



February Club Meeting - 7:30pm Thursday 11th at the Canberra Irish Club, 6 Parkinson Street, Weston

2009 PROGRAM

PRESENTATIONS

Month	Presentation & Coordinator
February	The life and landscapes of Ansel Adams Rod Burgess
March	Travel photography – experiences of members Rob Wignell, Robert Deane and Rod Burgess
April	Pinhole Photography Kim Barnabas
May	Plant Photography Pamela Finger

POLO SHIRTS.

Just a gentle reminder for members who have not paid, that payment is now due for the long awaited SSCC polo shirts.

EXCURSIONS

Month	Excursion & Coordinator
6–14 March	Balloon Fiesta Rod Burgess
April	
May	20th Anniversary Dinner
May	Wadbilliga National Park Giles West combined with coast trip

EXCURSION, MAY: COAST (OVERNIGHT) & WADBILLIGA 4WD TRIP

COAST

Laurie Westcott has booked 5 cabins at Burrawang Coastal Club, Guerilla Bay, with the Manager, Len Hegg, for the dates:

IN after 4.00 pm Fri 21 May and OUT before 3.00 pm Sun 23 May. There is a limit of 5 cabins without seeking the Burrawang Cttee's OK to occupy more (the Burrawang CC is for members and there's a limit on the number that can be taken up by anyone at one time. Laurie can book more if there is demand but would need to know fairly quickly. To keep the cabins we are now required to pay a

holding deposit of \$68/cabin in the next few weeks. The cabins normally accommodate up to 6 people - a d/b down stairs and 2x s/b (with another 2x s/mattresses on the floor) upstairs. However, 2 of the allocated cabins have a d/b upstairs (instead of the s/beds) as well as downstairs. The cost per cabin is \$93 a night. Its necessary to provide own bed linen, towels, toiletries and food. No TV or telephone in cabins. No pets allowed. Plenty of seascapes and good walks and photographic opportunities around both cabins and close by.

The cabins were to be available both to SSCC members who wanted a w/end (Fri/Sat nights) at the coast as well as those who wanted to go on the Saturday 4WD/car trip through Wadbilliga and stay at Burrawang for the Saturday night/Sunday. Cabins required for the Saturday night only incur an additional \$20 surcharge (\$93+\$20).

For those unfamiliar with Burrawang you can visit the web site at

<http://www.burrawangcoastalclub.org.au> to get an appreciation of the cabins, surrounding property, location and directions to get there. Type in the user name: guest048 and the password: westcott.

4WD

We need to rustle up some 4WDs. With people's bags and food Giles can take up six (better with five) people in reasonable comfort in the Prado including the driver. Laurie would be about the same. If the track is good, and you were feeling adventurous, it could be done in a 2WD but clearance can be problem and if the track is wet it would add to the excitement. We will have to work out which way we want to do the Wadbilliga bit. Giles has difficulty getting Friday off, and assuming that people will want to spend Saturday at the coast, we could leave early-ish on Sunday and

make a day of it getting back to Canberra via the Wadbilliga. With lots of stopping for photographs and lunch it's probably a 6 hour trip. Some great country going through the wetter bits of the coastal plain, up scarp slope (several times) and then on to the top of the ridge and the high country where it's really dry. Back through Numeralla and Captain Flat, or down to Bredbo and up the main road to Canberra.

COMPETITION

2010 LIFE'S REFLECTIONS PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Calling all amateur photographers - Its time to get clicking and capture our older Canberrans enjoying life to the full!

Entries are sought for the ACT Office for Ageing's annual Life's Reflections Photographic Competition.

The competition is open to all ACT residents, school children and college students, regardless of their age or skill with a camera.

The competition is all about promoting positive ageing in our community – using photographs to capture older people enjoying life. At least one person featured in your photograph is to be at least 55 years of age or older.

We are also looking for photographs that illustrate healthy active living and the value and meaning of relationships between generations in families and the community.

The 2010 competition has four entry categories - Primary Students, Secondary Students, Open Amateur (18-54 years) and Seniors (55 years and over).

Finalists and other selected entries will be displayed in an exhibition at the Canberra Centre during ACT Seniors Week from 21-28 March 2010. Attractive prizes and framed certificates will be presented to all finalists in each category on 26 March 2010 .

Primary and Secondary Students from ACT Schools and Colleges and members of community groups and organisations can enter the competition and qualify their school/college or community organisation for an Excellence in Participation Award.

Entries close at 5pm on Friday 19 February 2010. Entry Forms and further information can be found in the attachments or at www.ageing.act.gov.au or by phoning 6205 3113 during normal business hours.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

See end of Newsletter for Photoshop SIG program

INDUSTRY NEWS

FIRMWARE & SOFTWARE UPDATES

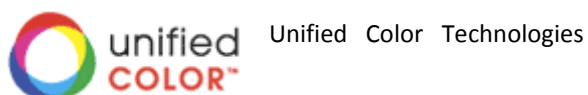
CANON ISSUES EOS-1D MARK IV FIRMWARE UPDATE

Canon has posted a firmware update for its latest professional DSLR, the EOS-1D Mark IV. Firmware version 1.0.6 enhances autofocus tracking performance of the camera in specific circumstances. The firmware is available for immediate download from Canon's website.



MAC VERSION OF UNIFIED COLOR TECHNOLOGIES HDR PHOTOSTUDIO SOFTWARE

The only high dynamic range software capable of editing and rendering images in the full 32-bit color scheme extends its creative toolbox to mac users



(<http://www.unifiedcolor.com>), the experts in high dynamic range imaging (HDR), today announced that its hallmark software application, HDR PhotoStudio, is now also available for Mac operating systems. Powered by Unified Color's next-generation color model, Beyond RGBTM, HDR PhotoStudio is the only solution capable of creating

realistic-looking HDR images that unlock the full range of color as perceived by human vision.

HDR PhotoStudio provides photographers with complete control over the colors within an image and a comprehensive toolbox to address the effects of merging multiple exposures, while simultaneously improving workflow. Available for immediate download through <http://www.unifiedcolor.com>, the Mac version of HDR PhotoStudio is being offered for an introductory price of USD99.00 throughout the month of February.

ADOBE RELEASES LIGHTROOM UPDATE FOR LEICA M9

Adobe has released a Photoshop Lightroom update for Leica M9 users. Version 2.6.1 fixes a bug that causes Light room v2.6 to crash while processing certain M9 images. Other camera users need not update their software to v2.6.1.



NIKON RELEASES CAPTURE NX2 V2.2.4 FOR MAC

Nikon has released v2.2.4 of its Capture NX2 software for Mac. The latest version, released last month for Windows, fixes minor bugs and extends support to Mac Snow Leopard (v10.6.2).



NIKON UPDATES CAMERA CONTROL PRO SOFTWARE

Nikon has updated its Camera Control Pro remote control software to recognize the firmware changes in its D3 and D700 DSLRs. Version 2.7.1 modifies the behaviors of Auto ISO and Focus tracking to reflect the revisions made in the recent firmware updates.

OLYMPUS PENS FIRMWARE V1.2 FOR E-P1

Olympus has released a firmware update for its E-P1 Micro Four Thirds camera. Version 1.2 changes the duration of the enlarged MF



Assist view, 'to improve operability'. It also changes the camera's behavior when the screen backlight is turned off. Firmware updates can be downloaded via the Olympus Master/Studio software.

EQUIPMENT

SAMYANG 14MM F/2.8 IF ED MC ASPHERICAL



The improved model Samyang 14mm f/2.8 lens has been just produced and is subject to the final tests. The optics was changed by redesigning the aspherical lens.

The first lens is made of the optical glass, while the second is of the hybrid construction.

The aforementioned developments allowed us to improve picture resolution at the edges of a photo by 15%, without affecting the chromatic aberration. The second change was redesigning antireflective coatings and limiting internal reflections, which made the lens more resistant to the flare. The lens will be available in Poland and entire Europe at the end of March. The retail price has been established at 329 Euro. The product will be compatible with the following systems: Canon, Nikon, Pentax, Sony, Olympus 4/3

OLYMPUS UNVEILS THE AFFORDABLE PEN



Olympus has officially announced the E-PL1, a simplified, less expensive addition in its Micro-Four Thirds camera range.

With an MSRP of \$599/€599/£549 the latest PEN includes many of the features of its big brothers, the EP-1 and EP-2 and also adds a built-in flash. We've had an E-PL1 for the past few days and have put together a hands-on preview that we hope will provide a little more insight than the bare specs and press images carelessly left lying around the internet. Had we been told by Olympus that if you leak materials you still get a hands-on then we would have published all this much earlier.

OLYMPUS 9-18MM AND 14-150MM FOR MICRO FOUR THIRDS

Olympus has given more detail of the two Micro Four Thirds lenses it announced in November 2009. First is the tiny 9-18mm F4-5.6



wideangle zoom, which becomes the second lens to feature Olympus's clever collapsing barrel design, making it less than half the size of the corresponding Four Thirds lens for carrying. It offers a 100 degree angle-of-view and will be available in May 2010 for about \$700. Second is the 14-150mm F4-5.6 superzoom, which again is much smaller and lighter than the equivalent SLR lens; it will be available in June 2010 priced around \$600. Both lenses feature lightweight single-element internal focus units for quieter, more responsive autofocus.

HASSELBLAD RELEASES H4D-40 MEDIUM FORMAT CAMERA



Hasselblad has launched the H4D-40, 40 megapixel medium format camera. It incorporates a 33 x 44mm CCD sensor (almost twice the size of a full-frame 35mm DSLR sensor) and includes the 'True Focus' AF system introduced in the H4D-50 and 60. The H4D-40 kit, including camera body, 80mm lens and viewfinder is available at a retail price of US \$19,955

(£12,995) and includes the company's Phocus 2.0 software.

KENKO RELEASES CONVERTERS FOR CANON & NIKON

Kenko has updated three of its teleconverters available for both Canon and Nikon mounts. The DGX versions now communicate the effective focal length and aperture of the lens/converter combination to the camera for



recording in the EXIF data. The PRO 300 AF 2.0x DGX

MC4 AF 1.4x DGX and MC7 AF 2.0x DGX are otherwise the same as previous 'DG' versions.

SILICON POWER ANNOUNCES 128GB 400X

Silicon Power has announced the world's first 128GB 400x Compact Flash card. Offering the largest storage capacity we've yet seen with write



speeds of 90MB/s it allows the recording of HD video without compromising continuous shooting performance. The card will also be available in 64GB, 32GB, 16GB and 8GB capacities.

WHAT'S ON

BEYOND REASONABLE DROUGHT

01/11/2009 to 14/02/2010



Beyond Reasonable Drought aspires to produce a comprehensive, sensitive, ethically sound and powerful body of work that is a permanent, diverse and

valuable interpretation of Australia's current long-term drought. See the harshness and beauty of the Australian landscape in drought in 80 extraordinary photographs. Witness the impact of the drought on the land, people and psyche of rural and urban Australia. Exhibition access included in the Museum's entry fee.

Where: Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House moadoph.gov.au/brd/

Contact Details: Telephone : 61 02 6270 8222 Fax : 61 02 6270 8111

Email : info@moadoph.gov.au

Website : moadoph.gov.au/brd/

Opening Times

Daily 9am–5pm (closed Christmas Day)

Price Information

Adult : \$2.00 Child : \$1.00

Family : \$5.00 Concession : \$1.00

CHINESE NEW YEAR LANTERN FESTIVAL

27 February; 7pm-9pm

Gallipoli Reach, Commonwealth Park, Canberra

Performances will include Chinese traditional music and a lantern parade along the shores of Lake Burley Griffin.

CANBERRA FESTIVAL BALLOON SPECTACULAR



06/03/2010 to 14/03/2010

Celebrate the Canberra Festival in the air or on the ground. Both are great spots to enjoy the 2010 Canberra Festival Balloon Spectacular. There's nothing like standing right next to a massive hot air balloon as it inflates and then rises gently into the skies. Witness the beauty of the balloons floating across the national capital's iconic buildings from 6.30am each morning on the Lawns of Old Parliament House. Enjoy a delicious hot breakfast and a variety of live and free entertainment.

Location: Lawns of Old Parliament House

www.events.act.gov.au/?/canberrafestival/event/28

Contact Details

Email : events@act.gov.au

Website :

www.events.act.gov.au/?/canberrafestival/event/28

Opening Times 6.30am - 9am daily.

CANBERRA AND DISTRICT HISTORIC ENGINE CLUB'S 8TH HERITAGE RALLY

20/03/2010 to 21/03/2010

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Visit Canberra and District Historic Engine Club's 8th Heritage Rally and step back in time. Learn about farming from the past. See vintage engines, tractors and farm machinery on display. The feature of the rally will be the reinstating of the original 1904 Hornsby engine on its original platform at the

Homestead. See tractor ploughing, hay making, and a tractor pull. Take part in the swap meet. Enjoy family entertainment, children's rides and food stalls.

Venue : Tuggeranong Homestead
Address : Johnson Drive Richardson Australian
Capital Territory 2905

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Opening Times

Saturday : 10am - 4pm Sunday : 10am - 4pm

Free entry

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SOUTHSIDE CAMERA CLUB - PHOTOSHOP SIG MEETING TOPICS 2010

Date	Topic	Presenter	Location	Comment
25 February	Converting to mono	Shane Baker	104 Bacchus Circuit Kambah	
25 March	Colour correction	Rod Burgess	TBA	Apologies from Shane
22 April	Blending images	Pamela Finger	TBA	
27 May	Perspective tool	Paul Livingston	TBA	
24 June				
22 July				
26 August				
23 September				
28 October				
25 November				

NB: Each meeting will include a Tips and Tricks segment, where members will informally share useful information they have picked up in the recent past.

Convenor: Shane Baker – shane@sb.id.au – 6231 0965