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Peoria's Rich Seeman Receives CICCA Honors At PCC Seminar

Rich Seeman has been awarded CICCA's ACICCA Associate Honors award. Pictured at left is CICCA president Vicki Mudd presenting Rich with the award on March 18 at the 2017 Peoria Camera Club Seminar.

Seeman is a past president and vice-president of CICCA, and has served at various times as president, competition director, CICCA representative, and newsletter editor for the PCC. He is a two-time recipient of the PCC's Kisner Award, bestowed annually to a club member who participates most and perform best overall in club competitions. Additionally, Rich has twice received the PCC's Slonneger Service Award which is given for outstanding and unselfish service to the Peoria Camera Club.

Congratulations Rich!



President's Message – Vicki Mudd

Hi everyone! The summer seems to be going by very quickly and it will soon be that time again when the CICCA member camera clubs start their meetings for the 2017 fall session.

Since the 2017 CICCA Spring Salon was cancelled, there isn't anything to report regarding the results.

The Peoria Camera Club has accepted to take on the hosting of the 2017 CICCA Fall Salon. A formal date has not been set. Once the date for the Fall Salon is set, an announcement will be sent to all the CICCA Reps to pass on to their respective clubs.

If your club has any changes to the administration and/or board of your club, please email me at vj.mudd@yahoo.com or Andrea Monninger at andreamonninger75@gmail.com so that we

can update our records. This will ensure that your club will receive all the important news that CICCA has relating to your clubs, such as salon dates and times, announcements and the CICCA Courier.

The CICCA Board and club representatives met in Springfield in March to discuss several proposed changes to the board, some of the salon practices and, the most notable topic, the updating of the CICCA website. Tom Ruhland of the Peoria Camera Club has taken on the task of starting a new and updated website. Tom has been working very hard on the new website which is in a beta testing status right now. More details will be sent to the CICCA reps when they are available.

Jerry Vandemark has stepped down from the CICCA Board and the position of treasurer for personal reasons. Jerry has served CICCA for many, many years as both the treasurer and CICCA representative for the Streator Camera Club. His service is greatly appreciated by myself and, I feel safe to say, all of the CICCA presidents that Jerry has served under.

Mary Cattell has graciously consented to serve as the new CICCA treasurer. Her position as editor of the CICCA Courier has been assumed by Randy von Liski. Randy also serves as the CICCA vice president.

Finally, as you may already know, CICCA sadly lost one of its own with the death of Barry Brehm last May. Barry had been very active in both CICCA and the Champaign Camera Club where he had served as President. Barry won many top CICCA Salon awards over the years for his photos, which were always exceptional. Barry will be greatly missed. For further information, Barry's obituary has been included at the end of this CICCA Courier.

Well, that is all that I have for now. If you have any announcements regarding your club's scheduled programs or other information that you would like share in the next CICCA Courier, please email Randy von Liski at myoldpostcards@yahoo.com.

Sincerely, Vicki Mudd

Treasurer's Report – Mary D. Cattell

I've taken over the CICCA treasurer's position after many years of great work by Jerry. Therefore, your club dues should be sent directly to me at: **1511 Alma Drive, Champaign, IL 61820**. It would be great to have the payments by the CICCA Fall Salon, but at the very latest by the end of the year. The amount is \$15 for 20 or less members, and 75 cents for each member above 20 up to a maximum charge of \$55.

Honors Committee Announcement – Jim Long

It is time to consider nominating members who have contributed to CICCA and their clubs for ACICCA and FCICCA recognition. Information and forms regarding nomination and qualifications can be found and downloaded from the CICCA website under the “**honors**” menu. Please adhere to the August 31, 2017 deadline for submission.

Editor's Notes – Randy von Liski

This is my first issue as editor of the Courier, and I'd like to begin by recognizing Mary Cattell for her long service and outstanding work as editor. Thank you, Mary, for a job well done!

As Courier editor, I plan to build upon the work done before me by focusing on growing newsletter content in three areas:

- Expanded Club News
- Increased Visual Content
- Added Features Content

Expanded Club News - Club News provides member clubs an opportunity to highlight their own activities and accomplishments and, in so doing, sharing information that can be beneficial to all of us. Five clubs provided "Club News" for this issue. For the fall issue, I would like to have contributions from all of our member clubs. Include information on your upcoming program topics with dates and meeting location(s), if known. I'd also like you to share news about upcoming special events and activities such as club trips, adventures, and seminars.

Tell us about your recent past programs, events and activities that were particularly successful and/or well received. Have you been doing any type of community engagement that has increased the profile of your club, or has helped increase membership? If so, let us know! Use "Club News" as a vehicle to share information that can be useful to the rest of us in planning programs and events. Finally, let us know about awards, honors and achievements earned by your individual club members.

Increased Visual Content – I hope to increase the visual content of the Courier starting by adding more photographs. For the fall Courier, I am requesting CICCA reps to provide one photo from your club that depicts an aspect of "Summer of 2017." Size photographs in accordance with CICCA competition rules, and include a title, a description (if needed), the photographer's name, and the club name.

Added Features Content – All of our clubs have members who have learned a lot about photography. Why not pass it along? We are looking for new content written especially for the Courier, or to reprint feature articles that have already appeared in your club newsletters or on your websites. Articles covering the fundamentals of photography, "how to" features, reviews on gear and editing tools, types of photography (landscape, nature, portraits, macro, etc.) will be welcomed. We're especially interested in articles that inspire fellow photographers to try new things.

And one last thing...

I would like to institute a "Club Spotlight" feature where the stories of our member clubs can be told. Every few issues, we'll shine a spotlight on the history, accomplishments, current activities, and future plans of a single club. In so doing, we'll learn more about each other while spreading ideas that may benefit our clubs. For an upcoming issue, I'm looking for a member club to volunteer to be featured in the first "Club Spotlight." Drop me an email to get the process started.

September 15th Deadline For Fall 2017 Courier Submissions

CICCA Reps - send me your "Club News, "Summer of 2017" photo, and any feature article you have to share by **Friday, September 15!!!** And please consider volunteering for the first "Club Spotlight" feature. My email address is myoldpostcards@yahoo.com.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

PSA 2017 International Conference -- October 8-14, 2017

To be held this year at the Pittsburgh Marriott City Center (Pittsburgh, PA) this October, the PSA annual conference is always a wonderful combination of bus tours, workshops, seminars, and special evening programs presented by renowned photographers. The last few issues of the PSA Journal have had descriptions of the hotel venue, bus tours, etc. Conference registration began on May 1, 2017.

CICCA Fall (Interclub) Salon - Peoria Camera Club--- Date TBD

The Peoria Camera Club will be hosting CICCA's Fall Salon. Full information will be published in the fall issue of the Courier coming in September.

CLUB NEWS FROM OUR CICCA REPS

Champaign County Camera Club (#2): Mary Cattell

The Best of Show Print competition that our club co-sponsors in February went well with over 500 entries and, for the first time, a special category for camera clubs this year. First place in the CC category was Jim Long's "Fish Lake Aspen". Our club's winter print competition winners were: Jim Long's "Hawaii Tree" (Small), Jim McEnerney's "Sunset Mt Desert Island" (Large), and Allen Wehrmann's "Sligachan Bridge" (Open). Our club's March Digital competition's first places were: Barb Sandell's "Magical Verga" (Landscape), Allen Wehrmann's "Edinburgh Church Door" (Red), and Barb Sandell's "Great Balls of Fire" (Iconic Illinois). This last category is also the subject for our "I-74 Challenge" between our club and the Bloomington KodaRoamers. This year, we hosted the competition here in early May. The KodaRoamers will be hosting the 2018 competition next May.

Decatur Camera Club (#7): Terry Stoa

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Decatur Camera Club. We are excited to be continuing the long tradition of promoting photography in the Decatur area.

Our officers serve two-year terms and are in their final year. Those serving are: Terry Stoa (president), Bill Hoffman (vice president), Virginia Kickle (treasurer), LeAnna Kalka (secretary), and Eldon Muench (board chair)

The program committee has met a couple of times to outline the 2017-2018 program year. Our program list for 2017 is:

9/14/2017	Shooting Rock Springs: 5 images	5 images in 30 mins + Salon guidelines
9/28/2017	DCC 2017 Fall Salon	CICCA print entries due
10/12/2017	Shooting Rock Springs: Outside	Sunset @ 6:20p
10/26/2017	Focus stacking	Larry Holder, Larry Korthals
11/9/2017	My Workflow	Terry Stoa, Virginia Kickle
12/14/2017	Holiday Still Life photos	Bring your camera + something to shoot

Meetings are held September-May on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, except for November and December when we only meet on the 2nd Thursday. Meeting times are 6-8p. Generally we meet at the Rock Springs Environmental Center – but we meet at the Westminster Presbyterian Church during the months of Jan-Feb.

Bloomington KodaRoamers (#12): Andrea Monninger

The KodaRoamers will open the new season with an annual picnic at Davis Lodge at Lake Bloomington on Thursday, Aug. 24th from 6-8:30 pm. Cost is \$10 per person.

Please RSVP: Charz4@hotmail.com ASP, or before Aug. 10th. The program that evening will be PSA Conference Yellowstone Revisited. Members are also encouraged to pay dues that evening.

Dave Weber is the new KodaRoamers president for the 2017-19 season, and the vice president position will be held by Charlene Zimmerman. Let's give them all of our support as they take on the new endeavors.

KodaRoamers will have new meeting places this year. Our workshops will be held at the Moses Montiferori Temple on Robinhood Ln in Bloomington and the first workshop will be Sept 8th. Our dinner meetings start on Sept. 22 and Avanti's on East Empire will be the new location for the 2017-18 season.

Springfield Camera Club (#22): Randy von Liski

The following SCC members were elected to two-year (2017-19) terms at the June 15th club meeting: John Romang, president; Vicki Mudd, vice president; Julie Bullard, secretary; Dick McLane, treasurer; Open, program director; Randy von Liski, competitions director and CICCA representative; and Kerry Wright, member at large. The SCC immediate past president, Cyndi Callan, also serves as a member of the board.

The fall 2017 program schedule is currently being finalized. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month from September through June. Meetings begin at 7p and are held in the basement of the First Christian Church, 700 S. 6th Street, Springfield. Guests and out-of-town visitors are welcomed.

Streator Pictorialists Camera Club (#24): Jerry Vandemark

The Streator Pictorialists Camera Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday from September through May. Meetings begin at 7p, and are held at the Bruce Township Hall, 216 N. Sterling St., Streator.

The Club is planning a photo contest over Labor Day. Prizes will be awarded, and it is hoped the event will bring in some new members.

Upcoming programs for the coming year include subjects such as wheels, our town, foggy trains, and signs of spring. The club will host a 4 club competition in November on the subject of birds. It also is planned to display member photos in a downtown furniture store.

For more information, please contact Larry Burash, president at 815-672-8142, or Jerry Vandemark at 815-672-3340 or by email at vandy57@mediacombb.net.

Barry Brehm (1947-2017), Former CICCA and the Champaign County Camera Club President

Barry Brehm of Champaign, IL passed away peacefully with his sisters at his side on May 31, 2017, just short of his 70th birthday. Barry Lee Brehm was born July 2, 1947, the son of Billy Ayres and Edna Louise Kellogg Brehm. Barry was born and raised in Decatur, Illinois.

Surviving are his two loving sisters Dana K. Brehm (Larry Baumann) of St. Louis, MO and Debra L Craycroft (Stephen) of Decatur, IL.; sister-in-law Cindi Brehm of Decatur, IL; two nieces, Kelly Wagoner (Jeff), great niece, Jayci, and Jennifer Skelley (Joe), great niece, Maddie, and great nephew, Tyler. He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved brother, Billy J Brehm, of Decatur, IL.

Barry graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in 1965. He earned his bachelor's degree in Accountancy from the University of Illinois in 1976 after serving in the US Navy from 1966 to 1972 during the Vietnam War. He served one year in Saigon, Vietnam at the American Forces Vietnam Network and at naval stations on both coasts in the USA.

Barry was a CPA and joined Arthur Andersen in Chicago after graduating. He spent a short time as a restaurant entrepreneur before joining a local CPA firm in Champaign-Urbana. He then joined Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, IL, where he was highly regarded as Director of Operations Review for 27 years, retiring July 17, 2009.

Barry was a lifelong supporter of the University of Illinois and its athletic programs in football and basketball. He was a highly regarded local outdoor photographer with a few hundred of his color landscapes gracing the offices, hallways and conference rooms throughout Carle Clinic



and Carle Foundation Hospital. He loved taking photos of the University of Illinois campus and of Allerton Park and has created an archival collection of both locations over many years and seasons. He also loved visiting and photographing many of the US National Parks.

He was an active member and past president of the Champaign County Camera Club, winning top awards in the Central Illinois Camera Clubs Association competitions. An avid golfer, he enjoyed nothing more than an afternoon spent on the links with his good friends. He was recently awarded and thanked for 27 years of service as President and Treasurer of the Tahoe Condominium Association Board.

In addition to loving nature, he was a lover of numbers, science, and intellectual challenges. We will miss his dry sense of humor, positive attitude and passion for capturing the beauty of nature with his photography.

A private "Gathering of Friends" memorial service to honor and celebrate his life will be held later. Condolences may be made at www.morganmemorialhome.com.

Memorials may be made to the National Parks Conservation Association, www.npca.org. Please specify notification recipient as Morgan Memorial Home, 1304 Regency Drive West, Savoy, IL 61874.

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