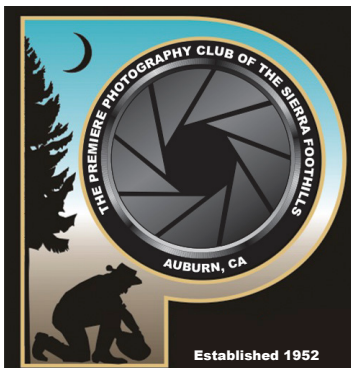




PLACER COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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What's in a Name?

Thanks to the Herculean efforts of our club treasurer, Mary Nunes, the club's name is now official and is properly registered with the State of California. The **Placer County Photography Club** is a non-profit corporation that exists for the purpose of providing education about photography in Placer County.

The Placer Camera Club was established in 1952. In 1960, the club's board of directors created the Placer Camera Club as a non-profit California corporation. A few years ago, it became clear to our board that using the word "camera" in our name limited the scope and perception of our club's primary purpose and changed the name to **Placer County Photography Club**, substituting the word "photography" for "camera" and designating the club's specific location. The name change served two purposes: first and most importantly, it emphasizes the focus on photography, not the equipment used to create a photographic image; and secondly, it designates the county to eliminate any confusion about the club's location.

As it turned out, changing the name without making an official declaration with the Secretary of State had implications. We couldn't change the name on the Club's bank account without

having official documentation from the Secretary of State. Say, what? That's when Mary Nunes, the club treasurer, took matters into her competent hands. First, she had to locate the elusive articles of incorporation from 1960. Mike Schumacher found them in the club archives so that was a step in the right direction. A simple (we thought) name change was more difficult to achieve than we expected. Mary discovered that the entire membership had to vote on the name change. Thanks to Mary's efforts, that vote was accomplished in January and it turned out to be almost unanimous. After an additional few months of wrangling with the

State of California bureaucracy, Mary succeeded in getting final approval and amended articles of incorporation with the **Placer County Photography Club** its official designation.

The next hurdle, now that she has the official approval from the State, is to tackle the name change on the club's bank account. That should be a relatively easy thing to accomplish but coordinating the busy schedules of our board members to get necessary in person signatures has been elusive. In the meantime, please make checks payable to the Placer Camera Club! We'll let you know as soon as our bank account has a new name!



Club Treasurer Mary Nunes

Upcoming Photo Ops You Won't Want to Miss

The PCPC has Pam Kappelhof to thank for reviving our club's field trip schedule, giving members an opportunity to shoot together, learn from one another, and get to know the surrounding community where our field trips take us.

Some photo ops aren't conducive to a group ex-

cursion and there isn't always time or general interest in going to some places. Here are three photographic opportunities in our area that you can enjoy by yourself or with a couple of friends. The first two are time sensitive, taking place in mid July. The third is available all summer.

California Capital Airshow



The 18th annual California Capital Airshow, presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, makes its return to Mather Airport on July 13 and 14, 2024. This event will feature an extraordinary lineup of performers, miles of ground attractions, and the return of nighttime aerial performances concluding with a massive pyro-musical fireworks show. Performances by the USAF Thunderbirds and the Italian Frecce Tricolori at the same show is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Darcy Brewer, Executive Director of California Capital Airshow, said "Our attendees



Italian Frecce Tricolori

will get to see some of the best pilots in the world fly right here in Sacramento. We hope everybody is ready for jets, jets, and more jets!" This unique show features four hours of nonstop aerial performances beginning at 6:00 PM each day.

Advance Tickets (for all types of seating) can be purchased online from the website (<https://californiacapitalairshow.com/2024>) through their partnership with Eventsprout. General Admission tickets may be purchased.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ONSITE

Visit <https://californiacapitalairshow.com/> website for ticket information.



USAF Thunderbirds

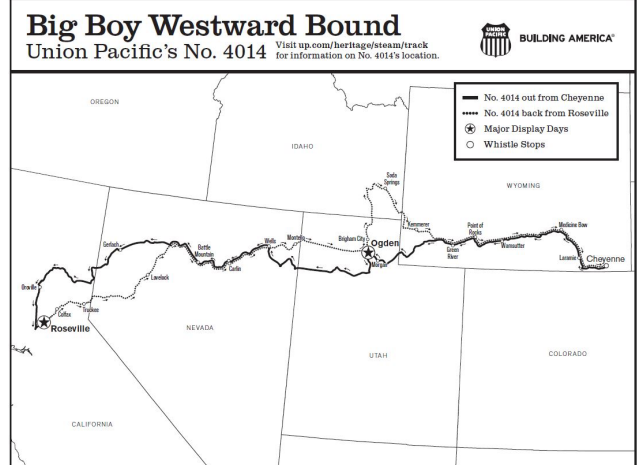
Union Pacific Big Boy Westward Bound Tour

Union Pacific's legendary Big Boy No. 4014, the world's largest operating steam locomotive built to conquer mountains, will make 19 whistle-stops in five states this summer during its 2024 Westward Bound Tour from Wyoming to California. Starting in Cheyenne, Wyoming, the tour began Sunday, June 30 and will arrive in downtown Roseville at Atlantic and Vernon Sts. on July 11. It will be on display from 9:00 AM to 3PM on July 12 and 13. Admission is free and open to the public.

Big Boy departs on July 14, at a time not specified, and arrives in Colfax at 11:15AM departing at 11:30, then to Truckee where it's scheduled to arrive at 3:30 PM and depart at 4PM.

Union Pacific cautions observers to stay at least 25 feet away from the tracks. You might be able to catch the train on its arrival in Roseville from Oroville on the afternoon of July 11 after it departs Oroville at 2:45PM.

If you're interested in photographing Big Boy on its journey into Roseville or on its way from Roseville to Truckee, go to <https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/track/index.htm> to see a live tracking map that will tell you where No. 4014 is at any given moment.



Mezger Family Zinnia Patch

Not only are there photography opportunities (think brightly colored zinnias and honey bees or bugs) but you can also clip a bouquet and bring it home with you!



The Mezger family does have a few rules that must be followed if we would like to return to

experience this kind of generous availability. Remember, it's private property. It is through their generosity and desire to share the beauty they've created that this opportunity is available to us.

Zinnia Patch Guidelines:

- 1) Have fun and share the flowers with others.
- 2) The patch is open from sunup to sundown.
- 3) Please do not disturb the residences on either side of the patch.
- 4) The corn is NOT for picking. Hands off those ears!
- 5) The patch is open seven days a week.
- 6) Please feel free to bring a vase with you; water is provided but leave the scissors or clippers on the table in front of the patch when you're done.

Auntie's Tips

Have questions about photography?
Auntie will answer them here. Send
your questions to:

pcphotoclubnewsletter@gmail.com



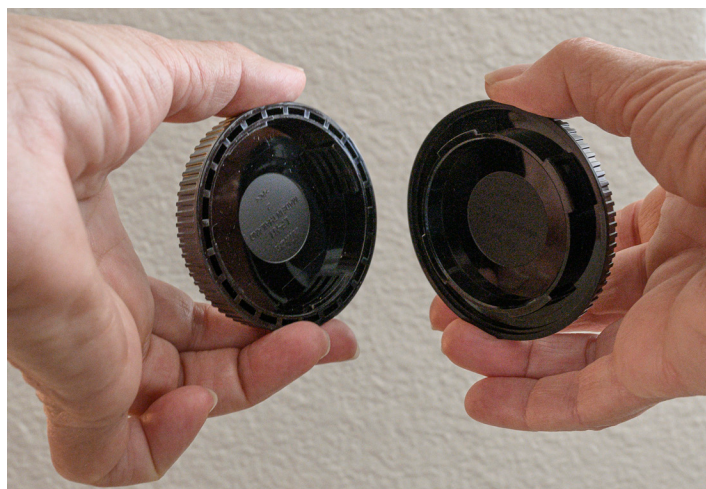
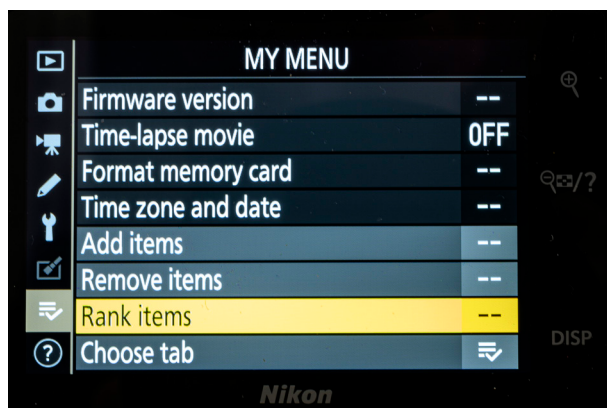
Nobody asked a question this month so I'm offering a couple simple tips that might help you. Remember, if you have photography related questions, please send them to the above e-mail address. Thank you!

Lens and Body Caps

This may seem like an obvious thing but some people aren't aware of this simple trick. When you attach a lens to a body, you need to put the body and rear lens caps someplace where you'll find them again. But, when you do need them again, you might find one but not the other. Sometimes they migrate to different parts of your camera bag. Did you know they are designed to fit together? When they're together, you'll have both when you need them both. Just place them together and twist. They're now both in one place. By doing this simple action, you'll not only be able to have both caps when they're needed, you'll keep the caps clean and prevent lint or dust from accumulating on the inside of the caps and transferring to your camera sensor. Images at right show how to do it.

My Menu

Did you know that your camera has a menu called "My Menu?" You can set up a menu in your camera that includes the items you need so you don't have to scroll through lots of menus to find them. Items like self-timers and White Balance and formatting memory cards could be candidates for your personalized menu. All camera manufacturers have something called My Menu or a similar name. My Menu allows you to select something from any other camera menu and add it to your My Menu in the order you want to find it. For reference, below is the My Menu from a Nikon Z50 camera. You can add items, remove items, and rank items.



Smart Phone Photography

At our April meeting, Club Vice President Dennis Morgan, our scuba-diving underwater photographer, gave a marvelous presentation about smart phone photography. For the past year, Dennis has used his iPhone 14, encased in a waterproof housing, for some spectacular underwater photography.

Based on his experience, Dennis created an informative presentation. To view the video, recorded via Zoom, log into the club's website at <https://placerphotoclub.org> then, go to Galleries, select Slideshows, and scroll to the presentation.

Here are a few takeaways from Dennis' presentation. For the most part, they apply to any photography using any camera.



How to Best Use Your Camera

• Method 1 (Cell Phone Photographer Mode)

- Use Default lens
- Full auto
- Save images in jpeg format (uses less storage)
- Pinch to zoom in or out
- Hope for the best
- In most cases, it will be OK

• Method 2 (Real Photographer Mode)

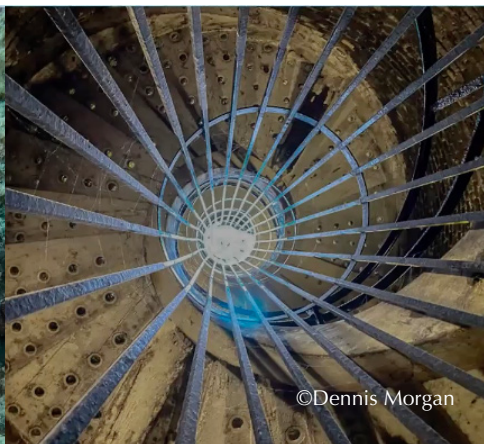
- Save images in RAW format
- Preselect the best lens for the subject
- Refrain from zooming too much or at all
- Make sure your subject is the focus point
- Use exposure compensation if necessary
- Use Portrait mode to blur background when appropriate. I would suggest doing this in post instead.
- Consider using 3rd party camera apps for more control

To Take Better Photos Understand Your Camera's Features

- **Understand configuration settings**
 - Some are found in the system settings of the cell phone
 - Some are available in the camera app itself
- **Understand available camera modes**
 - Photo, Portrait, Pano
 - Video, cinematic, slo-mo, time-lapse
- **Understand adjustments which can be made to shooting modes**
 - Exposure compensation, AE/AF lock
 - Forced flash
- **Understand minimum focusing distance of each lens**
- **Practice, practice, practice.... EXPERIMENT**

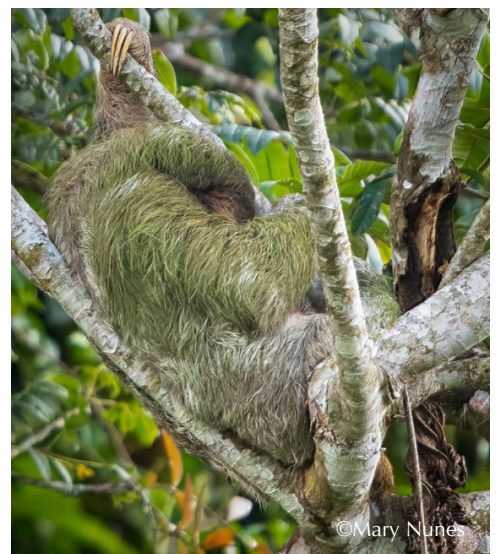
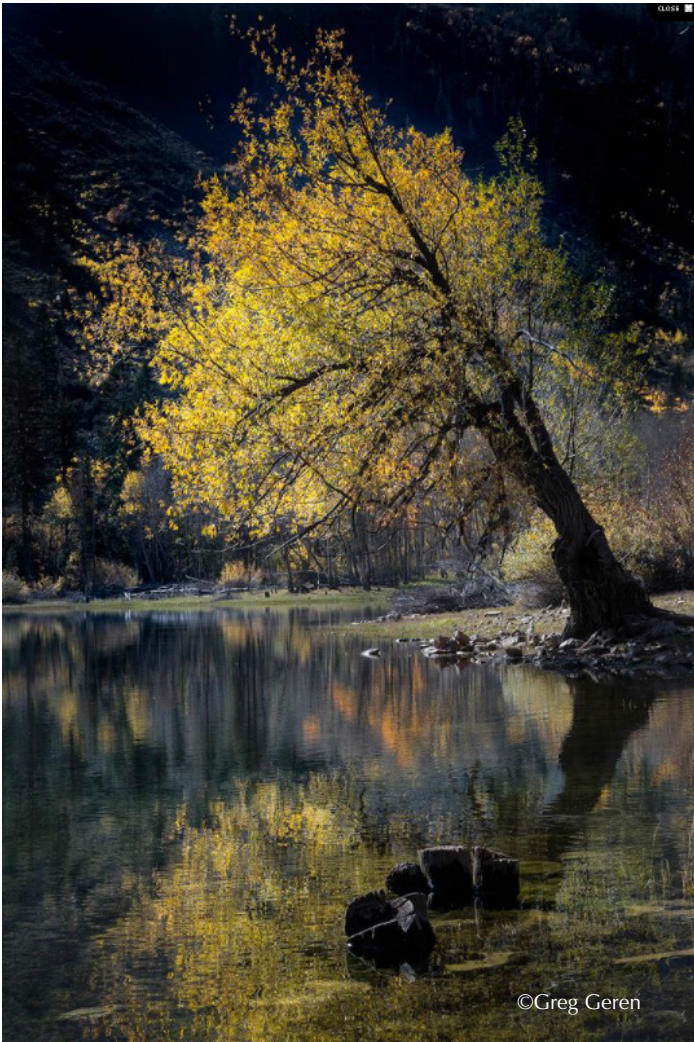
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iPhone Images from Dennis Morgan:



Member Photographs—March 2024

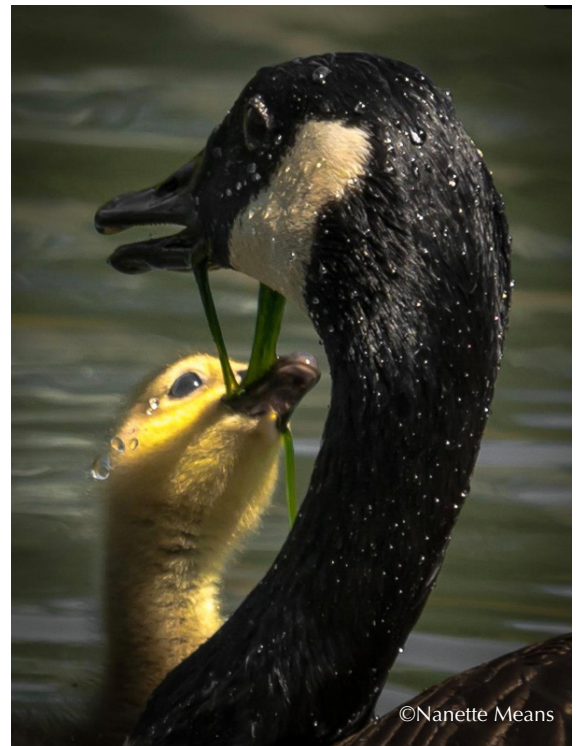
The following pages showcase just a few of the many images presented by our members at meetings over the past few months and include images from some of the Club's outings.



Member Photographs—April 2024



Member Photographs—May 2024



Member Photographs—June 2024



Club Details

How to Contact Us:

Next meeting: July 16, 2024

Website:

<https://placerphotoclub.org>

Email:

placercameraclub@gmail.com

Newsletter:

PCPhotoClubNewsletter@gmail.com

Meetings:

Date: 3rd Tuesday of Month

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Beecher Room,
Placer County Library
350 Nevada St, Auburn

Zoom: Details in meeting reminder email

PCPC Board Members (As of 1/1/24):

President ----- Dick Bosworth
Veep & WebMaster----Dennis Morgan
Secretary-----Liz Staats
Treasurer-----Mary Nunes
Member at Laer-----Mike Schumacher

Non-voting Board Members:

Activities Coordinator--Pam Kappelhof
Newsletter Editor-----Carol Smith

Dues

Single: \$24/year

Couple: \$36/year

Dues are payable in January and are delinquent as of March 1. Delinquent members cannot participate in club activities or image reviews and your images will disappear from the website. Pay at meeting or mail a check payable to Placer Camera Club. See Membership Application and Renewal form below.



PLACER COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

<https://placerphotoclub.org/>

2024 Membership Application & Renewal Form

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Email Address(s): _____

Phone: _____

Annual dues are \$24 for a single member and \$36 per couple

Make checks payable to "Placer Camera Club"

Turn in the form and payment at the meeting or mail it to:

PLACER COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

c/o: Mary Nunes
13040 Windsong Ct
Auburn, CA 95602