

# COASTAL PHOTO CLUB



## September 2022 Newsletter



Photo by Donna Hodgins



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### September 2022

Okay, here we go ... Wish me luck, folks!

I'm pretty sure no one else wanted the job as our president because who would be dumb enough to have to follow in the footsteps of Carol Krom and John Steady? Yet here I am, so please bear with me as Carol continues to train me, and when I make mistakes just remember, this too shall pass.

I suppose one reason I felt I might be able to serve in this job is because the last time I was president of an organization it was for the Fairfield Harbour Board of Directors. I was trying to lead the Board of a community with 2,800 properties and 3,500+ residents. I figured a group of fewer than 200 photographers should be less stressful. We'll see.

At least in THIS job I'm hoping not to get personally sued again by a group of dissident homeowners as happened in the last job. Geesh!

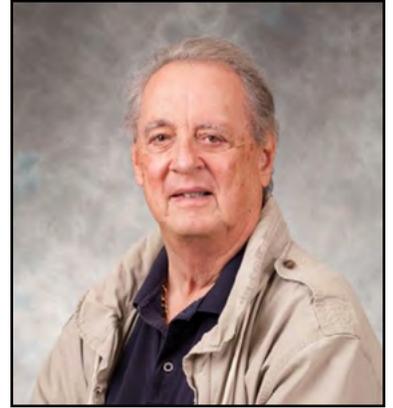
And while we certainly have many more professional and competent photographers than me in this group, I was told, "you don't have to be a great photographer to be president of this group." So I said I'd try it.

Also, occasionally I'll toss out a few tidbits here related to taking photos. For what it's worth, these are three pieces of advice I always pass on to those just starting out taking pictures. They are:

1. Always make sure your horizons are straight, unless you are going for some kind of off beat result.

2. Try to place your horizons roughly 1/3 up from the bottom or 1/3 down from the top of the photo.

Too often new shooters chop the photo into two equal parts, with the horizon right down the middle, leaving the viewer having to guess whether they're supposed to be looking at the top or bottom half of the photo. And finally...



3. "Fill the frame!" Robert Capa was quoted as saying, "If your pictures aren't good enough, you aren't close enough." So learn to love the crop tool. Get rid of anything in the frame that's not important, and move in tight!

So that's it for now. See you next month!

**Bob Dumon, President**  
Coastal Photo Club

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# August Mini-Comp Winners

• Hot



Our judges scored 16 images: 13 color and three monochrome. For a look at all the submitted images with judges' comments, visit the [CPC website](#). Even if you did not enter the competition, you might learn something from your fellow members' comments.



**Color - 1st place**

*On Fire*

by Donna Hodgins

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**Color - 2nd place, tie**

*Mesmerized*

by Claire Hageman

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*Jalapeno*

by Rick Macquade

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### Color - Honorable Mention

*Hot Summer Fun*

by Karl Mielenhausen

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## Monochrome - 1st Place

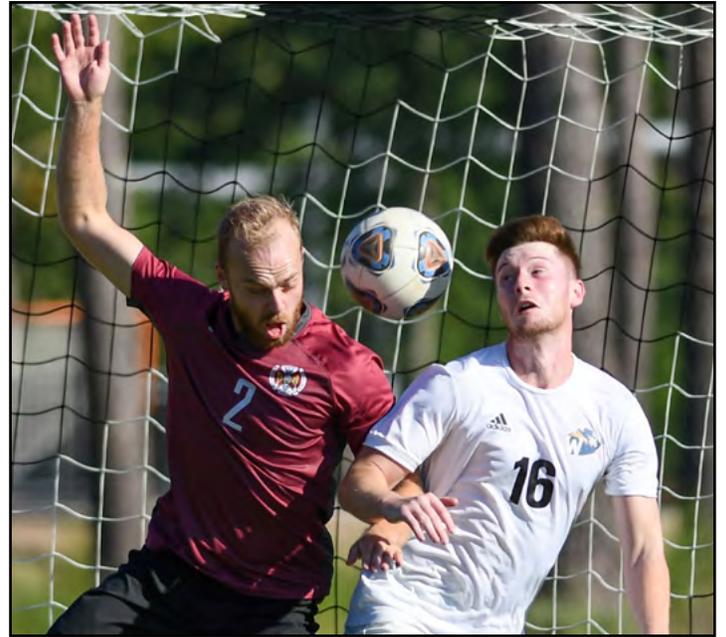
*Desert Hiker*

by Paul Gemperline



The roundup of the north herd at 2022 Chincoteague Island Pony Swim





College Men's Soccer: North Carolina Wesleyan v. Hampden-Sydney (9/13/22)



College Football:  
Methodist v. Shenandoah (9/3/22)



College Women's Soccer: North Carolina Wesleyan v. Stockton (9/11/22)



### Why I Hate File Sharing of Photos with Dropbox

by Judy Hills

Because I do newsletters for several organizations, I have photographers that send me lots of photos. Several of these photographers use Dropbox to do so. The photo files themselves tend to be large, so it doesn't take much to use up the 2.0 GB of free space on my Dropbox account.

Recently, CPC member Jeff Sherman had some photos he had taken of the fifth anniversary party at The Filling Station (thanks, Jeff!). He posted them to Dropbox and sent me the link.

His photos took more space than was available in my account. I had to take the time to delete a bunch of photos in order to be able to get the ones that Jeff had sent. It was either that or pay Dropbox \$10 per month for 2,000 GB (2T) of space. I already pay for cloud storage, so I don't need this space. So I went in and deleted a bunch of photos so I could access the ones that Jeff sent.

Most of the time I am not interested personally in keeping these photos. If I am, I'll download the ones I want and put them on my computer hard drive. So, here's the rub - it works for others trying to send me photos, but not so much for me. I tried to explain this to another photographer who frequently sends me photos, but he did not understand.

My solution for my photos that others may want to use/download is to put them on my SmugMug account. No one has to be concerned with storage other than me. They can download all they want for free.

It is a lot more convenient for others, and it is convenient for me as well. So the next time you have to send large photo files to someone, give some thought to the process and how it may or may not work for the recipient.

### Hot Summer Fun - The Backstory

By Karl Mielenhausen

I entered *Hot Summer Fun* in the latest mini-comp on a bit of a whim. As is often the case, I had creative block when it came to the August mini-comp topic of "Heat," but remembered a photo that I had hanging in my office at Eastman Kodak for years. I loved the color, saturation, and expression on my kids' faces. Could it be on topic? Maybe!

The problem is that the 16x20 version is long gone and even worse, I can't find the negative. Yes, this was film, not digital. We are talking 1994, folks. Probably Kodacolor Gold 200. After all, I was a production manager for one of the company's 35mm film spooling and packaging departments at the time.

Fortunately, I did have a 4x6 in an album (remember when we kept albums?), so I scanned that on my Canon 3-in-1 printer and went to work on "improving" it.

First, I opened it in Affinity Photo to remove dust spots and tone down or remove the distracting reflections around the edges of the frame. Then I applied some sharpening using Topaz as the scan was quite "soft."

I am pleased that my fellow members also liked the photo enough for it to earn an honorable mention (see photos on page 6).



# Events & Happenings

## Next Monthly Meeting



### Short Topic

*"How I Got the Shots and Why; Seeing the Story"*  
- Claire Hageman

### Main Presentation

*"Preparing an Image for Production"*  
- Wayne Lytton

### Mini-Comp Topics

September - "Skies"  
October - "Leaves"

### Submission Deadline

- End of day, on day 25 of each month

### Rules and Submission Guidelines

- Click [here](#) for complete rules and submission guidelines (password in club emails)
- Email to [cpcminicomps@gmail.com](mailto:cpcminicomps@gmail.com)
- Please attach image files to email. Do NOT place in the body of the email
- Please indicate "Mini-Comp" and the topic in the email subject field

### Newsletter Deadline

To submit content for the CPC Newsletter, email your content to [Dave Hilbert](#) by the Monday after the monthly meeting. For example, if a club meeting occurs on Saturday, January 10, the deadline for the February newsletter would be Monday, January 12.

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, Oct. 5

#### Coffee & Cameras

- 9:30 am
- Kitchen on Trent
- 2500 Trent Road #26 - New Bern
- [Details](#)

### Saturday, Oct. 15

#### CPC Monthly Meeting

- 9:30 am
- Centenary United Methodist Church
- 309 New Street - New Bern
- **Short Topic:** "How I Got the Shots and Why; Seeing the Story" by Claire Hageman
- **Presentation:** "Preparing an Image for Production" by Wayne Lytton

### Thursday, Oct. 20

#### Day Trippin'

- Pittsboro
- [Details](#)

### Wednesday, Oct. 26

#### Camera Cafe

- 7 pm
- Meetup at Panera's in New Bern
- 2997 MLK Blvd.
- [Details](#)

### Saturday, Nov. 12

#### CPC Monthly Meeting

- 9:30 am
- Centenary United Methodist Church
- 309 New Street - New Bern
- **Major Print Competition**

### Saturday, Nov. 19

#### Chinese Lantern Festival

- Cary
- [Details](#)



# Club News

In response to several member requests, Robbin Haigler has put together a plan for an evening version of our popular monthly Coffee & Cameras. She is calling it Camera Cafe (see details below). Robbin is willing to try this for the remainder of 2022. The degree of response and attendance will determine whether it will continue in 2023.

## **CAMERA CAFE:**

Meeting the **Last Wednesday** of the Month

**PANERA'S in NEW BERN** 2997 M.L.King Jr Blvd

7:00pm - 9:00pm

This is the evening version of Coffee & Cameras!

Mark your calendars:

- August 31
- September 28
- October 26
- November 30
- December 28

We will then assess participation & interest to see if we continue in 2023.

Let's support this business with the purchase of at least a beverage of your choice - [MENU can be found HERE](#)

We'll gather at the 'large' table in front of the fireplace if it is available; otherwise, make your way towards the far back and we can move a couple of tables together.

As usual:

- Topics discussed will be subjects, questions, tips, and resources shared by those in attendance.
- You can come and go as your time allows.
- Our club members are friendly, informative, have a willingness to share and are enthusiastic about photography!
- There may be new members attending - please wear your nametags so we can get to know each other.
- Looking forward to seeing you this month and anytime your schedule allows. Until then, keep those cameras out and keep shooting!



## GET IN TOUCH! JOIN THE CLUB!

- [coastalphotoclub.com](http://coastalphotoclub.com)
- [facebook.com/Coastal-Photo-Club-284769591540129/](https://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!

## COASTAL PHOTO CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

### President

Robert Dumon

### Vice President

Doug Carawan

### Secretary

Carol Krom

### Treasurer

Cathleen McAnneny

### Marketing & PR Committee:

Alan Welch

### Competition Committee:

Marty Pitcairn

### Field Trip Coordinator:

Robbin Haigler

### Special Events/Community Service:

Rick Meyer

### Skills Development Committee:

Ken Haigler

### Member-at-Large:

Archie Lewis

### Member-at-Large:

Doug Carawan

### Past President:

John Steady

## 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](http://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.

## Treasurer's Report August 2022

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE:</b>		<b>\$5,112.06</b>
<b>DEPOSITS:</b>		
Membership		\$1,360.00
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>		<b>\$6,472.06</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Constant Contact		\$19.00
SignUpGenius		\$107.89
Andrea Bruce		\$75.00
<b>ENDING BALANCE:</b>		<b>\$6,270.17</b>
<b>NURSING HOME BALANCE:</b>		<b>\$404.47</b>
<b>AVAILABLE FUNDS:</b>		<b>\$5,865.70</b>

Submitted by Cathleen McAnneny, 8/31/22



### 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](http://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

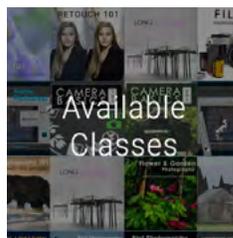
click on "Support Us," then click on the "Photopass" option.



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Hours: Monday-Friday: 9-6 • Saturday: 10-3 • Closed Sunday



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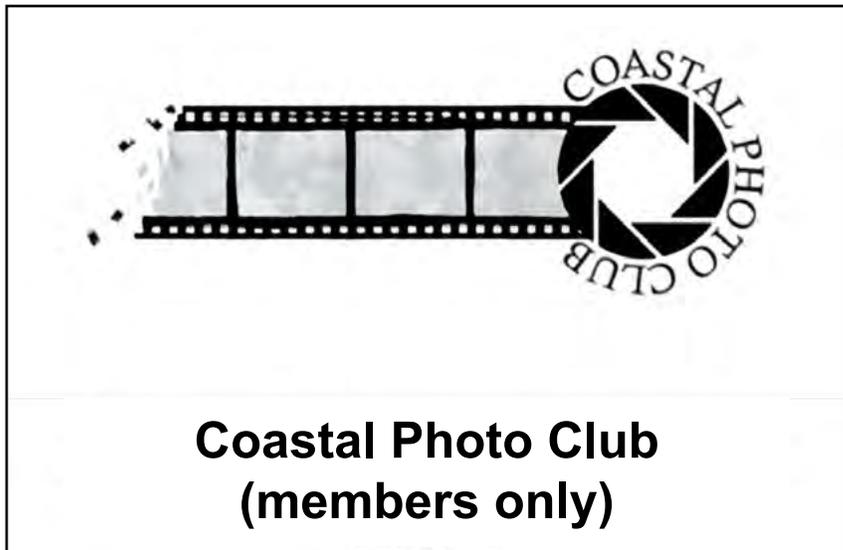
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We also have a Facebook Group for members only. Join the group and feel free to ask questions and/or advice from your fellow photographers, as well as share your images.

- [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

The club maintains a photo gallery of field trips. If you go, or have gone, on a field trip, send a few images to: [cpcfildtrips@gmail.com](mailto:cpcfildtrips@gmail.com). Subject Line should contain: "Field Trip Gallery Photos" and the name of the field trip.

Please be sure to send the photos before the 7th of the following month after the field trip if you wish to be awarded Participation Points for submitting to the gallery.

You can find the gallery on the club's website:

[coastalphotoclub.com/prior-field-trips.html](https://coastalphotoclub.com/prior-field-trips.html)



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

- [coastalphotoclub.com/marketplace.html](https://coastalphotoclub.com/marketplace.html)