Tom McCabe: The Milky Way over Joshua Tree

“The horizon is the fine line between golden hour and blue hour.”

– Destin Sparks
Are you using the resources within our club to the fullest? Are you tapping the vast knowledge and skills waiting to help? Knowing who has the knowledge and skills to help you has not always been easy.

Our recent club survey was designed, in part, to identify those individuals willing to help and share their special photography skills and knowledge. We received some very valuable information about people’s skills and knowledge, as well as suggestions for ways we can improve our club. It is exactly the type of information we need. With the results of this survey, I believe we will be able to design a process that will help you tap into the vast knowledge within our club.

Thank you to all who took the time to complete the survey. The survey committee, lead by Bob Dumon, will now analyze the results and present a draft action plan to the executive board. The board will work with the committee to finalize an action plan which will be presented at our July meeting.

I believe that with the results of this survey, you will have another resource to tap when you run into those photography problems and aren’t sure what to do.

John B. Steady
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Coastal Photo Club
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COASTAL PHOTO CLUB INC.
MONTHLY TREASURER’S REPORT – MAY 2019

BEGINNING BALANCE - $3,996.02
DEPOSITS: NONE
SUB TOTAL: $3,996.02

EXPENSES:
PURCHASE EQUIPMENT CART - 32.09
U.S. POSTAL BOX RENTAL 1 YR 100.06
ENDING BALANCE $3,857.93

NURSING HOME BALANCE: 404.47
AVAILABLE CLUB BALANCE $3,453.46

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, 5/29/19
Mary O’Neill

COASTAL PHOTO CLUB
Monthly Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2019
Submitted by Bob Dumon, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 9:35 by V. President, Alan Welch
No visitors in attendance, although Bob Manning did attend after a four months absence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS from Alan
• There is a studio tour available today for those interested in seeing one. Alan indicated he highly recommends it! The work of one of the judges from our Spring Competition, Heidi DeBella, is on display.
• The New Bern Antique Car show is also in downtown today.
• There will be a new photo exhibit at the New Bern Library in August. Details to come at a later date.
• Our mini-comp vote totals will be available here at the podium after the meeting for those who entered the competition and would like to see your vote total, but you’ll need to remember the number(s) assigned to your entries.

UPCOMING PHOTO TRIPS:
• Historic Downtown trips
• Beaufort NC Sat 5/18
• New Bern NC Wed 5/22
• On Saturday, June 1st there will be a nautical sunRISE outing at Snead’s Ferry. We’ll capture the
sunrise and take photos of it, as well as shrimp boats going out, and other various seaside items.
• On Thursday, June 13, there will be a sunSET outing in Jacksonville. That one will be at the Marina Café at 110 S. Marine Blvd. We’ll shoot some nice photos and then sit down and have dinner, so it will be a combination photoshoot and social gathering.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS
• Patriot Golf Day fundraiser, benefiting the Folds of Honor Foundation, which provided educational scholarships for children and spouses of military servicemen and women killed or disabled while serving our country. We still need two volunteers – Friday evening, May 31, and Saturday morning, June 1st. If you can help out on either of these dates, please contact John Steady, NOT Alan!
• At the Howell Center Prom, on Friday, May 31, we need TEN volunteers to help setup our photo stations and to take photos. If you’ve never worked one of these events, Alan encouraged the members to participate in this one, indicating it is one of the most rewarding things you’ll ever do with your camera.

LUNCH??? No takers today, as folks seemed to be headed to the Car Show instead.

WEB SITE STATISTICS
Alan presented data indicating how much activity our website has had over the last month, as follow:
• 1,946 visitors to our website
• 6,671 page views
• 3.5 average page views per visitor
The reaction from the membership was VERY positive!

GROUP PHOTO CRITIQUES
Eight photos were selected to be evaluated this month, with all of them receiving constructive criticism by the attending members.

Mini-Comp
Members viewed and voted on the photos submitted this month in the color and black and white categories. There were no Digital Manipulation entries.

FOLKS JOURNAL
Mike Vaughn told us about a magazine published locally, and specifically about a column he will have in each issue, entitled, “Behind the Shot”. In it Mike will interview members of our club to determine details involved in making the photo, e.g., technical settings, what motivated the photographer to take the shot, what story he/she was trying to tell with the photo, and other aspects involved in creating the image. Alan Welch is one of our members whose work will be featured in an upcoming issue. If interested in volunteering some of your work, contact Mike Vaughn. This is a good opportunity to present our work to the public and to grow awareness of our club.

HOW TO DEMONSTRATIONS
Alan, Ed Hall and Rick had stations set up from which they demonstrated the following:
• Alan – How to inexpensively mount photos for submitting in competition
• Ed – How to calibrate your monitor as well as how to clean your camera’s sensor
• Rick Meyer – How to conduct basic camera maintenance
The consensus from the group afterward was that all three stations provided excellent “how to” in formation.

MINI-COMP WINNERS
Sue Williams announce the winning photo in the MONOCHROME group was:
The Little Gardener, by Marty Pitcairn
Sue then announced that there was a three-way tie in the COLOR competition today:
- Bending in the Spring Breeze, also by Marty Pitcairn.
- Enchantment by Pat Lineback
- Floating Among the Lily Pads, also by Pat Lineback.

Alan announced our next meeting will be June 8, and the mini-comp topic will be SHADOWS.

Ed Hall reminded the group to be thinking about participating in the MS Bike Ride again this year. The event takes place in the Fall, and specific times/dates will be announced later. Marty Pitcairn said she has a town house on the traffic circle if anyone would like to stop by and shoot from there as it offers an interesting perspective from which to shoot.

Alan then closed the meeting at 10:48 a.m. $
Meeting Photos -5.11.19

Photos by Kathy Tucci

A few of the members at Meeting
5.11.2019
Congratulations to our Mini-Comp Winners!

**TOPIC:** Gardens

**COLOR:** Marty Pitcairn

*Bending in the Spring Breeze*

**COLOR:** Pat Lineback

*Enchantment*

**COLOR:** Pat Lineback

*Floating among the Lily Pads*

**MONOCHROME:** Marty Pitcairn

*The Little Gardener*

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**Welcome New Member**

**Frank Longo**

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**Photography Tips**

*from Ken Haigler*

I got an email from *The Photo Argus* and there was an article that might interest some of you. The article “10+ Free eBooks for Digital Photography” met my favourite price level. While Photo Argus gives information on each of the ebooks, they provide a hyperlink to *Photzy.com* who is actually presenting the ebooks. The subjects covered include:

**Photography Fundamentals:**
- 10 Camera Controls Every Photographer Should Know
- The 7 Fundamental Skills You Need to Make Your Photos Pop
- How to Become a Confident Photographer

**Post-processing**
- App Editing
- Reasons to Use a Drawing Tablet for Photo Editing
- Color Versus Black and White

**Portrait Photography**
- Headshots 101
- Guide to Self Portraiture
- How to Shoot Great Portraits with 1 Light

**Landscape Photography**
- Short Guide to Landscape Photography
- Essential Equipment for Landscape Photography
- 7 Easy Tactics for Coastal Landscape Photography

*Try one or more ebooks and enjoy. Learn more! ~ Ken*
WHAT’S COMING UP
from John Steady

• CLUB MEETING –
Saturday, June 8th, 9:30AM
Ron Snipes – Videographer
Group Photo Critique
Buy/Swap/Sell Tables available
Mini Comp Topic – “Shadows”

Group Photo Critique: If you have a photo you
would like critiqued by the Club, send it to me. Please
size your photos for our projector as shown on our
members-only website graphical standards. If you
have problems let me know. Photographers’ names
will be revealed only if they want.
Email: cpcnewbern@gmail.com

Getting opinions from several people about your
photos can be a valuable tool for improving your
photography. Several members have commented
on how much they’ve learned from these sessions.

Want a refresher on how to critique a photo? Click
here to see slides of the September, 2018
presentation.
https://files.constantcontact.com/80b68585701/fea51537-
24c8-4b53-920b-d1ae6a36fa60.pdf

• Nautical Photo Outings
Jacksonville - Thursday, June 13 (Sunset)
This trip will challenge you to tell a nautical story
through your photo(s)! A sunset will be a bonus if
nature cooperates for us.
Here’s your chance to capture some stunning
photos to enter next month mini comp.
Members sign up only:
https://cpcmembersonly.weebly.com/uploads/1/6/3/9/16390-
820/2019__06__june_cpc_trip__nautical_-_sneads_ferry.pdf

As an added bonus, the July mini comp topic will be
(you guessed it) “Nautical.”

• HOWELL CENTER PROM
Friday, May 31st 6:00 - 8:30pm
As in the past, we will set up two or three single-light
portrait studios and take photos of the prom guests.
The photos will be printed on-site by volunteers from
the Civitan Club of New Bern. In addition, we will
have one or two “roving” photographers to capture
the action on the dance floor and other candid shots.
The Howell Center is a facility that cares for severely
handicapped individuals.
Click here to see more details and sign up:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4fa9aa22abf58-
howell

• OTHER ACTIVITIES:
F11 and Be There
Thanks to member, Tom McCabe for sharing this
information.
Members of Cary Photographic Artists are
honored to host the Burk Uzzle documentary film
screening of F11 and Be There on June 12 and
would like to share the event with fellow photog-
raphy lovers!! Check out this flyer for details.
https://files.constantcontact.com/80b68585701/a3361e8d-
9df7-480e-ba8c-4c0188b6c2fa.pdf

Burk and filmmaker Jethro Waters will be at the
show and for a short Q&A discussion afterward.
Photographer Chris Ogden will moderate.

You have probably seen some of Burk’s photos. He
has documented many of the most memorable
events in history including Woodstock, MLK’s
funeral, and Cambodia refugees.
The Great Trent River Raft Race
Union Point
Saturday, June 22nd
Thank you Dave Hilbert and Alan Welch for
volunteering to help photograph this event.
This should be a fun photo opportunity. And you
can help the organization by volunteering to take
photos of the event for them. They would like
photos from throughout the day. It’s about 4-5
hours of candid shots, check-ins, and pictures of
the rafts on the water. If you’re interested in help-
ing Dave and Alan, let me know and I’ll put you in
touch with all the right people.

• CLUB MEETING
Saturday, July 13th, 9:30am
Presentation - To be Determined
Group Photo Critique
Mini Comp Topic - “Nautical”
Photo Project for New Bern Historical Society
I met with Jim Hodges last week to discuss this
project. Jim is the curator for the society and a
walking encyclopedia of New Bern’s past. Our
vision is to create what the historical society will
call the "2019 Coastal Photo Club Collection". This collection of photos will document life in downtown New Bern as well as historic buildings and landmarks. It will document some businesses in New Bern that might not be very historic today; but, one or two hundred years from now, as people look back at what New Bern was like in 2019, those businesses will be part of the history because we captured the photos!

Eighteen members have signed up to help create the "2019 Coastal Photo Club Collection". This project will take place over the next few months. People will be able to work on assignments when convenient. They can also team up with a more experienced member. Lots of flexibility here.

If you want to join this team, Members sign up only: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4fa9aa22abf58-newbern1

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OFFERS PHOTO EXHIBIT ON WHAT "HOME" MEANS
from Sue Williams

Press Release from: Deedra Durocher

“Everyone, all of us, every last person on God’s earth – deserves decent shelter. It speaks to the most basic of human needs, our home, from which all of us either blossom or wither.”

This was one of the driving concepts when Millard and Linda Fuller founded Habitat for Humanity in 1976.

A PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE DIRECTOR’S WALL AT THE BANK OF THE ARTS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE TO REINFORCE THIS CONCEPT.

The assortment of images, collected from photographers throughout Craven County, are meant to show the variety of shelters that are critical to the hope, security and stability for all creatures, regardless of the species. We hope this exhibit encourages viewers to think of what "Home" really means in a variety of definitions.

This photography exhibit is part of Habitat for Humanity of Craven County’s 30th Anniversary recognition. Susan Williams of Neuse River Photography has volunteered to coordinate this exhibit and looks forward to several of the photographers being present during ArtWalk in June.

Habitat for Humanity of Craven County was established in 1989 and will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary at an event on June 22 at the NC History Center.

The affiliate has worked with partner families to build 66 homes, impacting 105 adults and over 120 children. Of these 66 homes, 16 homeowners have fully paid off their mortgages and there have been no foreclosures. In addition, through an annual Tithe program with Habitat for Humanity International, Habitat for Humanity of Craven County has funded the building of 41 homes in various countries in the world. Construction is currently underway on three new homes and a Critical Repairs Program has been established to assist homeowners, especially veterans, with home repairs following damages from Hurricane Florence. There is a lot going on at the local affiliate to address affordable housing concerns in our community and to create strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

For more information, visit www.cravencounty-habitat.org or contact the Habitat for Humanity of Craven County offices at 252-633-9599.

Sue Williams is coordinating the Habitat “Home” project for Coastal Photo Club.

These are the CPC members participating in the Habitat for Humanity display.

Kathy Curtis, Robert Dumon, Evie Chang Henderson, Carol Krom Archie Lewis, Alan Welch, Sue Williams, Mary Steinman Wynn
JUNE PHOTO CHALLENGE: Photographing the Mundane
by Robbin Haigler

After receiving a FREE copy of David Veldman’s guide, 7 Ways to Shoot the Mundane, my initial thought was to give his suggestions a try and share some of the results via the newsletter. However, after a conversation with a fellow club member while on our recent Historical New Bern trip the thought has occurred to me to create this challenge and invite others (you) to participate with me. This is the introduction you will find on the web page: “It’s easy to get excited about getting our camera out when we’re on vacation. It’s not so easy when we are stuck at home.”

What is the definition of “mundane”?
Mun-dane (ɪˈməndən) adjective 1. lacking interest or excitement; dull.

I think we can all relate to that word, “dull”. Most of us spend most of our time in familiar surroundings. How do we stay excited with our photography? Use the mundane as a tool to becoming a better photographer! When we explore our mundane world, with a fresh perspective, even a knot on a tree trunk can become a visual delight! David Veldman has written an awesome guide that gives you solid tips and suggestions on how to rediscover the world that is close to you.

There isn’t a single one of us who couldn’t use a little kick in the pants on this subject…

David will talk about -
• Don’t let your location drag you down. There are exciting images everywhere!
• How to use the “mundane” to sharpen your creative eye.

• Learn to see ‘into a subject’ - not just what it physically is - but see shape, color, shadow, and light.
• You’ll get some awesome tips on how to explore new techniques like ‘juxtaposition’.
• Discover the charm of mundane subjects. It’s there. We don’t always have to be looking a Mount Kilimanjaro, or camels traipsing across a desert landscape, to achieve exciting images!”

IF you wish to join in on the challenge:
(1) Download and read your free guide 7 Ways to Shoot the Mundane
(2) Look in and around your home for subjects in each of seven themes/tips he suggests:
SHAPE - COLOR - SHADOW and LIGHT - TEXTURE - JUXTAPOSITION - REFLECTIONS - MACRO

(3) Spend the month of June practicing David’s suggestions increasing your awareness in the photographic beauty and bounty of the everyday world around us
IF you would like to share your experience and encourage others in this challenge, please send your email address to robbinhaigler@gmail.com with June Photo Challenge in the Subject Line and we can help one another to be accountable in completing the challenge.

This e-guide is one of many resources that can be found at Photzy.com. I suggest taking a few minutes to look and see what you can find that is of relevance to you and where you are in your photography journey.

Perhaps there will be another PHOTO CHALLENGE next month! ✨
Field Trip: Historic Walk — Beaufort — 5.18.2019

Photos by Jeanne Julian

Off Season

Mapping it Out

Let’s Go That Way

Sacred Light, St Joseph’s Catholic Colored Mission

Waiting for Company,

Photos by Robbin Haigler

Architecture, Beaufort

Egret on the Beaufort Photo Walk

Wind Vane, Beaufort
Field Trip: Historic Walk - New Bern - 5.22.2019

Photos by Doug Carawan

Photos by Robbin Haigler

Group Photo by John Steady:
L-R: Karen Geddings, Vernon Geddings, Robbin Haigler, Ken Haigler, Doug Carawan, Robert Hendrix, Donna Hodgins, Elaine Varley, Carol Krom, Jeanne Julian

Church Steeples

Palmer-Tisdale House

Hawks House

Cutting-Allen House

New Bern Architecture

Wind Vane
New Bern
Visiting Cuba
by Kathy Tucci

My very short visit to Cuba left me with a number of profound impressions. The Cuban people are very poor and resilient. They demonstrate a cooperative work ethic and naturally band together to help each other out. Remember the days before “planned obsolescence”? The Cuban people are still living in that age. They constantly repair cars, tires, appliances, everything. I was impressed by the lingering beauty of the rundown buildings in Old Havana and could imagine them in their glory days. Many occupied buildings have boarded up windows and are otherwise in disrepair. Homeowners have to struggle to purchase paint for the outsides of their homes.

People are always milling around the streets. I assumed it was because of the lack of cars but was told that it’s more of a function of everyone living in close quarters. It’s not unusual for someone to live in the same house with their extended family for their entire life. This trip made me appreciate how blessed we are in the United States. If you have the opportunity to travel to Cuba, I’d recommend it.

I am certainly interested in a return trip. ✝

Taxi Driver

Havana Corner

Need a Ride?

Red Hat Lady

Waiting
This series of photos by:
John McQuade

Seduction

Pitcher in Green and Orange

Pitcher in Flight
This series of photos by:
Larry Cotton

Why is the a Horse in my Barn?

Knows No Enemy

Night Web

Full Moon Pelican

Do You Mind?
This series of photos by:

Alan Welch

Close Pass

Corsair

PBY in flight

Cunningham Bridge

Town Docks
Both ends of the Spectrum:

**Acadia National Park**
Thunder Hole..
Lots of mist and fog on that day.

and, **The Florida Everglades**
A rousing ride in an airboat. Saw both the mangrove parts of the Everglades and the grass and reed parts.

**View from the Airboat**

**On an Airboat Ride**

**Acadia - Thunder Hole**

**Acadia - Thunder Hole**
This series of photos by: Dave Hilbert

Ducks at Union Point

Ibis at Harkers Island

This series of photos by: Kathy Tucci

Venus Fly Trap Flower

Pitcher Plant
Since it’s May, and we honored our mothers this month, here are some matriarchs of the bird world that I have photographed. These are all female birds located at various sites in Craven County this month.

**Female Black-throated Green Warbler, Camp Brinson/Croatan NWF**
7/May/2019

**Female Pileated Woodpecker, Taberna HOA park**
4/May/2019

**Red-winged Blackbird (aka “Giant Sparrow”!), NC History Center**
26/May/2019

**Female Prairie Warbler, Catfish Lake Rd./Croatan NF**
23/May/2019
This series of photos by:
Sam Love

Marty Pitcairn Getting CLOSE UP

Purple Pitcher Plant

Venus Fly Trap

Yellow Pitcher Plant

Yellow Pitcher Plants
This series of photos by:

Paul Harding

Bear Series
from Pocosin Wildlife Refuge
This series of photos by: Vernon Geddings

Oh Behave

This series of photos by: William Ryan

Cateye

Out of the Shadows

This series of photos by: William Ryan

Cypress Tree

Train
This series of photos by:

Pat Schrader

Soldiers, Can You Hear Me?

Catch of the Day

Photo by:

Doug Carawan

Awakening
This series of photos by:
Bob Schrader

New Bern National Cemetery – one of several Unknown Soldiers buried here

New Bern National Cemetery prepares for Memorial Day 2019

Rent-a-Pup

Fresh Mahi Mahi

Sailing into Morehead City State Port
This series of photos by:
Eileen Shalhoub

Dancing-Blooms

I-Feel-Pretty

TextileTexture

Easter Selfie

iPhone photos during Chemo

Try-On-Spring
This series of photos by:

Tom McCabe

Light Painting on an Abandoned Borax Mine in Death Valley

Sunrise at Joshua Tree

Cactus Flowers

Skeleton Trees in Death Valley
Sylvan Heights Bird Park
Sylvan Heights Bird Park is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
www.shwpark.com

Birds are starting to come into their mating plumage.
Opportunity to see many rare bird species.
Open Tuesday-Sunday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
CLOSED MONDAYS

ADMISSION FEES:
Adults (ages 13 to 61) $11
Seniors (ages 62+) $10
Children (ages 3 to 12) $8

Photopass is $30 -- in addition to the membership fee of $39 -- which allows photographers special access to the aviary park in Scotland Neck, NC.

Bill also sent this link to an index of courses offered by “The Great Courses”. (Fee)
Volunteer Videographer Needed

HELP US BLESS THIS HOUSE

Sunday, June 23 – House Blessing at 1:00 p.m.
603 Winged Foot Court
Off Glenburnie Blvd. in Greenbrier neighborhood
Doug and Billie Ruth Sudduth

Primary purpose of the videography is to capture the activities.
Time involved would be approximately 12:30 p.m. (set up time prior to 1:00) until no later than 2:30 p.m.

There may be 30-40 guests attending.
The house blessing begins at 1 p.m., first with a barbershop quartet singing "Bless This House", the the blessing conducted by 2 Episcopal priests, one being Fr. Paul Canady, Christ Episcopal Church.

At the conclusion, the quartet will lead everyone in singing
The Doxology.
The quartet will sing a few songs, as those attending socialize.

Thanks for your help. Doug Sudduth

Chuck Colucci maintains our photo gallery of Club field trips. If you go, or have gone, on a field trip, send Chuck a few images. You can find the gallery on the club’s website:
http://www.coastalphotoclub.com/prior-field-trips.html
or email info to Chuck at:
ccphotonb@gmail.com

For best results size your images at 150ppi and 1500 px on the long edge.
Chuck says he will resize your images for you if you send him a .jpg file.

Coastal Photo Club’s Facebook page is:
https://www.facebook.com/Coastal-Photo-Club-284769591540129/
Thank you, Sue Williams, for being our administrator!

Also, please visit our club’s marketplace:
http://www.coastalphotoclub.com/marketplace.html
Lots of good Photography gear on sale.
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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:  
Sunday, June 30th

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF PHOTOS FOR THE NEWSLETTER.  
File should be in .jpg file format. Please label your file with your name and the title of your photo.  
(Example: Jane Doe_Fall Leaves.jpg).  
(It is easy to confuse photos when they are identified only by numbers. Titles add context or meaning to your photo.)  
Please send photos at 100ppi and 900 pixels on longest side to:  
Evie Chang Henderson, Newsletter Editor  
evlearts@embarqmail.com

BENEFITS OF CPC MEMBERSHIP

- Web portfolio: Display and edit your portfolio at no charge on the CPC web site.
- Competition: Challenge yourself and receive feedback on your work through monthly competitions available only to members. Two juried competitions annually.
- Instruction: In-house, hands-on workshops with experts and novices, and presentations by visiting pros, make meetings interesting and useful.
- Exhibit your work: The CPC is regularly invited to mount exhibits in galleries and other public venues. Usually, you can offer your prints for sale.
- Service: Give back to the community by doing what you love. CPC members have the opportunity to volunteer as photographers for local non-profit events and organizations.
- Free newsletter: Our monthly newsletter offers photography tips and event information. Submit your own images for publication.
- Discounts: At www.redriverpaper.com/myclub: enter the club code “coastal” when placing your order. The club also gets a commission each time you order. Ballantyne Framing and Art in New Bern offers a 15% artist discount to active CPC members.

About this Publication:

Coastal Photo Club News is the monthly newsletter e-mailed free to members and friends of the CPC. Items highlighting the activities of the club, news, opportunities and awards as well as items related to the Photography field submitted by members are encouraged and welcomed. The experience and accomplishments of our members are diverse but we encourage learning and sharing. Members’ photos for our Club Gallery are especially encouraged.

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Our newsletter was the recipient of the Small Club Division First Place award in the Photographic Society of America News-letter Contest for 2013 and for 2014. In 2015 and 2018, the CPC newsletter received an Honorable mention in the Large Club Division.