

A look at . . .

CUBA

Presented by Clint Baclawski

Clint Baclawski recently had the opportunity to experience a culture that not many people, especially Americans, get to know. While studying at the Rochester Institute of Technology (R.I.T.) a small group of photography students, Clint included, and some faculty members took an educational trip to Cuba. During the trip of nine days they spent the majority of their time in the nation's capital Havana photographing the streets. To gain another perspective on Cuban culture they ventured out to a little town smaller than Williamsport called Trinidad.



His photographs represent the communist regime, the colors, and love that surrounded him. Clint will present a digital slide show of his work along with the stories that go with his experiences.

Clint grew up in Williamsport and was introduced to the camera at a young age through a beginner photography course. He remembers the magic feel revealed by making his first print in the darkroom. From that point on he knew there was something very intriguing to him about it. He attended Williamsport Area High School and began studying photography through the courses they offered with Mr. Thomas Kelchner. Currently Clint is a Senior at R.I.T. graduating at the end of May 2003 with a BFA in Professional Photographic Illustration. A solo exhibition of his work from Cuba can also be seen at The Coffee and Tea Room, 125 West Forth Street, during the month of June with a opening reception on June 6th.

Clint adds "I'm really looking forward to this presentation. . .it will be a lot of fun."

The regular meeting begins at 7:00 PM with the program beginning shortly after.

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Hello...

Thanks to Terry for an informative program on used equipment. I am sure now that many people's questions were answered they will feel more comfortable buying parts that are not brand new. I even learned a lot about my camera that I currently own and how to look for problem areas.

It's almost time for our show! I hope you all have your prints ready. Mine are in the process but I must admit that there will probably be some kind of last-minute-stress before next Monday. Don't forget the drop off is at the meeting on the 19th.

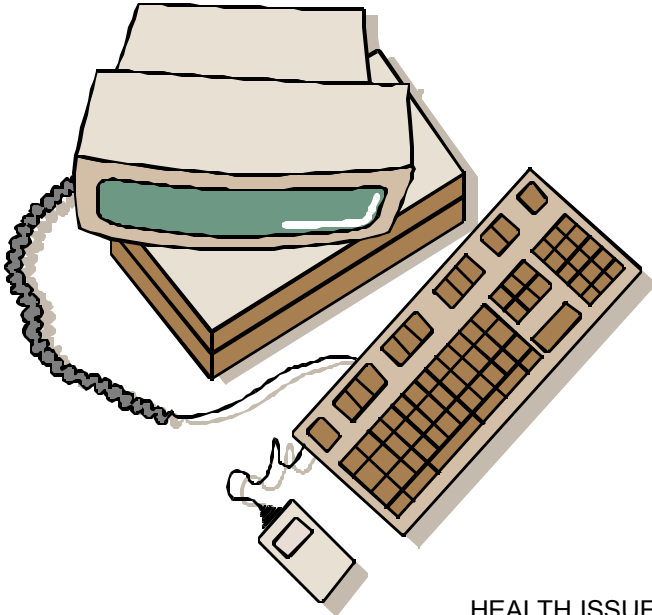
I am really looking forward to Clint's slide show from his trip to Cuba for the program this month. Teaching Spanish and having lived in Latin America, I am excited to see what he has captured. After seeing his shots in the last show, I know we will see some very interesting aspects of the Cuban culture. Let your friends and co-workers know....I bet this could generate a lot of interest.

Thank you to all the people who signed up for the various committees. This is going to be a nice addition to the club and to the committees that we already have. We will have more time to discuss them at the next meeting.

See you on the 19th with your prints in hand!

Lisa

ON THE WEB



Just in case you get inspired to make vacation plans after watching Clint's presentation Monday here are a few excerpts from the US government's travel advisory. You can read the rest of their article at:

<http://travel.state.gov/cuba.html>

POLITICS: Cuba is a developing country with a totalitarian, communist government. The United States has no direct diplomatic relations with Cuba, but provides consular and other services through the U.S. Interests Section in Havana. The U.S. Interests Section operates under the legal protection of the Swiss government, but it is not co-located at the Swiss Embassy.

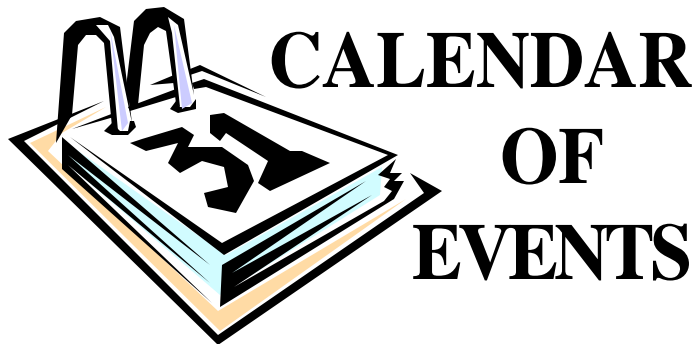
HEALTH ISSUES: A variety of tropical maladies, notably viral meningitis and dengue fever, occasionally break out around Cuba, including urban areas like Havana. Exposure to disease vectors is not limited to remote and less-sanitary areas, and some urban neighborhoods are subject to heavy public insecticide spraying. Hepatitis A is common, particularly in the summer months, and immunoglobulin is not readily available.

THE LOCALS: Cuba's "Law of Protection of National Independence and the Cuban Economy," contains a series of measures aimed at discouraging contact between foreign nationals and Cuban citizens. These measures are aimed particularly at the press and media representatives, but they may be used against any foreign national coming into contact with a Cuban. The law provides for jail terms of up to 30 years in aggravated cases. U.S. citizens traveling in Cuba are subject to this law, and they may unwittingly cause the arrest and imprisonment of any Cuban with whom they come into contact. For more information, please contact the U.S. Interests Section's American Citizens Services Unit at the address or telephone number provided below.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Taxis are available in busy commercial and tourist areas; radio-dispatched taxis are generally clean and reliable. However, travelers should not accept rides in unlicensed taxis because they may be used by thieves to rob passengers

POINT & (they) SHOOT Photographing military or police installations or personnel, or harbor, rail and airport facilities is forbidden.

CRIME: Common crime against U.S. and other foreign travelers in Cuba is generally limited to pickpocketing, purse snatching or grabs and run, or the taking of unattended items. The incidents usually occur in crowded areas such as markets, beaches, and other popular destinations and gathering points. Travelers should use care and caution in all such areas, and they are advised not to leave belongings unattended, nor to carry purses and bags loosely over one shoulder. Visitors should avoid wearing flashy jewelry or displaying large amounts of cash.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 31- June 1 Local photography enthusiast Jerry Zeidler will lead a one and a half day workshop on nature photography for Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy members and the public. There is a small fee to cover the cost of film and developing. Pre-registration is required. Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy 320 E. Third Street, 2nd Floor Williamsport, PA 17701. For more information, contact Julie Adams at 323-6222.

June 1 - SPCA Pet Fair - Come out for an enjoyable day of activities for pets and their owners. There will be children's games, a pet walk, food and prizes. Business vendors will also be present. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM ,Indian Park Loyal-sock Avenue, Montoursville

June 7 & 8 - Susquehanna Valley Festival of the Arts, Penn College Campus, A wide array of artists and craftsmen selling their creations of pottery, jewelry, painting, etc. Live entertainment on two stages from the area's dancers and musicians including gospel, jazz, country and rock. Plus a special performance of the 1812 overture by the Williamsport Symphony Orchestra. Storytelling, puppeteers, theatre performances, arts and craft activities and more. A culinary arts court with live demonstrations from area chefs, a regional fine arts exhibit, children's photography exhibit and more!

June 8 - Victorian Sunday & 47th Annual Ways Garden Art Show Victorian Sunday is tours of historic homes, crafts, art, food vendors, children's games, entertainment. Ways Garden Art Show is a display of local artists and painters plus a children's carnival and art show. Millionaires' Row Historical District 800 Block of West Fourth Street Williamsport, PA 17701 11:00 am - ?

June 8 -14th Annual Billtown Blues Festival
A celebration of American's indigenous music, the blues. A family event featuring local, regional and national touring blues bands. Rain or Shine. Lycoming County Fairgrounds Hughesville, PA 17737 - 12:00 noon

WHICH COMMITTEE IS FOR YOU?

..... PLEASE SIGN UP!

At the April 2003 meeting, incoming president Lisa McNerney discussed the plan for a shorter business meeting so that we can give more time to the scheduled program. In order to accomplish this, we plan to work in committees that will meet before or after the regular monthly meeting or at another time. Participation is encouraged and allows everyone to become more involved in our club. Please look over the following committees and see where you would like to participate. Contact Kathy Otzel at kotzel@chilitech.net if you would like to join a committee.

Each of us can have an active part in our club. Thanks for thinking about your part.

Activities Committee - Responsible for finding destinations and planning day trips for photo opportunities or attending exhibits etc.

Lisa McNerney Kathy Otzel Deryl Maruschak Bruce Dart
Jude Gedroiz

STAR Committee - Responsible for refreshments, set-up, tear down of meetings

Iris Haseloff, Ray Ovelmen, Brooke Mann, Deryl Maruschak

Show Committee - Responsible for coordinating the holiday show and the member show

Lisa McNerney, Elizabeth Downey, Lou Hunsinger,, Ralph Wilson, Brent Shirk

Program Committee - Responsible for planning monthly programs

Dan Doyle

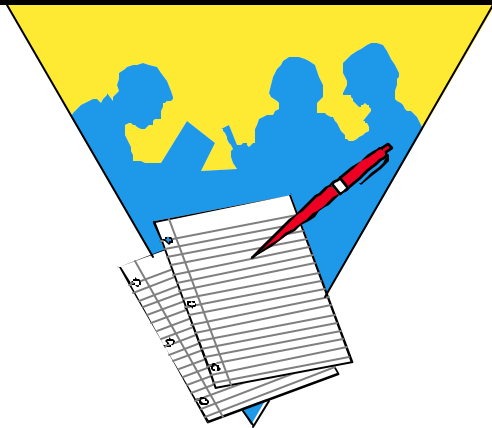
Publicity Committee - Responsible for monthly announcements with photos of upcoming programs (at schools & local photo shops)

Ralph Wilson, Bruce Dart

Penn College Arts Festival Children's Photo Show Committee - Responsible for judging and hanging the Penn College show June.

Lisa McNerney – judging, Al Stola

Each committee will have a chair who reports to Secretary Kathy Otzel at home: 538 -5049, kotzel@chilitech.net or at work: 323 8411 ext. 3252, kotzel@wasd.org



SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY SHUTTERBUGS MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 28, 2003

Members present:	18
President's report	Thank you, Brent, for the past two years of SVS leadership. The business meeting will shortened in the future because committees will submit information to the secretary, Kathy Otzel (kotzel@chilitech.net). This change includes forming a new STAR (set up, tear down, and refreshments) committee and bringing back the Activities committee which was started in 1993.
Program Report:	Program for May: Clint Backlawski's presentation of CUBA
Show Committee:	Drop off for our show is May 19, show is May 30. Maximum entry three photos Next show committee meeting is Monday May 12 at the Coffee & Tea Room on 4 th St Williamsport. June 6 & 7 is Susquehanna Festival of the Arts at Penn College. June 8 is Ways Gardens where Ralph and Elizabeth will set up a photography exhibit/sale in the garden. Any members are welcome to participate.
Publicity/Newsletter:	Thanks Ralph, for doing a great job on the SVS web site. Contact Ralph Wilson with any information on calendars of events. Ralph suggests checking the website at www.rwphoto.com/svs throughout the month because it is updated regularly. Send any articles to Ralph to be posted on the website.
Monthly Theme:	Congratulations to Maddi Dunlap for her winning sunset entry.
Presentation:	Thank you, Terry Gohl, for an informative presentation on shopping for used equipment. Lots of good information shared.

Respectfully submitted, *Kathy Otzel*, secretary



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2003

Iris Haseloff - Treasurer

	April Meeting - Balance in Account	\$1,512.80
5/12/03	Deposit membership Stolas	\$36
	May Meeting - Balance in Account	\$1,548.80

BRIDGE PHOTOS

The Jersey Shore Hospital would like to choose six photographs of bridges in this region. The images will be judged on their esthetic value and do not need to be of well known or heavily traveled bridges. They would like at least on covered bridge.

The photographs will be displayed in the hospital and the photographer will be credited.

You will need to be able to provide the original negative or digital file to have a 16 x 20 print made.

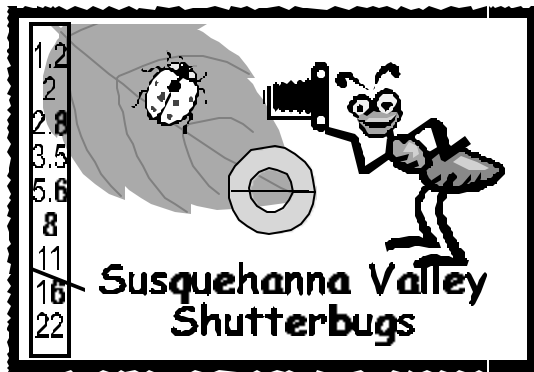
All printing and framing will be arranged by the hospital at their expense.

If you would like to participate in this you need to bring a proof or copy of the photo to the meeting on May 19th.

Brent Shirk has been the contact and should be able to answer any other questions.

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
Williamsport, PA 17701

Next Meeting May 19th

7:00 P.M.

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