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Happy New Year!!! Have a wonderful 2006!

N4C PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

FOR DECEMBER 2005

I hope everyone had enjoyable Holidays with family and friends. It was a cold and snowy December in Iowa. But it was a good time to get the snow pictures that will look cool in July. The eagles are back in Iowa City. With all the snow they stay close to the open waters on the Iowa River which runs thru Iowa City.

With the cold days of January you might be looking for something to do inside. What better time than to start that photo essay you have thought about doing. With the digital technology it is easier to do photo essays. The N4C photo essay contest had a record 9 photo essays in 2004, then a record 13 in 2005. Let's keep increasing that number in 2006. Dwight Tomes is contest chair for the photo essays and will have more information on rules clarification and changes made at the September 9, 2005 N4C Executive Board meeting in the January bulletin.

Keep those cameras clicking,

Well, here I [Lynda Richards, N4C Treasurer] am once more:

My house has been really torn up with an addition we're having constructed and I've finally found a "thank you" from the Katrina Victims we collected money for at the Des Moines Convention.

A Special Thanks

Your thoughtfulness has a way of touching lives... of making days a little brighter, hearts a little happier, and problems seem a whole lot smaller.

It's people like you who make the difference in the world. And though you may not hear it often, you are appreciated very much. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Thanks to all of you who donated to the hurricane Katrina victims. We were able to purchase many needed items for these people. Your kindness and generosity helped touch lives during this time of despair for so many families.

Thanks again and God bless you all.

Paul & Kim Albritton

(Neighbors and friends of Lynda Richards, all of whom are from Louisiana.)

Programs Available

Over thirty tape recorded Lectures and Programs Available.

To request a program from N4C please contact: Morris Gildemeister, 1314 W 16th Street, Hastings, MN 55033



N4C NEWS NOTES

Big Adventure

Donene Potyok, member of Lincoln CC who lives in Memphis, TN, had a big adventure in her trip to Alaska. Friends invited her to drive the historic Alaksa Highway, and they traveled 10,953 miles. It was a camping trip, so the car was loaded to the hilt with tent, cots, air mattresses, sleeping bags, propane stove and tank, charcoal for a barbecue, cooking pots, pans and utensils, even a coffee percolator, as well as a well stocked pantry, and of course, clothes, jackets, and personal items.

They saw many amazing sights. Donene, who always takes very careful notes as she has explained to us who know her, saw moose, foxes, bears, caribou, Dali sheep, musk-ox, dozens of bald eagles, a mother grouse with four babies, a wide variety of wild flowers, and numerous glaciers, not to mention “millions” of mosquitoes!

Last January Donene spent time in Vancouver, BC, before heading home via a circuitous route—south through California, then east to Tucson, AZ, then north in New Mexico so she could go to the Bosque del Apache, a wonderful wildlife reserve where snow geese and sandhill cranes spend the winter [remember **Ty Smedes** pictures]. At Easter time Donene drove up to Ontario and went home via New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina.

Soon after that she made her annual trip to the N4C Springbrook weekend in Iowa.

Christmas in Hawaii

Robert and **Sandy Tebben**, members of the Sioux Falls CC, spent the holidays in Hawaii. They looked very nice decked out in their leis as they posed for their Christmas card.

*May your New Year
be filled with Joy
and lots of
Delightful Pictures!*

N4C Dues Due

“Hope your holiday season is going well. It has been cold here in Iowa, but they say it may warm up prior to Christmas Day. We’ve had a good sledding snow, but it’s pretty much icy now. If it does warm up, it’ll disappear altogether.” So writes Lynda Richards, N4C Treasurer.

Lynda reports the following Clubs have still not paid their 2005 - 2006 dues:

Ft. Dodge
Huron
Linn Area
Maxwell
Shutterbug
Upper Missouri
Wyandotte
and Individual Lyle Glass

from La Crosse Area Camera Club **GROUNDGLASS:-**

During daylight hours, one can find numerous winter scenes, ice flows, or winter activities to photograph, plus holiday party after party. Twenty or fifteen or ten years ago one could only put together a photo album or a slide show. If one wanted to put it all to music, complete with “Title Slides,” a great deal of effort was required.

Today it’s click and drag, and then drag and drop in your sound tracks. As for “Title Slides,” it is as simple as “click to insert” and “type your text.” The hardest part today is trying to decide on what text animation effects to use, the transition between images, and the form of output (VHS, VCD or DVD). May be that little “EXTRA” gift this year? —VP **Jerry Bonsack**

Prints Stolen

The November Black and White Pictorial and Nature prints that were judged and sent back to **Ramon Magee**, Wyandotte CC, were stolen out of his mailbox. He wants to apologize to those of you affected and he has taken steps to not have this occur again.

He lives to the back of 5 acres and his mail box is at the road. His new postal carrier left the box in an area below the closable mailbox. This was witnessed by his neighbor with whom they share a driveway. However when he went to get the mail, the box was gone.

Raymon talked with the postal carrier the next morning and she confirmed that she had left the box and agreed that she would never do it again. She will now bring all packages to the door for delivery. The previous postal carrier had done this as common practice.



**N4C
Contest
Results**

HM - "Bucks Canyon" 42
Tom Ling, Duluth-Superior
HM - "A Beautiful Tale to Tell" 41
Jan Huibregtse, Women's Color

NATURE SLIDES

1st - "Sunset Over the Tetons" 45
Gary Renier, Fargo-Moorhead
2nd - "Showy Ladyslipper #2" 44
JoAnn Kuntemeier, Kaposia
3rd - "Peach Wonder" 43
Cora Pasateri, Dubuque
HM - "Painted Lady on Snake
Grass" 43
Herb Gustafson, St. Paul

There were 71 slides entered by 17 clubs. The judging club was the Des Moines Camera Club. The judges were Ty Smedes, Dwight Tomes, and Diane Darnielle. The judging committee chair-man was Jayne Owen.

The top 12 slides were excellent

from **Ames Camera Club LEADING LINES:** -

Butterfly Eyelashes

In November **Harlan Ratcliff** presented "Butterflies Have Eyelashes," his close-ups of Iowa butterflies, moths, and dragonflies.

He uses a Pentax 67 medium format camera, extension tubes for close focus, and Velvia 50 film. Flash is his main light source, mounted about a foot above the camera. Exposure is 1/30 and aperture f/16 or smaller.

Butterflies are attracted to rotting fruit as well as flowers. One of Harlan's favorite spots is Medora, on highway 69 east of New Virginia. Websites he recommends are Butterflies of North America, Butterflies of Wisconsin (www.wisconsinbutterflies.org), and Iowa Dragonflies and Damselies.

—ACC Pres. **Tom Scott**

sent by **JoAnn Kuntemeier, Kaposia CC:**-

Can You Read This?

Can you read this? Only smart people can. I don't believe that I could actually understand what I was reading. The phonetic power of the human mind, according to a research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole. Amazing huh? Yeah and I always thought spelling was important! If you can read this please it on !!

N4C Judging Clubs for January 2006

2x2 Pictorial Slides

Cheyenne CC

Color Prints

Class A & B

Fargo-Moorhead CC

2x2 Nature Slides

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Heart O'Lakes CC

% Jerry Swendsrud

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Contemporary/Creative

Prints & Slides

Kaposia KC

Photojournalism

Prints & Slides

Sioux Falls CC

Black & White Pictorial

Class A & B

Nature Prints

Class A & B

Des Moines CC

Photo Travel

Prints & Slides

Sioux City CC

2 1/4 Slides

Central Iowa CC

from *Fargo Forum* and wire reports: -

**Man Takes Photos With
Old Technology**

VALLEY CITY, N.D. - **Kevin Klein** shudders at the idea of using modern cameras. He favors those used by 19th-century photographers.

Klein has been experimenting with photography since he was 12. That was 35 years ago. And now he has his first exhibition at the Barnes Co. Hist. Soc. Museum.

Klein specializes in the collodion wet-plate process of old-time photography that was developed 135 years ago. He won't use modern equipment.

"It is not point-and-shoot instant gratification. It is a lot of trial and error with a lot of failure," Klein said. "But there are a lot of successes as well."

The collodion process involves glass or metal plates and chemical reactions.

Klein also makes his own cameras, using the techniques of 19th-century camera makers.

from **Central Iowa Camera Club SHARP FOCUS:**-

*"Anytime you participate in N4C,
you push the bar, making you
a better photographer."*

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A Few Tips for Winter Photography

1) There seems to be too many gray skies during the winter. Use a graduated filter to color the sky while leaving the foreground natural.

2) When photographing wildlife in snow, the best way to reduce contrast is to use a fill flash.

3) Get prepared the night before and have everything at your fingertips. You become slower in cold weather and it is much harder to do the simplest movement with layers of clothing and gloves.

4) The sunlight during the early morning and late afternoon offers unique photography opportunities due to the reflections and colors. Get an early start and you will be rewarded.

5) Look for the contrasting line and objects that appear when the snow

does not completely cover the landscape. Place yourself in multiple positions to find the most dynamic photograph. Don't forget to add some color to the photograph as it will create a dramatic effect with the white snow.

6) Night photography can be accomplished from the light of the moon. The landscape lights up under the light of the moon and the reflection of the snow.

7) To reduce some sky in the photograph, position yourself at a higher location and look down.

8) Look for the birds. If it is snowing, use a slow shutter speed for the snow to add an interesting effect. Keep in mind, though, that it is a hard combination of wildlife and a slow shutter speed.

—from article by
Philip Tulin

N4C Bulletin Distribution Progress

A big thank you to the individuals who have volunteered to distribute the N4C E-Bulletin to their club members. With distribution being handled by one person more familiar with each club, we feel that wider readership will be attained.

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