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Meeting Notice

The July meeting will be held at the Paramount Arts District Parking Lot, 913 West St. Germain, St. Cloud Minnesota, July 27th at 9 p.m.

This will be a nighttime photography session. We will meet at the Paramount parking lot and then venture out for evening photo opportunities.

The executive meeting will be held at 8:30 pm to discuss administrative issues. All are welcome to attend this also.

No need to keep you copy of The Image! Barry has archived them on the camera club website! This will, little doubt, make many of our lives easier.

For those who don't use computers and email, LaVona Sherarts has offered to telephone members with information. Her phone is 320-255-1964. Let her know if you would like to be called.

Information:

The business meeting convened in the Paramount conference room at 6:35 pm.

The treasurer's report was approved, as were the previous meeting's minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Start - \$860.14
 Check (speaker) \$25
 Finish - \$835.14

The summer show was discussed. Ryan Gort is the chair. The show will travel to Foley after the Paramount dates.

- Hanging time: July 11 at 5 p.m. If you can help hang things at this time it would be greatly appreciated.
- No limitation on size of pictures, and up to three

pictures per person.

- Artist statement: Give typed copy (finished) to Ryan at the drop off.
- Ryan will also organize the food for the opening, which will be July 22nd, from 7pm to 9pm. All are encouraged to attend.

The Camera Club has been invited to hang photographs for the Paramount's "Gala" celebration, September 7th to November 7th. Pieces will be for sale, with 50% going to the Paramount (it is their fundraising event.) We have a tentative setting of two photos per person, and they will hang in the theater area. Ryan argeed to confirm the details of this and get back to the club.

Carol will head up the nominating committee for next year's club positions. Anyone who wishes to run for a club office or wants to nominate him or herself can contact Carol at 320-251-9083 or email her at image@cloudnet.com. Elections will occur at the September meeting. (Carol has already volunteered to be programming chair. Any others?)

Digital Users' Group: I wasn't able to get in touch with Bill today to confirm a date, but will arbitrarily set the digital meeting for 7pm on Thursday July 21st at Bill's studio. If this date changes after I get in touch with Bill I'll send out a group e-mail.

Marly Keller handed out a sign up sheet for the September club show at the St. Cloud Library (theme – books / libraries). If you need to sign up please contact her. The hanging will be from 8:30a to 10:30a on September 1st. All photos need to be ready to hang with wires on the back.

Mandy announced that if you would like to hang some photographs at the Witney Center you can contact her to facilitate this.

We decided to post a list of contests on the website. Anyone who knows of a contest please submit the details to Barry. As a reminder the Minnesota State Fair deadline is in a few days – July 11th.

Barry will be updating the club web site starting in September. Members should submit a whole new set of images all at once, either on cd or by uploading to the website (up to 12).

Call or e-mail Carol Weiler with other suggestions for programs: 251-9083. If you have a short topic you would like to share / discuss this can be set up for just about any meeting.

Other Items:

I came across a set of links that offer tips on photographing birds. This is really a great resource. The first tip is at

<http://www.web-nat.com/bic/ont/tips1.html>

and the links to the rest are at the bottom of the page. Tip #24 is on building a floating blind – I'm eager to try this one out.

If you are into photographing birds also make sure to visit

<http://www.birdsasart.com/>

which also has a regular on-line bulletin to which you can subscribe.

An almost daily digital tip sheet I enjoy reading is at

<http://www.timgrey.com/>

just click on the DDQ (Digital Darkroom Questions) link and submit your e-mail. You will get a daily set of questions / answers related to digital issues.

As well as layers and layer sets, if using Photoshop it is important to understand “blending modes” – how the different layers are blended. A great article on this can be found at:

<http://www.digitalmastery.com/pdfs/AdvBlend.pdf>

If you use ink jet printers there is another regular set of tips published by

<http://www.inkjetart.com/>

This one will have some ads with it, but if you need answers I have found them to be a great source of information.

Likely because they don't know me very well (or maybe they confused me with someone else) I have recently become one of the forum moderators at NANPA, which is the North American Nature Photographers Association. Notwithstanding the business car and vacation homes it is an honor for me to be a part of such a great group of photographers. If you've never seen the website please take a look at

<http://www.nanpa.org/index.html>

As a way to save on mailing costs, if you would like to have the newsletter sent via email contact [Steve Fines](#) by e-mail or phone at 320-266-0785. The newsletter will be posted as an Adobe pdf file on the Camera Club website each month.

Hope to see you at the meeting! -Steve