



## Upcoming Events

### Don't miss the October 4th meeting!

Pair & Share: Everyone brings in two photos – a good one and a troublesome one, along with flash drives, laptops, tablets, etc. Everyone will then “pair” up with one or two people and “share” the good photo (basically brag a little) which usually has a good story or setup. Afterwards, each person shares their troublesome photo – that one photo where you just can't get it just right. The basic premise is that a second pair of eyes can see what you are missing.

**September 24th** - Bickelhaupt Arboretum Outing

**September 27th** - Creative 1 images due. General meeting.

**October 4th** - City Landscape Entries Due, General Meeting with Pair & Share

## Peoria Camera Club has a new web site!

Check out the fantastic new Peoria Camera Club web site at [PeoriaCameraClub.com](http://PeoriaCameraClub.com). Jim Burnham presented all the new features at the September 6th General meeting and this site is definitely the place to go for anything club related. Thanks Jim for all your work on our new site and special thanks to Don Rosser for all his work on our old web site.

Visit the Peoria Camera Club Facebook page and “like” us!

## Fun times at the PCC Picnic



## **On October 18 PCC will host Astrophotography - Larry Wilson**

I retired from my job with Caterpillar in 2008 and decided to re-engage with my lifelong interest in astronomy and astrophotography. I became interested in the hobby originally in 1958 when one night south of Chillicothe where I grew up, my Dad took me outside pointed up in the dark sky overhead at a slow moving white pinpoint of light. He told me it was a Soviet satellite named Sputnik and one day it would be able to drop bombs on us. From that time onward I was hooked on looking up!

I wanted to be an astronomer and graduated from college in 1969 with a BS Degree in Physics. But due to Viet Nam, I ended up working at Caterpillar for 38 years, raised a family and set aside seriously pursuing my hobby until retirement.

About a year after I retired I discovered that DSLR cameras worked great for astrophotography. I became interested immediately and started learning the hobby all over again. My first results were taken using a Canon Rebel XTi mounted on a tripod. After that I gradually progressed to taking multiple time exposures through a guided telescope and I thoroughly love being back at this hobby again. At my current location at Lake Thunderbird by Putnam, I have a good dark sky to both observe and do photography and just about any clear Illinois evening you can find me out with my cameras and scopes capturing some aspect of the gorgeous scenery overhead!

**Comet Lovejoy**



**Dumbbell Nebula**



## The *Challenge* Continues

This years competition is between Quad Cities Photography Club and Peoria Camera Club. The Bloomington KodaRoamers club is the host and has chosen “**Shadows**” as the theme.

PCC has won two of the previous three competitions.

We need your images to win again.

**So get out there and take images for this competition!**

Here are the darn rules:

“Shadow” images can be anything that exhibits or implies Shadows.

Images must have been exposed after January 15, 2016.

Image submissions must be digital.

Image size limits are 1400 pixels wide by 1050 pixels high.

File naming convention is: image# - 14 - your competition number - title - .jpg

Example: 001-14-079-Steam Engine.jpg

If you do not have a competition number call Carl Close at 309-274-5103 or email him at [carlwclose@mchsi.com](mailto:carlwclose@mchsi.com).

Turn in deadline is **December 6, 2016**.

Send up to 8 “Shadow” images to Rich Seeman at [RLS1940@hotmail.com](mailto:RLS1940@hotmail.com).

From all images submitted by our members, a PCC team will select 50 and enter them into the competition. If possible, every PCC member submitting images will have at least one image entered in the Challenge.

The judging by KodaRoamers is tentatively scheduled for January 2017. (More info later.)

Questions – Contact Rich Seeman at 309-361-8902 or [RLS1940@hotmail.com](mailto:RLS1940@hotmail.com)

## Congratulations Natalie Jackson O’Neal!

Natalie received Honorable Mention at the Illinois State Fair Photo Competition for her print **Ebony**.



## Bickelhaupt Arboretum



Hi All

Ray Keithley recently gave me information about the Bickelhaupt Arboretum in Clinton Iowa. He highly recommended it. The Arboretum is 14 acres of a large variety of trees, shrubs, flowers etc. Because of this, on September 24, 2016, we will have an outing to the Bickelhaupt Arboretum and give it a try. We will meet in the parking lot at the First United Methodist Church 116 NE Perry in Peoria. The parking lot is on Perry across from the church. The same place we park for our club meetings. We will car-pool and caravan from there. It's about a two hour drive from Peoria so we will meet at 7:00 AM and leave by 7:15.

Thanks

Carl Close

### 2016-17 Competition Handlers

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### **PhotoChatter Classifieds**

Tripod, Pro Spec, \$10.00

The following items are free:

Kodak Carousel Projector #4200, 4 Kodak slide carousels, Pana-Vue lighted slideviewer, 2 lighted slide sorter/viewers, 2 boxes of photography books (must take all)

Contact Bill Mahl at bmahl@comcast.com or call 682-6859

We need a "Social Chairman" volunteer in charge of food, snacks, banquet arrangements, etc. Call or e-mail Dave Bowers at 309-263-7355 or dbowers@mtco.com.





## **Studio Lighting Photo Shoot on Saturday Nov 5, 2016**

Our Fall photo shoot will provide you with an opportunity to photograph models with studio and continuous lighting set ups. We'll provide the set ups, models, and a variety of props. The workshop is open to Peoria Camera Club and KodaRoamers Club members only. The workshop is free but to help cover model and refreshment expenses we are asking for a maximum donation of \$10 per person. Recommended equipment is a camera with memory cards or film, camera instruction manual, normal to short telephoto lens, a tripod, and shutter cable release. Refreshments will be provided in the morning and many restaurants are nearby for lunch. We'll be setting up on Friday, Nov 4, starting at 1:00pm, so feel free to stop by and help. If you have any questions contact Carl Close at (309) 339-6112 or e-mail [carlwclose@mchsi.com](mailto:carlwclose@mchsi.com)

The workshop is from 9 am to 4 pm – First United Methodist Church- 116 NE Perry Ave, (Corner of Main and Perry) Peoria. Room 215. Use the church entrance facing Perry. Parking is in the lot on Perry across the street from the church. Park in the area designated as church parking.

## **Still Life Photo Shoot on Saturday, February 18, 2017**

This winter photo shoot will provide you with an opportunity to photograph a variety of still life set-ups. We'll provide the set ups and a variety of props. You can bring your own items to photograph if you choose. People will be available to answer your questions about using the set-ups but no formal instruction will be offered. The workshop is open to Peoria Camera Club and KodaRoamers Club members only. The workshop is free but to help cover room rental and refreshment expenses we are asking for a maximum donation of \$10 per person. Recommend equipment is a camera with memory cards or film, camera instruction manual, normal to short telephoto lens, possibly a macro lens, tripod, and shutter cable release. You also may want to use your own flash for a setup. Refreshments will be provided in the morning and many restaurants are nearby for lunch. We'll be setting up on Friday starting at 12 pm, so feel free to stop by and help. If you have any questions contact Carl Close at

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# Check out these winning images from the Morton Pumpkin Festival Photography Contest.

**Crystal Johnson**

**Best of Show - Waterfall**

I took this image while on a trip to Disneyland Resort last year. There are two parks at the resort, this was part of the Grizzly River Run ride in California Adventure, which is a water ride that pays homage to the Sierra Nevada mountains. This particular water fall is "Frog Jump Falls". I decided to crop out a lot of the clutter and just focused on a smaller section of the waterfall. I love the attention to details that Disney puts in their parks and enjoy photographing in them. I am looking forward to shooting this park again when I go back in January.



**Waterfall**



**Color 1**

**Jean Johnson**

**Honorable Mention - Color 1**

I took the photograph at Glacier National Park in June, 2016, The hike to Avalanche Gorge was worth it. Glacier is truly a beautiful park.

**Milkweed Seed 1**



**Rich Seeman**

**Third Place - Milkweed Seed 1**



**Little Gems**

**Joe Virbickis**

**Honorable Mention - Standing Proud**

"Standing Proud" was taken at the Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary in South Dakota. This horse runs with what the staff there calls the Petroglyph Herd. (Note the modern etchings on the left. There are authentic, older Native American petroglyphs on other parts of the rock face.) This horse is retired from the United State Marine Corps where he had served in a ceremonial capacity. His noble stance and stately demeanor around the other horses in the herd are what caught my eye. I watched him for quite some time waiting for him to strike the right pose and for other horses to move away so I had him for a solo "portrait". That day I took several images trying to get the one I had visualized.

**Gary Tipsword**

**Second Place - Little Gems**

This photo was taken while hiking at Black Partridge Park in Metamora. The sunlight shining through the berries caught my eye.

**Standing Proud**



**Steam Engine B&W**



**Rich Seeman**

**Honorable Mention - Steam Engine B&W**