



Twin City Camera Club

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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 May 8th. with the Select Subject of “**Song Titles.**” The object that is the focus of attention in the image must be readily identified with the title of a song. Titles will be read when image is judged.

Example: Brown-Eyed Girl, Come Sail Away, Send In The Clowns, etc.

Digital Entries must be in by Monday at midnight, May 1st. (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!

April Program Night: On April 24th at 7:30 pm. will be our spring photo critique and 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 by Monday April 17th. Print makers can bring in two (2) prints the night of the critique.

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

Death of a Life Member: We were saddened to learn of the passing of one of our Life Members, Curtis Drake. We learned that Curt passed away this morning, April 13th. More information will be posted when it becomes available.

Photo of the Month: Your winner of the Photo of the Month for February, in Black and White “Jim Long - Blow Down” and in Color “Gary Huttenstine - Grand Island Fog 2.” 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 April Photo of the Month. The April 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 April 30th. to vote. Don't wait, get them in early. Send your pick to: POM@twincitycameraclub.com

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

Report on the March Program Night: Ed Post presented his program "**Nature Photos That Inspire.**" Ed's program included the basics of nature photography along with tips, tricks and secrets for making your nature photos stand out from the others. The program looked at the mechanics of nature photography, but also examined the essentials for creating images that inspire.

Ed Post has always been one of our favorite presenters. Ed's programs are always wonderfully prepared and excellently presented and it was one of his best. It was full of his wonderful photography and Ed's way with words made it feel like you were along for the ride.

We hope to have him back with us next year if he puts together another program. Many thanks go out to Ed for another excellent program.

April Stats will be posted on the TCCC website when they are available.

April Digital Results will be posted in the Member's Only section when they are available.

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

April Honors:

Class B Color Digital

Sandy Hafer - Old Shutters This was Sandy's first competition and her first Honor.

Sandy Hafer - Petals Of Peach

Class A Black & White Digital

Ron Bonczkowski - French Canoe

Ron Bonczkowski - Raft

Ken McKeown - On the Vine

Ken McKeown - One Hundred Points

Steve Campbell - Matt Allen

Class A Color Digital

Steve Campbell - The Gold Splash

Dennis Hafer - Five Of A Kind

Gary Huttenstine - What a Pad

Jim Lynch - Munising Harbor

Jim Lynch - Reflections

Barry Nelson - MV Evolution-2

Ted Post - Kissed with rain

Judges: Suzanne McDonough and Tom McDonough, Photographers, Berrien Springs Camera Club and Amy Deming, Photographer, <http://www.demingphotography.com> Paw Paw, Michigan.

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 19 members, submitting 121 entries, 85 in Select, 36 in Open, who received 79 Acceptances, 14 Honors and 28 Rejects.

New Member: TCCC Welcomes a new members this month. Please welcome Charlie Olszewski 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.

ViewFinder Contributions: Have an interesting article you've found? Have some news that you would like to share with the members of TCCC? The editors welcome any and all suggestions and entries for inclusion into the club's newsletter.

Classifieds: 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:

“Every success is built on the ability to do better than Good Enough.” ~ Author Unknown

Just a Thought:

“A friend is someone who knows you as you are, understands where you've been, accepts what you've become and still gently invites you to grow.” ~ Author Unknown

Happiness is:

“Happiness is made from things you can't buy in stores.” ~ 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