

Southern Exposure



“Lens on the World”

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CCR PRESENTS ‘PORTRAIT CLINIC NIGHT’ WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9



Tara Simmons (above) and Jasmine Gee will be the club’s models for our Portrait Clinic on Aug. 9 at the Science Museum.



Plan to have a really great time photographing two beautiful young ladies at the Camera Club of Richmond’s portrait clinic for members of the club. A model release has been secured and all that will participate will be asked to sign one of them.

Unless your camera has a sync cord plug on it (check your manual), you will need a hot shoe flash connector. This little connector slides into the place where your flash goes on your camera. This connector allows you to use the PC cord from the studio lights and to fire the flashes at the time you depress the shutter.

The two girl models are 15 and 16 years old. Tara and Jasmine will bring three different outfits to model. You will learn about placement of the lights, how to set your camera for external lighting, and how to pose the models.

Please plan to come and have a great model shoot. You may even get a winning portrait image!

Because these models are not being paid, please plan to give them some prints of the images you take of them. It may be any size print, but one 8x10 of your best shot would show nice appreciation.

See you Wednesday evening, Aug. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Science Museum.

—Carole and Edward Hagaman

Trivia Question: What’s ‘PC’ stand for?

The term “PC” (as in PC sync cord, PC socket, etc.), which admittedly is approaching obsolescence, stands for “Prontor-Compur,” the view camera shutter manufacturers who pioneered the device’s use on their shutter units. Owned for decades by Zeiss-Ikon, Prontor-Compur shutters are the Pronto-Press shutters still used in some large-format cameras. What’s left of this former shutter division of F.Deckel today belongs to Copal.

The PC terminal located on some camera bodies lets you use cables to trigger a studio flash or strobe in sync with your camera’s shutter. The cable that attaches to the PC terminal is called a sync cord (for synchronization), or PC cord.

When you take a picture, a signal is sent from the camera along the cable to fire the studio flash. A few cameras have what looks like a hot shoe but lacking electrical connections. These “cold shoes” just hold a flash in place and require a cable and a PC terminal for the electrical connection. If your camera lacks a PC terminal but has a hot shoe, you can use an adapter in the hot shoe to connect a sync cord.

As an added trivia factoid: The initials “PC” can also stand for Perspective Control, as in “PC lenses,” (aka “shift lenses”) which can correct the problem of converging verticals, as when taking a photo of a skyscraper from its base at street level.



The ‘PC socket’ for flash sync cords was common among older and pro-level SLRs and even some flash units. But it’s rapidly being replaced with radio-frequency and infrared remote flash-triggering devices. Ditto for mechanical shutter-release cables.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CLUB VICE PRESIDENT



Ed Hagaman

A very interesting evaluation took place at the Camera Club of Richmond on July 12th. There were 24 members in attendance and the digital projector never looked better. The colors were rich and saturated and the images were sharp.

The Micro/Macro special category produced some outstanding images from beetles, frogs, and butterflies to a clipper ship reflected in a dew drop. The prints were outstanding in black and white as well as color. Congratulations to all who entered their fine work.

Don't forget the portrait clinic at the August 9th meeting. Read the article on preparation in the Southern Exposure. It will give you information as to the setup and your preparation for the clinic.

We missed Irvin but know he is having a marvelous time on his trip to Nova Scotia. Summer is a time for traveling!

—Edward

UPDATED CLUB CALENDAR FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2006



Please mark these dates on your calendar and check each issue for updates and additions.

AUGUST

- 6—PHOTO-EXHIBIT RECEPTION at the Montpelier Center, 3-5 p.m. Photos by Virginia Broitman and Tone Del Papa. (*Details and directions, page 3*)
- 9—PROGRAM: STUDIO-LIGHTING MODELS SHOOT (*See story, page 1*)
- 23—BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER

- All month—CCR MEMBERS' EXHIBIT AT THE BON AIR LIBRARY (*Story, page 3*)
- 4-9—Photographic Society of America's 68th International Conference of Photography, Baltimore (*See www.psa-conference.org for details.*)
- 9—CCR members' works may be exhibited for sale at Chesterfest 2006.
- 10—PSA Mid-Atlantic Chapter Post-Conference Picnic and Cookout, Deale, MD
- 13—EVALUATION plus ASSIGNED SUBJECT: "TENSE MOMENT"
- 20—Landscape photographer Hullahen William Moore's photographic presentation (*Details, page 3.*)
- 27—BOARD MEETING (Tentative)

OCTOBER

- TBA—CCR PICNIC & SCAVENGER HUNT (*Details later.*)
- 11—EVALUATION
- 25—BOARD MEETING (*Tentative*)

NOVEMBER

- 8—PROGRAM
- 12—YEAR END JUDGING
- 22—BOARD MEETING (*Tentative*)

DECEMBER

- 2—AWARDS BANQUET

JULY EVALUATION ENTRIES LIST DELAYED UNTIL NEXT ISSUE

Because of summertime scheduling constraints, the listing of our July 12 Evaluation members' entries is not included in this abbreviated issue of the newsletter. It will, however, appear in next month's issue of *Southern Exposure*.

BON AIR LIBRARY WILL EXHIBIT CCR MEMBERS' PRINTS

The Camera Club of Richmond will be exhibiting members' photographs during the month of September at Chesterfield County's Bon Air Branch Library, 9103 Rattlesnake Road (the club's former meeting location before we moved to the Science Museum in January 2005).

Prints must be framed and ready to hang on the wall; their size is your choice. You may attach a card with your name and contact information, along with the title of the photograph.

If you would like to sell your photo, decide on a price and it will be listed at the library's service desk, but not on the photograph.

If you are interested in participating, please email CCR Activities Director Laurrie Lolly at llolly@earthlink.net to reserve your space.

We are limited to 10 photographs, so sign up soon!

REMINDER: MONTPELIER PHOTO-EXHIBIT RECEPTION AUG. 6

Photographs taken by Virginia Broitman and by Tone Del Papa will be exhibited at the Montpelier Center for Arts & Education during the month of August.

A reception will be held on Sunday, Aug. 6, from 3 until 5 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. All of Virginia's and Tone's friends from the Camera Club are cordially invited.

The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education is located in Hanover County at 17205 Mountain Road at the corner of Rt. 33 (Mountain Road) and Clazemont Road. It shares its brick facility, a former elementary school, with the Montpelier branch of the Pamunkey Regional Library System.

[CCR members will likely find a few scenics to stop and photograph while driving to Montpelier on scenic Route 33.—Editor]

LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHER TO SPEAK AT SMV ON SEPT. 20



Bald Face Mountain
Overlook

Hullihen Williams
Moore at Shenandoah
National Park



Noted landscape photographer Hullihen Williams Moore will give a presentation at the Wednesday, Sept. 20, meeting of the Old Dominion Appalachian Trail Club (ODATC) at the Science Museum of Virginia, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The presentation is open to the public without charge.

In photographing landscapes, Moore says he seeks to let others know "some of the wonder, power and beauty of the wildness of nature."

He is the author of the book *Shenandoah: Views of our National Park*, published in 2003 by the University of Virginia Press. This book contains an inspiring collection of 51 black-and-white photographic images Moore has made over more than 20 years.

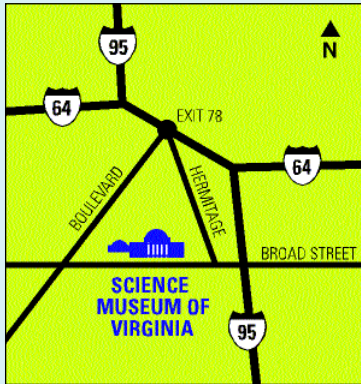
—Contributed by Brigitte de la Burde
(Longtime member of both the CCR and the ODATC)

WELCOME, VISITORS AND GUESTS, TO OUR MEETINGS



PHOTO BY DAVE CHAPIN

The Camera Club of Richmond meets at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W. Broad Street, Richmond.



The Camera Club of Richmond invites prospective members to attend our meetings which are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Science Museum of Virginia.

Annual dues are \$25 a person, \$40 a couple. Call any of our officers for additional information.

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(Carole is serving the PSA as its vice president for public relations this year.)

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