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**March Workshop & Dinner Meeting**

**March - Workshop**

Program: PSA Digital Judging; 4 images per member; Table Top Night - Bring your cameras, tripod and flash; Andrea Monninger  
Host: Denise & Mike O'Brien

**March - Dinner Meeting**

Program: Paris & South France by Herb Knudsen  
Host: Zimmerman's

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter please send your articles, images, ideas, and/or suggestions to Carrie at kodaroadersmail@gmail.com

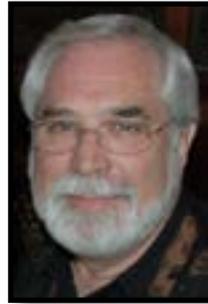


# KODAROAMERS

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## President's Message

At our March workshop we will be selecting the six images to represent KodaRoamers in the May regional PSA PID Group C competition.



The results of the January regional competition have been received. Vandana Bjikar received BOS of Group C with a score of 13/15. Wyn Knapp, Janet Bremner and Mike Lux received scores of 10; Jim Kirk and Dave Weth received scores of 9. Images are on the KodaRoamers.com web site. The March competition is being judged this month (images we judged in January)

The workshop is a HANDS ON event. Various set-ups will be available to photograph, so BRING your camera, tripod, and flash for a fun evening. O'Brien's are hosts.

At the March dinner meeting, Herb Knudsen will take us to Paris and southern France following a dinner hosted by the Zimmerman's.

We also selected images for the MCAC Film Noir exhibit August 1 through 30, 2014. Images selected were from Jim Finch, Mike Lux, Madison Roberts, Sandy Richardson, Nancy Saul, Ed Sams, Denise O'Brien and Mike O'Brien. Work continues with the exhibit curator to select the sizes, print, frame and arrange the show gallery for the August 1 exhibit.

Six KodaRomers were in attendance at the Peoria challenge

Tuesday evening January 14th. KodaRoamers had 14 Acceptances (HM's) while Peoria had 13, but Peoria took all places and ended with a score of 33. Next year's Peoria challenge topic - "Moment of Reflection" images exposed after January 14th, 2014. The scores and Accepted images are available on the KodaRoamers web page.

February's dinner presentation took us to the warm Southwest with Vandana's presentation of SW Utah. Dinner hosts are Herb and Duff Knudsen.

The Membership Committee has been hard at work developing a mentor program for our new as well as seasoned members of the club. The intent is to get new members up to speed in their knowledge of KodaRoamers history as well as understanding all the various competitions. Another aspect is to be a knowledge resource for members on their cameras and image software. If you would like mentoring on any aspect of the KodaRoamers club or knowledge of your camera and its settings; your computer (Apple or PC); image software (Lightroom, Photoshop, Elements) please contact Ed Sams mesams@comcast.net

I am hoping this will be a valuable educational opportunity for KodaRoamers members to share their knowledge with others on a one to one basis.

**Past Issues of the Newsletter are available at:**

**<https://sites.google.com/site/kodaroaders/downloads>**

## Officers:

**President** - Mike Lux

**Vice Pres** - Dave Weth

**Treasurer** - Mike O'Brien

**Secretary** - Mabel Lux

## Committees:

### Chaplain

Ann Husk, Herb Knudsen

### Courtesy

Peggy Whelan, Mabel Lux

### Publicity

Denise O'Brien, Michael O'Brien

### Newsletter

Carrie Olson, Herb Knudsen,  
Mabel Lux

### Membership

Ed Sams, David Scoates, Tracy  
DeWeese, Debbie DeWeese, Janet  
Bremner, Sandra Robinson, Jim Kirk,  
Andrea Monninger, Mark Cooper

### Projection

Dave Weth, Mike Lux,  
Andrea Monninger

### PSA Rep

Mike Lux, Dave Weth

### CICCA Rep

Andrea Monninger

### Salon

Dave Weth, Mike Lux (Digital), Janet  
Bremner, John Vogel (Prints)

### Challenges

Andrea Monninger (Peoria),  
Mike Lux (I74)

### Competition Numbers

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### Merit Awards

Roger Bunting

### Equipment

Mike Lux, Dave Weth

### Webmaster

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### Facebook Admin

Andrea Monninger, Mike Lux

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## Getting to Know One Another

*One of the stated goals of our Camera Club is "the mutual exchange of our experience and knowledge" with one another. We happen to believe this will more likely occur through relationships that are mutually friendly and meaningful. With our newsletter, we are hoping to become a vehicle for some of that sharing through a regular feature titled 'Getting to Know One Another.' Our plan is to start at both ends of the spectrum and introduce in each issue our newest member and our most tenured member, not yet introduced. This month we introduce Dave & Betty Rademacher and Dave Weth.*

### Our 7th Longest Tenured Members – Dave and Betty Rademacher

It was the invitation of Marie Williams that intrigued me!" Dave said. She was a neighbor of the Rademachers



and they soon discovered a mutual interest in photography. So, one balmy day in 1991, Marie told Dave all about the KodaRoamers Camera Club and invited them to come to a meeting. And here we are, nearly a quarter century later, and both parties are still active and among our most tenured members. Like all things they are in, Dave and Betty have been active KRCC members, serving on committees, Dave had a term as President (1995-97), and Betty has served as Club Secretary and Chaplain.

Both Rademachers are native Illinoisians. Dave was born in Decatur, IL, and later graduated from Nokomis High School. Betty was born in the family farm home in Williamson County, IL, and graduated from Marion High School. Dave did his undergraduate work in Political Science at the University of Illinois. Following 2 years in the Navy and 1 year in law school, he returned to the U of I for graduate studies in Education. Betty attended Southern Illinois

University for her degree in Business Administration and then a graduate degree in Educational Psychology and Counseling. Eventually, they both found themselves on the staff at ISU in the late 1960's. And soon, met one another, dated, and got married (it's a second marriage for both of them). They jointly have four adult children from their former marriages and now enjoy 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Both are now retired, but remain active in the community, most especially their church at New Covenant Community on the ISU campus. Dave is also a member of the Young Men's Club. Betty is an active volunteer with ISU Senior Professionals, the Pruyne Lectureship, and helped found, as well as chair, the local chapter of Compassion and Choices of McLean County (which helps people deal with end-of-life issues). Dave is active in tennis, golf, skiing, and yard work. Betty enjoys yoga, walking, gardening, and a couple of book clubs. They also own a historic home (Jesse W. Fell's, built in 1881) and so lots of time and love are also devoted to its upkeep as well.

Dave is the primary photographer in the family. He still is mostly a film photographer. "I've not yet moved into digital pictures as I'm not really a computer user." His camera of choice is a Canon. Early on, he was mostly a "family photographer, but KRCC really helped me evolve into other areas." His favorite shooting sites are two:

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the “four corners area of the US” [they are pictured here with one Dave’s PSA award winning photos from there] and Southern Illinois. They spend many weeks at their home there every year. “In fact, KRCC used to have bus trips to Southern Illinois. We hosted lunch and club shoots there—it’s a wonderful nature area for photographers!”

It’s always interesting, isn’t it?, to see what influential power an invitation to a friend, neighbor, or co-worker has! Thanks, Marie, for inviting the Rademachers to be a part of KRCC!

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### Newer Member Dave Weth

February’s KRCC Workshop leader is also among our newer members. Dave Weth joined KodaRoamers



in late 2012; and since then, so has his 19 year-old daughter Sidney, who will be featured at another date. The workshop was described as “focusing on how Dave gets his amazing nature images.” Dave’s other hobby and life fascination is nature, most especially birds, and it is truly what got him into this hobby of photography and joining KRCC. He soon decided he needed an easy way to record the hundreds of birds he had seen over the years. Taking their pictures seemed the logical way to catalog his discoveries. And, one thing led to another! While photographing Whooping Cranes for Operation Migration, one of the other members that day asked Dave if he was also a member of a camera club. He was not, thought it

might be a good idea, came home, “Googled” the subject, and met KodaRoamers. He tried it, liked it, joined it, and now leads workshops and wins PSA awards. Winning a million dollars for a picture is next on the list!?!

Dave was born (1965) in Streator, Illinois, the youngest of two children. Some five years after graduating from Woodland High School, he was hired by the new Mitsubishi Motors and moved to Bloomington/Normal. Many years later he started his own company, Weth Paint and Design, and is now a professional painter. One day while walking down the street in Streator with a friend, they passed two girls. His eye caught sight of Dena, they had a date the next weekend, and this Fall they’ll be celebrating 25 years of marriage. They are the proud parents of two daughters: Jordan (22) and Sidney (19). Dena is currently the Assistant Director for Career Link, a company which helps people find ways out of unemployment and into new careers.

Currently, Dave’s camera of choice is a Nikon D90 and his digital software is mostly Lightroom 5 and some Photo Shop. His favorite photo shoot site is all around Lake Evergreen. Dave’s ornithology hobby and love of birds also extend into his active participation in the local John Wesley Powell chapter of the Audubon Society. You could stretch that focus even further by describing his other obsession – the Blackhawks (Chicago hockey, that is. True, that mascot is really more for an Indian tribe ... but, hey, can’t blame this cub reporter for trying – can you?). Dave would understand, because as he said, “Yeah, most people who know me, say Dave has a ‘really strange sense of humor.” He is easy-going, for sure, always has a smile, and does enjoy a good laugh. Must have been the Blue Bird of Happiness flying over his birthday cake? Botta-bing!

## Update Your Address Book

### Welcome New Members

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## Keep working on your images

The I74 Challenge "Water" for April. Just a reminder - Images must be taken AFTER May 10, 2013. When submitting images DO NOT STRIP THE IMAGE METADATA. Dates, as well as image size, will be checked.

Next years Peoria Challenge topic is "Moment of Reflection" Images taken after 01/14/14



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## The Bibliophile's Corner

Some "Well-Regarded" Books to Consider about "The History of Photography"

Ask yourself ... What's significant about 1839? Who is considered the "Father of Photography"? When did color technology come into being? Who invited the Digital Camera? Who are considered to be the "Master Photographers"? What is Daguerrotype? Why do I even care? These answers and much, much more can be found in the resources below –

*In Descending Order by Publication Date*

- Photography [11th Edition] by Barbara London, John Upton, & Jim Stone. (Pearson, 2013)
- Camera: A History of Photography from Daguerrotype to Digital by Todd Gustavson and George Eastman House. (Sterling Signature, 2012)
- Exploring Color Photography: From Film to Pixels by Robert Hirsch. (Focal Press, 2010)
- International Photography-Focused EHI Trips and Cruises, include:
- Mexico's Baja Tip to Toe (#12157RJ); Amalfi Coast in Italy (#19759RJ); An Atlantic Cruise from New York Skyscrapers to Icelandic Geysers (#21274RJ); Cruise From Miami to San Diego through the Panama Canal (#21277RJ); and Cruise from Costa Rica to the Caribbean through the Panama Canal (#21280RJ).
- A World History of Photography by Naomi Rosenblum. (Abbeville Press, 2008)
- A History of Photography: From 1839 to Present. Edited by David Wooters and Therese Mulligan. (Taschen, 2005)
- Photography: An Illustrated History by Martin W. Sandler. (Oxford University Press, 2002)
- A New History of Photography by Michel Frizot. (Konemann, 1999)
- The History of Photography: From 1839 to the Present by Beaumont Newhall. (Museum of Modern Art, 1982)



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## Ever Thought about Going on a Lifelong Learning Adventure?

Check out these Fourteen Photography Programs this Spring, Summer, and Fall with the "Road Scholar" program developed by Elderhostel, Inc. *Most of these have multiple date options and, except for the cruises and international trips, are generally 5-7 day events. Costs include lodging, food, lectures, field trips, and travel if noted. More details available at [www.roadscholar.org](http://www.roadscholar.org), their print catalog, or by calling 800-454-5768.*

Catalog #	USA Program Titles	Locations
1046RJ	Southwest Landscape Photography with an Arizona Highways Photographer	Scottsdale, Arizona
21359RJ	Advanced Digital Photography at Great Camp Sagamore	Raquette Lake, New York
6150RJ	Advanced Nature Photography in Arches and Canyonlands National Parks	Moab, Utah
2479RJ	Outdoor Photography at its Best	Pickens, South Carolina
8713RJ	Photograph Yosemite: Capturing Waterfalls, Cliffs, and Domes	Oakhurst, California
15918RJ	Digital Photography: Capture Oregon's Waterfalls, Flowers, Mountains, and Coast.	Portland, Oregon
15432RJ	Digital Photography on a Historic Ocean Island	Isles of Shoals, New Hampshire
20140RJ	Digital Photography in the Blue Ridge Mountains: An Autumn Masterpiece	Montreat, North Carolina
6167RJ	Capture Northern Michigan: Watercolors, Photography, and Tai Chi Chuan	Tustin, Michigan
	<b>International Photography-Focused EHI Trips and Cruises</b>	
12157RJ	Mexico's Baja Tip to Toe	
19759RJ	Amalfi Coast in Italy	
21274RJ	An Atlantic Cruise from New York Skyscrapers to Icelandic Geysers	
21277RJ	Cruise From Miami to San Diego through the Panama Canal	
21280RJ	Cruise from Costa Rica to the Caribbean through the Panama Canal	



Andrea Monninger

## Buy/Sell Swap

- Tamrac Day Backpack - \$40.00 (similar to 3365 model)
- Digital High Definition 0.5X Wide Angle Lens with Macro 58mm size - \$20.00
- 58mm Polarizer filter (Digital) - \$10.00
- 58mm FLD filter (Digital) - \$10.00
- 58mm ND4 filter (Hoya) - \$10.00
- 72mm ND4 filter (Hoya) - \$15.00
- 72mm Circular Polarizer filter (Promaster) - \$15.00
- 72mm FLD filter (Mercury) - \$15.00
- 72mm UV filter (Mercury) - \$15.00
- 72mm Polarizer (Mercury) - \$15.00
- Step up ring from 67mm to 77mm (B+W) - \$10.00
- Step up ring from 67mm to 72mm - \$10.00
- Tamrac filter storage case (for 8 filters) - \$20.00

### Note:

- 58mm filter is a set. If you take all three, will cost \$25.00 and will get the storage case free.
- 72mm filter is a set. If you take all three, will cost \$40.00 and will get storage case free.

Contact Vandana Bajikar at [vandana\\_bajikar@yahoo.com](mailto:vandana_bajikar@yahoo.com)



Carrie Olson

**Canon 50D** with a Tamron 28mm to 200mm lens. Included is a charger and 4 Batteries, with 4 and 8GB compactflash cards. Great Deal. Very Good condition. Asking \$650.00 for all. Contact Eliseo Valdes at 309-530-3952 or [valdezphoto1@yahoo.com](mailto:valdezphoto1@yahoo.com)

**Tamrac 5684 Camera Bag.** Will sell for \$15 OBO. Contact Wyn Knapp at 858-945-6636 or [wynknapp@me.com](mailto:wynknapp@me.com)

**R**ichard Hoffman is downsizing some of his equipment and will be offering the following items for sale. "Fair" sale prices still being researched, but will also consider "best offers." His goal is for these items "to be used more and not just sit on his shelves."

- ProMaster Spectrum 7 Lens – 100mm, 1:3.5, MC Macro
- Minolta 1141850 Lens – MC Tele Rokker PF – 1:2.8; f:135 mm
- Kalimar 2x TeleConverter M/ MD
- Minolta X700 camera body and flash. Note: Auto light meter is inoperative.
- Two camera carrying case holsters

**I**f you have any photo gear you would like to buy or sell, send your info to Carrie at [kodaroamersmail@gmail.com](mailto:kodaroamersmail@gmail.com) and you can list it here!

*"I love photographing.  
It's that simple."  
~ Stuart Franklin*

## How to Photograph and Attract Birds, Butterflies & Dragonflies

**O**n Saturday, April 5th from 1:00-4:30pm, the Decatur Camera Club will host "How to Photograph and Attract Birds, Butterflies & Dragonflies" presented by nationally-know professional photographers Richard and Susan Day.

- Session 1: Getting Your Best Bird Images& Tips on Camera Basics
- Session 2: Plants to Attract Birds & Butterflies
- Session 3: Taking Photos of Hummingbirds, Butterflies and Dragonflies

Presentation at:  
Rock Springs Nature Center  
3939 Nearing Lane  
Decatur, IL  
217-423-7708

For additional information go to:  
<http://www.daybreakimagery.com>

email questions to:  
[infoDDC@DecaturCameraClub.net](mailto:infoDDC@DecaturCameraClub.net)

The cost per ticket is just \$10.00 - and there is a limited number available. *Payment must be received by Friday, March 27*

Mail payment to:  
Decatur Camera Club  
1075 Woodland Dr.  
Mt Zion, IL 62549



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## Local Continuing Education for Photographers

@ He Clicks - She Clicks  
Photography Center

101 South Gridley St, Blm.  
More details are available at  
[www.heclickssheclicks.com](http://www.heclickssheclicks.com)

## Local Photo Seminar

Peoria Camera Club Presents  
Digital Photography Creativity by  
Tony Sweet March 22, 2014 8:45  
am – 4:45 pm at Illinois Central  
College, East Peoria  
You will learn:

- Secrets of compelling compositions
- Intimacy of flower photography
- In-camera creative effects
- Image analysis and optimization
- How to create emotional images

Advance registration (before March 14th) \$75 Register online at [www.Peoriacameraclub.com](http://www.Peoriacameraclub.com) Lunch and refreshments are included.

## Introductory Digital Photography Workshop

Forest Park Nature Center  
Saturday, April 5, 2014 9am-3pm.

- Basic principles of nature photography
- Photo editing software

\$25/person. Includes lecture & practical application. Bring your camera. Must pre-register.  
309 686-3360



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# The Mentor Program is Ready!

## Let's give it a try!

New members will be paired with a KodaRoamer member for a one on one general orientation to the club. Following that orientation meeting, the new member will have the opportunity for further education on his/her camera, computer, or photo software from one of the individuals on the attached mentor list.

Existing members may also use this list to contact one of the mentors for further education/questions on their camera, computer, or photo software.



I hope this program will be used to help share our individual knowledge.

**- Mentors on the list -**

Please report any request calls and/or meetings to Ed Sams so we can keep track of who is mentoring whom.  
[mesams@comcast.net](mailto:mesams@comcast.net)

*"Beauty can be seen in all things, seeing and composing the beauty is what separates the snapshot from the photograph"*

~Matt Hardy

## CICCA Online Photo Contests

It has been decided that CICCA will start online photo contests. We have purchased a license for Photo Contest Pro and are in the beginning stages of setting up the contests. The contest will be fairly simple with one image per person to start with. There will be a 1, 2, 3 place format with the winners controlling all bragging rights they can muster.

If you are interested, please send Andrea an email with your working email address.  
[andreamonninger75@gmail.com](mailto:andreamonninger75@gmail.com)

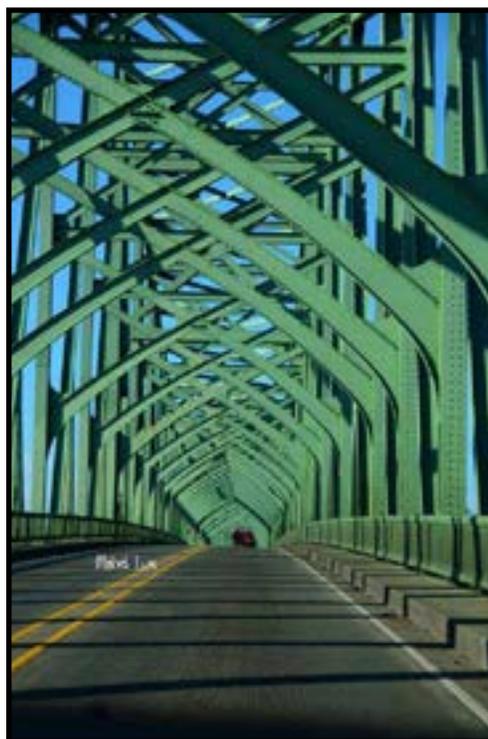
## Spring Photo Tips

### 11 Tips for Capturing Spring

[http://www.olympusamerica.com/crm/oneoffpages/crm\\_spring\\_esys.asp](http://www.olympusamerica.com/crm/oneoffpages/crm_spring_esys.asp)

### 10 Tips for Improving Your Flower Photos

<http://digital-photography-school.com/10-tips-for-improving-your-flower-photos>



January's Facebook winner.  
From the Vehicle: Mabel Lux

# MENTOR PROGRAM



*The first year of membership can be confusing and you may find it discouraging to deal with questions on your own. Meeting with a mentor for orientation only takes a short while and will get you up and running much sooner, and make you more certain in dealing with club activities. The combined wisdom of the mentors is extensive, and they all want to help make a stronger club by helping you.*

Below is a list of Mentors versed on various subject matters. If you have questions on your camera, Photoshop or Light Room, please contact one of the individuals below for one on one help.

KODAROAMERS MENTOR LIST				
Mentor	Contact	Camera	Computer	Software
Vandana Bajicar	vandana_bajicar@yahoo.com	Nikon	PC	Photoshop, PSP
Roger Bunting	buntingrk@gmail.com	Canon Panasonic	PC Panasonic	PS3, PSPro XV, Irfanview, My Slide Show
Tracy DeWeese	deweesephoto@yahoo.com	Nikon	PC	ACDSee, Photoshop, Perfect Resize and others
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Todd Guttschow	toddg@connectingpoint.com	CT2i	Mac	Light Room, i Photo
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Mike O'Brien	mobrien53@frontier.com	Canon	PC	PS5, PS Elements
Ed Ramos	papiramos@hotmail.com	Canon	PC	Light Room, Photoshop
John Vogel	jvogel1770@aol.com	Nikon	PC	ACDSee, PS Elements