

Southern Exposure

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Message from the President *Fun, Fellowship and Photograph*

On Saturday, July 24th eight members of MGCC joined members of the Warner Robins DIPG for a field trip to Juliette, Georgia. We gathered early and enjoyed fellowship while photographing trains, antique motorcycles, vintage artifacts and scenes along the streets of “downtown Juliette. Rudy Mullis also lead us on a hike down by the Ocmulgee River below the spillway. Some enjoyed a refreshing glass of tea and lunch at Whistle Stop Cafe. It will be fun to see how many of the images show up at the Georgia National Fair.

Please make a note of the following changes for the August meetings:

The Camera Focus Group time is being changed to the August 19th meeting. This change is made so that we can offer a workshop before the August 5th meeting for those interested in learning how to prepare their photographs to enter in the Georgia National Fair Photography Competition and how fill out the required pre registration forms. The workshop will begin at 6:45 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate. Those who have never entered images in the Fair competition are encouraged to attend.

The meeting schedule for August is...

August 5th

6:45 ~ Georgia National Fair Photography Competition Preparation Workshop

7:30 ~ MGCC regular meeting ~ Show Third Cycle Prints and Juliette Field Trip Images

August 19th

7:00 ~ Camera Focus Groups

7:30-MGCC regular meeting ~ Show Theme Photos “ My Best Vacation Images” and PSA Program
“CIPD Best of the Best”

Keep in mind that it is time to start preparing your photos for the Georgia National Fair competition. Turn in dates are September 17th and 18th. Pre registration is required. Your Entry Form must be mailed to the GNF and postmarked no later than September 9, 2010. The Entry Form and Competition Rules can be found on the MGCC website.

I hope everyone is having a great summer in spite of the heat.



DON'T FORGET....

1. CAMERA SHAKE RULE- The slower shutter speed at which you can safely handhold a camera is one over the focal length of the lens in use. As shutter speeds get slower, camera shake is likely to result in an increasing loss of sharpness. So, if you're using a 50mm lens, shoot at 1/60 sec or faster. Not enough light? Use a flash, tripod, or brace your camera against a solid object.

2. DEPTH OF FIELD RULES- When focusing on a deep subject, focus of a point about a third of the way into the picture to maximize depth of field because the depth-of field zone behind that point is about twice as deep as the depth-of field zone in front of it. This works for all apertures and focal lengths, but the smaller the apertures and the shorter the focal lengths, and the greater the distance you shoot at, the greater the depth of field

3. LARGER DIGITAL PRINT RULE- To calculate in inches the largest photo-quality print you can make with a digital camera, divide the vertical and horizontal pixel counts (see your manual) by 200. For critical applications, or if you want exhibition-quality prints, divide the pixel count by 250.

4. EXPOSURE RULE- The classic advise is, "Expose for the highlights and let the shadows take care of themselves." This works for slide film and digital. But with negative film, especially color negative, you're better off overexposing by one stop.

5. QUICK FLASH-FILL RULE- When using an automatic flash unit that doesn't provide auto flash-fill ratios, set the flash's ISO dial to twice the ISO you're using. Meter the scene, select an f-stop, set the auto flash aperture to the same f-stop, set the auto flash aperture to the same f-stop and shoot. The resulting 2:1 flash-fill in ratio will produce filled shadows one stop darker than the main subject.

6. MEGAPIXEL MULTIPLIER RULE-To double the resolution in a digital camera, you must increase the number of megapixels by a factor of four- not two. Why? The number of pixels in both the vertical and horizontal dimensions must be doubled to double the pixel density across the image sensor.



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PLEASE WELCOME NEW MGCC MEMBERS!

Sharon Lilly

Chief interests: camera knowledge, composition, lighting, digital photography, digital image editing

Main subjects: nature, wildlife, people, anything that catches my eye

Camera: Minolta Maxxum 5D

Want to learn about: everything to do with photography

Darren Hester

Chief interests: Camera knowledge, composition, lighting, digital photography

Main subjects: most everything, macro and natural light photography

Camera: Canon EOS 20D

Want to learn more about: basics of composition, how to achieve correct exposure in various lighting conditions

Jim Amodeo

Chief interests: Digital photography, digital image editing, lighting, camera knowledge

Main photo subject: all

Camera: Canon 50D



CLUB BUSINESS

- FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR EDNA DEAN WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT ABOUT FIELD TRIPS. ON THE LIST IS AN OVERNIGHT TRIP TO ST. MARY'S AND CUMBERLAND ISLAND.

THE TRIP TO JULIETTE WAS A HIT SO DON'T MISS THE NEXT ONE!

-THE SIMILAR BRAND CAMERA STUDY GROUPS WILL BE CONDUCTED AGAIN THIS MONTH. THE SECOND MEETING OF THE MONTH IS PLANNED.

-CHARLES MARTIN, BANQUET CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCED THE AWARDS BANQUET WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY JANUARY 15, 2011 AT THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL. MEETING TIME IS 6:00 P.M. AND CATERER IS ARRANGED.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OUT OF TOWN

The Cow and Calf Art Festival is October 22-24 at the Byron Municipal Conference Center. Juried art show with prizes awarded. Artist can submit entries in fine arts, photographs, Peach County, and adult and youth categories. For more information or to pick up an entry form, stop by the Cow and Calf Art Gallery at the Peach Shops at Byron or call (478) 956-5555 or (478) 956-2409.

IN TOWN

"By Land, Sea, or Air-Modes of Transportation." Through August 13, Middle Georgia Art Association, 2330 Ingleside Ave. Gallery Hours: noon-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon-3 p.m. Saturday. See photos, paintings, etc. Call 744-9557 or see the web site at middlegeorgiaart@bellsouth.net.

Turn in Dates

3rd Print cycle – October 21st

2nd Digital cycle –Aug 31 11 pm

GEORGIA NATIONAL STATE FAIR INFORMATION

Georgia National State Fair Photo Contest turn in dates are September 17th and 18th. A brochure and information is on the GNF web site at www.georgianationalfair.com and on our web site.

NEEDED: Comment writers for photographs competing at the GNF.

-Requirements: Comment writers must be in the Advanced and Open Divisions of the competition.

-Results: The more people who participate, the more of a \$600 grant the club will receive! Contact Janice at janicemariemaconga@cox.net for more information. Let's all help!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: WWW.MGCC.WS

THE MIDDLE GEORGIA CAMERA CLUB MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 AT NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 565 WIMBISH RD, MACON

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



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