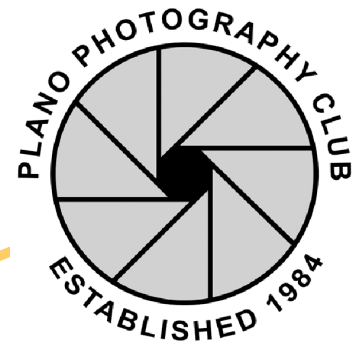


The FLASH!

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Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club

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BEST OF SHOW: *AUTO SHOW REDLIGHT* - BY STEPHEN FINNERTY

I shot this picture at the Anna, Texas Annual Auto Show at the Malt Shop on Highway 5. I had accidentally left the ISO at 1600!!! The camera was in aperture priority mode at f13. Shutter speed was bracketed at +/- 2 from the nominal 1/400 of a second selected by camera. No flash was used and the focal length was 54mm.

I walked around the show looking for interesting angles and a variety of colors and was about to leave when this red car pulled in to an open slot next to a black roadster sporting flames on its side. When I came around to the front of the vehicle it was like a bell went off in my head and said this is the angle I wanted. I saw the front of the subject with the black background and all that red mixing together. A photographer's high hit me, if you will!!!

I brought the images into Photomatix and generated an HDR image. Very little cropping was needed but there was severe grain in the paint job of the red car. I used my trusty polygon lasso and masked off the hood and ran a Topaz denoise filter...perfect, looked so smooth just like what my mind's eye saw at the show. Then I highlighted the details in the right headlight and some on the vents of the adjacent black roadster. Post processing was completed with some added vibrancy for the red and orange hues to accentuate the car and flames.

If you have not gone to a local auto show where classic cars are displayed, mark the next one on your calendar. Not only are the classic cars fun to shoot, but the characters that drive them love to talk to you and are more than happy to let you snap away while they are setting up.

UPCOMING PPC ACTIVITIES

October 1st through November 30th – Showcase 2010 at the Plano Centre. See below.

October 2nd (rain date October 16th) – Fall Outdoor Model Shoot. Arbor Hills Nature Preserve in west Plano. We will be using professional models and will require signup and payment of a fee. There will be a limited number of slots available. Contact Model Shoot Coordinator at: modeling@planophotographyclub.com.

October 16th – Introduction to Photography Workshop. Arbor Hills Nature Preserve in west Plano. This workshop is an opportunity for members to receive hands-on training in various concepts of photography from some of the best photographers in the club. We will be covering basic operation of your camera, rules of composition, aperture, shutter speed, ISO, white balance and other topics. If the model shoot is rained out on the 2nd and rescheduled for the 16th, we will reschedule this workshop. There will be future workshops covering work-flow and image manipulation. Contact Carol Barlow at: contestsiteadmin@planophotographyclub.com.

October 30th – Fort Worth Botanical Gardens with stop at the Amon Carter Museum to view Ansel Adams exhibit.

November 4th through February 4th – Showcase 2010 at the Plano Courtyard Theatre. See below.

November 7th – Community Service Project. We need several volunteers to help with a photo shoot at a retirement home. We will be taking portraits of some of the residents and arrange to have prints made for them at cost. We need one light set in addition to the club's light set. We also need photographers and helpers familiar with portrait photography. This is not an open club event, rather, a community service project. Please let us know if you can help.

December 4th – (Tentative) Annual Christmas Party.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

October 21-24th - Caddo Lake sponsored by the Heard Natural Science Museum.
<http://www.heardmuseum.org/attractions/CaddoLakeTrip.asp>

November 19-21st - Fall Photo Weekend in Jefferson, Texas.

February 26th, 2011 – Joint Shoot/Scavenger Hunt with the Dallas Camera Club at Old City Place in south Dallas.

NEW PRINT COMPETITION PROCEDURE STARTING OCTOBER

The contest committee has made a minor change in procedure for print competitions. All print entries should also be entered as a digital image on the Contest Website, using the same procedure as for projected entries

Then, as with the usual process, you should submit your print at the monthly meeting but, no later than the last day of the month. As in the past, the judge will judge the prints, while the digital image will be kept as a record. All prints, with the exception of 1st and 2nd place, will be returned at the monthly meeting following the presentation of points and places.

The first and second place winners will be retained by the club and safely stored for entry in the annual print contest. So, once you have entered your prints, you won't have to scurry around trying to remember which print won and trying to locate your winning print for the annual contest. If you have questions or need assistance for the October contest, contact your Contest Chairman, Hal Mayfield e-contest@planophotographyclub.com or 972-943-3964.

Steve Finnerty Art Show

This month's Best-of-Show winner had his first showing Saturday September 11th at the Art Walk in Historic Downtown McKinney Texas.

Congratulations!

SHOWCASE 2010

Plano Photography members are invited to exhibit two of their framed photographs in Showcase 2010, a juried show presented annually by the club. One of your photographs will be displayed at the Plano Centre from October 1st through November 30th. The other photograph will be exhibited at the Plano Courtyard Theatre from November 4th through February 4th, 2011.

Prints may be framed or flush mounted with a minimum outer dimension of 11" x 14", and a maximum of 24" x 36". The minimum actual image (print) size is 8" x 10". Entries must be wired to hang from a wall bracket system. The following information should be placed on the back of each entry: your name, title of your photograph, your email and/or your telephone number and the asking price of your image (or NFS if you do not want to sell your art). The deadline for submitting your prints is the September 27th meeting.

Volunteers are needed to help with the initial hanging on Friday October 1st at 9am at the Plano Centre and Thursday, November 4th at 9am at the Courtyard Theatre. If you would like to help or would like to make other arrangements for delivery of your prints, please contact Ed Auger at (972) 964-3383, or Jamie Hilbig at (972) 423-0793, or email them at exhibits@planophotographyclub.com.

Club Logo Contest

The board reviewed the contest entries for a new club logo and decided to investigate modifications to some of the logos. The board will reexamine the modified logos at the board meeting in October and hopes to have three finalists in time for the November club meeting. We hope to keep the suspense to a minimum.

FLASHback

June 2000 - Club members Dennis Chin, James Stover, David Wille, Cindy Vaillancourt, Nathan White and Dallas Camera Club members Clark Crenshaw and Jim McChesney participated in a club field trip to Arizona and Utah.

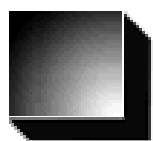
Among the amazing sites visited were Sedona, Antelope Canyon, Coyote Buttes, Canyonlands, Monument Valley, and Arches NP. Memorable were Dennis Chin, an acknowledged master at 80, hiking the rough terrain, a drunk guide getting our SUV stuck, Nathan White's driving, hot models at Sedona, and James Stover hanging over a cliff to get a shot of "The Window" at Arches.

Cindy Vaillancourt

GUEST SPEAKER: *KATHERINE ROBERTSON* - AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE IKE

Our own Katherine Robertson (katherinerobertsonphotography.com) is an eclectic and accomplished photographer. She will present a photo documentary of hurricane Ike and how photography can be used as a story telling device to chronicle a major event.

She relates; "My progressive thinking art teacher decided to start a film class. I began documenting all of the antics of my group of friends from school and Young Life as well as completing my film for the class. My Super 8 movie camera went everywhere with me and on to Europe the summer of graduation for a 5 week tour. Editing my films onto 100 ft. reels, and finding music to accompany each film was always fun. We had film showings for all of our parents so they could see just exactly what their kids were up to! Those were the days! I purchased my first camera while working my senior year in the new neighborhood camera store. Later I switched to medium format and used that camera until I moved on to digital in 1999."



LIGHT TEC

The club thanks LIGHT TEC for their generous support. They have supplied studio lights to the club for shoots for several years. We encourage club members who need to rent lights or photographic equipment to visit them at www.lighttec.com or call them at 214-350-8990.

Winning Images: BEGINNERS

Stephen Finnerty	AUTO SHOW REDLIGHT	1st,BoS	15
Ronnie Scaggs	STAIRS AND IRONWORK AT McNAY - SAN ANTONIO	2nd	15
Stephen Finnerty	STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN	3rd	14
David Forehand	I BRING LIGHT TO YOUR NIGHT	HM	13
Joe Sullivan	STAIRS	HM	13
Ronnie Scaggs	DIAGONALS AT SEA	HM	13



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STEPHEN FINNERTY



DAVID FOREHAND



JOE SULLIVAN

Winning Images: ADVANCED



MAREA DOWNEY



PETER STAXEN



JERRY SCHLESINGER

Jerry Schlesinger	READY TO SKATE	1st	15
Jerry Schlesinger	WANT TO PLAY?	2nd	15
Roger Boulanger	RADIAL DIAGONALS	3rd	15
Ernie Tacsik	ABSTRACTED CHAOS OVER NORTHERN AVE.	HM	14
Marea Downey	CALLA LILIES	HM	14
Peter Staxen	BIRDS OF GLORY	HM	14



JERRY SCHLESINGER



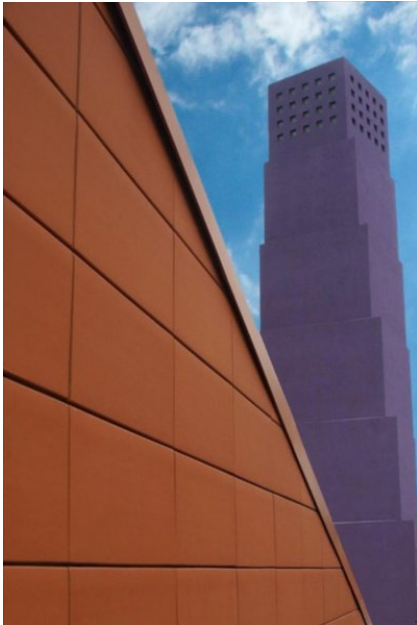
ERNIE TACSIK



ROGER BOULANGER

Winning Images: MASTERS

Danette Volkmer	MACKINAW LIGHT	1st	15
Jose Artiles	ROOF IN BROOKLYN	2nd	15
Larry Petterborg	COLORED BOTTLES	3rd	15
Jamie Hilbig	DALLAS LATINO CENTER	HM	14
Russell McGuire	CHICAGO PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE	HM	14
Russell McGuire	GO AHEAD - JUMP!	HM	14



JAMIE HILBIG



LARRY PETTERBORG



JOSE ARTILES



DANETTE VOLKMER



RUSSELL MCGUIRE



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Message from the President: *Volunteers Needed for the Annual Christmas Party*

Preparations are underway for the club's annual Christmas party. We are looking for a suitable locale for the dinner. If you know of a location, club house, meeting room, etc., please let us know.

Plus we need volunteers to help organize, setup and cleanup. Your club is dependent on your help.

Thanks

Dennis Fritsche

ALL CONTEST SUBMISSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BY LOGGING ONTO THE CONTEST WEBSITE.

COMPETITION STANDINGS

Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points	Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points
ADVANCED			BEGINNERS		
Peter Staxen	3	72	Ronnie Scaggs	16	60
Ernie Tacsik	0	69	Aimee Wilson	3	56
Jerry Schlesinger	16	68	Stephen Finnerty	24	54
Marea Downey	6	67	Steve Wang	9	50
Roger Boulanger	13	61	David Forehand	0	44
Carol Barlow	6	61	Michael Losurdo Jr	0	34
Paul Spencer	3	60	Joe Sullivan	0	24
Bernard Pysz	0	60	Sevy Strnad	0	23
Bill Boyd	0	60	Danny Fyffe	0	21
Jean Karlik	0	59	Angie Garcia	0	20
John Lovelace	0	55	Thinh Nguyenphu	0	20
Ron Hasty	0	55	Farbod Dasty	0	7
Jim Spencer	0	54			
Jennifer Carrick	0	53			
Ron Deage	0	52			
Jennifer Shannon	6	49			
Sharlott Hasty	0	49	MASTERS		
David Philips	10	46	Dennis Fritsche	6	78
Lewis Sheriff	0	45	Danette Volkmer	13	76
Hal Mayfield	0	44	Jamie Hilbig	11	75
Willie Baker	0	43	John Lehman	11	75
Gene Domingo	0	39	Russell McGuire	0	75
Jim Shannon	0	37	Jose Artiles	6	74
Linda Grigsby	0	35	Larry Petterborg	6	72
Billy Erwin	0	22	James Stover	0	69
Steve Sutton	0	20	Eleanore Avery	0	61
Svatava Strnad	0	19	Lois Lehman	6	44
Terri Rapp	0	19			

COMPETITION TOPICS BY MONTH

September 2010: Photojournalism	April 2011: Open
October 2010: Open (Print format)	May 2011: Planes, Trains and Automobiles
November 2010: Reflections	June 2011: Open
December 2010: No competition	July 2011: Shadows and Silhouettes
January 2011: Cemeteries	August 2011: Open
February 2011: Open	September 2011: T.B.A.
March 2011: Panoramic (Print format)	October 2011: Open (Print format)

ABOUT THE CLUB

The club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month (no meeting in December) at Grace Presbyterian Church, 4300 West Park Blvd in Plano. Visitors are welcome!

Officers meet at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month (no meeting in December) at Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Road in Plano. Open to all members.

The club is a member of:
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