

# DEVELOPMENTS



Memphis  
Camera  
Club

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MCC meets Twice a Month  
1st Thursday: Competition  
3rd Thursday: Program & Business  
In the Longinotti Auditorium  
behind St. Francis Hospital ER  
West of Park & Ridgeway  
At 7:00 PM

## Approaching the Seventh Decade

– Barry Siegel

With a lot of trepidation, but with even greater excitement I assume the presidency of the Memphis Camera Club. My immediate predecessor, Bob Laster, has done such an incredible job, I am loath to step into his shoes. I have learned so much from him and I hope that I can reach close to his level of diplomacy. Bob really made the club democratic by encouraging different opinions and trying to incorporate all views in the running of the club. For the coming year I hope to help the club provide the best experience for the greatest number of its members. We've got a fantastic membership and I will need your help to keep the club moving in a positive direction.

With over 65 years of history and a current membership of about 75, we are fortunate to have one of the finest camera clubs in the country. I hope to increase our membership to 100 members by this time next year. With increased membership, we will have a greater variety of new ideas and a slightly larger treasury with which to implement them. Everybody needs to keep a few MCC business cards on hand and give them out when you see someone browsing the photography section at the library or bookstore, or taking photographs for pleasure. Who was it that said "Ask not what your photography club can do for you, but what you can do for your photography club!" Ah, it was me I guess ; ) Well, I'm asking now because I know that with your help we will have a wonderful year.

In return for your support, I promise a chicken in every pot, or perhaps a flashcard in every slot, or at least a good time to be had by all. Happy Holidays and I'll see you next year!

## From Angie's Soapbox

– Angie Menne

It's hard to believe this year has come and gone. What a good year it has been. I asked Barry if I could write an article expressing my feelings about the club and its members. I would like to convey a very special thanks to several people.

1. The girls on the social committee who worked very hard on decorating and coming up with fun and games for the picnic and the holiday party-Charlotte, Sheri, Patty Mc, Beverly and Esther.
2. Steve Stubbs and Paul Fultz for coming to our rescue at the last minute to set up the tables and chairs for the holiday party.
3. Everyone that donated door prizes.
4. Everyone that stayed to help clean up after the party and picnic.
5. Charlotte, Sheri and Mary Stubbs for their help and creativeness working on the scrapbook.

I want to encourage everyone (old members and especially the new members) to get

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## PROGRAMS FOR 2007

### January 29th Year End Competition Dinner:

Mark your Calendar  
Year End Awards Banquet

**Date:** January 27, 2007,

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Pete & Sam's on Park Ave.

#### Menu:

Combination Salad (Choice of Dressing)

1000 Island, Roquefort, Ranch, Bacon or Italian

#### Choice of one entrée:

Lasagna, Ravioli & Spaghetti, Veal Parmigiano, Chicken

Cacciatore, Broiled Flounder

8 oz Filet (add \$1.00 to your meal price)

#### Side Orders (Choice of two):

Ravioli, Spaghetti, Spinach, Baked Potato, French Fries, Baked Potato

#### Drinks

Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks

B.Y.O.B. \$2.25 set up charge.

**Price:** \$23.00 Must be paid in advance by January 18th.

Note: Additional parking for Pete & Sam's is next door at the pawn shop.

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involved. Volunteer for a committee. Go on a field trip. Try something new. You may not realize that you enjoy doing something until you try it (such as still life). Don't be afraid to make mistakes or ask questions. We have all been there and we are still there. The difference is we have learned who to ask what questions. If there are things you disagree with, get involved and see if you can change them or find out why they are that way. We have so many people that give freely of their time and energy and truly enjoy helping others and sharing their knowledge. You don't have to spend a lot of money, just invest some of your time. Just in the last year Bob Laster had a macro class, the club sponsored a still-life workshop, and Carl had an outdoor portrait class. Carl, Tom Furlotte, Dale and Ellen Cox do a great job with the enthusiastic photography and digital classes. Barry did a great job arranging some very interesting programs this year. Even the field trips are a tremendous learning experience. Blair has done such a great job leading the field trip committee. I think this was probably a record year for field trips. The more you can participate, the more rewards will come your way and you will make some great friends.

Enough from my soap box. I want all of you to know how much I enjoy being in this club and am so proud to be a



part of it. This has been a very trying year for me physically and emotionally and thanks to all your support I have managed to muddle through it. I just want to say thank you to all of you and I look forward to a great new year.

### Autumn Shoot at Petit Jean

Beautiful autumn foliage. Cold nights, sunny days. Elevated views of foothill terrain. Great fellowship. These were the essential of our Memphis Camera Club weekend shoot at Petit Jean State Park November 3rd – 5th. A dozen of our members drove individually into northeast Arkansas and hooked up at the Rockefeller Center. Tony and Angie Menne rented a suite, which immediately became "home base" for our group for the whole weekend. Everyone brought a dish or supplies, as delegated by Angie, our talented coordinator. Barry and Marlene Siegel brought pastries for light breakfasts. (Marlene also brought a phenomenal home-made spread that was so good that she wouldn't tell anyone how she makes it!) Paul and Nancy Fultz brought killer spaghetti for a well-appreciated heavier meal at day's end.

The requisite, and very cold, sunrise shoot brought wonderful opportunities for vista captures from the cliff at Petit Jean's gravesite. As it turned out, there was also another group of photography enthusiasts who were attending a landscape photography class at Petit Jean. The MCC members arrived at the cliff early, using flashlights to get tripods and cameras ready.

By the time the "paying" photographers arrived just before sunrise, all of the premium shooting positions had been manned. This made for some interesting half-heard comments from the latecomers.

Since Barry Siegel was very familiar with the park, he became the unofficial advisor on "good spots" to one and all. There were many opportunities for macro and vista shooting. Most members made the Cedar Falls trek to this park's famous waterfall, and many a memory card started indicating zero shots remaining. During the course of the weekend just about everyone eventually visited the Palisades Overlook, Bear Cave trailhead, the Seven Hollows trailhead and the Cedar Falls overlook. During harsh light or no light, when we were not enjoying "home base" at Tony and Angie's suite, we were enjoying meals together at the Mather Lodge restaurant.

Sunday morning most members headed back east toward Memphis, with a few stopping off for a little shopping and an air show in Little Rock. There were comments about full memory cards, and a few musings about possible entries in the club's next competition. Thanks to one and all for a great field trip and a chance to enjoy everyone's company. Barry reports that we have reserved some of the Mather Lodge cabins in '08, so we can enjoy this great outing again.

# December Photos of the month



## Print Competition

**Nature (21)**

**"A Fall Forest"**

Ellen Cox – 26 Points

**Color Open Print (11)**

**"Heritage Flight"**

Tom Richey– 23 Points

**Color Scenic Print (14)**

**"Arizona Boulders"**

Steve Copen– 26 Points

**B&W Print (7)**

**"Flora Lexingtonia"**

Shilesh Jani – 23 Points

**Portrait Print (6)**

**"Beauty in a Boa"**

Beverly Hammond – 23 Points

**Candid People (7)**

**"On The Edge"**

Quinn Strothers – 24 Points

**Creative (3)**

**"Allegory"**

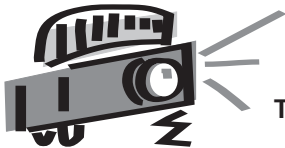
Mary Stubbs – 27 Points (POM)

**Assigned (16)**

**"Blue Stream"**

Shilesh Jani – 27 Points

## Slide Competition



**Nature Slide (3)**

**"LCactus Close-Up "**

Tom Furlotte – 20 Points

**Scenic or Landscape Slide (3)**

**"St. Barthomew Church"**

Tom Furlotte– 21 Points

**Open Slide (1)**

No Winner

**Assigned (2)**

**"Red On Red"**

Tom Furlotte– 24 Points (SOM)



**"Allegory"**

Mary Stubbs – 27 Points POM



**"A Fall Forest"**

Ellen Cox – 26 Points

## Be a good Winner

Be sure to send your images to [maryphotcollage@aol.com](mailto:maryphotcollage@aol.com) and [ellen.isaacman@goodadvertising.com](mailto:ellen.isaacman@goodadvertising.com) for the web and newsletter respectively. This applies to both the slide and print of the month as well as all category winners. Send your stuff.

## Special thanks to these Judges:

Mary Stubbs, Barry Siegel, Brenda Silverman, and Sam Lacastro. There was a whopping number of photographs entered this month... 85 Prints and 9 slides!

## A new addition (number of entries)

Please look at the titles of the categories, in parenthesis, is the number of entries in that category.

## Check Our Website. It's Great!

[www.memphiscameraclub.org](http://www.memphiscameraclub.org)

There is also additional information about dates of photo related events in the Mid South, field trips, etc at the website.

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### Mt. Nebo, Arkansas

#### November 9-12, 2006

– Quinn Strother

It was a beautiful sunny fall day when 10 MCC members aimed their vehicles for Summit House located next door to the Mt. Nebo State Park visitor's center. Tom Furlotte led his harem of nine ladies including Carolyn Furlotte, Beverly Hammond, Esther Prieto, Patty Smith, Dodie Bush, Ann Moore, Peggy Barnett, Brenda Silberman, and Quinn Strother. The house was situated on top of Mt. Nebo's ridge with a great view of the lake and valley below and morning sunrise. Sunset is visible within walking distance on the other side of the ridge.

Friday morning most of the group was up with great enthusiasm ready for the very disappointing overcast sunrise. However, the early fashionable attire of participants and a day that turned out to be beautiful made the early rise worthwhile. The group did a variety of things. Some hiked the trails, others stayed close to the house doing macro shots and just enjoying a relaxing weekend. Sunset was cloudy and didn't offer much in the way of exciting images.

Saturday the weather turned cold and sunrise started out with ground fog. After bundling up against the wind and cold, and some of us realizing that the wrongly set clock had us getting up far too early, nature provided some nice photo opportunities. The day turned off beautiful but cold, so several of the group took off in cars to check out the countryside for a little local color then returned to Sunset Point and another try for a "wow" image.

By dinnertime we were all ready to grill the steaks we had brought and dive into the baked potatoes and salad. When the grill flared up catching the leftover grease on fire and nearly the house, we cooked the steaks in the oven, but all was delicious anyway. In fact the whole weekend provided excellent culinary experiences. The highlights included Tom's chili and Dodie's lasagna and Swiss Chocolate pie. But, then there was egg salad, sweet potatoes, peas, fruit, bacon, eggs, muffins, cheese, dips, chips, crackers, wine, etc. etc.

Adding a little extra treat for some of the group was having the time to take back roads to and from Mt. Nebo. The leaves were beautiful and the countryside in many areas quite lush. It is a great place for a long weekend adventure. The park has cabins that can be rented for families or couples at reasonable rates and there is a lot of variety in the landscape. We missed those who couldn't come.

Did you know they have very large spiders in Arkansas?!

## December and January Birthdays

Larry Hamilton	01/24
Jerry Penrod	01/03
Barney Street	01/11
Karla Griffin	01/03
Gwen Greenglass	01/06
James Adams	01/09
Angie Menne	01/12
Brenda Silberman	01/27
Steve Stubbs	01/28
Marshall Hart	12/01
Ann Moore	12/17
Patty McLaughlin	12/27
Peggy Burnett	12/27
Peggy Copen	12/27



Happy birthday to you all!

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### Amazonian Adventure

– Barry Siegel

The Amazon River, the second longest river on the earth, appeared as a life unto itself, meandering down the aisles of the Longinotti auditorium. At least it seemed that way to me this past November 16th! For days afterwards, patients were telling their doctors that they heard squawking macaws and gibbering capuchin monkeys. Apparently more antipsychotic medications were used on the south wing that night, then on any other day in the history of the hospital. Like a three toed sloth I sat immobile watching the parade of fauna and flora drift in and out of the auditorium. Stephen Kirkpatrick, photographer and amateur naturalist, guided us down the meandering river describing both the physical and emotional experience of the journey. It was a fascinating exploration into the heart of darkness!

### Additional December Winner



**"A Solitary Serenade"**  
Beverly Hammond – 23 Points