



# Twin City Camera Club

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### **May Select Subject: Creepy Crawlers (bugs, not kids). Monday, May 12.**

Remember, the Select Subject must be prominently displayed and the primary focus of the images, so that an ordinary person (unlike us special TCCC persons) would recognize it as such.

**Next Digital Workshop Class on Wednesday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m.** This will be another Hands On session with Tom McCall, assisted by Dan Brandt and Dennis Hafer, so bring your laptop. It will consist of demonstration, instruction and assistance with image enhancement techniques. This class will be on the normal evening schedule of one and a half hours, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. We will start at 7 pm. so come a little early if possible, to get ready for the class. TCCC members only please. Come even if you only want to look on. Only one class will be held in April. The digital workshop classes are conducted by our own Tom McCall. We hope to have them once or twice a month and the classes will be free. They will be held at the TCCC clubhouse and you can bring a laptop if you have one. They are limited to TCCC members and will be approximately 1 1/2 hours in length. We will be working with Elements, Photoshop and other imaging programs. We will be starting with tips and techniques on preparing images for competition. Most of the information should apply to prints and/or slides. We will try to keep it as simple as possible. Did I mention that it's FREE.

### **April 28 Program Night: "Indescribable India" with Dennis Mally**

No, not Indiana, but exotic India! Learn about present day India and its people as Dennis takes us on a tour. Come join us April 28th at 7:30 pm. don't be late...

**Dennis writes:** "I will be presenting a travelogue of sorts of the three-week tour of India I took in 2006. I plan to begin with a description of present day India and its people. I'll then describe the tour, my approach to photographing it, the equipment I used, and some interesting experiences we had along the way. Finally, the lights will be dimmed and I'll turn on a running slide show. In total the program should take 75 to 90 minutes, depending on how many questions I get.

**New Members:** *Vj Schroeder* of St. Joseph,  
*Carrie Halliburton* of St. Clair Shores  
*Daniel Brant* of Bridgman.

Both Carrie and Dan are return members. Welcome Vj, and welcome back Carrie and Dan.

**Wildflower shoot at Kevin Reed's on Saturday, April 26.** We will meet at Kevin's around 9:30. If you are planning a lunch you need to bring your own brown bag and beverage. Ken needs to know who will be attending, email at [kennethmckeown@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kennethmckeown@sbcglobal.net).

**Photo trip up north with Don Vander Molen, May 30th, 31st and June 1.** The Club will meet as a group and go out for dinner on Friday evening. Saturday will be an all-day photo shoot with our guide and Sunday leave for home. Sign up sheet will be at the next meeting.

**John Dykstra and Ed Post Photography Workshops. April 22 – 25, 2008 - Turkey Run Workshop** This is an intensive workshop that includes morning and evening photo sessions of a vast display of wildflowers and covered bridges accompanied with one-on-one instruction if desired. The afternoons are used for very effective, comprehensive instruction using a combination of creative lectures and digital presentations. For more information check the website: [www.edpostphotography.com](http://www.edpostphotography.com) or call 616-669-1755 email: [erperp@charter.net](mailto:erperp@charter.net) or [johndykstra@yahoo.com](mailto:johndykstra@yahoo.com) Fee required.

**Darrell Gulin in Grand Rapids, Saturday, May 10, 9 am – 4 pm**  
**The Grand Rapids Camera Club and Canon are proud to present Darrell Gulin - Canon Explorer of light for a day of education and fun. Fee required. For more information see the GRCC seminar web site at : [Grand Rapids Camera Club.org/seminar/index.htm](http://GrandRapidsCameraClub.org/seminar/index.htm)**

**Two full days of Photography Instruction, Insight, Ideas with George Lepp.**  
Saturday and Sunday, May 17 & 18, 9 am–5 pm. Henry Ford Community College Administrative Services Conference Center 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, MI. Fee required. For more information: [www.thephtguild.org/special.htm](http://www.thephtguild.org/special.htm)

### **SWMCCC Summer School at Hope College in Holland, July 24-27.**

This SWMCCC classic program will be held on July 24th (Thursday evening through Sunday morning June 27. **Adam Jones**, a Canon Explorer Of Light photographer, will be the main speaker for the SWMCCC Summer Weekend of Photography & Digital Imaging school in July 2008. For over 20 years Adam Jones has continually honed his craft and today this highly successful photographer's images grace prestigious national and international publications. Other speakers, cost, etc., will be announced soon. This is Western Michigan's premier educational opportunity for photographers from beginner to advanced featuring classroom instruction, photography field trips and photography shoots indoors and out. Fee required. For more information check the website: <http://www.swmccc.org/SummerWeekend2008.htm>

**Member Activities:** Please tell us about your achievements. A place to show off!

**Ralph Harju** entered four photos in the Juried Heartland Camera Club Regional Photography Exhibit. All Four were accepted and Ralph was awarded second place in color. The exhibit is at the Heartland Artist Gallery, 203 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, Indiana.

**Ideas for Select Subjects: Your Opportunity to Suggest a Subject** The TCCC Board of Directors will be deciding the Select Subjects for the next competition season. So submit your ideas to a board member via email, a note or even a whisper in an ear to be considered. All submissions appreciated...

### **This year is TCCC's 75th Anniversary.**

What can we do to celebrate the Diamond anniversary? Maybe a lapel pin or new patches with the 75 year banner on them? Or maybe just the 75th anniversary banner as a patch? There was also talk about getting new polo shirts or t-shirts. All suggestions are welcome and encouraged.

**TCCC now has 84 members.** Is this a record? Seventy-two receive news and information via e-mails. Seventeen receive the ViewFinder by regular mail: anybody want to change?

**The April Statistics** are posted on the website, and included on page 4 here in the printed VF.

**April Competition was a reality check for last Monday's submissions.** It reminded us that judging really is hard work, dedicated, but inevitably subjective. Judges were **David Knight**, a commercial photographer, **Rick Stone**, a studio photographer, and repeat judge **Victor Coar**, a prior TCCC member with the Johnson Rauhoff advertising agency.

Sorry folks, **No Honors for April.** The percentages show that we had 33% acceptance rate and 67% of all the entries were rejected. Is this also a record?

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**TCCC Members: Please remember to check our active website for the latest news, competition results, program notes, photo tips, techniques, and opportunities, best member photos, great photo links, and items for sale or items people are looking for: <http://www.twincitycameraclub.com>**

**Tom McCall, our TCCC Webmaster, writes:**

The revised TCCC website was fully opened on the end of March. We hope you have had the opportunity to look it over and liked what you found.

It's the place you will want to check at least once a week for important dates and club activities. I'm posting a variety of activities and events on the Announcements page as I learn of them. So if you hear of something you think the members would like to know about, send me the information and I'll try to get it posted. For those of you that don't have access to the Internet, try to make arraignments with another member with access to keep you informed.

To see photos of the freshly painted meeting room with the new print displays, see the **What We Do** Page 6. The What We Do pages are for photos of club activities. Check them out and if you have photos that we could use talk to me. Speaking of page 6, check out the image of President Ken McKeown in front of his latest donation to the club. It's a Dell Computer, 1.9 processor, 768 mg Ram, 2 - 80 gb Hard Drives, DVD CD burner and Monitor. The club's computer,(donated by Jim Pittman and Delta Dental) which was becoming seriously outdated is being replaced with a more up to date computer donated by Ken. Its first use was during the digital workshop class held on March 29th. It will have several image editing programs installed for use by club members. Thanks Ken, it makes a great resource for the club.

**Check out the Area Photographic Opportunities**, learn what we are looking for and check your images for ones we can use.

**Do you have photo equipment you don't need?** Well, there's always the table in the club's basement or you might consider selling it on the Classifieds page. Presently there is a Majestic studio tripod for sale by Ron Bonczkowski. Dave Wheeler's Nikon camera and lenses and Gorson Drake's Tripod and Bag have been SOLD, SOLD, SOLD and SOLD. We have a good record of selling everything that's been posted so far. Also if you are looking for something, we have a Wanted To Buy section... Hmm. I'm looking for some collapsible reflectors, anyone have some in that no longer needed pile.