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**Cover Shot
By
Jim Basinger**

This picture is part Photography and part computer manipulation.

I put up a black cloth for the backdrop and burned some incense. I set my camera on Manual and with the lights on I focused on the smoke. I used a second flash very close to the smoke and my pop up flash in the camera would fire the second flash unit. I turned out the lights and took the picture. I also took a complete black picture.

In Photoshop I brought in the Black Picture and the Smoke Picture. I held a mirror up to my monitor and looked to see at what place the smoke picture would mirror itself in the mirror to look like an alien. I would crop that part of the picture and drag it to the black photo then would mirror it and put the two pics together.

Upcoming Events:

October 8th, 2009

Monthly Club Meeting:

7pm at the Baker Heights Social Hall

Competition: 3 regular competition images

Program: Sam Ruljancich to critique

REFRESHMENTS: Janet & Norm

October 9-11, 2009, Gresham, OR
Columbia Council of Camera Clubs
Annual Convention

<http://www.columbiacameraclubs.org>

November 12th, 2009—Club Monthly Meeting

General Club Competition—3 Images

2009 Photographer's Choice Images to Steve

Program: TBA

Refreshments: Mary Tevis

November 14, 2009— NWCC Conference

At Museum of Flight

December 10th, 2009—General Club Meeting

General Club Competition—3 Images

Christmas Social

Presentation of Photographer's Choice Images

Refreshments: Pot Luck

January 14th, 2010—General Club Meeting

General Club Competitions-3 Images

Program: TBA

Refreshments: Claw

January 23-24, 2010-Navigate Photography

Lynnwood Convention Center

www.navphotoevent.com.

February 11th- General Club Meeting

General Club Competition—3 mages

Program: TBA

Refreshments:

February 27th, 2009—Banquet

Image of the Year Banquet

Collector's Choice Restaurant, Snohomish WA

September, 2009 General Competition Results

Scores are based on a 27 point scale with 3 judges (and 1 alternate) giving a score of 1 to 9.

<u>Award</u>	<u>Image Name</u>	<u>Photographer</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Image Name</u>	<u>Photographer</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Marsh Wren Singing	Bill Dewey	25		Charge!	Andy Rice	21
3rd	Burrowing Owls	Bill Dewey	23		Bison Raspberry	Andy Rice	21
HM	Common Yellow-throat 1	Bill Dewey	22		Avalance Gorge, Glacier NP	Andy Rice	19
	Dead Horse Point State Pk 2	Linda Davis	21		Ground Squirrel Munching!	Anna Rice	20
	A Look at Geology Layers	Linda Davis	18	2nd	Munchin	Anna Rice	19
	Potash Evaporation Pond	Linda Davis	16		Lake Easton	Anna Rice	17
	Croatian Catherdral	Joyce Harvey	18		Canary Spring	Kevin Siefke	24
	Ready, Set, Go	Joyce Harvey	18		Gull Point #3	Kevin Siefke	21
	Mostrar, Bosnia Bridge	Joyce Harvey	17		Sulfer	Kevin Siefke	18
3rd	Mountain Stream	Renata Kleinart	23		Painrbrush 2		
3rd	Fly Like An Eagle	Renata Klienart	23		Lily	Shirley Stich	20
HM	Balloon Glow	Renata Kleinart	22		Rikki 2	Shirley Stich	20
HM	Pink Cosmo	Norm Kreger	22		Frozen in Time	Shirley Stich	19
	Yellow Rose	Norm Kreger	21		Scottish Wedding	Mary Tevis	20
	Pink Rose	Norm Kreger	19		Wenatchee Spring	Mary Tevis	19
	Renaissance Fairy Princess	Steve Lightle	21	HM	Thousand Trails	Maty Tevis	19
	Khira	Steve Lightle	21		Lama	Janet Wright	22
	Christina in Pink	Steve Lightle	21		Poppies	Janet Wright	20
3rd	Chilean Rosehair Trantule	Margaret McLeod	23		Red Poppy #1	Janet Wright	19
	Metalwork	Margaret	19		Hummer #6	Jim Basinger	21
					Whale #2	Jim Basinger	21
					Hummer #5	Jim Basinger	20

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September 2009 Winning Images



3rd- Fly Like an Eagle
By Renata Kleinart



2nd—Canary Spring
By Kevin Siefke



1st—Marsh Wren Singing
by Bill Dewey



3rd—Burrowing Owl- Mom Comes Home
By Bill Dewey



3rd-Chilean Rosehair Tarantula
by Margaret McLeod



3rd—Mountain Stream
by Renata Kleinert

September 2009 Winning Images
Honorable Mentions



Lama by Janet Wright



Pink Cosmo by Norm Kreger



Common Yellowthroat 1
By Bill Dewey



Balloon Glow by
Renata Kleinart

Another "doozie" of a Trip!

Yes, Steve Lightle has done it again for his fellow Pilchuckers!

September 11th found 8 Pilchuck Camera Club members heading south out of Everett on a well-researched outing—for a shooting trip of a lifetime, with Steve at the helm.

In 1 SUV, 1 truck and a small motorhome a total of 8 members traveled many miles seeking "photo opps" Steve researched: Klamath Falls, Crater Lake, Reno Hot Air Balloons, Bodie ghost town and Mono Lake in the Eastern Sierras, Bristlecone Pine National Park, Virginia City and Animal Ark.

Special thanks to Steve once again for leading Pilchuck Camera Club members on a photo trip of a lifetime! And all our fellow travelers for making the trip fun.

Norm and Janet



From the Editor - Anna Rice

Okay, it's me again. I am going to start stalking club members for personal, inspirational, humorous and even terrifying stories about taking a picture or anything to do with creating images. You all have been warned. Even readers are welcomed to submit something. *(Please)*

As most of you know, I have been working on creating a new web site for the Club. Geocities for free goes away Oct. 26,2009.

What an undertaking it has been.

Using relatively new software has the downside of there not being much in resources to help use the product. I did find some resources and plugged along.

Sometime in the next few weeks we should be up and running. I did take into account the comments that only up and down scrolling & no left to right scrolling. I also took resolution size into consideration. If you wonder why there are a lot of my shots, I needed to fill the empty space in places where I need image contributions from club members to fill up the many blank spaces in our Camera Club website.

Health wise I am feeling better than I have in years. Modern medicine is sooo wonderful.

The website is a perpetual thing that I know will never end until I pass it off sometime in the future. I started from scratch and have actually surprised myself that I am doing it. There are still some bugs to work out, but I think everyone will like it. If not, let know what changes you would to see and I will try to accommodate you.

Anna

Assigned Subject for 2009: GLASS

Each year the club Program Director (Vice President), with the aid of the Executive committee, chooses an annual Assigned Subject category. Club members may enter three images in this annual competition. The images must have been taken during 2009.

2009 PHOTOGRAPHERS CHOICE LIST

This list is meant to promote the photographing a variety of subjects. To participate you do not need to compete in all of the subjects, but enter whatever you have taken. This is not a contest, just a fun way to view how each club member interprets the subjects. Images must be taken in 2009 and submitted at the Nov. 2009 meeting and shown at the Dec. 2009 social.

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|-------------|-------------|
| SWIRLS | OLD HOUSES |
| FERNS | CLOCKS |
| RAINBOW | EMPTY |
| NIGHT SCENE | ALONE |
| WATERFALL | SLOW |
| CEMETERIES | LIGHT |
| RED | POWER |
| LINES | NEON |
| SIGNS | HOT |
| ANIMALS | CLUB MEMBER |

Thank you Murphy Hecktner and Kevin Siefke who correctly identified Devil's Club which was on the cover of last month's Pilchucker.



Realization Of A Dream



A number of years ago, Sherry Wilson did the program for Pilchuck Camera Club's Slide of the Year Banquet. The slide show featured Bodie, CA. I've been to the ghost towns of Garnet, Granite and Nevada City, all in Montana. None compared with the images I'd seen of Bodie. I knew I had to go.

The dream of visiting Bodie CA. became a reality this year when Pilchuck Camera Club took a week long photo safari that included a day at Bodie. Here I am, sitting in an abandoned car in front of Fouke House, Bodie, CA. Thank you Janet W. for taking the picture; inspired by two young girls with more imagination than either Janet or I, setting up a similar and oh so obvious image for themselves.



The first night we stopped, in Chemult, OR. The lobby of the motel looked like a video store. The owner/manager explained that the video were free for use by the guests as they didn't get very many TV channels there. I guess the TV size was relative to the number of channels available.

Our travel experience included \$4.09 9/10 gas at the only station open in Bridgeport, CA. late in the evening when we returned from the Bristlecone Pine adventure at the Grove of the Patriarchs. When it's the only game in town, it's the price you get to pay. Bottled water by the way was \$24.00 for a case. I paid under \$3.00 for a case at Hagen's prior to departing on the trip.





We dined one night at 'Mel's'. The interior is decorated with 50's era images of cars and rock and roll stars including a large selection of photos from the



movie 'American Graffiti' which included scenes from a Mel's

Drive in. After dinner that night we stopped at the 'In-N-Out' drive in for souvenir T-shirts. We never did find out what all of the cops were doing there. One was taking photos of a van in the parking lot with a small point and shoot camera while I was taking the picture of the restaurant sign with my Canon 40D and 70-200 zoom. He told me his camera was better than mine. Who was I to argue with a cop?



And no Pilchuck Camera Club outing is complete without a stop for ice cream. Here we are at the Mono Cone, located in Lee Vining, on the edge of Mono Lake.

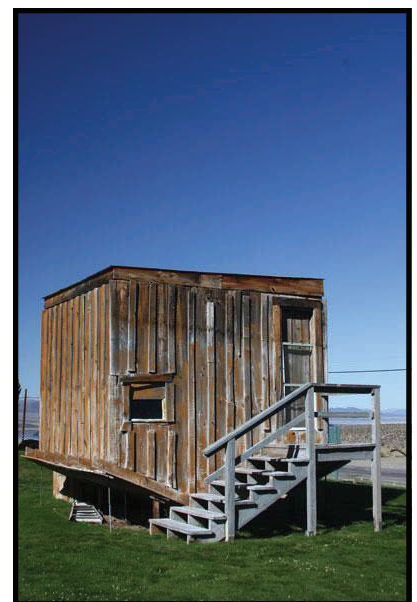


Food on the trip was never a concern. Linda's Ford pickup, came well stocked with chips, donuts and miscellaneous snacks. It was aptly named the 'Silver CostCo' for the trip. My vehicle, a Ford Freestyle, got nicknamed the Freestyle Deli. It wasn't carrying quite as much food as the Silver CostCo but it was close.

I suppose I should mention that we had a short conversation with a Nevada Highway Patrol. But they weren't interested in us but rather were seeking information on the female driver of the red pickup truck with the license plate COWGIRL2 that passed all three of our caravan vehicles in a very aggressive style. We don't think she got a ticket but she should have. We saw here later down the road. She was driving slower.

Ok, to wrap this up. We saw Crater Lake in both the AM and PM, a fantastic balloon liftoff in Reno, amazingly fast Cheetah's at Animal Ark, Virginia City, Mono Lake, the Inyo Forest and Bodie, CA. Those images will have to wait for slide shows and competition. But here is one last image that you probably won't see except here: The Lee Vining Upside Down house.

Yes, to acknowledge one of our trip participants, I'll take a picture of almost anything.



PILCHUCK CAMERA CLUB ~ Minutes of the September 10, 2009 meeting

The regular meeting of the Pilchuck Camera Club was called to order at 7:08 P.M. by President Steve Lightle. Ten members were present. We also had two visitors - Beth Bielstein and Rob Freelove.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as printed in the Pilchucker.

Correspondence received: None

Treasurer Mary Tevis presented the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$507.34.

Vice President Janet Wright presented certificates for the August club competition.

Committee reports:

Membership: Club dues were due at this meeting.

PSA: Conference at West Yellowstone, Montana, on September 20

Northwest Council: The Fall Conference will be at the Museum of Flight in Seattle on Saturday, November 14. For more details, go to www.nwcameraclubs.org.

Social: Members signed up through January.

Sunshine: A card was sent to Anna Rice.

Field Trips: Oregon/Nevada/California trip is September 11 through 18.

Old business: None

New Business: The club has been notified by Everett Housing Authority that the Baker Heights Social Hall will be unavailable from March through August of next year while the hall is being remodeled. We are searching for alternate sites.

Steve announced that Art Wolfe will be the featured speaker at the Kenmore Camera Show next year.

Navigate Photography, a two-day trade show and seminar will occur at the Lynnwood Convention Center January 23-24, 2010. For details, visit their website at www.navphotoevent.com.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Jim reported a count of 41 images in the monthly competition, as well as 9 make-up images. Judges for the competition were Mary, Linda, and Janet, with Shirley as alternate. Projection was by Steve and tabulation by Jim. There were also 19 Travel, 14 Creative, and 24 Nature images submitted for PSA competition.

The evening's program was member presentations. Steve gave a slide show of a selection of his images from several years ago, as well as an encore presentation of *Who Let the Dogs Out?*

Kevin Siefke, Secretary

The Pilchuck Camera Club Information

Serving members from the Puget Sound Area of Washington State

The Pilchuck Camera Club was organized June 12, 1964, and is a member of the Photographic Society of America (PSA) and the Northwest Council of Camera Clubs (NWCCC). Membership is open to anyone interested in color or monochromatic slide or digital photography.

Club meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Baker Heights Social Hall, 1401 Poplar Street, Everett, WA. Map is available at the PCC website.

Pilchuck Camera Club Web Page:

<http://www.geocities.com/pilchuckcc>

Photographic Society of America (PSA):

<http://www.psa-photo.org>

Northwest Council of Camera Clubs (NWCCC)

<http://www.nwcameraclubs.org>



Please send all digital images for competition to

PCCDigitalEntry@Verizon.net

By October 6, 2009

Dimension requirements for submitted images:

No larger than 1024 pixels wide by 768 pixels tall. Other rules concerning submissions can be found in the PCC Member handbook which is available on PCC's website.

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