers particularly with respect to the relationships between various combinations. Shelly has scheduled several meetings in which attendees will be able to get a "personal" calibration of their favorite film/developer combos for their own equipment and methods. This will be done using a standardized lighting set-up, exposure by attendees of a grey scale, and densitometric measurements of the attendee's own home developed film.

The meetings will feature SSCC multi "Star" award recipients as guest"speakers" to discuss print quality and composition. They will also provide constructive critique of prints which attendees bring for the purpose.

Remember, the structure is informal; if there is a subject of particular interest to you, just let Shelly know and it will be discussed! If you have questions, just ask! For more information, call Shelly Levin at 424-0918.

(to my contributors - many thanks, Arthur)

THE NOVICE CORNER - How to make a good BW print from a slide; continued from last month.

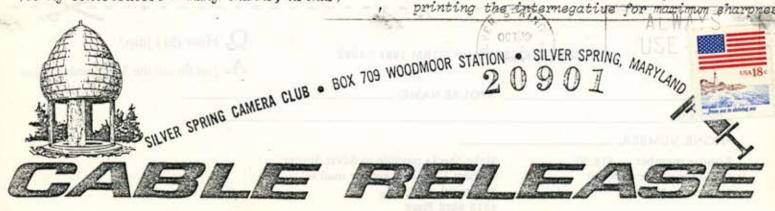
Mike Stein's own personal method for making good quality black and white prints starting with a color slide may appeal to you; here's his idea:

"The process I am working with now is to enlarge the slide onto sheet film, which I then tray process. I am using Kodak's Super-XX, which is their recommendation for making black and white internegatives and for color separation work; I use HC-110 (dilution B), which also happens to be my regular "soup," and which is also one of Kodak's recommendations. Since I have a good 105 mm enlarging lens, and an enlarger that will go to 2½ X 3½; and an old negative carrier that happens to have a 2 X 3 inch opening, I opted for 2 X 3 inch internegatives.

Since grain is minimal in most slides, and shouldn't show up - in any event - in such a small enlargement, the only grain which will be in the final print will probably come from the internegative, hence my choice, bigger negative equal less grain in the print!

The holder I am using for the sheet film is simply two pieces of black mounting board with a 4 % 5 inch window in the top to hold the film and an inset mask to go on top, which allows two 2 % 2½ inch images on one sheet.

Since my exposure time (1 second at f=22) is only relevant to my equipment, you will have to experiment to derive your own. The film is tray developed with continuous agitation for 60% of the recommended times to help control contrast. So far the results are satisfactory, but I've got more testing to do, including contact printing the intermegative for maximum sharpness



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