



CONTACT SHEET

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CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:30 p.m. December 9th HOMETOWN BUFFET – NW Hiway & NW 63rd.

Bring a white elephant gift (about a \$5 limit) for the gift exchange. Family and guests are welcome, and if you bring a kid, then bring a kid's gift for the exchange! Pay at the register, go through the line, gather in the back room that Linda England, Louise Beatty and maybe others have decorated, and join your friends for dinner, end of year awards, fun and fellowship. See you there!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ!

I wanted to take this opportunity to let all of you know how greatly I appreciate your letting me serve as your president these past two years. It has truly been an honor. When I attended the first meetings of the Metro Camera Club as a bushy-haired motorcycle riding young man, I had no idea the club would last this long. Yet, here we are, 25 years farther down the road, and though my motorcycle has long since been sold and my bushy hair is rapidly vanishing, this club remains as exciting to me today as it was in those early years. We have a talented, diverse membership whose images still have me muttering "wow" several times during each competition. We have plenty of money in the bank and our meeting place has been secured for the foreseeable future. We've also had our share of healthy discussions during the recent past. Digital photography, photojournalism and giving out certificates for end-of-year awards are a few that come to mind. Though we may not always see eye-to-eye, our love of photography and a desire to associate with others who share that love binds us together.

Just as those cold days of winter will surely give way to the new growth of spring, I look forward to the new challenges the next 25 years will bring. In order to remain healthy, our club must continue to grow. To that end, our incoming board has already gone to work. They are exploring "meet and greet" days at local camera stores so that we can find more prospective members. Educational, entertaining programs are being scheduled to expand our knowledge, and field trips and workshops will offer new shooting opportunities. Yes, our club is in good hands for 2003. If you've never had the chance to serve on the board, I urge you to consider it next fall when the nominating committee taps you on the shoulder. It can be a rewarding experience, one which this member heartily recommends. Thank you again for letting me serve you.
.....Tommy Evans

TREASURE HUNT RESULTS

CATEGORY 1 – FRUITS AND VEGGIES

1ST Place – Joe Wilson
2nd Place – Joe Wilson
3rd Place – Dave Murray, Wayne Hughes, Hollis Price
Honorable Mention: Dave Murray, Jil Monte, Derrel Dover, Joe Wilson, Wayne Hughes, Hollis Price

CATEGORY 2 – DOMESTICATED ANIMALS

1ST Place – Tommy Evans
2nd Place – Dave Murray
3rd Place – Janet Murray
Honorable Mention: Jil Monte, Marlene Helsel, Hollis Price, Rick McAuliffe, John Brand, Marlene Helsel, Joe Wilson

CATEGORY 3 – MEANS OF CONVEYANCE

1ST Place – Joe Wilson
2nd Place – Maxey Pinson
3rd Place – Wayne Hughes
Honorable Mention: Dave Murray, Derrel Dover, Tommy Evans, Maxey Pinson, Tommy Evans, Tommy Evans

CATEGORY 4 – WINDOWS

1ST Place – Joe Wilson
2nd Place – Marlene Helsel
3rd Place – Dave Murray
Honorable Mention: Rick McAuliffe, Hollis Price, Tommy Evans, Joe Wilson

CATEGORY 5 – FLOWERS

1ST Place – Maxey Pinson
2nd Place – John Brand
3rd Place – Joe Wilson
Honorable Mention: Tommy Evans, Joe Wilson, Wayne Hughes, Jil Monte

CATEGORY 6 – WINDMILLS

1ST Place – Derrel Dover
2nd Place – Joe Wilson
3rd Place – Maxey Pinson
Honorable Mention – John Brand, John Brand, Wayne Hughes

There were 26 members who bought film and 18 who completed the course, entering a total of 432 slides.
Bill Berryman chaired the Treasure Hunt.
(Bill added a note with this report offering his deepest apologies to Wayne Hughes and said he really had nothing against tennis shoes. Apparently Bill and Wayne understand this.)

PHOTO TIPS

This is a new column that invites member participation. We know we can read photo tips ad infinitum in the various photography magazines, but we want tips from personal experience of our members. They don't have to be earth shaking – something as simple as where locally, in your experience, is a good place to have your film developed or prints made can be very helpful to other people.

To start things off – **Hollis Price** made a bean bag to use when photographing wildlife, or whatever, from the window of her car. Placed on the car door with the window down, it steadies her camera, allowing for sharp focus, and is much quicker to use than the various suction cup and window tripod rigs.

Joe Wilson advises the following camera settings for photographing Christmas trees and indoor and outdoor holiday lighting at night. This is a revision from the handout. Joe also says to bracket and USE A TRIPOD!

Film Speed

64-100 ASA	125-200 ASA	400 ASA	800 ASA
1, f/4	1, f/5.6	1, f/8	1, f/11

For chemical darkroom folks, **Jack DeLisle** adds 4 grams of Sodium Ascorbate (buffered Citrus Acid) per each liter of Rodinal to reduce grain on black and white negatives.

Did you ever stop your car by the side of the road, your attention caught by what you thought would be an interesting shot, only to find it flat and dull? **Don Morris** recommends changing your elevation to change your perspective. Unless you can levitate, the easiest way to accomplish this is to carry a small stepladder in the trunk of your car.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW GUY!

It has been a real pleasure working with the outgoing Board of Directors. The support and help from the other board members as well as club members made the job of Vice-President a lot easier.

In January, I will be moving up to the office of club president. I am looking forward to working with the new Board of Directors and the great things to come in the next year.

My main goals are to keep our club the friendliest in town and increase the membership so we can meet expenses without depleting our bank account.

I invite all members to share their concerns and suggestions for improving the club via email or in person at any time.

See you at the Christmas Party!

.....Jack DeLisle

FIELD TRIP PRESENT

Linda England announced Joe Spence is conducting a field trip to the Festival of Lights in Chickasha on Saturday, December 7th. This is always a wonderful opportunity to photograph Christmas lights and rumor has it there may be a television photographer photographing Metro Camera Club members as they photograph – or something like that – which adds an interesting dynamic to an annual event. If you didn't sign up for the trip at the November 25th meeting, call Joe Spence at 942-6322 for particulars.

FIELD TRIP PAST

The Metro Camera Club field trip in November to the Harn House was a little different. As usual, Linda's field trip weather held, so there was nothing really different about our having a beautiful picture taking day. We've uh, rather grown to expect that from her! However, she arranged for Metro members to photograph inside the historic house and other buildings on the property when they were not open to the general public. This is not standard procedure for museums and it gave us the rare opportunity to photograph a public place unimpeded by people wandering into our pictures. Also, Linda dressed in her "school marm" costume and served as our very patient model in the Stoney Point school house. It was a fun trip and you can expect to see some interesting shots from it in competition.

FIELD TRIPS FUTURE

Field trips provide one of the main avenues for fulfilling the purpose of Metro Camera Club membership, i.e., photographic education and good fun and fellowship. It follows, then, that field trips are important. It also follows that this main avenue is a two way street, and we all know the success of any club is measured by the participation of its members. **Wayne Hughes** is our new Field Trip Chair for the year, 2003. Let's show what good camera club members we are by showing up for every field trip he comes up with – and as creative as his competition entries are, we know he's bound to come up with some good ones!

METRO CAMERA CLUB 2003

In case you missed it, officers and board members for the year 2003 are as follows:

President – Jack DeLisle

Vice President/Programs – Linda England

Secretary – Louise Beatty

Treasurer – Hollis Price

Field Trip Chair– Wayne Hughes

Membership Chair – Bill Webster

Competition Chair – Dennis Corbin

Contact Sheet Chair – Paula Morris

Records Chair– Ron Creech