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## October Workshop & Dinner Meeting

### October 10 - Workshop

Competition: PID  
Program: On Camera Flash - Study your manuals & bring your flash questions. - Tracy DeWeese  
Host: Nancy Saul

### October 22 - Dinner Meeting

Program: Southern IL/Shawnee Forest  
- Ann Husk  
Host: Whelan

# KODAROAMERS

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## President's Message

Well with September fleeting by, it is time to prepare for our October events. Our first PSA competition of the year will be at our October 10th workshop. The club will be selecting the top 6 images to represent KodaRoamers in the Group C regional PSA Projected Image Division (PID). That regional judging will be held in November. Each member may submit up to 4 images sized to 1024 x 768 maximum by 6:00 pm October 7th to [mlluxarch@frontier.com](mailto:mlluxarch@frontier.com)



The program that evening will be On Camera Flash by Tracy DeWeese. Tracy has asked us to study our flash manuals & bring your questions

October 22nd brings us to our dinner meeting and a program by Ann Husk on Southern Illinois.

## Be working on our images for the challenges this year

**Film Noir** - submit additional images by October 1, 2013 to Mike O'Brien [mobrien53@frontier.com](mailto:mobrien53@frontier.com)

**December** - Peoria Camera Club - Topic "Power" shot after 12/11/12

**April** - I 74 - Topic "Water" (any form) shot after 5/10/13

"A good snapshot keeps a moment from running away."

~Eudora Welty

## 2013 CICCA Fall Salon

On September 12th, KodaRoamers selected their 50 digital images and prints to represent KodaRoamers in the CICCA Fall Salon. The Fall Salon is being hosted by the Shutterbug Camera Club of Burlington IA. They invite the CICCA Clubs and their members to the 2013 Fall Club Salon to be held Saturday, October 12, 2013. This will be a one day event. No viewing fees will be charged.

### Schedule:

- 9:00 am - Print Judging followed by Projected Image judging
- 12:00 pm - lunch on your own
- 1:00 pm - Resume judging
- Business Meeting (at conclusion of judging)

Will be held at: Messiah Lutheran Church, 2411 West Ave, Burlington, IA

*Directions: from the intersection of Highway 61 & Highway 34, in Burlington. Go South on Highway 61, 1.1 miles and turn Left (East) on W. Avenue Road. Messiah Lutheran Church is 0.7 miles on the Right (South) side of the road. GPS coordinates: N 40° 49' 11.8" W 91° 08' 25.4"*

### A short list of area Hotels:

Comfort Suites Hotel (319) 753-1300  
 Super 8 Motel (319) 752-9806  
 Holiday Inn Express (319) 752-0000  
 Fairfield Inn & Suites 319-754-0000  
 Catfish Bend Inn & Casino (319) 753-2946

**Correction:** On page 5 of the Member Handbook please change the member listing for Embry to the correct spelling Embree.

## 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

Meng Horng

### Merit Awards

Roger Bunting

### Equipment

Mike Lux, Dave Weth

### Webmaster

Mike O'Brien

### Facebook Admin

Andrea Monninger, Mike Lux

### Nominating

Andrea Monninger, Past-Presidents



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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 Doris Kuppersmith, Brian Brakehill, and Ruel Wright.*

## Our Longest Tenured Members



**T**hirty-four years ago our second longest tenured member, Doris Kuppersmith, joined the KodaRoamers Camera Club. Interestingly

enough, she did not even own a camera at the time, but her long-time friend and former KRCC President Don Freese kept inviting her to "check it out" and also brought her to several dinners. Soon, Doris was involved, bought a camera, started taking pictures, entered competitions ["It was all slides back then!"], won numerous awards, and has been an active member ever since. She is now one of two members in KRCC with "Fellow" status – which means she has become a really good photographer and achieved a lot of award merit points. She currently serves as Club Historian, has been our Treasurer, and also a member of numerous committees over those three decades.

Doris was born in 1926 in Danvers, Illinois, one of three girls in her family of origin. After graduating from Danvers High School, she moved to Bloomington in 1944 to begin work in the accounting department at the downtown corporate offices of a fairly new insurance company – State Farm! Later she met and married Fred Kuppersmith, the owner of K and K Tool and Die. They were the parents of three children: Karen (now deceased), Rick (Bloomington), and Kristine (Sarasota, FL). After twenty-five years of marriage, Fred sadly had

a fatal heart attack and died forty years ago. Their lineage now extends to five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren (with two more "on the way").

One of her greatest joys of KRCC membership has been "the opportunity to meet so many interesting and different people all sharing the same passion for photography." She reports her favorite cameras are two Nikons, "but I still primarily just do slides – I've not moved into digital photography and probably won't." For many, many years she has vacationed in Florida and that remains her favorite place for picture-taking, especially all the variety of its birds. Doris also enjoys her flower gardens at home and serves as a regular volunteer on the staff at Crossroads.

## ... our two newest members joined in August!

**B**orn (1958) and raised in Bloomington/Normal, Brian Brakehill describes himself as



"I've always been a guy with a camera." Although he now uses a Canon 60d and Light Room editing software, his favorite camera is a pre-digital era one owned by his Dad – a Honeywell Pentax

with a 300 mm lens. He loves taking pictures in urban centers of old things, at sporting events, and most especially on the golf course. He is the unofficial photographer for the ISU Women's

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Golf Team, including traveling with the team, and has also photographed a number of LPGA Symetra tour players and events. Some of his prints have also been published in sporting magazines. Brian became acquainted with the KodaRoamers Camera Club through Mike O'Brien at work, the recommendation of his step-mother Sandy Brown who knows several KRCC members, and a web search. Why join now? "Because I have so much more to learn and will enjoy being with other photographers!"

After graduation from BHS, and while working at the City of Bloomington, Brian earned a Bachelors and a Masters degree in Sociology at ISU. He worked primarily in the Engineering Department and eventually became the Deputy City Manager, until taking an early retirement five years ago. Tina, his wife of 27 years, and he met while working at Shanigan's Restaurant in downtown Bloomington. She is currently adjunct faculty in the History Department at ISU.

Besides photography, he enjoys playing golf, though Brian reports "I'm terrible at it. At least with the camera, I'm always hitting at what I aim! and probably why I enjoy it so much!!" We're glad you do, Brian, and we welcome you to KRCC.

**D**r. Ruel Wright just retired from his twenty-year cardiovascular surgery practice here in Bloomington/Normal with deep appreciation for the many treasured relationships it developed. He is now looking forward to the ability to spend more time pursuing many old and new interests; among them, his lifelong passion for photography. His friend, colleague, and neighbor Dr. Meng Horng encouraged Ruel to join KodaRoamers as part of that journey, we're glad he did.



Ruel was born in Beaumont, Texas, in June 1948, as the oldest of four children. He grew up primarily in Dearborn, Michigan, and graduated from high school there. He then attended the University of Chicago for his Bachelors degree, the University of Michigan Medical School, and also did post-graduate surgical residencies at the University of Illinois Hospital. His first medical practice was in Little Rock, Arkansas, which is where he also met Judy, a nurse and his future wife. They moved to Bloomington in 1991 when he joined Illinois Cardiac Surgery Associates. Ruel and Judy have two children (a son in Albuquerque and a daughter in Chicago) and two grandchildren in Chicago.

His love of photography began "way back when I was a kid. My grandfather was an ardent photographer, as was my father – whose specialty seemed to be the backs of people's heads!" One of Ruel's favorite possessions is an original black and white picture his grandfather took of the Lincoln Memorial that won multiple awards and also hung in the Museum of Science and Industry for many years. In earlier years, Ruel had even converted a bedroom in one of their homes into a darkroom. His current cameras include a Nikon SLR and his iPhone. He especially loves travel photography and taking candid pictures of their grandchildren. One of his favorite sites came from a recent cruise in the Baltic and the many beautiful places in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Other hobbies include bike riding, theater, gourmet restaurants, the visual arts and gallery tours, and working on his golf game. Here in the community, he has been active on the BroMenn Board of Directors and the St. Joseph Hospital Foundation Council, is a District Trustee for the Illinois State Medical Society, and recently joined the Young Men's Club.

## "Dive" Photo Exhibit Extended to Oct. 13

**D**ive: Recent Images of Camp-Humiston Memorial Pool," a photographic exhibition now showing at the Pontiac Community Art Center, has been extended to Sunday, October 13. It had originally been scheduled to close at the end of the month on September 30.

Pam Beeson and Constance Kostelc were given special permission this past spring to photograph the interior of the historic Camp-Humiston Memorial Pool. The rare above ground pool opened in Chautauqua Park in 1925. It has been closed to the public since August 21, 2001.

The photographs may be viewed during regular gallery hour at the Pontiac Community Art Center – Monday through Friday 10am - 5pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am - 4pm.

The gallery is located on the north side of the square in downtown Pontiac at 103 W. Madison St.

## Sad News

**C**onnie Wisley, wife of one of our judges, Forrest Wisley, passed away on September 13th from an aggressive cancer. Please keep the Wisley family in your prayers.



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## Photography Tips

The following links will lead you to some interesting websites to help you improve your photographs.

### On Camera Flash Basics

<http://www.adorama.com/alc/0012821/article/On-Camera-Flash-Basics-AdoramaTV>

### How to Get Better Lighting from Your On-Camera Flash

<http://www.digital-photography-school.com/8-on-camera-flash-tips-how-to-get-better-lighting-from-your-on-camera-flash>

### External Flash Techniques Anyone Can Understand

<http://www.digitalcameraworld.com/2012/10/31/flash-photography-tips-external-flash-units-anyone-can-understand/>

### When You Need an External Flash in Photography

<http://www.picturecorrect.com/tips/when-you-need-an-external-flash-in-photography/>

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*Do you have a favorite website that you go to for photography tips and techniques? Send your links to Carrie at [kodaroamersmail@gmail.com](mailto:kodaroamersmail@gmail.com) and we'll include them in the next edition!*

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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)



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## Annual Summer Weekend of Photography and Digital Imaging

The Southwestern Michigan Council of Camera Clubs' Annual Summer Weekend of Photography and Digital Imaging "was awesome!!" according to KRCC member Wyn Knapp, who attended this year's event held August 1-4. 2013 represented the 39th year SWMCC has sponsored this nationally recognized, premier educational weekend experience for beginner through advanced photographers. It is held every summer on the campus of Hope College in beautiful Holland, MI (*about 250 miles from B/N, a four and half hour drive*). The Weekend begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday at noon.

Wyn reported "the Michigan Council has been doing it so long, they truly know how to plan and host a great weekend." He just wished they had signed-up earlier as all the local hotels were fully booked by the time they decided to attend and they had to use the student residence halls option, which involved small rooms and shared bathrooms – "but that was okay, we weren't in it that long. The meal ticket food was good, the downtown shopping areas were wonderfully quaint, and the campus beautiful. We had a great time and I attended six helpful workshops, heard some stimulating lectures, and participated on several shoots. I learned lots! Our dog even enjoyed its kennel there! I highly recommend this event to all KRCC members."

We know KRCC members Andrea Monninger, Vandana Bajikar, and David & Gail Scoates have also attended in previous years. The dates for 2014 are July 31-August 3. Learn more at: [www.swmccc.org](http://www.swmccc.org)

In case you're interested, the workshops Wyn attended were: Nature's Elusive Beauty; Macro 101; Autumn Landscapes in Michigan's UP; Art versus Technology; What's New in Adobe Photoshop Elements; and Phoneography. The Best Camera is the One You Have with You.

## Allerton Park Photo Shoot

KodaRoamers are planning another outing to Allerton Park on Sunday, October 13th, 3:30pm. We are planning on having two models in costume at two locations: Oriental Foo Dog Garden & Sunken Garden. Model donation is \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple. *The goal is to give each model \$50.00 so your donation could be less if more people than 10 members participate.*

We will conclude with dinner at a local Monticello restaurant at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP to Denise O'Brien at 309-378-2033 or [dobrien@tri-valley3.org](mailto:dobrien@tri-valley3.org) by October 8th to assure enough participation, to arrange model transportation, costuming, and model fee.

The outing will be cancelled if the weather is bad. The address is 515 Old Timber Rd., Monticello, IL 61856

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**CAPS** (*Chicago Area Photography School*) Sunday, November 17, 2013

Once every two years, CACCA pulls together the largest one day photo school in the Midwest. *Since they moved it from Chicago to Elgin, it is more accessible to most of us in CACCA.* Held at Elgin Community College Business Conference Center, CAPS is featuring this year Roman Kuryczwak as their half-day keynote presenter and you can choose from 22 other classes for the other half of your day.

This is one photography event which WILL fill up and turn late registrants away, so you probably want to register well before the November 1st deadline.

Most CACCA clubs have members who have attended in the past to ask for details or go to their website: <http://caps.caccaweb.com>

## Studio Lighting Photo Shoot

**A**t this fall's photo shoot you will have an opportunity to photograph models with studio and natural lighting set ups. We'll provide the set ups, the models, and a variety of props. *This is open to Peoria Camera Club and KodaRoamers Club members only.*

This event is free but to help cover model and refreshment expenses we are asking for a maximum donation of \$10 per person. Arrive at 8am if you want to spend some time in the morning learning how to set up and arrange the lighting and see how it can affect the pictures. The models will arrive at 9am. Refreshments will be provided in the morning, many restaurants are nearby for lunch.

We'll be setting up on Friday, Nov 8 starting at 1pm, so feel free to stop by and help.

If you have any questions contact Carl Close at (309) 339-6112 or [carlwclose@mchsi.com](mailto:carlwclose@mchsi.com)

**Saturday Nov 9, 2013  
8am to 4pm – Immanuel Lutheran  
Church - 4911 N Knoxville Ave,  
Peoria**

## Shades of Summer: Discover Parklands

**A** watercolor by Denise O'Brien has been selected for exhibit at the McLean County Arts Center exhibit "Shades of Summer: Discover Parklands" running through October 26th in the Armstrong Gallery.



## Travel and Leisure magazine (July 2013) Recommendations

A. Best Digital Photo Editing Software Programs and Apps

- Lightroom 5 [\$149; Mac/Windows]
- Elements 11 [\$99; Mac/Windows]
- Camera + [\$0.99; iOS, iPad]
- Photoshop Touch [\$4.99; Android, iOS, iPad, Kindle Fire]
- Snapseed [Free; Android, iOS, iPad]
- iPhoto [\$4.99; iOS, iPad]
- Cinemagram [Free; Android, iOS, iPad]

B. "Best Ways to Store Your Photos Online"

- Dropbox [2GB free; 100GB @ \$99/year]
- Microsoft Skydrive [7GB free; Annual packages from \$10]
- Google Drive [15GB free; 100 GB @ \$4.99/month]
- SmugMug [\$60/year for unlimited use]

More article details are available in the print journal or online. Do KRCC members have any differing recommendations or evaluations? We'd love to have your input to share as well!

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"What i like about photographs is that they capture a moment that's gone forever, impossible to reproduce."

~Karl Lagerfeld

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## "Ask Bob Rankin"

**T**his is an interesting Internet Blog providing "expert technical support" for a variety of Internet and computer hardware/software questions.

Bob recently dealt with the question "Are Digital Cameras Obsolete?" See what he has to say about the emergence of Smartphone cameras, etc. What do you think?

Check it out at: [http://askbobrankin.com/are\\_digital\\_cameras\\_obsolete.html](http://askbobrankin.com/are_digital_cameras_obsolete.html)

## Local Continuing Education for Photographers

**@ Heartland Community College**  
1500 West Raab Road, Normal  
*(Look for the Community Education Catalog mailing or pick-up at local libraries)*

1. Digital Photography Basics –SLR Cameras

Six Sessions Tuesday and Thursday –  
Oct 22 - Nov 5, 5:30-8:30 pm

2. Adobe Photoshop Elements  
*(new instructor – Ms. Christy Kern)*

Intermediate: Three Sessions  
Mondays, Sept 30 - Oct 14, 6-9 pm

## @ He Clicks - She Clicks Photography Center

101 South Gridley St, Bloomington  
*More details available on their website  
[www.heclickssheclicks.com](http://www.heclickssheclicks.com)*

1. Digital Darkroom 4 week class (Oct 2, 9, 16 and 23) An introduction to Adobe Photoshop Elements.

2. Day Trip Adventure to Starved Rock and Mathiessen State Park  
Sunday, October 27th, 8 am - 5 pm

3. Night Photography Workshop  
Techniques for getting the most from your nighttime photographs.  
November 6, 7pm - 9pm

4. Sports Photography Workshop  
Basic equipment and settings to take your sports photography to the next level.

November 13, 7pm - 9pm

5. Intro to Flash Workshop  
How to use external camera flash on and off camera.

Novemebr 20, 7pm - 9pm



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## Fall Colors

Autumn is the perfect time to take a scenic drive and photograph the fall colors. The following links will guide you with photography tips and foliage reports.

### Fall Foliage Part 1 and 2

[http://www.outdoorphotographer.com/how-to/tip-of-the-week/fall-foliage-photo-tips-part-1.html?utm\\_source=newslettertotw&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=OPTOTWeNews\\_100812](http://www.outdoorphotographer.com/how-to/tip-of-the-week/fall-foliage-photo-tips-part-1.html?utm_source=newslettertotw&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=OPTOTWeNews_100812)

[http://www.outdoorphotographer.com/how-to/tip-of-the-week/fall-foliage-photo-tips-part-2.html?utm\\_source=newslettertotw&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=OPTOTWeNews\\_101512](http://www.outdoorphotographer.com/how-to/tip-of-the-week/fall-foliage-photo-tips-part-2.html?utm_source=newslettertotw&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=OPTOTWeNews_101512)

### Tips for Photographing Fall Color

<http://photonaturalist.net/tips-for-photographing-fall-color/>

### 10 Tips for Fall

[http://www.outdoorphotographer.com/how-to/shooting/10-tips-for-fall.html?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=OPeNewsSept\\_091113](http://www.outdoorphotographer.com/how-to/shooting/10-tips-for-fall.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=OPeNewsSept_091113)

### Fall Foliage Map

<http://www.weather.com/outlook/driving/fallfoliage/regiondetail/il2>

### Illinois Fall Foliage

<http://www.chiff.com/travel/illinois-foliage.htm>

### Enjoy Illinois

<http://www.enjoyillinois.com/seasonal/fall>



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## September Meeting

### Minutes

On September 24, 2013 KodaRoamers Camera Club held their first dinner meeting of the new season with Mike Lux presiding at the meeting which followed a delicious meatloaf dinner. Birthdays and anniversaries from June, July, August, and September were shared and well wishes were given to all.

Mike announced that the next workshop would be held on October 10th and all images sent for the PSA competition should be sent via email at 1024 X 768 DPI. These images will be judged at the workshop. Tracy DeWeese will present a program on "on camera" flash and asks that we brush up on what our camera owners' manuals say about this topic before the meeting....or at least bring your manual with you that evening.

The CICCA competition that was held at the last workshop provided 50 images to go on for that competition. Winning images had a score of 21 points or better from the judges.

Mike Lux asked that we continue to work on images for the Challenge competition with Peoria, with the subject matter being "Power." These images must have been exposed AFTER December 12th of 2012. Another competition to be working on is the I-74 competition with Champaign with the topic of "Water", which may be in any form, and should have images exposed AFTER May 10, 2013.

Denise O'Brien is organizing a KodaRoamer's photo shoot to Allerton Park on October 13th at 3:30 pm. It was discussed whether this should be done with or without models and seemed to be an even tie when a vote was taken. There will be a charge for attending if a model is used and since this was suggested by and organized by Denise, the thought is that it will be done with a model. The plan includes dinner at a restaurant in Monticello following the photo shoot. Anyone interested

in attending should contact Denise as soon as possible.

The Shades of Summer art exhibit at McLean County Art center includes the art work of our member, Denise O'Brien, a painting she did from a photo that she took of bluebells at Parklands Nature Center. It will be on display for a few weeks yet.

The business meeting was concluded and Mabel Lux presented a program on Svalbard and Norway.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mabel Lux, Secretary

## Buy/Sell Swap

For Sale—tripod and ball head. Items are in excellent condition. Purchase Price Is \$175 or best offer.

To purchase, contact:

Wyn Knapp

Bloomington IL Pickup Point

Email: [wynknapp@me.com](mailto:wynknapp@me.com)

Cell: 858/945-6636

Manfrotto 3021BPRO  
Tripod Legs (Black) -  
Supports 13.3 lb (6 kg)



Designed for professional use, the 3021Pro can easily hold anything from 35mm to small view camera systems.



Manfrotto 488RC2  
Midi Ball Head  
with Rapid Connect  
2 System (Quick  
Release)

The 488 features a double-groove for rapid side-to-side movement, and a separate fast-action ratchet lever for 360° pan and easy to grip locking knob for +90°-90° tilt movements.

If you are looking to buy or sell any photo gear send your info to Carrie at [kodaroamersmail@gmail.com](mailto:kodaroamersmail@gmail.com) and you can list it here!