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President's Report May, 2016

I feel a lot of exciting new energy in the club. New members are starting to feel welcome and are becoming an integral part of the working nucleus of the club. One new member, **Jon Montigny** won a blue ribbon in the F3C 1st Triannual digital competition, John Neel has won several blue ribbons and 1st places in club competitions, **Charles Mizelle** just joined and is now an active participant in LPIG activities along with other newer members, **Chuck Shealy, Ed Wright, and Dan Dymer.** **Bill McSherry** is giving a program in October on fine art. He has been going to school in Daytona for the last year and their classes are on Wednesday. After this summer though, the current classes will end and we'll see more of him. **Craig Shier** has done a wonderful job of running the Help Corner at each of the club meetings. Even if you don't need any photographic help, go to his corner, say hello, and get acquainted.

The club outings are more stable than ever with **Jan Vallely** at the helm. There are many opportunities to get out and take pictures, learn a little, meet more people and have fun with the club. This is one area that I wish more new members would be become active

As you probably have heard, **Joann Devine** is moving out to Oregon to be closer to her family and will no longer be our librarian. Her career had been in IT and she was starting to put together a "Virtual Library" for the website. This job will be taken over by **Richard Bryce** who has volunteered to be the JCC librarian. Another "newer" member steps up. Thanks Richard.

Dan Robusto and **Mary Atwood** gave excellent programs last month and we have two more lined up this month that should be a lot of fun, (see articles). The badges are starting to do their job of getting people to interact with one another, and with

the new sign in arrangement, we now have a better handle on the club activities. Our Facebook page, which has been there for awhile, has been recently revived by **Jan Gemeinhardt**. Lastly, the website is starting to get the job done. It is starting to feel very "solid" and dependable, the calendar is up and running but more links will be added. In the Town Hall, current information about club activities is starting to gain hold. I would guess that we are ¼ to ½ way there.

News from Clicks editorial room. **Paula Pradella** is no longer able to be the copy editor and **Charise Tanner** has agreed to give it a try. Paula was really pushed last year with the points fiasco and at the end of the year she had to come up with all of the points for the annual by hand, from "paper" files that she had been keeping. After that, she thought that she should take a leave and do some traveling that she had been planning.

News from Dirk and Jim. **Dirk den Boef** is still feeling good. He gets up to the living room in the afternoon for a few hours. He spends a lot of time on his laptop that he has in bed with him and is going through all of his pictures, making videos with music to share with his family....and whoever else wants to look at them. **Jim Lowell** feels good, but has had some recent problems that required hospitalization. He is undergoing some more tests and hopefully will be able to have his cataracts done in a week or two. After that he will restart his chemotherapy. Along the same line, three other members that I know of currently undergoing chemotherapy: **Dennis Adams, Courtney Fox, and Diane Cohen**. We have them all in our hearts and minds.

FYI, IT Supplies has the IPF6400 Canon 24" printer on sale for @\$1700. A great price and a great printer if you ever wanted one that will print perfect prints very

Gordon

There are fewer pages in Clicks this month, which may be a trend, as the website continues its development to full bloom. There will be current reliable information on the website that won't need to be repeated here. The reason is the big news this month, that is, the number of JCC members that entered the F3C 1st triannual digital competition and the number of winners that we had. The rest of the news is that the blue ribbon winners are on the website under "Town Hall" and there is no need to re-publish them here in Clicks. Go to the website and check them out [here](#). Also [check out](#) the article about the Glennie Nature Salon's JCC Winners with pictures. These are all under the Town Hall Menu on the Home page of the Website.

I'm excited about the two speakers that we have this month, **Doug Griffin** and **Jim Gutru**. Take a look at the articles about them and come to the meeting. The rest of the year of programs is well covered except for November 2nd, and we need a speaker. Any ideas, call Dennis.

The Callaway Gardens trip is covered

here and it is also covered on Facebook by **Jan Gemeinhardt**, but the St Augustine Alligator Farm trip next Saturday is not. **Jan Vallely** with **Bill Coppedge** has sent out a nice email already that covers all the details... time, places to meet, etc.. Later there will be a permanent section on the website that will have information about all the places that we go on outings plus a lot more. We will then be able to dial in details about, for example, the Alligator Farm and it won't need to be published on Clicks every time that we go on a trip. BTW, **Jack Stephens** says that the birds are active and that we should have a good group of happy birds to photograph.

The Okefenokee trip is going to be a great chance to get some good swamp, and wildlife pictures. It is covered by **Caroline Peppiatt** on page 7.

The LPIG workshop last month is covered. It was the last session to be mostly didactic; from now on we will have models and will be taking pictures.

Gordon

Cover Picture



Reflections by **Dirk den Boef** won 2nd in the Sunrise Category in the 1st quarter digital competition. Picture taken at Washington Oaks.

CLICKS

Clicks is published monthly by the Jacksonville Camera Club as a service to its members, providing information about club activities, entertaining articles by Clicks contributors, and educational articles about photography.

The club meets at 7:00 PM, the first and third Wednesday of each month at *The Shepherd of the Woods Outreach Center*, 6595 Columbia Park Ct, Jacksonville, Florida. [Link](#)

For more information check the website www.JaxCameraClub.com

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Finding New Shooting Resources

Several weeks ago I took a trip with the **Jans (Vallely and Gemeinhardt)** to Hudson, Florida to shoot a field of wildflowers. A local farmer seeds his field with wildflowers every Spring. I asked Jan G how she found out about the field and to my surprise she found it on Facebook. Apparently she follows several Florida photographers on Facebook. They even provided us with route direction and associated landmarks. Aside from getting up at a ridiculous hour to meet at the Starke Walmart, the trip went without a hitch. After



we shot the field we drove around randomly and managed to find a butterfly farm that supplies butterflies to exhibits around the country.

Our experience got me thinking about other methods of finding new shooting locations. Last year **Gordon Ira and Rick Hartmann**

took us to a melon field near Ocala to shoot some migrating swallow-tailed kites. Where did they find out about the field....through the



Successful Hunting Trip by Dee Hartmann

Florida's Birdbrain website, a site associated with the American Birding Association. The birds are only here for a couple of weeks,

but enthusiastic bird-watchers keep an eye out for them and post their location on this very active site. They also include information on finding the sites including any information on "dos and don'ts" for accessing public or private lands. For instance we were told to park our cars on the side of the road, but we were allowed to walk in the field to take pictures.



Jan Vallely says she checks out



P i n t e r e s t where people can enter a location and check for nearby activities. This is a good resource for

any outings director. I think that you will agree that Jan is a great researcher who has her fingers on the pulse of northern Florida.

Years ago we talked about putting together a club book of shooting sites. **Young McQueen** believes that our new website should include a database for these locations. I know that he has been thinking about how best to create this vital club resource. But until our final shooting-site database is completed, we can use our website Town Hall or our club Facebook page to keep each other updated on new and exciting places to shoot...whether in Florida or further afield.

So I would like to encourage everyone to add new shooting sites to our Town Hall blog or Facebook page so that we can gather the data we need to move into a future shooting-site database. The only downside that I can see is finding the time to follow up on all the new leads...(sigh!)

Bronwyn

Callaway Gardens

April 13-17, 2016

The Callaway Gardens outing this year was in a lot of respects as good as the last one that we did in 2003. The similarities were that **Jim Niss** led this outing as he did in 2-03 and it couldn't have be better organized. The cabins were nice with waterfront views. They had a nice fireplace, and tons of room, where the whole group and guests gathered after the day's shoot for drinks and tons of food. The evening meals and parties were exceptional, as they usually are on the JCC outings. The azalea blooms, however decided to fall off the week before and to make it worse we got there

after two days of heavy rain that finished off the rest of the blooms. Luckily Callaway Gardens has many square miles of other wonderful things to photograph, like butterflies, the old homestead, and the chapel in the woods. Several folks went to the Little White House, and also took pictures in the town of Warm Springs. **Jan Vallely** and her group got some very interesting shots there.

On the JCC Facebook page, **Jan Gemeinhardt** has posted commentary plus candid that she took of the group during the trip..... so check that out.

Ed.



on the JCC Facebook page



By Jan Gemeinhardt

May Outing

May 20-22.

Caroline Peppiatt

Okefenokee Swamp Fargo GA

The Stephen C. Foster entrance to the Okefenokee is at the head of the beautiful Swanee River. Some JCC members will chip in to rent pontoon boats (6 persons/boat) and motor down the Swanee for a couple of miles. The boats are stable enough for handheld (no tripods) shooting of the wildlife and lush vegetation. In May everything will be in bloom. Up the Swanee (the East Fork) it quickly gets narrower. Less than a mile up is Billy's Island. Everyone can disembark for some time to explore the lush little island's pathways. Smaller motor boats are also available for rent that hold 3 persons. You might get more camera jiggle with these boats. Individuals can also rent kayaks and canoes (or bring their

own) to explore the beautiful, eerie shallows of the North Fork. For landlubbers a trail winds through the park which should be colorful in May. There is an open meadow a short walk from the cabins and the camper area where cameras can be set up for night shooting. There is no light pollution, so the Milky Way shots could be spectacular.

Although all of the 9 cabins are taken at the Stephen C. Foster Park, there are still cabins available about 18 miles away at the Swanee River Eco Lodge (912)637-5274. Or just come up for the day. It's only 2 hours from the Jacksonville area.

Caroline

Outdoor Photographer Heaven



Lighting / Portrait Group

Gordon Ira

LPIG had it's third meeting on the 27th. Although there were 4 members out of town or sick, there were still 10 folks there. This was a session to go over the basics of lighting and learn the vocabulary that we will be using in the studio to set up the lights. The next

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meeting will be on the last THURSDAY of May at 6:30 at my house. Write me if you want to get on the mailing list.



candid's by Julius Dean

Videographer Doug Griffin Program

May 4, 2016

Doug Griffin is a great friend of JCC. He has been married to one of the club's best photographers (**Paula**), for a long time, has accompanied her on numerous club outings and has also been on two long trips with **Joice and I**.

One was to Yellowstone in the winter, back when you could have your own snowmobile, and the other was to Big Sky, Montana, again in the winter for photography

and skiing (snowboarding in his case).

Doug started his videographer career while he was going with Paula on her wedding shoots. He was so good that his business flourished and he got quite busy. A lot of folks have mentioned having a program about making video, but we have never had one. We now have the opportunity on the 4th to have a real pro tell us how he does it.

Ed.

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1st Triannual FCCC Digital

JCC set a record in the F3C competition . The most entries and the most winners that I can remember. I'm not sure who keeps the records. There were FIVE BLUE RIBBONS and NINE YELLOW RIBBONS. WOW!

The BLUE RIBBON winners were:

Name	Class
Charise Tanner	Advanced Color
Duffy McCoy	Documentary
Bronwyn Horvath	Monochrome
Dan Dyer	Beginner Color
Jon Montigny	Beginner Color

The blue ribbon winners have been published on the website so they will not be shown here. Check our website [here.](#) and this [link](#) to the F3C winners page for JCC. Be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom to see all of the categories.

The YELLOW RIBBON winners were:

Charise Tanner (two ribbons)	Advanced Color
Marek Pawlowicz	Advanced Color
Gordon Ira	Monochrome
Bronwyn Horvath (two ribbons)	Monochrome
Julius Dean	Documentary
Young McQueen	Documentary

Ed.

Jim Gutru Program

May 18, 2016

Jim Gutru

Talk about a cool sounding job. How about spending about the last three years as the photographer for a girls' summer camp in Maine? I guess that sounds good only if you were a teenage boy. Jim says that it was a real challenge with some high points and low points.

He is going to show us some pictures and tell us about some of the more interesting and possibly photographic challenges of the job. This should be a fun night. Jim is a real entertainer and it's a subject that has to be full of unexpected turns.

F3C Competition Schedule 2016

Contest	Submission Dates	Print Delivery
2nd Triannual Print	April 15- May 1	May 13
2nd Triannual Digital	June 1- June 31	NA
3rd Triannual Digital	November 1- November 30	NA

Year-End Digital Judging January 1- January 10, 2017 Announcement January 13, 2017

[Print Division Rules and Regulations](#)

[Digital Division Rules and Regulations](#)

Jim Lowell Chairman

Programs

May 4 Doug Griffin is a professional videographer and has a lot of technical and practical experience that he is going to share with us

May 18 Jim Gutru has been the photographer for a girls camp for many years and will give us some experiences and tips .

July 6 Bronwyn Horvath just went to the Antarctica, had a great trip and will present a fun show.

July 20 Olis Garber is a local professional photographer and speaker.

August 3 Julius Dean will set up a Buy, Sell, Swap Meet. Bring your stuff and/or buy a new lens.

August 17 Young McQueen will give, in his expert way, an overview of Lightroom

October 19 Bill McSherry will give a college course in Fine Art

Dennis Adams, VP

People's Choice

May - Weather

June - Peaceful

July - Motion

August - Letters of the Alphabet

September - Parallel Lines

October - That's Creepy

November - Harvest

December - Food

Kim Pitcock, Chairman

Outings

May 7 St Augustine Alligator Farm
Bill Coppedge

May 20-21 Okefenokee Fargo entrance, boat trip **Caroline Peppiatt** and **Jack Stephens**

June 25 Beach Portraits **Craig Monroe**

July 23 The DEAN Editing Technique **Julius Dean**

August 20 Still Life Workshop
Darrel Joseph

September 17 CLARK Photo Specifics **Robert Clark**

October 15 St. Johns County Cracker Day Celebration **Jan Gemeinhardt**

October 14-18 Shenandoah Valley **Rebecca Janssen** and **Linda Carter**

November Night Photography
Jan Vallely

December 10 JCC Christmas Party

Jan Vallely, Chairman

Directions to the Club Meeting

Our meetings are held at The Shepherd of the Woods Outreach Center located at 6595 Columbia Park Court, Jacksonville, Florida. Come visit us at 7:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Guests are always welcome. Check out the website for more information. www.jaxcameraclub.com For directions, check out the

Digital Contest Schedule

Charise Tanner

Quarter	Themes	Submit Dates	Result Date
2Q16	Bokeh Outings/Events (Give date and location in title) Two + Up	March 1 March 31	June 1
3Q16	Backyard Birds Composite Black and White	June 1 June 30	September 7
4Q16	Night Photography Houses Inside or Out JCC Outings / Events	September 1 September 30	November 16
<p style="text-align: center;">Guideline for Entering the Contest</p> <p>Limit three images per quarter Limit two images per theme Capture date current year + prior two <i>Please direct information request or comments to: Charise Tanner, digital competition chrnm, 904-210-6811</i></p>			

Print Contest Schedule

Stephen Smith, Print
Julius Dean, Monochrome

Quarter	Themes	Submit Dates	Result Date
2Q16	General, Nature, People	April 6 and 20	June 15
3Q16	General, Nature, People	July 6 and 20	September 21
Monochrome	General, Nature, People	August 3 and 17	October 5
4Q16	General, Nature, People	September 7 and 21	December 7

Annual Print Competition 2016 Collection dates will be announced later. Results will be announced at the annual banquet, in January 2017

Monochrome competition Submit Dates August 3 and 17, Results October 5, 2016,
Julius Dean, monochrome coordinator

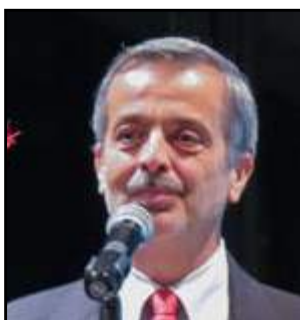
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