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**May Workshop & Dinner Meeting**

**May 8 - Workshop**  
Program: I74 Challenge  
Presentation - 'Water'  
Host: Ed & Marilyn Sams

**May 17 - CICCA Salon**  
Immanuel Lutheran Church,  
Peoria

**May 27 - Dinner Meeting**  
Program: Annual KodaRoamer  
Salon  
Host: Janet Bremner



# KODAROAMERS

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## President's Message

**W**hew --April is over. Between our



workshop, two salons and the I74 challenge – it was a busy month. This will be the last monthly issue for the club year – Will have a summer issue in July and resume monthly in September.

To help us plan for next year, I am asking in advance for your participation in some activity of the club. Get involved in presenting a workshop program, present a dinner program, serve on a committee, or be a host at one of our workshops or a dinner meeting. We need help with projection (receiving, and organizing images for competitions, projecting and scoring), courtesy (writing thank you notes to judges and cards to those members with special needs, birthdays and anniversaries), chaplain (invocations at dinners, keeping track of members with special needs). I will be sending out a questionnaire via email for you to fill in the areas where you can volunteer to help the club. Please have these returned by our May 27th Salon dinner meeting so we can begin the planning for our 70th Anniversary year.

At our April workshop we selected the 50 images to represent KodaRoamers in the I74 challenge with the Champaign County Camera Club. We will host the final competition on Thursday May 8th

There will be a workshop on May 3rd at 7:00pm at Tri-Valley HS to prepare the exhibit arrangement for the MCAC Film Noir exhibit August 1 through 30, 2014. That project will kick off our 70th anniversary.

At April's dinner presentation, Marie Williams took us on a great journey through Tibet with her great

images as well as her story of the journey. In case you were not able to be with us, it is with sadness and also best wishes that we say goodbye to Marie as she moves to Virginia to be with her daughter and closer to her grand and great grandchildren in Delaware. We also celebrated her 91st birthday 8 days early.

We completed the judging of our 61st Salon on Saturday April 26th and will celebrate with a presentation of the images at our dinner meeting May 27th. You ask "What is a Salon" – Webster's definition (one meaning of several) a: a hall for exhibition of art b capitalized: an annual exhibition of works of art. Our Salon is the club's internal juried show of our art of photography and a celebration with an exhibit at the Salon dinner at the last meeting of the club year.

The CICCA Salon Judging is coming up May 17th in Peoria at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Knoxville and Glen beginning at 8:00 am

The mentor program for our new as well as seasoned members of the club is now available. 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 a knowledge resource for members on their camera and image software. If you would like mentoring on any aspect of the KodaRoamers club or knowledge of your camera, its settings; your computer (Apple or PC); or image software (Lightroom, Photoshop, Elements) please contact one of the mentors on the list at the back of this newsletter. 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 and keeping with the KodaRoamers motto People Sharing and Enjoying Photography.

## Officers:

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## Committees:

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Andrea Monninger

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Andrea Monninger

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Mike Lux (I74)

### Competition Numbers

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### Merit Awards

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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 3 new members: Jeff Hamilton, Ruben Martinez, and Wayne Ericson.*

### Jeff Hamilton:

Most of my life I have been a saver and not a spender of money. Recently some financial planning advisors were telling me, "Now that you are retired, we need strategies on how to grow your money." As Jeff reflected on this, he said, "I told them, 'No, now I am more concerned about spending the money I have than growing it. We just never know when we'll take that last vacation trip!'" While he is still healthy and able, Jeff's goals include lots of traveling to new places; and indeed, he has! Nova Scotia and Quebec in Canada as well as lots of Europe (Italy, France, Germany, Holland, Ireland, and Switzerland [their photo here in on Jungfrau Mtn in the Bernese Alps]). Travel plans this year include Iceland and a long solo-drive trip out West to Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, and Colorado.

It was one of his first trips ... to Arizona in 2011 ... that started Jeff's new found passion for photography. He decided he wanted to record some memories of that trip, so he bought his first Nikon, took lots of pictures, and got lots of affirmation for his images ... including many now in gallery displays. He was hooked!! and his long-time friend (and ace photographer) John Vogel encouraged him to join KodaRoamers as well. "I agreed - there is always more to learn!"

Jeff was born (1952) and raised in Vandalia, IL, the oldest of two children. All but his senior year, he attended schools in Vandalia, but due

to a family move to a new farm he had to transfer and became a graduate of

Brownstown High School. After a couple of years in community colleges, Jeff then enrolled at Eastern Illinois University where he earned both a Bachelors degree in Psychology and Sociology and a Masters Degree in Psychology. He was then employed with the Illinois Department



of Corrections until taking an early retirement option in 2002. He moved to Bloomington in 1990 and commuted from here to the Lincoln Correctional Center. He continues to maintain B/N as a home base when not traveling hither and yon or wintering in Florida. He was active in the Optimist Club until it dissolved as well as local Area Artist Showcase events. Jeff now maintains a Vinyl Records buying/selling business through two area Antique Mall booths and on eBay.

At KRCC, you'll likely also meet his girlfriend, Maria Fiore, who accompanies him often. They met one winter in Florida through Match.com. She is a retired Cape Coral Firefighter who Jeff describes as "a feisty Italian from New Jersey who loves to cook!" They enjoy traveling together, especially to Europe since she has family in Germany, and their photography outings - especially in Florida. Jeff gets out his favorite camera (now a Nikon D800) and they'll take excursions to the bird rookeries, the swamps, Sanibel Island, and/or the Six Mile Cypress Slew. "The opportunities for landscape,

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nature, and bird photography in Florida are amazing!" he reports. Recently, Maria built a photography website for Jeff you'll want to check out at: [www.jeffreyshamiltonphotography.com](http://www.jeffreyshamiltonphotography.com)

### Ruben Martinez:

After the State Farm Camera Club recently disbanded, Ruben knew he wanted to continue growing his skills and sharing the joy of photography with others. KRCC was recommended



as one option, so he checked out the website and liked what he saw. Next he attended a meeting and reported "Everyone in KodaRoamers has been great at welcoming me and providing a warm reception. I knew right away I wanted to join! I also really appreciate my mentor James Kirk." We're glad you are here, Ruben, and "Thanks!" for the wonderful report!!

Ruben was born (1960) in Saginaw, Michigan, the oldest of two children. He moved after a year to Ontario, CA, and nine years later to Greeley, CO, where he graduated high school; and thereafter, attended the University of Denver earning a Bachelors degree in Finance. He has also moved frequently (NY, CA, FL) in his career with State Farm (an Analyst in Agency Recruiting) but has been here in B/N now for the last eight years.

He and Annette (also a State Farm employee) have been married 27 years. How they met is interesting in that their parents knew and liked each other, but the kids had never met. Ruben's mother-in-law was sure they would like each other and had arranged a date, but unfortunately Ruben had a conflict and could not make it. So he called Annette to apologize ("Didn't want to upset our parents!") and they wound up talking into the night and soon had "the date." One month later

they were engaged and five months later married!! They are the proud parents of one daughter (Andrea) who is an active sophomore at U High. Andrea was recently one of the lead roles in the musical Into the Woods and also enjoys playing the French Horn and being in speech tournaments.

Ruben enjoys many diverse leisure activities in addition to photography. He is an active golfer in the summer, a bowler in the winter (including a 289 and a 300 game!!), and usually has an annual scuba dive trip (this year he'll be going to the Grand Cayman Reef). Cooking is also a joy, including being on a volunteer team monthly at the Salvation Army cooking the Saturday breakfast. The Martinez family are active participants at the First Assembly of God church in Normal.

It was the scuba diving that really awakened his photography passion. "The reefs and fish are so beautiful, I wanted a way to record the memories and share them, so my wife bought me a camera. And now, a primary focus is to improve those skills." Currently, his favorite shoot site is the Galapagos Islands ("looks very similar to the Grotto in the movie Little Mermaid") and his current camera is an Olympus 4/3.

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### 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. [andreamonning75@gmail.com](mailto:andreamonning75@gmail.com)

### Update Your Address Book

#### Welcome New Members

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### Eaton Gallery Hosting Group Photography Show

Eleven local photographers will be featured in a group show from May 2-20 in the Eaton Gallery at 411 North Center Street in downtown Bloomington.

The group show will be centered around the theme of "The Seasons and Cycles of Corn."

For more info go to [www.eatonstudiogallery.com](http://www.eatonstudiogallery.com)



### Keep working on your images

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



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## Peoria Camera Club Extending Invite

On July 19, 2014 Richard and Susan Day will be hosting both the Peoria Camera Club and KodaRoamers on their property in Alma Illinois for a one day workshop and outing. They have 63 acres of prairie and forest dedicated to nature. There is a wide variety of wildflowers to attract butterflies, two wetlands to attract frogs and dragonflies, plus they get a variety of birds. Our club has been down there a few times in the past. This workshop requires a minimum of 8 people and a maximum of 15. The fee is \$50 per person.

Alma IL. is just off I-57 just North of Salem IL about 50 miles South of Effingham. It's about 200 miles from Peoria and takes approximately 3 1/2 hours to get there. Because of this, some of the members make reservations in Salem IL. for the night before the workshop to avoid a long drive on Saturday morning. There is a Super 8 and a Comfort Inn in Salem just off I-57. Other members choose to drive down on Sunday morning.

Richard begins the day with a short overview on how to photograph butterflies, dragonflies, and flowers. He and Susan are available during the day to help and answer questions on photography, species ID and gardening or habitat questions.

You can also E-mail me at [carlwclose@mchsi.com](mailto:carlwclose@mchsi.com) or call me at (309) 274-5103. For more information about Richard and Susan's programs go to their web site at [www.daybreakimagery.com](http://www.daybreakimagery.com)

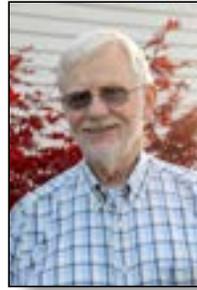


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### Wayne Ericson:

Retired for seven years now, Wayne is discovering time and opportunity for new things to do – especially in places he never knew existed. A long-time friend from scouting had invited him to attend the Young Men's Club. He liked it and joined. During his new member interview with Herb Knudsen, the topic of Wayne's hobby interests in photography came up and mention was made of KodaRoamers as well as an invitation. Wayne attended a dinner and joined that night, saying – "KodaRoamers is just what I'm looking for, especially the workshops, because I want to become a more creative photographer and especially learn more about composition." His interests started with a camera club in high school, including work in the dark room. He now owns a Nikon D300, but is also thinking about moving up to a full-frame camera. His preference is taking pictures of out-of-doors scenery. They winter in Arizona, so they take regular excursions all over that rich landscape, and always have a camera along for the trip. He also enjoys bicycling and reading.



One thing we do have to be understanding about Wayne, however, is he's a "Cheesehead." He can't help it! It's in his DNA!! He was born in Oshkosh, WI (1943), the oldest of two boys, and graduated from high school in Bonduel, WI. He got his B.S. in Economics and Business from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. And his brother, ten years younger, lives in Green Bay where he has Green Bay Packers season tickets which came to him after being on the waiting list for 35 years! In the past, Wayne has attended a couple of Packers games – including the famous 1967 "Ice Bowl" game against Dallas.

Wayne and his wife Marilyn

have been married since 1968. She is a retired Licensed Clinical Social Worker. They are the parents of two grown sons – both Eagle Scouts! – one lives in Mahomet, IL, and the other in Fairfax, VA. They are grandparents of three. Yeah, all of them probably also like the Packers – oh well, it's gotta be genetic!?!)

Higher education has been much of the focus of Wayne's career. He got a MS degree at Southern Illinois, then a Ph.D. in College Student Personnel Administration at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, where he also did an internship in Student Health Services. In 1982 he was hired by ISU as the Director of Student Health Services. He continues to consult part-time in the healthcare field as a surveyor for the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care where he surveys ambulatory health clinics that are applying for accreditation.

### Happy Birthday & Good Luck Marie!



### Photo Tips

- Outdoor Photography Tips <http://www.exposureguide.com/outdoor-photography-tips.htm>
- Digital Photography Tutorials <http://www.cambridgeincolour.com/tutorials.htm>

Past Issues of the Newsletter are available at: <https://sites.google.com/site/kodaroomers/downloads>

## “What I Learned from my first-time serving as a KRCC Dinner Host” By Herb Knudsen (co-Host at February’s Dinner)

This is a great way to get to know other Club members – putting names with faces – because, when they register and pay for their dinner, you get acquainted again or for the first-time.

It turns out the “job” is a little more complicated than it needs to be, IMHO – but not if you and I become better about being considerate RSVP’ers. For February’s dinner, there were four initial reminders about making reservations (and the number in parentheses indicates responses I received from the 64 potential KRCC households): the newsletter (0); Mike Lux’s first Email reminder (2); Mike’s second Email reminder (3); and the Sign-Up Sheet at that month’s Workshop (18). That’s a lot of opportunities, I think!

So what to do about the other 41 households (64%!!) from whom we had not yet received a response? Most hosts now start making personal phone calls – I did not have the time nor interest in doing that; instead, I sent a direct, targeted Email to 37 and only made personal phone calls to the 4 without Email addresses. Those efforts generated 25 more responses, but, sadly, that still left 16 households (25%) from whom we never got an RSVP.

My suggestions for our consideration (and certainly mine as well, as I’ve also been guilty about procrastinating in responding, had hosts generously call me, and for which I felt badly about imposing on their time because of my lack of understanding these dynamics and not making a response) –

- [a] “Regrets or No’s” are just as important as “Yes’s” when it comes to meal planning and the host’s responsibilities, so if you know you are not going to attend – be considerate and send a Regret or mark a “No” on registration sheets;

- [b] Email is soooooo easy – therefore, instead of procrastinating until some tomorrow, simply send off a short Email to the host the moment you get a reminder of the meeting.

Two members said they do not attend meals because of diet restrictions and one member made a specific request for a vegetarian alternative. When I spoke with our cook, Kathy, about the request, she was more than cooperative in providing the alternative – she just needs to know ahead of time. My suggestions here are make a request at registration, or tell the host each month, or talk with the Club President about your dietary needs, so s/he can work things out with the cook. The goal is for every member to enjoy the monthly dinner fellowship and travelogue and not have some food restriction keep you away.

The \$14 fee for dinner not only covers the cost of the meal, but also helps cover the costs for space rental at both church sites where we have our meetings. Didn’t know that?!?

In summary, hosting was an easy and fun volunteer opportunity – especially as more of us become better RSVP’ers!!!! I plan to volunteer again next year to be a host .... unless, of course, eight of you get to the sign-up sheet before I do. Truly, “many hands make for lighter work, a healthier Club, and happier leaders!” This is something any of us can do.

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### Buy/Sell Swap

If 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!

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If you would like to contribute to the newsletter please send your articles, images, ideas, and/or suggestions to Carrie at [kodaroamersmail@gmail.com](mailto:kodaroamersmail@gmail.com)

## The “Right” Angle



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# The Mentor Program is Ready!

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 mentor list on the final page of this newsletter.

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 David Scoates, dscoates@gmail.com so we can keep track of who is mentoring whom.*

## 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)



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## Photo Book Corner

Spring has sprung! The Grass has riz and flowers is ... Time for some Macro Photography!!

- David Busch's Close-Up and Macro Photography Compact Field Guide (Cengage, 2012) ISBN 978-1133600701 SRP: \$13.99

This highly regarded resource comes in a lay-flat, spiral-bound edition that can be a "stored in the camera bag" reference guide. It "condenses all the must-have information needed for shooting close-up and macro photos" of flowers, insects, butterflies, and birds. It offers quick setup advice tips on lighting, lenses, and much more.

- Macro Photography for Gardeners and Nature Lovers: The Essential Guide to Digital Techniques by Alan L. Detrick (Timber Press, 2008) ISBN 978-0881928907 SRP \$24.95

Detrick is an award-winning professional photographer and instructor who offers a multitude of "helpful tips, definitions, exercises, and case studies covering the features of DSLR's as well as artistic and accessibility how-to's for photographing gardens."

- Photographing Flowers: Exploring Macro Worlds by Harold Davis (Focal Press, 2011) ISBN 978-0240820736 SRP: \$29.95

This author of over thirty photography books showcases



April's Facebook winner:  
Vandana Bajkar  
Wildlife

here his favorite subject: flowers. Davis shares many of his special techniques for special effects, including the use of PhotoShop, as well as tips on ideas and conception of taking flower photos.

All of the above have availability and deep discounts on Amazon.com. There are also several quality, out-of-print books available very reasonably as well. Including: Focus on Flowers: Discovering and Photographing Beauty in Gardens and Wild Places by Allan Rokach (Abbeville Press, 1990) ranging in price from \$ 1.63 to \$ 20 plus S&H; The Field Guide to Photographing Flowers by Anne Milliman and Allan Rokach from the Center for Nature Photography series (Amphoto Books, 1995) Range \$ 0.01-\$9.12 +; and many more. Check it out!!

If you prefer magazines... check out the highly-acclaimed Outdoor Photographer at 11 issues per year. Costs \$23.94 for one year; \$39.94 for two. More info at [www.outdoorphotographer.com](http://www.outdoorphotographer.com)

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# 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.

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