



# Twin City Camera Club

## ViewFinder

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**To encourage and develop an interest in photography.  
We hope you are “Focusing on Photography” and having fun...**

**Our Competition Season** continues on April 10th. with the Select Subject of “**Floating Things.**” The object that is the focus of attention in the image must be something that is floating in or on the surface of a liquid like water.

Example: A cork, bubbles, rubber duckies, ice cubes, most wooden objects, boats, etc.

**Digital Entries** must be in by Monday at midnight, April 3rd. (Size 1024 x 1024, not to exceed 1 MB). Titled correctly: "**Your Name - Image Title**" First (space) Last (space) dash (space) title of image. (Example: John Henry – Steel Driving Man.jpg). Anything extra like special characters #, &, + or extra dashes -, dots . or underscoring \_ , incorrect and missing capitalization or incorrect spacing means extra work for someone else to correct. Please, Double Check Your Entries... Plus, make sure you prepare an Entry Card or request one be made for you. Thank You!

**Report on the Annual Business Meeting** that was held on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

There were 17 members present. This number includes the members of the board.

Ted Post – Treasurer

Ted gave a comprehensive report on the club’s financial situation. The report covered checking and investment accounts, expenses and income for the past year. After a few questions of clarification, the report was accepted without objections. Ted also updated the club on our membership numbers. He indicated a membership of 22 Life Members, 54 paying members and 2 honorary members.

Ken McKeown – President

There were 41 people in attendance at the annual awards banquet. He indicated that we really need to increase our numbers at this event.

There is a serious need for members to step up and fill some of the vacant position on our board. Select subjects for 2019. The floor was yielded to Tom McCall to handle this area.

Tom McCall – Board Member

1. Tom gave an overview of the club’s website and answered questions.
2. He indicated Richard Lyon is the club’s longest participating member. Tom also recognized Ken McKeown for his many years of service.
3. Our Facebook site has been in operation for one year.

Select Subjects – 2018 – 2019 Competition Season

September Framing

October Macro

**Report on the Annual Business Meeting continued:**

November	Stripes
December	Emotions
January	Creative
February	Color – Purple    Black& White – Texture
March	Farm Scenes
April	Modes of Travel
May	Nautical
June	Nature

Respectfully Submitted  
Leonard Anderson – Secretary

**Your Editor Comments:** As Len's report states, I recognized Dick Lyon and Ken McKeown for their many years of service to the club:

I was hoping Dick was going to be in attendance at the Annual Business Meeting because I would like to acknowledge and recognize, Richard (Dick) Lyon, for all of his participation and support of the club over the years. He joined TCCC in 1954 and Dick is the club's longest serving member, with 63 years. He's always been very active in the club, competing in Film Slides, Black & White Prints and Color Prints including our last competition season. The majority of that time was when members had to develop their own film and make the prints themselves in a darkroom. Dick was a strong competitor and he won Print of the Year in 1973.

He was the Club President in 1963 and has served on the Board as Past President several times, with his latest term ending in December of last year. I think he would have continued, even though he's in his mid-nineties, but I believe it became somewhat difficult for him to drive in from his home in Coloma, in the winter and after dark.

Back in the day when the TCCC's Travel and Adventure Series was going strong and was the club's money maker, Dick served as the Series Chairman from 1970 until 1982, helping to generate the income for the club's building, future prosperity and many civic contributions.

Dick has graciously served in many positions over the years. We have many standing committees that require members and Chairpersons and Dick has served in several of them. The most recent was as the Chairperson of Visitation Committee. Dick was the ViewFinder Editor in 1959 and he headed up a project that was instrumental in developing a darkroom for the membership in our building. The project started in 1968 and was completed in 1969. He has continued to help and join in when ever we needed someone to help with a project, whether it was filling in as a judge in one of our competitions or helping out with the setup and tear down for a banquet or a display. It could be painting in the building or helping with a clean up. What ever it was, Dick was there and gave unselfishly to help out.

He was our Photographic Society of America representative and encouraged the members to compete in the PSA Salons, some of them were International. Dick received a PSA Gold Metal in the 1973 Salon Workshop Competition. Then in 1975 captured a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD in the same competition. Dick has earned the Bronze, Silver and Gold Metals in the PSA Workshops.

Dick was TCCC's "Man of the Year" in 1975. This was an Award that the club membership voted on each year, that included a large traveling trophy, where a member was "Recognized for Outstanding Achievement in Promoting the Goals of the Twin City Camera Club." You can see the trophy up near the cabinets on the left side, in the front of the room. There is also a plaque on the wall you can see as you are going down the stairs.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to Dick Lyon, for all of his time, effort and devotion to the club. With much appreciation Dick, we thank you...

### **Editor Comments continued:**

I would also like to acknowledge and recognize our President, Kenneth (Ken) McKeown, for all of his participation and support of the club over the years. Ken joined the club in 1971 and has been very active in the club, competing in Film Slides, Black & White Prints, Color Prints and now in Digital Slides, in all of which he has won numerous awards.

One that I remember very well, we called it a "Clean Sweep" award. Back in 1981, at our Annual Awards Banquet, we presented it to Ken for winning the Monochrome Print of the Year, Color Print of the Year and Slide of the Year, quite an accomplishment. I don't recall anyone else doing it. That just scratches the surface of all the competition awards for point totals, winning photos and SWMCCC awards that Ken has received over the years. Ken is truly an excellent photographer.

Ken was involved in the Travel and Adventure Series also, as a Head Usher and helping out where ever he could. But it was Ken's involvement in other areas of the club where he really shines. I'll start with serving as the club's President. The first time was in 1980, then in 1991, then again in 1997 and 1998. Then starting in 2004 he has served continuously and like the Energizing Bunny is still going strong and is our 2017 President. Now that's an accomplishment that I can't imagine ever being repeated.

If that isn't enough, I'll include that he's also served as a Past President many times, other board positions, Chairperson of several Standing Committees and for the newer members that have only seen our Annual Show via a computer and digital projector, Ken was instrumental in the development of what was then called our Annual Slide Show. A very involved process, which included physically going through hundreds of film slides, listening to and making the selections of music, putting it all together and synchronizing everything to use multiple slide projectors. I think it was eventually up to 6 or 8 projectors and used some very sophisticated audio visual equipment to control it all. All of which had to be hauled around when he was showing it to numerous civic groups. Something he still does today, but with our current show, he thankfully has a little less equipment to haul.

Ken is also a recipient of the "Man of the Year" award, justly deserved. He has tirelessly overseen, been a part of or participated in one way or another, almost everything that our club and the members have been involved with since he joined the club.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to Ken McKeown, for all of his time, effort and devotion to the club. Again, with much appreciation Ken, we thank you...

Most certainly both Dick Lyon and Ken McKeown, have many more accomplishments to their records and have contributed much more than I've been able to describe here, so I hope this gives you all at least a glimpse, into what their roles were in making our club what it is today.

I want you all to know that we have many more treasured and very important members of our organization that I'm not able to acknowledge at this time. Look around, we are an organization composed of volunteers. Some really committed and talented people. We are one of the finest camera clubs in the State. So it's to all the others, that give of their time and talents, that we acknowledge them also and say "Thank You," please know you are very much appreciated.

One of those is our TCCC Facebook group, it has reached a one (1) year anniversary. It all started the day after the Annual Business Meeting one year ago. Many thanks to our administrators/moderators; Spencer Hughes, Jim Long and Maria Pelaez. Great job, we appreciate all that you do.

**Photo of the Month:** Your winner of the Photo of the Month for February, in Black and White "Dennis Hafer - Window Door" and in Color "Barbara Kirby - Blue Eyed Sara." You can review the comments on the Announcements and Photo of the Month pages of the website. Congratulations to you both.

Many thanks to all of the members that submitted votes.

**Photo of the Month continued:** Selections are now OPEN for the March Photo of the Month. The March Honors are on the new Monthly Honors page on the TCCC web site. Select One (1) Black & White and One (1) Color photo and get your votes in... You have until midnight March 31st. to vote. Don't wait, get them in early. Send your pick to: [POM@twincitycameraclub.com](mailto:POM@twincitycameraclub.com)

I want to thank all of you who participate, your Vote Counts, Thank You!

**March Program Night:** On Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm. Ed Post will present his program "**Nature Photos That Inspire.**" Ed says, learn the basics of nature photography along with tips, tricks and secrets for making your nature photos stand out from the others. This program looks at the mechanics of nature photography, but also examines the essentials for creating images that inspire.

Ed Post is one of our favorite presenters. Ed's programs are always wonderfully prepared and excellently presented and they're full of his "knock your socks off" photography.

More information can be found on the Announcements and Program Information pages with photos and links. Mark your calendar, you do not want to miss this one.

**Information about the April Program Night:** This information is for the April Photo Critique that will be presented by Dennis Hafer, Dan Brant and Tom McCall. This will be an interactive constructive critique with the members as active participants. Photo critiques are a good way of learning more about photography and how to judge your own photos. It's about what you SEE. You know how we are always saying "Judging is subjective." Well that's what a critique is, it's subjective too. If you are sincerely interested in learning how to improve your photography you should learn how to critique photos, including your own. A critique should be based on an informed opinion, you achieve an informed opinion with experience, technical knowledge and training. We're here to help you gain that knowledge, training and experience.

We would like you to submit two (2) Digital images that you consider, "Ready for Competition." We'll then present them to the group for the critique and hopefully you'll gain some information on how they can be improved, if they can.

Submit your images to me at: [tombmccall@gmail.com](mailto:tombmccall@gmail.com) by Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>. Print makers can bring in two (2) prints the night of the critique.

Call me at 269-983-5986 if you have questions.

**March Stats** are posted on the TCCC website.

**March Digital Results** are posted in the Member's Only section.

**March Honor Images:** The March Honor Images have been posted on a new Monthly Honors page for the 2016 - 2017 Season on the TCCC website.

### **March Honors:**

#### **Class A Black & White Prints**

Gorson Drake - Foggy Farm Scene

Gorson Drake - Foggy Shoreline

Elaine Harju - City fog

Ralph Harju - Chicago Fog 1

#### **Class A Color Prints**

Elaine Harju - Fog coming at the Pier

Elaine Harju - Yellow Boat

Ralph Harju - Book Store Stairs

Barbara Kirby - Rick

**Class B Color Digital**

Carol Reidsma - Shack

**Class A Black & White Digital**

Ron Bonczkowski - Your Move

Steve Campbell - Mist over Falls

Steve Campbell - March Storm

Steve Campbell - Masssive Storm

Ron Dekett - Winter Beach

Dennis Hafer - Fields of Fog

Dennis Hafer - As the Fog Lifts

Dennis Hafer - Grape Vineyard to Infinity and Beyond

Dennis Hafer - Lonely

Jim Long - Blow Down

Tom McCall - Fishing in the Fog

Tom McCall - When Steam was King of the Rails

Barry Nelson - Above the Clouds

**Class A Color Digital**

Ron Bonczkowski - Early Morning Fog

Steve Campbell - March Storm

Steve Campbell - Small lake WV

Ron Dekett - Echo

Dennis Hafer - Dispersion

Dennis Hafer - Millers Pond

Dennis Hafer - Sunburst

Dennis Hafer - Just having Fun

Spencer Hughes - Holland Long Exposure

Spencer Hughes - Lighthouse Sunset

Gary Huttenstine - Grand Island Fog 2

Chuck Kehoe - Hot Wheels

Barbara Kirby - Back to the Barn

Barbara Kirby - Foggy Morning

Jim Long - Whats Beyond the Tree

Tom McCall Today's forecast- Partly Foggy

Ken McKeown - Foggy big mac

Ken McKeown - Foggy morn

Kathleen Mendel - Bird Rest

Kathleen Mendel - Blowing Sand

Dave Wheeler - Cape Fear

Dave Wheeler - Foggy Bay

Dave Wheeler - Bad Idea

**Judges:** John Hopkins and Karen Hopkins, Photographers, Hopkins Studio in Berrien Springs.  
<http://www.hopkinsstudioonline.com> and Dennis Mally, Photographer, member of the Fruit Belt Camera Club. Former member TCCC and a Past President of SWMCCC.

Many thanks to all of them. We appreciate them taking the time to come and judge for us.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all of the competitors. Thanks for all of your efforts preparing your entries and submitting them into competition. We had 21 members, submitting 148 entries, 75 in Select, 73 in Open, who received 98 Acceptances, 45 Honors and 5 Rejects. That's an acceptance/honor rate of 97 percent and a rejection rate of 3 percent.

**A Special Congratulations** to Dennis Hafer for receiving four (4) Honors in Black & White Digital Slides, all in Select achieving a perfect score of 22 points. Also to Dennis Hafer for receiving four (4) Honors in Color Digital Slides, all in Select achieving a perfect score of 22 points. WOW, way to go Dennis, great work.

**New Members:** TCCC Welcomes three (3) new members this month. Please welcome Sandy Hafer of Stevensville; and Joan and Paul Contardo of St. Joseph. On behalf of our entire membership, we welcome you and wish you much success. We hope your experience in the club will be challenging, enjoyable, rewarding and most of all fun.

**The new Select Subjects** for the 2018 – 2019 Competition Season are posted on the TCCC website.

We are trying an idea about using Close Up/Macro two years in a row to see how it works and to consider having it as a yearly subject like Creative and Nature.

**Classifieds:** For you Nikon fans and wannabes, check out the Classifieds page on the TCCC website for A Nikon D7100 and lots of lenses and accessories.

We have a room for your For Sale and Wanted to buy items, see the Classifieds page for more information. To list your FOR SALE and/or WANTED TO BUY items, Contact Tom McCall.

**You can always find upcoming activities and reminders of events posted on the Announcements page of the TCCC Website.**

### **Photography quote for today:**

**“In the end, better pictures always win. It's only a question of who has them.”**

~ Author Unknown

### **Just a Thought:**

**“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”** ~ Author Unknown

### **Happiness is:**

**“The things that counts the most in the pursuit of happiness is choosing the right companions.”** ~ Author Unknown

**May you always have love to share, health to spare & friends who care!**

**Keep those shutters clicking...**

**P.S. You're looking great today! Ö;Ö**