

COASTAL PHOTO CLUB

August 2021



Monthly Newsletter



Photo by Doug Carawan

“Beauty can be seen in all things, seeing and composing the beauty is what separates the snapshot from the photograph.” – Matt Hardy



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What does it take to create images that you love?

I often wonder whether I will ever "get" this photography thing? What with the constant questioning my ability, the dissatisfaction with photos I take, and the everlasting learning curve.



I recently read an article online that wowed me. The photographer went into great detail about the time and effort spent on a photo trip and the number of acceptable images he made. Below is a quote (with the authors permission) and a link to the entire article.

A Million to One? - David duChemin

davidduchemin.com/2020/02/a-million-to-one/

"I got back from East Africa a week ago, my hard drives groaning with over 20,000 images. Of those only about 1500 were made during my week in Lalibela, Ethiopia. Now, I shouldn't be doing math right now, I'm jet lagged and haven't had my coffee, but there's something instructive in these numbers, so stick with me. Don't like math? Me neither, but I have a point and it's important. Also, at the end of this there's also a link to my latest monograph, Kenyan Light, so keep reading!"

"I only shot in Lalibela for 5 days. That's 432,000 seconds, ignoring the need for sleep. And I made 1500 images at, let's say, an average of about 1/30s on average. That's only 50 seconds of total combined shutter actuations. Still with me? Of those 1500 frames, only 12 made the cut. That's only 0.4 seconds of the whole time I was in Lalibela. Very roughly, in terms of time, that is a work:product ratio of 1,000,000:1."

Wow! I guess we should not be disappointed with our own crop of photos. The author emphasizes the creative photographic process and how one must make mistakes to learn and that those discarded photos all have a purpose. Further on in the article he says:

"And that brings me to a more practical point: stop beating yourself up for the 1488, the ones that don't make the cut. They are process. They are sketches. They are necessary. Most of us will spend this coming year making an astonishing number of really dodgy images, images we hope no one will ever see. We must. What we must not do is spend the year trying to reduce that number. In fact, we should be making more. More mistakes (from which we learn). More risks (in which we find hidden surprises). And more exploratory sketches (in which we find our best work)."

This is a truly inspiring article. I hope you all read it. It gave me an entirely new perspective on the photographic process.

Carol

Carol Krom, President

Coastal Photo Club



MEMBER

Member Gallery of the Month

• **Evie Chang Henderson**

"Photography is a late blooming passion. My training in art/painting and graphic design, painting full-time was my dream...in retirement. Photography was not something that i planned to do . Birds changed all that. I wanted to learn about these masters of flight and a way to do this was to try to photograph them."

coastalphotoclub.com/evie-chang-henderson.html

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CPC FIELD TRIP

• Outer Banks Wildlife Shelter



text and photos by Robbin Haigler

Our July 2021 CPC Photo Trip goal was to capture animal portraits with private tours in local rehabilitation shelters. This month's plan didn't go quite as originally expected: (1) we had to cancel one location as we did not have enough interest to meet the required numbers for a large discounted price for a private tour, (2) we had a large amount of time available between lunch and the scheduled location, (3) upon arrival at our scheduled location, it just didn't meet any of our expectations.



On the positive side here are a few highlights:

- Those that signed up, showed up despite the expected high temp and humidity forecasts.
- The Starfish Grill was a great spot for lunch. Great food at a great price with great service and the best of company.
- A leisurely meal provided lots of time to socialize with fellow club members.
- A very flexible, open minded and hunger free group was adaptable to killing some unexpected free time at the Swansboro waterfront (Riverside Park boardwalk on the White Oak River) prior to our destination.
- A positive attitude faired well when we were unexpectedly limited by our photographic opportunities.
- A positive willingness to share those limited photos when it was obvious there was not enough to warrant a 'just for fun digital contest' as we usually do after our photo trips.

On a personal note, an appreciation for club members' understanding when things don't go as planned and another "Thank You" to them with hopes of seeing them and you on our next scheduled trip in August to Beaufort!

Members in Attendance: Carol and Richard Krom, Jeff Sherman, An Li (new member), John Steady, Howard Gutzeit, Ken and Robbin Haigler, and Doug Carawan.

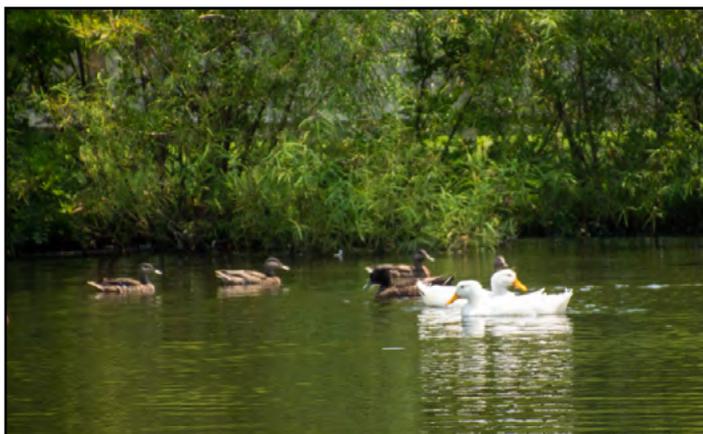


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photos by John Steady



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photos by Carol Krom



UPCOMING CPC FIELD TRIP

• Pirate Invasion, Beaufort



Saturday, August 14

Ahoy, Photo Mateys!

This event always occurs on our monthly meeting weekend; we don't want to make you walk the plank for missing the meeting as there's plenty of time to get to the invasion afterwards and enjoy the afternoon/evening in Beaufort. A schedule of events is to be posted as it gets closer to the event.



Please consider volunteering as a leader or a mentor for this field trip. Enter the word "LEADER" or "MENTOR" in the comment section when you sign up on our SignUp Genius site.

[Details and Sign Up](#)

UPCOMING CPC FIELD TRIP

• Let's Shoot Creatively



Wednesday, September 22

We'll meet up for a discussion/Q&A prior to a hands-on photo shoot to put the opportunities into action using careful observation and critical out-of-the-box thinking.

Please come with an open mind and any photo gadgets you would like to experiment with. Hopefully, we'll all have fun participating in this unusual exercise!

[Click here for a printable flyer and to sign up.](#)

Member Accolades



Tom McCabe's image *Nature's Carvings*, shot in Death Valley, won the Monochrome Award at the Carolina Photo Expo the weekend of July 30-Aug. 2 in Cary, N.C"

Tom was elected President of Professional Photographers of North Carolina at that same convention.



PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS
OF NORTH CAROLINA

Items of Interest



Membership Renewal

- It's time to renew your membership with the Coastal Photo Club. Watch your email for a membership renewal form which will be filled in with the information we have on file. Free free to submit your form and dues payment when you receive the renewal form.

Bike MS

- Club Members, it's that time again. The MS Historic New Bern Bike Ride is just around the corner, September 11-12. Our club has supported the event for more than 15 years by providing some of the best pictures of any MS event fundraiser. Please think about donating some of your talent and time again this year. Several members have already signed up.
- Lead volunteer photographer Ed Hall will be at the CPC meeting on Aug. 14 to address the club and answer any questions about this year's event and help those who would like to sign up.

Drone Photography Speaker

- Eastern Carolina Regional of CNPA has invited the Coastal Photo Club to their August meeting. Jeff Wenzel will speak on drone photography on Thursday, August 19 at 7 p.m. at the Greenville Senior Center located at 4551 County Home Road in Greenville.

CPC Nominating Committee

- There is still time to volunteer to serve on the CPC board as an officer on the CPC Executive Board. If any member is interested in serving in one of these offices, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee (Tom McCabe, Doug Carawan, and Nancy Donahue).
- Contact information can be found in our Member Pictorial Directory. If you do not have a copy of this directory, see the news item near the end of this email for instructions about how to obtain a copy.

Future Field Trips

- Have ideas for future club field trips? Interested in volunteering to serve on a field trip committee? We have posted a short survey to gauge club members' interests for field trip genres and/or specific places you would like to visit.
- Click [here](#) to visit the survey (password is available in club weekly emails). If you are interested in serving on a field trip committee, please email the club (email address available in club weekly emails).

Items of Interest



Photoshop Training Workshop

- Tom McCabe and Chris Richman will be teaching a workshop on Photoshop Layers and Masking, Blend Modes, and Layer Styles on Sept. 7 at Craven Community College and at her house in Durham on Sept. 8. The workshop will be the same both days so people in different parts of the state had the chance to take it. The workshop is through Professional Photographers of America and the cost is \$99, all of which goes to PPA.
- For information, visit this [link](#) and filter by state to find it in N.C.

Points for Prizes

- Remember that points are awarded for participation in club events. This includes attending field trips, submitting photos for mini-comps, print competitions and exhibitions, submitting photos to our website and newsletter, helping at community service projects, and attending meetings.
- The member who accrues the most points at the end of the fiscal year receives a **free** membership for the following year and a gift card to ASAP photo in Greenville (this may be subject to change depending on then current circumstances).



Bank of the Arts Exhibition

Open House: August 13 from 5-8 pm during Art Walk.
Pickup Dates: August 27-28 from 10 am-5 pm

CLUB ACTIVITIES



Coffee & Cameras

September 1 | 9 am
(first Wednesday of each month)

It's that time of the year for "Falling Back to Normal"! Our monthly, informal Coffee & Cameras group will resume our meetups at the Kitchen On Trent in Trent Road Plaza (2500 Trent Road #26).

We will continue meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. Let's support this local small business with the purchase of at least a beverage of your choice (see their breakfast [MENU HERE](#)).

We gather on the right hand side of the restaurant as you enter the main door on the other side of a half wall at a long table with several booths available, too. As usual:

- Topics discussed will be subjects, questions, tips, and resources shared by those in attendance.
- The gathering usually lasts around 90 minutes. You can come and go as needed.
- The group is friendly, informative, willing to share, and enthusiastic about photography - everything we like about Coastal Photo Club!
- At this time there is no mask mandate (or other requirements) by the restaurant, but please be aware there may be changes as we are still transitioning from the pandemic.

Looking forward to seeing you this month and anytime your schedule allows. Until then, keep those cameras out and keep shooting!

From Alan Welch ...

"At the barbeque social [in July], I organized an impromptu minicomp with the theme, things you won't find in my garden."

Claire Hageman won with this shot.



Celestial Events in 2021

*From Smithsonian Magazine/
January 2021 (edited by Ken
Haigler)*

2021 continues to offer opportunities for amazing views. Seek out remote places away from city lights - state and federal parks are usually a good bet - or switch out the white light bulbs in your backyard for red ones, so your eyes can better adjust to the night sky.

Here are several celestial events visible from North America remaining on the 2021 calendar:



September 14: Neptune at Opposition

- Seeing the far-away planet without the aid of a powerful telescope is rare, per *Sky and Telescope*, but in mid-September, viewers with a pair of binoculars and a steady hand can find the blue-hued planet if they look carefully enough. Neptune emerges in our night sky and faces opposite to the sun on the night of September 14, when it will shine at its brightest.

November 19: Partial Lunar Eclipse

- The moment of greatest eclipse will take place in the early morning hours of the 19th, and be visible to viewers across the United States. Beginning at 2:18 a.m. Eastern time, stargazers can watch the shadow of the Earth cross the moon's surface, with the greatest extent of the moon covered at 4 a.m. Eastern time.

December 13 to 14: Geminid Meteor Shower

- The Geminids will be hampered by a bright moon on peak nights in 2021. The moon will be in its "waxing gibbous" phase, about half-full in the sky until it becomes a full moon on December 19. Viewers should aim to observe the sky in the dark hours before dawn after the moon has set on the morning of December 14, when as many as 150 meteors will illuminate the night sky, according to the Griffith Observatory.

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CLUB PHOTO GALLERY

Photos By:

Doug Carawan



James River in Virginia. Natural Bridge



CLUB PHOTO GALLERY

Photos By:

Dave Hilbert



Cruising the Neuse



Splashing Thrasher



One Happy Beaver

Treasurer's Report - July 2021

BEGINNING BALANCE:		\$ 4,976.10
DEPOSITS:	none	
SUB TOTAL:		\$ 4,976.10
EXPENSES:		
BBQ Supplies		\$97.00
Printer Paper		\$12.00
ENDING BALANCE:		\$ 4,867.10
NURSING HOME BALANCE:		\$ 404.47
AVAILABLE CLUB BALANCE:		\$ 4,462.63

Respectfully Submitted, Mary O'Neill, 8/8/2021



September Newsletter Deadline

August 31

CPC Newsletter Archive

Missed a previous issue? The last 12 months of CPC Newsletters are available [online](#).

Member Photo Gallery Submissions

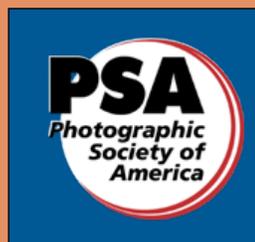
- Submitted photos should be in .jpg format.
- Please label your file with your name and the title of your photo. Titles add context or meaning to your photo. (Example: Jane Doe_Fall Leaves.jpg).
- Please send photos at 100ppi and 900 pixels on longest side to Dave Hilbert (email address available in CPC newsletter and emails).

BUILD YOUR SKILLS

Coastal Photo Club is a member of the Photographic Society of America

- Courses for members
- Explore the PSA gallery

psa-photo.org



SYLVAN HEIGHTS BIRD PARK

Sylvan Heights Bird Park is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Opportunity to see many rare bird species

Open Tuesday-Sunday | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
CLOSED MONDAYS

ADMISSION FEES:

- Adults (ages 13 to 61) \$12
- Seniors (ages 62+) \$11
- Children (ages 3 to 12) \$9



Photopass \$30

(in addition to the \$39 membership fee)

Allows photographers special access to the aviary park in Scotland Neck, NC.

shwpark.com

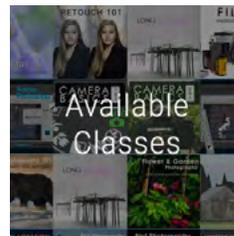
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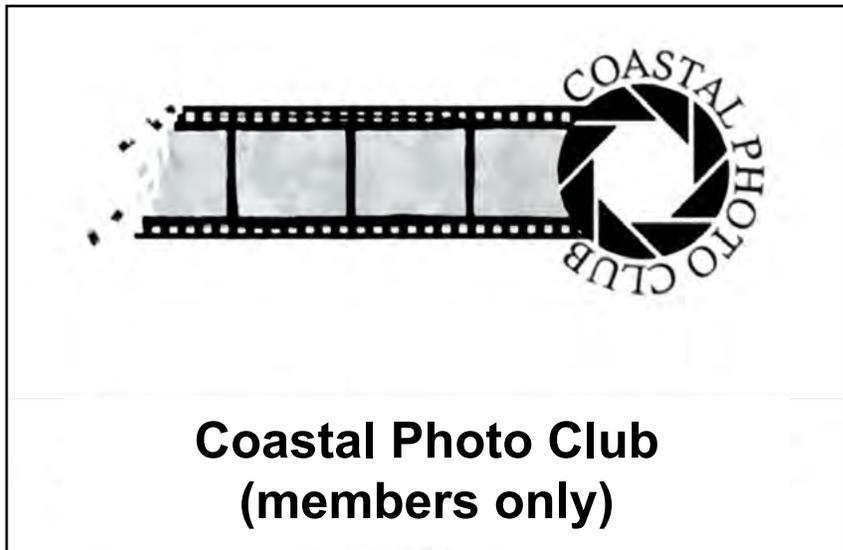
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- [facebook.com/Coastal-Photo-Club-284769591540129](https://www.facebook.com/Coastal-Photo-Club-284769591540129)



We also have a Facebook Group for members only. Join the group and feel free to ask questions and/or advice from your fellow photographers, as well as share your images.

- [facebook.com/groups/402546217277888/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/402546217277888/)

ASPIRE • LEARN • DEVELOP



We are providing a variety of opportunities for our members with the hope that each member will find something of interest.

The best way to improve your photography is to get out and shoot. All of our community service projects are designed to help our members learn.

We have a lot of opportunities for you to get involved. We hope to see you at some of our many events.

SEND US YOUR FIELD TRIP PHOTOS

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:

coastalphotoclub.com/prior-field-trips.html

or email info to Chuck at: cpcfieldtrips@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.



Also, please visit our club's marketplace. Lots of good Photography gear on sale:

- coastalphotoclub.com/marketplace.html



GET IN TOUCH! JOIN THE CLUB!

- coastalphotoclub.com
- facebook.com/Coastal-Photo-Club-284769591540129/

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Meetings: Unless otherwise announced, the Coastal Photo Club meets on the second Saturday of each month in the Basement Level, Centenary United Methodist Church, 309 New Street, New Bern, NC. Visitors and guests are welcome!

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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 nonprofit events and organizations.
- Free newsletter: Our monthly newsletter offers photography tips and event information. Submit your own images for publication.
- Field trips: Enhance and practice your skills in new settings. Group travel makes it fun and affordable. Past trips include the Great Smoky Mountains, Duke Gardens, Wilmington, and the Pocosin Lakes Wildlife Refuge.
- Discounts: At 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 emailed 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.

Editor: Dave Hilbert

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