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September Workshop & Dinner Meeting

September 11 - Workshop

Competition: CICCA Club Judging Program: "Lightroom" Tom Ruland Host: Denise & Mike O'Brien

September 23 - Dinner Meeting

Program: "Kingdoms" Laurie Bergner Host: Linda & Meng Horng



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President's Message

After hopefully a relaxing summer, we begin our 70th Anniversary year. We continue the traditions established by Lorena Medbery and the 16 charter members in September, 1944 "to create interest in color photography and promote better pictures". The group was named Kodaroamers "because we all had Kodak's and were roamers" according to Harold Medbery. See page 2 of this newsletter and this year's handbook for more detail on the clubs history during our 70 years.



Our summer outing was attended by 12 members who enjoyed a great outing to New Salem and the Annie Leibovitz photographic exhibit at the Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield Saturday, July 26th.

Our second impromptu outing was to the Lincoln Balloon Festival Saturday Aug 23rd. Two members met up with Andrea and enjoyed the kite competition, the evening balloon lift off and glow despite the hot and humid day.

See some of the images from our outings inside this edition, on Facebook, and at our September 11th workshop.

The August 5th picnic at the Davis Lodge, Lake Bloomington kicked off our new and anniversary year. Forty-Two of us enjoyed a chicken dinner, baked beans, tea

and lemonade and various delicious goodies brought by the members on a nice summer evening. We saw images from the CICCA Spring Salon and our Power challenge with the Peoria Camera Club.

The opening of the show at the McLean County Art Center was held August 1st from 5-7 pm. Thank you to our sponsors Barbara & Bill Taft and our event chair Denise O'Brien. The "Film Noir" exhibit will run through August 30, 2014.



A night photography outing is scheduled for September 18th. (See article in this issue). This is a great opportunity to capture images for our challenge with Champaign "Sunset to Sunrise"

Keep working on your images

- Peoria Challenge: topic is "Moment of Reflection" Images taken after January 1, 2014
- Champaign Challenge: topic is "Sunset to Sunrise" Images taken after May 9, 2014

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

Officers:

President - Mike Lux
Vice Pres - Denise O'Brien
Treasurer - Mike O'Brien
Secretary - Mabel Lux

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Herb Knudsen

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Richard Hoffman, Mabel Lux

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Andrea Monninger, Vandana Bajikar

PSA Rep

Mike Lux, Vandana Bajikar

Projection

Mike Lux, Andrea Monninger, Vandana Bajikar, Prasad Mocharla

Club Salon

Vandana Bajikar, John Vogel, (Prints)
Mike Lux (Digital)

Challenges

Mike Lux (I74),
Andrea Monninger (Peoria)

Nominating

Mike Lux, Past-Presidents

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Andrea Monninger, Mike Lux

Merit Awards

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Competition Numbers

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KodaRoamers Camera Club Celebrates 70

by Mike Lux

A photography group aimed to create interest in color photography and to promote better pictures was organized on September 25, 1944 at Withers Public Library, Bloomington, by Lorena Medbery and 16 charter members. W.R. & Lelia Bach; Clara Brien; Ben & Beth Danforth; Lura Eyestone; Erma Means; Harold Medbery; Carl & Emma Niedermeyer; George & Dorothy Parker; Roy & Ruth Ramseyer and Esther Robinson. Seven others also became members in 1944. The group was named KodaRoamers "because we all had Kodak's and were roamers" according to Harold Medbery. The group originally met in members' homes and joined PSA (Photographic Society of America) in 1944.

In January 1946 the first pot luck dinner meeting and slide show was held at the Bloomington YWCA. On November 3, 1947 the club voted to hold dinner meetings in public places unless hosts wanted to entertain in their home. The tradition of a dinner meeting has continued throughout the club's history at places such as Bob Johnson's Brantville, Times Past Inn, P Nut Catering, the Chateau, and today At Wesley United Methodist Church. A second monthly meeting was added in January 1950. These were used to pick contest slides and conduct "How To" sessions. These workshop sessions were originally held at the Mennonite Hospital nurses quarters on a Saturday. Later, meeting locations on various days of the week were moved to places such as Citizens Savings & Loan and Bloomington Federal and today at the First United Methodist Church,

Normal. The two meeting per month format, one dinner, one workshop, continues today.

The biggest change in the last decade has been the changing technology in photography. KodaRoamers transition from slides to digital began in 2003 with little enthusiasm. Education began on the idea that "digital was going to be the way of the future" and the transition was not completed until September, 2012. Another challenge is the continuing change and improvement to the new darkroom - software. Both have presented new learning curves to all of us. Yet the basics

of image capture, Aperture; Shutter and ISO; plus Composition and Light, remain unchanged. The club has also embraced the latest electronic media trends with the implementation of the kodaroamers.com web site and our own Facebook page.

The summer of 2014 has been a time for preparation for the kickoff of KodaRoamers 70th anniversary with our annual picnic at the Davis Lodge August 5, 2014 and a "Film Noir" exhibit at the McLean County Art Center running the month of August. We have a rich heritage with a membership of 79 talented photographers to celebrate our 70th year and carry on the traditions of the club into the next decade. The club is open to anyone interested in photography.

KodaRoamers meets the second Thursday and fourth Tuesday of the month. More information can be found at our web site kodaroamers.com or by calling Mike Lux 309-378-3631



KodaRoamers founder, Lorena Medbery's award winning Salon image "Checker Spot Emerged"

Seminars

If you missed the Tony Sweet seminar in Peoria, you have another chance Sunday, December 14, 2014 at HeClicksSheClicks.com (enter Center of Photography tab then Schedule on the top) to register.

Photo Tips & Tricks

9 Weird Photography Tricks That Actually Work!

- <http://improvephotography.com/8806/photography-tricks/>
 - <http://digital-photography-school.com/shutter-speed-chart/>
 - <http://photonaturalist.net/photograph-wildlife-low-light/>
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Buy/Sell/Swap

Jim Kirk has the following items for sale

- Canon 28-135 mm IS f3.5-5.6 zoom lens (3 years old, excellent condition, very sharp) \$265
- AC Adapter for Canon LP-EB Digital Camera battery pack \$25
- Mountainsmith Swift FX Carrying Case for Camera - Black - Polyethylene \$35

Contact

Jim Kirk: Jamesjkirk@comcast.net

Ed Sams has the following items for sale

- Canon 70-300 lens IS USM. \$300
- Canon 18-200 lens IS USM. \$300
- Ruggard brand camera bag never used. \$25

Contact

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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

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A Secret So Close to Us

Submitted by Ed Sams

On August 4 based on a tip to us from the owner of Lake's Back Yard Nature Place store, Marilyn and I made a trip that was all of 7 minutes from our house. On McLean Co. road 700N about a mile east of Old Highway 51 is a project on land owned by the Bloomington/Normal Water Reclamation District. The name is Kenneth L. Schroeder Wild Life Sanctuary.

What a pleasant surprise. We entered the park at the eastern gate and drove down a lane to the parking area. We were greeted by a large mule deer at the entrance. He exited before I could get my camera out.

We were not sure what there was to see, and were expecting a short circular path carved out of prairie grass. Instead we found a creek, foot bridges, new timber, old timber, and wetland ponds. I would estimate that there were around 2 miles of trails. We did not do all of them. Also on the land is a bird watching blind, several benches to slow travel, and many bird houses.

Since it was the middle of a warm day we did not see many birds, but we are told that it gets very busy with bird activity both early and late. Conveniently the park opens ½ hr. before sunrise and closes ½ hr. after sunset. Things are so quiet that we could hear maybe 100 birds singing. We were the only two people in the park, and back in the wetland area there is no road noise.

The park is new, and hopefully it will continue to evolve in a positive way. And, it is very close. Well worth the short trip. Only downside is needing mosquito repellent.



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Annual Picnic



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Annual Meeting

May 27, 2014

At the annual meeting the following "formal business" was conducted:

Treasures Report:

The club began the 2013-2014 club year with \$2468

• Expenses

- (\$ 190) for CICCA and PSA Dues, MCAC Donation, KR.com and stamps
- (\$ 270) for Awards (trophies, certificates, ink)
- (\$ 130) Handbook printing
- (\$ 680) Laptop
- (\$ 300) United Methodist donation for workshop room
- (\$5048) Dinner cost

• Income

- \$4886 Diner Proceeds
- \$1145 Dues

• Ending Balance \$2071

Nominating Committee:

The name of Denise O'Brien was put forth for the vacant position of Vice-President. Her nomination was seconded and approved.

September Club Outing

Night Photography: Star Trailing and Light Painting

Thursday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. Location: Mike and Denise O'Brien's at 8522 N. 2300 East Rd. Downs, IL 61736. *Rt 150 to Downs, left on McLean County HW 36 (800 N.) drive east exactly 2 miles, left on 2300. 2nd house on left. Park down by barn, meet out in pasture.*

Bring your tri-pod, cable release, flashlight (preferably non-LED), and camera.

For the light painting the cameras should be able to shoot with ISO 2000, F2.8 for 30 seconds OR ISO 3200, F3.5 for 30 seconds.

Club Calendar

The first workshop of the season will be Thursday, September 11, 2014. We will start the evening with the CICCA competition. Submit up to a total of 8 digital images sized to 1400 x 1050 and named as follows: *Category letter-image number (with a leading 0)-club number-competition number (with a leading 0)-title ie: A-003-12-055-Summer Flower*

Submit digital entries to mlluxarch@frontier.com by 6:00 pm September 8, 2014.

Prints are due to Andrea Monninger by Sunday Sept. 7, 2014

Digital Categories:

- A: Nature
- B: Photo-Realistic
- C: Altered Reality

Print Categories:

- A: Small Monochrome
- B: Large Monochrome
- C: Small Color
- D: Large Color.

You may submit up to 8 prints total.

Following the competition we will have a workshop on Lightroom's Develop Module by Tom Ruland from the Peoria Camera Club.



September Outing Preparation Tips:

Part 1

<http://blog.topazlabs.com/shooting-for-the-stars/>

Part 2

http://blog.topazlabs.com/shooting-for-the-stars-ii-alister-benn/?mc_cid=0e006ee6f4&mc_eid=e83699195a

**McLean County Art Center
Film Noir 2014**



KodaRoamers at New Salem 2014



Lincoln Balloon Festival 2014

by Andrea Monninger



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 Lightroom, please contact one of the individuals below for one on one help.

KODAROAMERS MENTOR LIST				
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