



CACTUS POINTS

SAGUARO CAMERA CLUB

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month

Dinner 5:pm COCO'S RESTAURANT

1862 W. Baseline Rd. Mesa, Arizona

Meeting 6:45pm

Mesa Fire Station: NW Corner 1st St. & Mesa Dr.

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Newsletter of Saguaro Camera Club (Digital Images) and Arizona Photographic Society (Prints)

I traveled to Moab and Arches, White Pocket, Canyon X and the White Mountains in October. I want to let you know that Canyon X was the most difficult hike I've done in my entire life. If you have a bad knee or hip, don't even think about it. My friends and I agreed - Canyon X is smaller than the Antelopes, and not nearly as pretty or colorful. I'm glad I went but once is enough in my lifetime. Even my two "guy" friends, younger and stronger, thought it was tough.

In its favor, Canyon X is different and unique, and not that many people have been there. If you like challenges, and are in good physical shape, go for it.

I went with Overland Canyon Tours and highly recommend them.

www.overlandcanyontours.com The price is higher than the Antelopes by a large margin.

White Pocket was very special. You can make it an easy or hard climb and still get great shots. It's best to camp out overnight to get the sunrise and sunset. 4-wheel drive is required to get there. I went with Overland Canyon Tours on this trip too, for three days. Wonderful trip.

I hope others on this list will send me information on where you like, and don't like, to shoot. Any and all information helps the rest of us. Besides, you want to hear from someone other than me! And remember, please send me photos, JPEG, any size.

Results of the October, 2009 Saguaro Club Competition
Assigned Subject was "Faces and Hands"

GENERAL OPEN

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| John Tworek | Bloom Trio | Top |
| Shirley Ramaley | Hawk | Top |
| Sandy Kwas | Old Anderson Dock | HM |
| William Lewis | Nets and Floats | HM |
| Larry McDonald | Boarding House in B&W | HM |

GENERAL ASSIGNED

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| Linda Baxter | Laughter | Top |
| James Kronlokken | Texting | HM |
| Larry McDonald | Jeanette By The Fence | HM |
| Barbara Trainor | Warrior | HM |

MASTERS OPEN

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|-----------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Jean Romain | Lady in Red | Top/VC |
| Larry Durbin | Mammoth Spring Terraces | HM |
| Phyllis Picardi | Italian Homeless Woman | HM |
| Phyllis Picardi | Perch for Two | HM |

MASTERS ASSIGNED

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| Jean Higgins | Egyptian Man | Top |
| Phyllis Picardi | Old Village Woman #2 | Top |
| Jean Romain | San Fran Man | Top |
| Larry Durbin | Chinese Lady | HM |
| Lynn Thompson | Mimes in Portugal | HM |

Saguaro Competitions

December competition is Creative. "Altered Reality"

January, 2010, is Nature. One of the Nature entries must be a flower or cactus plant. The other Nature entry can be anything in nature, following the usual rules.

Saguaro Club and APS for Nov and Dec

NOTE CHANGES

Nov 1st Thurs Saguaro - PJ
Deadline is Sunday, Nov 1st

Nov 2nd Thurs APS
Nov 3rd Thurs Sag

Dec 1st Thurs APS
Dec 2nd Thurs Saguaro - Creative
Dec 3rd Thurs Sag Holiday Party

Please add Katie Dauterman
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and Barbara Trainor
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Welcome to our new members!



Tres Rios

I used to go to Tres Rios on "my" side of town (West) and got some good shots of birds. However, an article in the newspaper a few weeks ago told about the area being "trashed" with garbage and other debris.

An article today says the area is now being cleaned up.

Gilbert Water Ranch is consistently better for birds, and since it's clean and well taken care of, except for some bushes I wish they'd trim, I suggest anyone considering Tres Rios go to Gilbert for the time being, until Tres Rios is restored.

This information, from an email from Larry and Carol, is worth repeating in the newsletter. Larry wrote me that he wants the news to travel to others.

Hi Region 20 PSA Members

Our annual conference in Yellowstone was great. We had a lot of Region 20 people participating and I should add that we did well in the competitions. Region 20 is also getting a lot of people taking positions of importance within PSA. I think people are starting to understand that we have more than just cowboys and Indians in Arizona and New Mexico.

A lot of new things are being added to the benefits that clubs receive by belonging to PSA. One item that really got my attention was the new liability insurance. Any social club meeting in public buildings may be asked to provide a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy to cover their members while they are on the premises. This is real. It is happening in many areas of the country. PSA member clubs can take advantage of special rates that have been negotiated which can save a great deal of money. Also if you have pictures posted on the internet anywhere your home owners insurance may not cover your photo equipment. Insurance companies do not cover your equipment under the home owner's policy if it is used to earn money. If you have pictures on the internet they say you have the opportunity to sell them and do not pay. Of course this has been happening after the fact. If your club has the above liability insurance the company can write a policy for you at a reduced amount.

Also added for club members is a new "Image Analysis Course". Have you been asked to judge some place. Are you qualified? This course is designed to teach you the way to analyze pictures which should help your photography and give you a little knowledge when you are a judge. This should help to further our base of knowledgeable people.

So many of our clubs are not keeping up with what is available through PSA. Carol and I would like to come to your club (whether a member or not) and give everyone a quick overview.

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Larry and Carol are the region representatives for PSA, and I might add, very nice people. If you need to know anything about PSA, be sure to email one of them. I know they will answer promptly.



Photo by Bill Dart 2009 ©
HM Saguaro Club competition

This beautiful photo was taken by Bill Dart in China. I know I'll never go there, so I can "live" China viewing Bill and Larry's and Jim's photographs.

You'll be seeing more photos from China in future newsletters.

I'm happy to report I'm one of the winners in the AZ Game and Fish 2010 calendar. There were 12 winners and one "best" for the cover, my goal for next year. My other two photos are Hon Mentions. Here's an HM slideshow: http://www.azgfd.gov/ie/photo_contest.shtml

If you've been published or have other news inside or outside of PSA or ACCC, please let me know. We all like to learn about good news from our members. This is the best club and we can show we are proud of it. This is YOUR newsletter and we want to hear from you.

This photo by Nancy Sams won Viewer's Choice recently, and is one of my favorites. I know it will be a consistent winner. I also like the two prominent headstones - One for a man and one for a woman.



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