



February 2007

# Cable Release

## Fort Wayne Photographers Club

Affiliated with SWMCCC – SouthWestern Michigan Council of Camera Clubs

### February / March Schedule

**Thurs Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Beginning Photoshop**

**Thurs Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 PM Board meeting  
7:30 PM Slide Competition**

**Thurs Mar 15<sup>th</sup> Workshop – Photojournalism &  
Sports Photography**

**Thurs Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> Critique Night**

### March Slide Competition Categories

1. Nature – Open
2. Nature – Close-up or macro
3. Creative – Multiple Exposure
4. Lines / angles / curves
5. Open – no nature

*Happy Valentines Day*

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and click on the Fort Wayne Photography Club button.

## REMINDER

We need 150 – 200 framed prints with wire hangers from our membership for the Photography Exhibit at the new Allen County Public Library gallery, on display during the month of April. Bring your pictures to the March Slide Competition meeting on Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Notes from Our President

Here we are in February of '07 already with only 3 1/2 months left in our season.....where is the time going?!

We've accomplished quite a bit already, and still have quite a few exciting events planned. We've got the Falcon outing this weekend, an Intro To Photoshop next week, 2 workshops in March (presentation from local news photographers on using a photojournalistic style and another critique night,) and a fun discussion/show-and-tell in April.

We also have at least 2 more exhibits coming up, so start choosing your prints now! Entries for the public library are due at our next meeting (March 1st) and we would like to get close to 200 prints. (Better to have too many than too few.) The public library exhibit will run the entire month of April. Also, entries for the Dash-In will be due by the following meeting (April 5.) This exhibit will run from April 16 - May 28.

Our membership continues to increase. We now have over 50 members!! Within our membership, we have many different personalities and styles, as well as a wealth of knowledge/experience. Please take advantage of this knowledge/experience by using our "Helping Hand" program that has been put together for us by Don Gagnon. You can use it by going to:

[www.digitalwondersphotography.com/photography%20club/Helping%20Hand.htm](http://www.digitalwondersphotography.com/photography%20club/Helping%20Hand.htm)

Thank you again for making our group so great!

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## February Print Competition Winners - **Color**

Judges Voting	Categories / Winners	Club Voting Print of the month
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Nature – Open</b> Jon Ingleman Jon Ingleman Bill Christie	1 <sup>st</sup> place
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Nature – Winter</b> William Aeschliman William Aeschliman Don Gagnon	
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Cemetery</b> William Aeschliman Ron Patton Nate Ratcliff	2 <sup>nd</sup> place (tie)
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Creative – Park / Garden</b> Sharon Gerig Kim Ross Jon Ingleman	
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Open – No Nature</b> Denise McQuillan George Mundell Dan Sheerer	2 <sup>nd</sup> place (tie)

### PHOTOSHOP TIP OF THE MONTH

by Don Gagnon

Have you ever tried making a black and white print on your ink jet printer, only to have it come out with a purple-ish or blue-ish color cast? You're not alone, as that is a common problem with all ink jet printers.

The ultimate answer is to buy a custom RIP (Raster Image Processor) for your printer that will perform custom color handing so your printer can do proper B & W prints, but these can be expensive, require some skill to use, and are not available for all printers.

I have recently done some experimenting, and found a way to substantially improve the color cast through Photoshop. Just before printing your B & W image, add a color balance adjustment layer, and set the cyan/red slider to -10, and the yellow/blue slider to -15. These settings work on the Epson PRO-4000 which has a purple color cast, and may need to be modified for your printer, but give it a try!

# February Print Competition Winners - Monochrome

Judges Voting	Categories / Winners	Club Voting Print of the month
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Nature – Open</b> Sharon Gerig George Mundell George Mundell	
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Nature – Macro</b> Sharon Gerig Denise McQuillan Bill Christie	
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Fort Wayne</b> Bill Christie Denise McQuillan Stan Gephart	1 <sup>st</sup> place (tie)
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Person(s)</b> Steve Brisco Kim Ross Stan Gephart	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Open – No Nature</b> George Mundell George Mundell Jim Trainer	1 <sup>st</sup> place (tie)

**Print chairpersons: Jon & Judy Ingleman**

## Humor in Photography

As a portrait photographer I encountered many children who were less than enthusiastic about getting their pictures taken. This prompted me to figure out some tricks that would make the job easier.

One of these was "Molly the Mouse," a small, stuffed toy that I would hold up to the side of the camera. The child was told that Molly would take the picture, and I would jiggle the mouse with one hand as I pressed the shutter-release button with the other. This trick would enthrall most children long enough for me to get a good set of pictures.

One little girl, whose pre-Molly portraits were unsatisfactory, made a return visit. With the help of Molly the Mouse, the sitting proved most successful. When the prints were ready, the mother, accompanied by her daughter, came to pick them up. "Aren't they nice?" She cooed to the child. "Oh, yes," came the reply. "The mouse is a much better photographer than that man."

## **Club Workshops / Outings / Area Events**

### ***Through March 31***

**Allen County Public Library Main branch** (downtown Fort Wayne) is hosting a local artists exhibit, which features photographs from 4 club members. The gallery is in the SW corner of the building.

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### ***Through February 25***

**Thomas Allen Photography Exhibit** in the Weatherhead Gallery at the University of Saint Francis. Hours are Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 10-4, Sun 1-5. Lecture by Thomas Allen on Feb 22 at 7:30 PM in the Gunderson Auditorium.

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### ***March 2-4 plus 10-11 / March 26-30 / June 11-15***

**Danny Burk Photography.** Photoshop for Photographers – 5 day Workshops in South Bend. \$595 per person. Details at [www.dannyburk.com/](http://www.dannyburk.com/)

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### ***March / April Wolf Park seminars***

Wolf Park photo seminars are held on most Saturdays in March and early April, and on specific Mondays in the Fall. The March and all the Fall dates coincide with when the park is closed so participants will have the park all to themselves!

Dates for the all day seminars are Saturday - March 3, Sunday - March 11, Saturday - March 17 and Monday - April 23. The cost of the all day seminar/photo shoot is \$250. Other photo shoot only days are available for \$175. The park location is Battle Ground, IN (about 5 miles NE of West Lafayette). Details at [www.wolfpark.org/photo\\_seminar.html](http://www.wolfpark.org/photo_seminar.html)

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## February Photography News

KODAK PROFESSIONAL Image Enhancement Plug-Ins allow consumers to quickly and easily improve the most common problems associated with digital images. Photographers can download a free trial of the Image Enhancement Plug-Ins software by visiting <http://www.asf.com/>

The DIGITAL GEM Plug-In automatically reduces image noise/grain without sacrificing image detail or excessive softening.

The DIGITAL GEM AIRBRUSH software allows users to create an airbrush effect by automatically smoothing areas of a digital image without blurring or reducing fine detail.

The DIGITAL ROC Plug-In restores, balances and corrects the color of almost any digital image by removing color casts that have been caused by colored lighting or fading.

The DIGITAL SHO software automatically adjusts the dark areas in a digital image so that more detail is visible. The plug-in corrects exposure problems in images with backlit subjects and uneven flash illumination, as well as partial shade.

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Adobe has announced that Adobe Photoshop® Lightroom™ 1.0 software is now released, and is expected to ship in mid-February. Photoshop Lightroom enables professional photographers to import, manage and present large volumes of digital photographs, helping photographers spend more time behind the lens and less time at the computer.

With more than 500,000 photographers participating in the public beta program over the last 12 months, Photoshop Lightroom now includes a wealth of innovative features that streamline digital photography workflows. Recognizing the photography community for their efforts, Adobe is offering Photoshop Lightroom at a special introductory price of US \$199 through April 30, 2007 at the Adobe Store. Photoshop Lightroom will later sell for an estimated street price of US \$299.

If you are a NAPP member, they will be publishing a separate magazine about Adobe Lightroom, called Darkroom, and it will be free with your NAPP membership.

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