



March 2015 Newsletter



Jim Fallon

Do you think this young man is contemplating the upcoming 1960 PCUG schedule, or maybe he's envisioning the ice cream cone his grandpa promised him if he sat still for this barbershop haircut. What a priceless expression Jim Fallon captured! Most likely it's the ice cream treat, but we do have an exciting March meeting schedule lineup for our members.

General Meeting and Digital Photography SIG

***Thursday, March 5, 2015, at 7:00pm , Jim Sandham, Leader
Cypress Creek Christian Church - Activity Room - Forum Building***

6:30 PM:

- Membership sign-in, pay dues, and greet visitors.
- Spend time with other members and share your questions and answers (refreshments will not be provided at this time)

7:00 PM to 7:15 PM:

- General Meeting Announcements

7:15 PM to 9:00 PM:

- Digital Photography SIG

It was only last October when **Farrar Stockton** gave his wonderful and colorful "**New Zealand**" presentation to our group. Apparently he received enough "oooohs" and "aaaahs" from the audience that he has agreed to come back again! His topic this time around is "**Butterflies, Moths, and the Monarch Migration.**" This is a topic that he knows well.

Last year Farrar told me that he works part time at The Houston Museum of Natural Science helping out with their entomology collection. He has a passion for nature, especially, butterflies, minerals, and photography. I'm sure his photos will be amazing, and his message will be informative and entertaining. Please join us on **Thursday, March 5th** for his presentation.



Jim Sandham



Becky Anderson

And now a quick plug for the **Houston Museum of Natural Science**:

50th "Wildlife Photographer of the Year" Exhibition, thru May 31, 2015. On display are 100 of the most outstanding wildlife photographs you will ever see. There is no extra charge for this display. Don't miss it.....go soon.....thank me later!

Jim Sandham

Graphics SIG

Thursday, March 19, 7-9 p.m., Volunteer leader, Bill Franklin

Room 30, second floor of the Annex Building

This month Bill will introduce us to Topaz graphics editing software. He will demonstrate how to turn your images into works of art. Bill usually seems to present interesting programs that tap your creative side. So mark the date on your calendar for a great evening at the Graphics SIG.

Last month Carlos Hernandez discussed the practicality of obtaining insurance for cameras and tech equipment when traveling with these items. He also demonstrated editing and salvaging images using Lightroom and Photoshop. These tips also apply to other editing software. Thanks, Carlos, for your input and time to help so many of us with our photo editing issues. Most of us left the meeting with some new information.



Art Rothenberg



Judith Tooth

Technology SIG

Tuesday, March 24, 7-9 p.m., Sam Sanderson, Leader

Room 30, second floor of the Annex Building

At the Technology SIG we have discussions on a wide variety of subjects pertaining to all technology new and old and of course many topics surrounding all versions of the Microsoft Windows operating systems. The primary subject matter will be driven by the specific questions or request from the attendees.

No subject is off limits; we cover it all. Come and join us. The topics are always interesting. It is amazing all of the technology know-how that exists within our club members.

This SIG is becoming more popular with members as Sam leads the group to solve problems, learn current information, answer questions, and shares the latest technology. You will be amazed at how much fun we have at this meeting. Attend the SIG and discover a vast amount of new information.

David Gustine stepped in at the last minute to lead the February meeting. We had a question and answer session with some issues resolved. Thanks, David, for your willingness to take over at the last minute and keeping up our interest.

Arthur Yee



Jim Kelly

Genealogy SIG

Thursday, March 26, 7-9 p.m. Lee Smith, Leader

March topic to be announced. Watch for email notice later this month. A group also made a Precinct 4 bus trip to the Clayton Library during February.

February's meeting covered the following topic which has been included for your future reference links:

TOPIC: Searching for Vital Records

SPEAKER: Karen Rasmussen, Family History, Missionary Coordinator, Associated with the Kingwood, Texas Family History Center

In order to help our members locate a particular Vital Record, Ms Rasmussen has offered to research a few submitted records prior to our meeting. If you are interested send the name, approximate birth date and place. Other helpful people as well as the information you are trying to identify

Send the information to: karenrasmus@yahoo.com

Lee R. Smith, Genealogy SIG Leader
lee1509@att.net

Check out our [Genealogy](#) web pages for additional research help and current information about Genealogy SIG happenings - www.1960pcug.org/gensig

March Field Trip

Dear Fellow Photographers and Nature Lovers,

We are going to **Smith Oaks Bird Sanctuary at High Island** again! Mark your calendar, and get your camera gear ready!

What: Smith Oaks Bird Sanctuary at High Island

When: Tuesday March 10, 2015

Depart: 8:00 AM sharp

Cost: \$7.00 per person

Lunch: Denny's Restaurant in Winnie, about 18 miles north of High Island on Hwy. 124

Age: You must be 50 or older to board the bus

Tripods/Monopods: ARE allowed

Print & Read the following 2 web pages before the trip.

"About High Island" -- <http://www.birdinghighisland.com/about.htm>

"High Island: Countdown to Spring 2013" --

<http://www.houstonaudubon.org/default.aspx?MenuItemID=197&&aspxautodetectcookiesupport=1>

IMPORTANT: You may bring/consume **only bottled water** on the bus. **No food, no coffee, no tea, no smoothies, no sodas, no breakfast bars -- NO EXCEPTIONS!** Eat before the trip.

Do you love birds? Smith Oaks Bird Sanctuary is a fantastic place to shoot photographs of a variety of large wading birds on an island rookery. The sanctuary is located in the small town of High Island, about 100 miles southeast of Spring, down on the gulf coast. The bus ride should take about 1 hr. 45 min. to 2 hrs. We can take a short rest stop somewhere along I-10 as needed.

The Precinct 4 bus leaves from the CCCC back parking lot at 8:00 AM sharp. Please be in the parking lot ready to board the bus around 7:30 AM. If you arrive after 8:00 AM

the bus will be gone already! We need at least ten (10) people on the bus, or the driver may cancel the trip on the spot! The mini-bus holds 20 passengers, and does NOT have wheelchair access.

We should arrive at the sanctuary around 10:00 AM. Let's allow 2.5 hours for photographing the birds at the rookery in Clay Bottom Pond. Then we'll board the bus at 12:30 PM to go to Denny's. After lunch we'll reboard the bus by 2:00 PM and head back to Spring, arriving at the CCCC parking lot around 4:00 PM.

Map to the CCCC Church: http://www.1960pcug.org/images_new/SIG_Map_M.html

Please contact me **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MARCH 8th** at jsandham77@gmail.com to sign up for this field trip! It's strictly "first come, first served," so the first 19 people who contact me will get a seat (the 20th seat is mine). If I get more than 20 people signed up, the extras will be put on a standby waiting list (and will be contacted if I get any cancellations).

IMPORTANT: in your e-mail to me to sign up, **make sure you give me your cell phone number** (which I will use only if you are not on the bus before 8:00 AM).

I look forward to having you join the rest of the group for this fun trip.

Jim Sandham, 1960 PCUG Dig. Photo. SIG Leader



Bill Franklin

Photography Articles for March

“What To Do When You Take Photos That Suck”

<http://tinyurl.com/k5lucux>

“Introduction to Slow Shutter Speed Photography: Embrace the Blur”

<http://tinyurl.com/ka2gge8>

“Visual Exercise Is Good For You!”

<http://www.natureandphotography.com/?p=2094>

“The Quality of Light: Seeing ‘Photographically’” (29-page article with photos)

<http://tinyurl.com/n6z68ts>

“Take a Landscape Panorama Picture”

<http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/take-a-landscape-panorama-picture.html>



David Gustine

Area Photography/Camera Clubs

The Woodlands Photography Club -- meets on the second Monday evening of each month from 6:30-8:00 pm at the South Montgomery Library, just west of The Woodlands Pavilion, at 2101 Lake Robbins Road, The Woodlands. The club offers frequent photographic field trips, and hosts a members-only photography contest each fall. Check them out at: <http://www.woodlandsphoto.org/>

The Woodlands Camera Club -- meets the first Monday evening of each month from 7:00-9:00 pm, in the Jones Library (southwest corner of The Woodlands United Methodist Church), which is located at the corner of Grogan's Mill and Lake Woodlands Drive. The church address is 2200 Lake Woodlands Drive, The Woodlands. The club offers occasional photographic field trips. It also offers three SIGs (special interest groups): Digital SLR Camera SIG, Photoshop Elements SIG, and "The Fine Art of Seeing" SIG. Check them out at: <http://www.thewoodlandscameraclub.org/>

Sts. Simon and Jude Camera Club is for all levels of experience. Our Camera Club is a gathering of photographers who meet for instructional sessions and friendly critiques. We share knowledge and learn from each other. Meetings are held at 26777 Glen Loch Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381. Office: [281-367-9885](tel:281-367-9885) on the first Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9:00 p.m. in Domec Hall Room 5.

Our web site: <https://sites.google.com/site/saintssimonjude/home>



Rodeo time is here!

See you at a meeting in March, BeaAnn Kelly