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PRESIDENT'S LETTER FOR AUGUST

I would like to thank Rob Hull for his great class on Lightroom last month. He had as many people as we had for the meeting. That is a testament to his popularity and knowledge. Thank you, Rob.

I am proud to say we have 157 club members now. We keep growing ever so slowly. Often, we get new members that only stay around for a short time. We must not be giving them what they want, but we have many members that have been around for a long time.

I want to challenge all our members to give the club leadership any concerns or suggestions that they would like to see implemented. You can do this verbally during the snacks at the end of the club meetings or send us an email. That information is included in each monthly newsletter.

(Editor's Note: you can find contact information for all the club officers at the end of every newsletter.)

About a dozen of us members attended the field trip at the Dallas World Aquarium on July 21st. So, did most of Dallas. As usual the place is jammed on Saturday with young families and the accompanying strollers. You couldn't use a tripod down there if your life depended on it. It was cool but humid inside and 108 degrees outside. No wonder most of Dallas was there. I posted 6 images on our Facebook page so no need here. Jerry will have them also in his slideshow at the meeting. As usual Jerry did a great job with reservations for lunch and we all sat together.



I am also happy to report that my Physical Therapy is really helping me a lot. I was able to walk around the Aquarium almost like a regular human being. 6 months ago, that would have been out of the question. I have found that sitting in front of a computer for long periods of time is the most damaging activity I can do. I am also going to the gym a couple days a week.

We have the Annual Table Top Workshop coming up on August 4th, which is ahead of our regular meeting. Jerry has lined up a great group of presenters, so make sure you plan to attend. This is always a fun event and if you want to learn a new photo technique, this is the place to be. The club will provide a lunch for you also.

Also coming up is the morning class for September. It will be Macro and Focus Stacking by Irwin Lightstone. His presentations are always exciting and excellent in content. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 8th.

Thanks for listening and see you on August 4th at the Table Top.

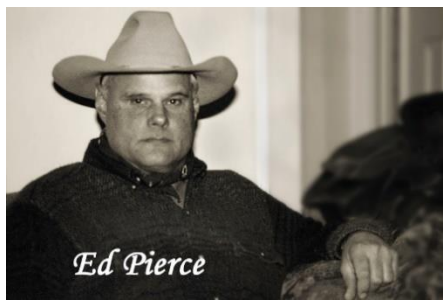
R.E. (Ron) Marabito, President

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Below are the July Refreshment Volunteers:

- Phyllis Fosdick
- Debbie Nielsen
 - Brigitte Kiba
- Clive Fernando
 - Jerry Reece
 - John Yates



Be sure to sign up at the next meeting to bring snacks to a future meeting. If you would prefer to just give some **money** for refreshments, that's ok too. Please make donations to the club by way of Club Treasurer, **Peter Gilbert**. Thanks to all that contribute to making our meetings more enjoyable!

August 2018 Table Top Event

Science Resource Center

Heard Museum & Sanctuary

Saturday, August 4th

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Note: This article has minor updates from the article appearing in the July Newsletter.

If you did not sign up at a club meeting, come anyway.

You are welcome.

Come join us at the Science Resource Building right here at the Heard. It is the building to the north of the building where club meetings are held and at the end of the north parking lot. You really can't miss it. **Yes, it is an "air-conditioned indoor event"**. Snacks, including sandwiches, provided by the club will be available near noon time.



Table top set-ups include some brand-new stations and some returning from past years in addition to two speakers. This is a chance to learn some new photography techniques and have a hands-on opportunity to work with some of our experienced photographers. New stations include: Zoom burst and zoom spiral, high speed water splashes in a darkened room using a camera trigger, the CamRanger, shooting through crystal balls, shooting through swirly vases, using a light tent and image mounting ideas. The frozen flowers, aquarium splash and others will be back. Each of the stations will have someone nearby to assist and to answer your questions.



Larry Wechsler will be doing two sessions of a program on *Pumping Up Your Landscapes Using Exposure Blending & Luminosity Masking*. Mike Cameron will be doing one session focusing on *Equipment for Bird Photography* and one session covering his *Washington Birding Trip*. Larry and Mike will be doing two sessions each. If you wish to attend any of the sessions arrive early as signups for the sessions begins at 10:00 am and historically these sessions fill up quickly.

Tom Martin and Sam Lucas will be demonstrating the CamRanger – a wireless tethering device. There will be three 30 minutes sessions: 10:15, 11:15 and 12:15. A signup sheet will also be at the registration table.

Bring your camera & tripod (A monopod and/or hand held will work for many.), cards, batteries, etc. For one or two stations a 2 or 3 stop ND Filter (or at least a polarizer) may be helpful. Useful lenses include a medium focal length to short telephoto lens or zoom, particularly one that can focus fairly close and a macro if you have one – if not a macro, extension tubes or close up focusing filters. Since your car will be close, you don't have to carry everything at once yet still have a variety of equipment available. If you don't have the specific lenses mentioned come anyway with your favorite lenses. There will be plenty for you to do.

If you have a lens with a lens cradle mount that can focus as close as 5 feet, it would be useful for the zoom bursts and spirals. If not, you can practice with a lens and camera already there and if you bring a spare SD card you can take your image home with you.

Participation is limited to members only. If a non-member comes with you, that person may join the club at the registration table.

July Field Trip Report

Twelve of us enjoyed a reasonably cool, for July, field trip to the Dallas World Aquarium. Animals were cooperative (except for the Ocelot) and all was in blazing color. Most of us met at 11:30 for a lunch together at one of the cafes in the aquarium.

There was no shortage of strollers and young children. But, we were glad (mostly) to share the fun with the kids. Actually, some were more interesting in their antics than the exhibits.

Advanced Planning Notice

Revised Schedule for September-December 2018

- Sept. 22 Fort Worth Zoo – A modified photo scavenger hunt**
- Oct. 20 John Bunker Sands Wetlands – Bird and other photography** This trip will be led and coordinated by Mike Cameron, an excellent bird photographer.
- Nov. 17 Fort Worth Japanese Gardens – Fall Color**
- Dec. 1 Hagerman National Wildlife Reserve – Snow Geese, Etc.**

These dates are tentative and subject to change due to weather, bird migration and timing of fall color.

Jerry Reece,

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AUGUST PROGRAM

BY ELISABETH SHORE, VP

Our August program will feature Brien Aho, a Nikon Professional Services Technical Representative. His program will cover his photography as a multi-award-winning retired Navy photojournalist with tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as his global travels with Nikon. He is a graduate of the Military Photojournalism program at Syracuse University.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our August 11 meeting.
Elisabeth

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MEMBER'S FORUM

If you have items to sale, stories to tell, or just want to express your opinion on topics related to nature and photography, please send me some words and pictures I can put in upcoming newsletters.

From Peter Gilbert: Here's a quick tip for Photoshop CC 2018:

To eliminate any (unwanted) color cast in an image, open a Curves Layer, then click on the symbol at the very top right of the Curves box that comes up (looks like a rectangle with horizontal lines through it). You will get a fly-out list of options; select Auto Options, then a second dialog box opens. Select "Find Dark & Light Colors", check the box "Snap Neutral Midtones", then check the box "Save as default" if you want to make this your default Curves option. If you do make this your default, in future, if you add a Curves Layer then just click the "Auto" option at top-right, you get a neutral color-balanced image.

FOR SALE

I have a brand-new Olympus system for sale. I bought it from B & H several months ago thinking I would get out more if I had a lighter camera, but I never took it out of the house — my back is too bad. I will sell the camera and 2 PRO lenses at a little under 75% of what I paid for it. I have an OM-D E Mark 5-ii black body (\$749), a 12-40mm f2.8 PRO lens (\$799), and a 40-150mm f2.8 PRO lens (\$1299). The total price was \$2847, I will take \$2100 for the lot. I will throw in an aftermarket manual (list \$39.95). This stuff is brand new in the box.

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TIPS AND COMMENTARY

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

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From Elinore Hite: I had no idea that Amazon records your voice if you use Alexa and keeps the recordings.

<http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2018/07/28/5-amazon-obscurer-settings-should-change-now.html>

Take a few minutes to secure your Amazon activity, if you use it. If not, be glad you don't!

Have a nice day, Elinor

GSCCC Report

The 2019 Annual Conference hosted by the Dallas Camera Club
Will be held May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th 2019. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact
lpetterborg@gmail.com

JULY PROJECTED NATURE RESULTS



Antelope Canyon by Peter Gilbert. 12 pts.



Catfish Special by Alan Daniel. 9 pts.



Leo by Lee Hatfield. 11 pts.



Meercat by Bud Mallar. 10 pts.

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<http://www.psa-photo.org/>

<http://www.gulfstatesccc.org/>

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Monthly Meeting

11 August 2018

1:30 PM

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