

The Image

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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. June 26th at 7 p.m.

This month's meeting theme is "My favorite Photographer". If you have one please bring pictures / slides / etc of your favorite photographer. As well if you could (very informally) offer a small biographical history of this person that would be great.

As well if you have taken any pictures that you'd like to share with the group please bring those as well.

The executive meeting will be held at 6:30 pm to discuss administrative issues. All are welcome to attend this also.

Also – there will be a digital users group meeting on Thursday July 20th at 7pm at George and Bill's studio. All are welcome to attend. If you need directions Barry has posted a map both on the [Camera Club website](#) and at the digital users group website – www.digitalphotouser.com

No need to keep you copy of The Image! Barry has archived them on the camera club website! Visit early and visit often!

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:

Thanks to all those who helped with the transfer of the Camera Club's traveling show from the US

Bank to the Paramount gallery. Other than a few lost nametags with Carol and Larry helped get back up it sounds as though the move was pretty smooth. After a few months the show will be moved to the Foley City Hall.

The discussion boards on the Camera Club's website have been getting a few more messages – make sure to stop by, register and take a look around. Click on the "Discussion" link along the left side of the home page at www.cameraclubmn.com

Barry has also added a few new member galleries to the website as well.

Treasurers Report:

In May 2006: Balance \$724.06

Deposits: \$20.00

Withdrawals: \$12.02

June 2006 Balance: \$732.04

Checks approved by the group and written: one to Barry in the amount of \$201.18 for printing of the paramount show postcards and website name renewal. And to Carol in the amount of \$8.03 for posters to be hung at local businesses.

Other Items:

If you are able / interested in helping with the Paramount show reception please call or [e-mail](#) Carol Weiler (251-9083). She also has the postcards announcing the show if you'd like to pick some up and hand them out at work, to friends, neighbors, etc.

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.

Brian Knox has agreed to help set up a mailing list for future shows – please check the club’s discussion boards for more information on this.

It has been brought up repeatedly that the group could use a better way (i.e. digital projector) to display files to share at the meetings. These cost a fair bit more than is in the coffers – please refer to the website’s discussion boards – maybe we can come up with some ideas to bring one of these to the group.

Be sure to take a look at the website’s discussion forums – Barry has put a lot of hours in designing and setting this up and it really is a great way for us to communicate between meetings.

And lastly, this issue marks my two year point of putting out “The Image” each month. I think it could use some fresh input, and I wouldn’t mind a little break. If you would be interested in taking this over please contact me by e-mail or phone at 320-266-0785. I’ll get you all the templates and files so the transition is sure to be an easy one.

- Steve

Photoshop tip for the month:

Leveling with the measure tool – this is a **really** easy way to level a shot in Photoshop.

After you have opened an image, created a background copy, and noted that the image needs to be leveled, right click on the Eyedropper Tool and select the Measure Tool.

Place the cursor exactly on the horizon on one side of the image then left-click and hold while dragging the line across the horizon (no need to be exact while dragging). Then place the cursor exactly on the horizon line on the opposite side of the image and release the cursor. Now click on Image/Rotate Canvas/Arbitrary. A dialogue box will appear with the necessary rotation and the correct direction. It might say .72 degrees clockwise or 1.15 degrees counterclockwise. Click OK and the image will be leveled automatically. Be patient as this may take a while with large files or slow computers. You will need to either crop or add canvas as needed once the rotation is complete.