



SHOPPING FOR USED EQUIPMENT

Presented by Terry Gohl

Buying used cameras can be fun but unless your plans are to display them on a shelf, you need to shop carefully.

Used photo equipment is an excellent way to build a system that can serve you well for a fraction of the price of new. Classified ads, mail order houses, auctions and of course the case at your local camera store can hold some real values.

So how can you tell the difference between a good value and someone else's headache?

Terry Gohl, who has been handling used equipment for Hoyer's Photo Supply since 1975 in Williamsport, will be on hand at our April meeting to offer some insights into making you an educated consumer.

Terry will show you some tips to help you estimate how hard a camera has been used along with things to consider in a lens or flash.

So bring your wish list and your questions and take advantage of an evening with an expert.

The regular meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. on April 28th. The program starts shortly after.

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Listen to Lisa

Hello....I would like to thank you for voting me in as President. I am happy to be back in this position again and with a great set of officers....Elizabeth as Vice President, Iris as Treasurer and Kathy as Secretary.

Many thanks to John Troisi for his amazing and inspirational program on Yellowstone. I have never visited the national park before, but I now feel motivated to go and see the beauty that John captured on film.

The current officers have been meeting and have come up with exciting opportunities for the club to be involved in....such as a committee to plan outings where we will go to different places and take pictures. This could include such varied places as a waterfall or a city. If you feel like you have been wanting to get out and shoot more and would love to have company.... this would be the perfect committee for you to join.

Another idea is to have a committee where members will plan trips to photography exhibits. What a great way to see other people's work and to get inspiration for your own shots!

Our Spring Show is next month. The drop off date is at the May 19th meeting. I hope that you are getting everything together to show off what you have been doing since the last show. The last couple of weekends I have been trying to get out and spend an hour or two walking around looking for inspiration. I can't wait to get my pictures back to see how well I captured what I saw.

Terry from Hoyer's will be presenting this month on buying used equipment. This should be a very informative program and one that will build our confidence buying equipment that isn't brand new.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting!

LISA

Tenth Annual Photography Show

Susquehanna Valley Shutterbugs

Opening May 30, 2003

Entry Rules

- 1) Entries must be the work of a current club member. Work shown in previous SVS shows is not eligible.
- 2) All pieces must be wired and ready to hang. No sawtooth hangers or stick-on hangers.
- 3) Each member may submit three (3) photos.
- 4) Entries must be brought to the Museum May 19, 2003 at the monthly SVS meeting. A completed entry form must accompany the work, and ID tags (provided with entry forms) must be attached to the back of each photo. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE 19TH.**
- 5) An entry fee of \$3.00 per photo should accompany the entry form; student entry fee is \$1.50
- 6) Work displayed may be listed for sale in the show program. The club will handle the transaction and retain 10%.
- 7) Pieces may not be removed until the close of the show.
- 8) Work must be picked up at the SVS meeting on July 20. **WORK NOT CLAIMED WILL BE ASSESSED A STORAGE FEE OF \$1 PER DAY PER PIECE.**
- 9) The show committee will not assume responsibility for damaged or unclaimed pieces.
- 10) Awards will be issued in the following categories: **PEOPLE, PLACES, THINGS, ABSTRACT, ANIMALS**
- 11) A First, Second and Third Place will be awarded in each category.

ENTRY FORM

Name	_____
Address	_____
Phone	_____
Entry A -Title	_____
Category	_____
Description	_____
	Price _____
Entry B -Title	_____
Category	_____
Description	_____
	Price _____
Entry C -Title	_____
Category	_____
Description	_____
	Price _____

ENTRY TAGS

Entry A	
Name	_____
Phone	_____ Category _____
Title	_____ Price _____
Entry B	
Name	_____
Phone	_____ Category _____
Title	_____ Price _____
Entry C	
Name	_____
Phone	_____ Category _____
Title	_____ Price _____

ON THE WEB



L.A. Times Photographer Fired Over Altered Image

Below are excerpts from two websites and the story is much larger than our space allows. It raises obvious ethical issues that are not new to photography however the computer and digital photography have made it easier to cross the line. What are your thoughts ??? Send your comments to newsletter@rwphoto.com to be included in next month's discussion.

http://www.poynter.org/content/content_view.asp?id=28082

April 1 may forever haunt Colin Crawford, Los Angeles Times Director of Photography, and Brian Walski, a staff photographer covering the war in Iraq for the paper.

That was the day Walski was fired, after it was revealed that a photo he submitted on Sunday was actually a composite of two images he had captured.

FROM THE LOS ANGELES TIMES WEBSITE:

Editor's Note

On Monday, March 31, the Los Angeles Times published a front-page photograph that had been altered in violation of Times policy.

The primary subject of the photo was a British soldier directing Iraqi civilians to take cover from Iraqi fire on the outskirts of Basra. After publication, it was noticed that several civilians in the background appear twice. The photographer, Brian Walski, reached by telephone in southern Iraq, acknowledged that he had used his computer to combine elements of two photographs, taken moments apart, in order to improve the composition.

Times policy forbids altering the content of news photographs. Because of the violation, Walski, a Times photographer since 1998, has been dismissed from the staff. The altered photo, along with the two photos that were used to produce it, are below:



CONSERVANCY TO HOST BIKE RIDE



As part of its ongoing efforts to provide opportunities to the public to appreciate the natural beauty of the region, the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy will offer a bike trip on the Pine Creek Rail Trail to both members and the public on June 28, 2003. The approximately 16 mile hike will start at the Darling Run parking area, and conclude at Blackwell.

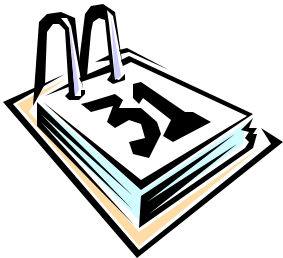
Local DCNR volunteer Weldon Cohick, Jr, will guide the trip. Cohick, who puts about 3,000 miles on his bike each year, has volunteered for DCNR on the Rail Trail since its opening in 1996. He holds the state record for the number of trips through the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon, at 237. Cohick has given tours to many groups throughout the years, and will provide commentary on the many features along the trail.

People of all skill levels are welcome and encouraged to participate. Participants may bring their bikes. Bike rentals are also available through Pine Creek Outfitters. Cost of bike rental for the day is \$22, and includes shuttle from Blackwell back to the starting point. Shuttle-only tickets are also available for those interested, at a cost of \$10. Rental and shuttle reservations should be made by calling the NPC office to ensure these rates.

Preregistration is required, and all participants must sign a waiver prior to the start of the journey. Those under 18 years of age must have a waiver signed by their parent or guardian prior to the outing. Registration form and waiver are available for downloading at www.npcweb.org.

Those interested in carpooling from NPC's Williamsport office should contact NPC at 570-323-6222 or office@npcweb.org prior to June 28th.

The Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy, a membership-supported, nonprofit conservation organization, works to protect and conserve the natural and historic habitat of northcentral Pennsylvania for present and future generations. Since 1990, NPC has been responsible for the conservation of over 8,400 acres in its twelve-county coverage area. For more information on educational events and projects, or to become a member, contact NPC at 570-323-6222 .



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now to June 1 - Edward Steichen's *Vanity Fair* portraits. Lore Degenstein Gallery, Susquehanna Univ. Selinsgrove.

Sunday, May 4 - Rose Valley Sailing Club (sailboat races) The first race starts at 2:00 pm after a skippers meeting at 1:50. Second race follows the first, approximately 2:45 or 3:00 pm. 5-15 small sailboats competing to maximize the power of the wind to traverse a triangular course around buoys. Non-members are welcome to enter boats for the friendly sailing competition. Spectators are also welcome.

May 16 to May 18 - Downtown Arts Fest
10:00 am-7:00 pm Artists, artisans, crafters, entertainers, children's events, food vendors all on the streets of downtown Williamsport

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Whew . . . I admit I just barely got this out on time. Nicer weather brings on more demands for my time. The newsletter will now compete with mowing grass, pulling weeds and hopefully a vacation in May. Those things along with an early meeting next month (May 19th) will force an earlier deadline for the May newsletter. Items for publication will need to be submitted by May 10th.

Thank you to all who sent in items for this month. Photo ops and gallery shows are welcome additions to the calendar of events.

NOTES FROM SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING 4/14/03

The turnout for the April show committee meeting was disappointing to say the least. Two people showed up which meant very little could be firmed up. Lisa has contacted others who have volunteered help and a sign-up sheet for refreshments will be passed around at the regular meeting Monday.

The shows are the primary means that the club gains community awareness. Openings are well attended by the public and offer members a way to learn by viewing others work.

The shows and the opening night festivities are a huge undertaking that really need to involve all our members. Out of pocket expenses are reimbursed by the club, your only investment is a little time.

The entry form for the next show is in this newsletter along with the details of the show. Remember this is the “members only” show and all submitted work will be displayed.

Respectfully submitted, Ralph Wilson

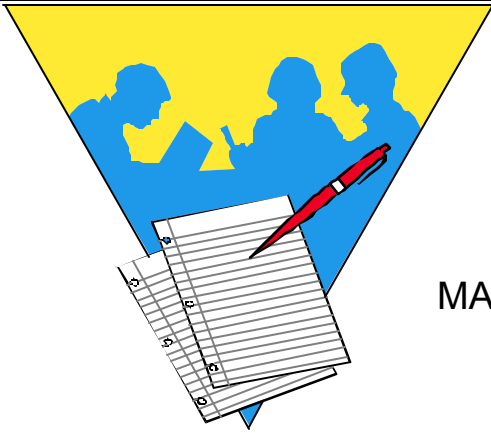
**The next meeting of the show committee will be May 12th at
7 P.M. at the Coffee and Tea Room, West 4th St., Williamsport**



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2003

Elizabeth Anstadt Downey - Treasurer

		March Meeting - Balance in Account	\$1,363.31
	3/24/03	Deposit: 50/50 \$10.00; Memberships @ \$24.00 from Otzel, Maruschak, Culver, Miller, Stone, Goodwin Student Membership @\$12.00 Metzger	\$166.00
267	4/11/03	Mail Boxes - March newsletter	\$16.51
		April Meeting - Balance in Account	\$1,512.80



SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY SHUTTERBUGS MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 24, 2003

- Members Present:** 26
- Treasurer's Report:** Approved as printed in the newsletter
- Secretary's Report:** Approved as printed in the newsletter
- Program Committee:** April-Terry Gohl from Hoyer's
May-possibly Clint Baclawski with Images From Cuba
Picnic-tentatively scheduled for August
Opening for Members Show is May 30
Drop Off date is May 19th at the meeting
See Ralph or Elizabeth if interested in the Ways Garden Show
Elizabeth coordinating Farm City Day Kids Photo Show-June 21. Volunteers needed. Applications will need to be printed and distributed, drop off points established, work needs to be judged, hanged and awards passed out.
Show committee meetings are now held at the Coffee and Tea Room, 2nd Monday of the month.
- Show Committee:**
- Publicity:** No report
- Newsletter:** New version to be down loaded on the Web. Anyone not receiving the Newsletter should see Ralph or E mail him.
- Old Business:** Nominations for officers closed and seconded. Unanimously voted in favor of Lisa Mody McNerny, President; Elizabeth Downey, Vice President; Kathy Otzel, Secretary; Iris Hasselhoff, Treasurer.
- New Business:** The Susquehanna Valley Shutterbugs has been in existence as a club for 10 years as of 3/24/03.
Harrison Price asked for volunteers to submit pictures of animals for a project of Heifer International, a religious program. Anyone interested should contact Harrison.
- Monthly Best Shot:** Tie between Bruce Dart and John Desantis
- Refreshments:** Brooke Mann volunteered for April
- 50/50:** Elizabeth Downey won \$10, with \$10 going to the club treasury
- Respectfully submitted: *Maddi Dunlap, Secretary*

THE INBOX

I just found my first hot pixel on the 990 today, did not know what it was or any information about what they were until this article that is included. I understand that all digital cameras will develop them soon or later. Cameras are shipped from the factory with all hot pixels mapped out. As many as 1% of the sites on a CCD will have some sort of problem over the CCD lifetime. Posting a "mine is perfect" message just makes everyone think that is the way things should be. As your camera ages you will have more and brighter hot pixels. Fact. Some manufactures have dealt with the problem in their newer cameras by allowing user to mapout the hot pixels.

Ray Ovelman

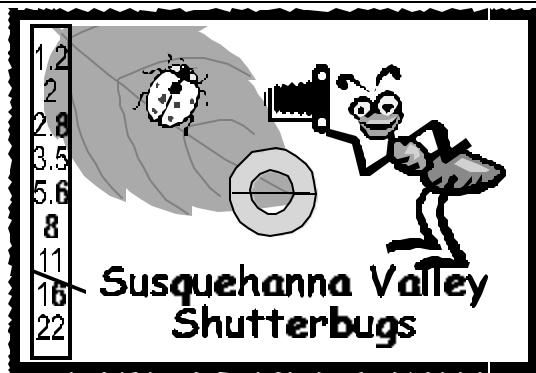
More info is available at this website:

<http://ray.cg.tuwien.ac.at/rft/Photography/Tests/StuckPixel/>

ABOUT THE SVS NEWSLETTER

The Susquehanna Valley Shutterbugs Newsletter is published monthly and available by mail and on the Web at www.rwphoto.com/svs. The club meets monthly at the Thomas T. Taber Museum of the Lycoming County Historical Society on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. The address of the museum and the club is: SVS, c/o Lycoming County Historical Society, 858 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701. The newsletter is created by Ralph Wilson. Submissions for the newsletter are welcome and must be submitted by the 14th of each month. Send to newsletter@rwphoto.com or the address above. Past issues and articles of interest and other club information can be found on the Web at:

www.palmermultimedia.com/SVS.htm



c/o Lyco. Co. Historical Society
858 West Fourth Street
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Next Meeting April 28
7:00 pm

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