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Peyto Lake by Curtiss Lund, Wild Rose Camera Club
Best Landscape, *Everest Slide Competition* 2002

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Foothills Camera Club	www.foothillscameraclub.ab.ca
CAPS	www.mycommunityinformation.com/caps
Parkland Club	www.greenwaterreport.com
Nipawin Camera Club	www3.sk.sympatico.ca/swan/

From the Chair

by Gordon Hunter

As I undertake my second year as chair of PRPA I am beginning to feel like I understand a little bit about what is going on. Apologies to those who have been on the executive even longer and really know what's happening. I depend on you to keep me pointing in the right direction.

Members must have noticed that they have new handbooks. How could you fail to notice with that bright pink cover? I worked with Wilma Gamble and Pat Derbowka in an effort to make the handbook easier to use. Every revision helps to make the booklet better and we certainly appreciate the efforts of previous authors. I know the last person to undertake the role was Irene Stinson, so we built on her work. Thanks, Irene. While we aimed for perfection we didn't quite reach it so we welcome your feedback to make the next edition even better. Special thanks goes out to Noel Charchuk for helping us to get the booklet printed.

Speaking of Noel, he has been doing much impressive work preparing for the 2004 annual outing, to be hosted by the Foothills Camera Club. Noel is cognizant that many of you try to avoid driving in Calgary, so he is planning activities outside the city. Plan to attend. You will have a good time and enjoy the activities. I also want to thank Noel for his work in encouraging Manitoba clubs to climb on the PRPA Express.

The Moose Jaw Club did a fine job for the Annual Meeting. Accommodations were very reasonable and the organization was great. We were delighted that you would arrange the thunderstorm. We'll have a tough time matching that in Calgary. Thanks too for all the efforts put in by those who organized other aspects of the outing.

By the time you read this, the executive and club reps will have met in Oyen on Sunday, September 28. Hopefully there will not be a snowstorm as there was for the last Oyen meeting in April.

Competition Chair Report

by Bob Christopher

Thanks to all the clubs and their members who made last year's PRPA competitions and the outing a total success. Lots of hard work went into the judging, the outing, as well as in making the fine photographs which were displayed as prints and slides. A fine effort by everyone.

Note the winning images from the Everest 2003 slide competition published in this issue — on the front and back cover and on page 5.

The Host Clubs for this year (2003-2004) are as follows:

1. Russell - Image West
2. Everest - Rosetown
3. Travelling Salon - Saskatoon.
4. Gerry Fish - Innisfail
5. Attanyi - Wildrose
6. Human Portraiture - Parkland
7. Sports in Action - Regina
8. The Outing will be hosted by Foothills.

Thank you to all the clubs for their continued support.

The competition for the Russell Trophy has the theme of "Formal/Informal". The closing date for the Russell, Everest, and Travelling Salon is November 1, 2003.

The Showmanship Competition went very well this year. There were three entries...all of good calibre. I would like to see more members enter their slides/music in this competition this year...it would be a good challenge to the membership and a worthy project for those long winter days when you don't feel like going out shooting. This event takes a little different kind of individual effort and I hope to see more challengers at the outing in Calgary this year.

Good luck this year in your "Vision Quest"...

Isabel and Earl Hill—faithful long term members



Isabel and Earl Hill's love affair with photography began accidentally in 1964. They had signed up for a course in Mosaic Tiling at the Edmonton Y.M.C.A. When they got there they found that the course had been cancelled due to lack of interest. They had paid for a course, so why not take another course instead? But what? Hey! There is a course on photography by Freeman Patterson —why not take it instead? So they did! That began their great friendship with Freeman Patterson and photography!

Isabel and Earl attended their first PRPA Outing in Medicine Hat in 1970 and haven't missed an outing in 34 years. They just love going to these outings to see everyone

there. They have met and made so many friends at these outings and have also discovered so much of Alberta and Saskatchewan. They extend a great vote of thanks to all of the people who have hosted these outings: Banff & Bow Valley, Brooks, Calgary, Claresholm, Delbourne, Edmonton, Grand Prairie, Medicine Hat and Red Deer in Alberta; Kindersley, Moose Jaw, Nipawin, Regina, Rosetown, Saskatoon and Swift Current in Saskatchewan.

It was at the combined CCC / PRPA Outing in Banff in 1975 that Isabel says she was railroaded into becoming PRPA's vice president. This was followed by a term as president during which time she started the Slide Circuit and saw PRPA incorporated in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Isabel really enjoyed being editor of the *Prairie Focus* for several years. In 1980 Edmonton hosted CCC and Isabel chaired it.

Not to be outdone, Earl took his term as PRPA president. In 1980 he was in charge of the program for the CCC. He was been the Print Exhibition Coordinator for several years.

Isabel and Earl have attended over 50 executive meetings and Isabel continues to act as club representative for Gateway. They thank God for giving them photography and PRPA.

submitted by Isabel Hill

Editor's note: On January 16, 2004, Isabel and Earl will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. We all join in congratulating them on this milestone and wish them many more years of health and photography.

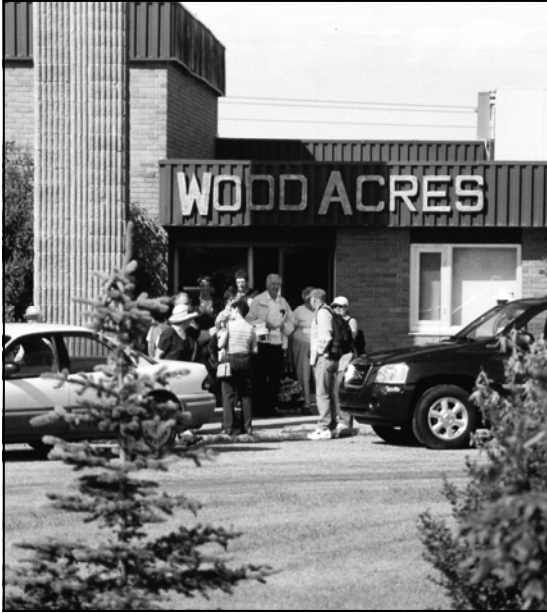
PRPA Outing June 2003

Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Report by Sheina Wait

Sixty-one people registered for the P.R.P.A. summer outing in Moose Jaw, June 20, 21 & 22, 2003. Some just came for the banquet and awards while others spent the whole weekend with us.

We received many positive remarks on the weekend. They thought Wood Acres was an ideal place for the outing. People could stay there overnight, eat the meals there, and have our meetings.



Early Morning Confusion by Stan Hingston
Sorting out rides to field trips at Wood Acres

We haven't received any pictures taken here yet, as they are not due until January 31, 2004. Don't forget to enter the Tourist Saskatchewan contest before you send them to us (the deadline is October 10 so if you have

not already done so, you might just have enough time).

There were three entries in the Showmanship slideshow competition. In the Multiple Projector category, Larry Easton took first with "Legacies of a Prairie Land", and Sheina Waite placed second with "Cruising the River". Bob Christopher took first in the Single Projector category with "I'm a Stranger Here". All entries were excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

I hope we can all get together again in Calgary in June 2004.

Moose Jaw Camera Club

Report by Sheina Wait

The Moose Jaw Camera Club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month. We have a program planned until the end of December, which includes taking fall pictures, the moon and night photography, photojournalism, matting, and still life. Our contest is "Falling for Fall". We also have some field trips planned.



Laughing at the Moon
by Elizabeth Hak, Foothills
Best Computer Enhanced, *Everest 2002*

PRPA Executive Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2003. Wood Acres, Moose Jaw, SK.

In attendance: Gordon Hunter, Shirley J Gerlock, Irene Stinson, Rella Lavoie, Noel Charchuk, Valerie Ellis, Wesley Swan, Dan Jahraus, Wilma Gamble, Stan Hingston, Curtiss Lund, Bob Christopher, Sheina Wait, Phyllis Kube

The meeting was called to order by President Gordon Hunter at 09:00 am.

The Secretary was asked to read the minutes of the last Executive Meeting held on April 6, 2003 at Oyen, Alberta.

MOTION: 01/06/2003.

Moved by Shirley Gerlock and seconded by Curtiss Lund that the minutes of the April 6, 2003, Executive meeting be accepted as read. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes.

Curtiss raised the question of the rules for the Everest Trophy as written in the handbook. A discussion took place in regard to the new and old handbook with the rules of placement of the winners. If the rules were interpreted as written it would cut down on trophies and ribbons and move back to a Club competition, which the trophy was created for, rather than an individual competition. Gordon suggested that the Rose-town Club take note of the discussion and apply it to the judging of next year's Everest competition.

Stan will mail the slides from the Traveling Salon to the participating Clubs as they had not been duplicated at the time of the Outing.

Treasurer's Report.

Wes reported that the 2002 Annual Outing had \$3,952 in registration fees, with \$2,477.24 as expenses, for a net profit of \$1,474.76 for the weekend. Our current bank balance is \$3,105.35, with a GIC at \$3,580.24 for a total of \$6,691.59.

The Powers of Attorney were accepted from the annual meeting held on June 20th were Laird Wilson of Regina and Len Suchan of Saskatoon.

MOTION: 02/06/2003

Moved by Wesley Swan and seconded by Wilma Gamble that Laird Wilson and Len Suchan be accepted as the Powers of Attorney for the Province of Saskatchewan part of the PRPA. Carried.

Curtiss will contact Earl Hill to find out how he is handling the Alberta section of PRPA with the Alberta Government. We have no members from Manitoba; so will deal with that when the need arises.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Parkland Camera Club to thank them for running the Outing competition for 2002.

Print Competition.

Phyllis Kube volunteered to take on this position. Thank you Phyllis.

Traveling Print Salon chair.

With Earl Hill resigning from this Chair at the Annual Meeting, it was suggested that Stan put an announcement in the next newsletter asking for a volunteer to head up this position.

Business Arising from the AGM.

Stan raised the question of getting someone to be an Advertising Coordinator for the Prairie Focus. No volunteer came out of the Annual General Meeting, so we should go back to our clubs to see if someone would volunteer. Suggestion of a coupon might help. It was also stated that Clubs already max out local businesses with the contests and shows in their areas.

Gordon brought up his talk with Larry Easton, who is the Editor of the CAPA newsletter for the Prairie Region, that the amalgamation of the two newsletters might be a suggestion to cut down costs and postage. Curtiss stated that it might not be possible because of the past history between the two organizations. Gordon stated that Larry is prepared to bring back a report after his meeting in Ottawa at CCC2003.

New Business.

Bob wanted to know just what the host club was responsible for at an Outing. He thought that the displaying of prints could be done in a more orderly fashion, to let everyone know just who won in each competition.

He liked the cardboard stands to display the prints and thought corner ribbons might be better, also that the ribbons be displayed on the prints at the onset.

Noel is to bring an organizers checklist the next meeting.

Phyllis would like to see a challenge to new members and novice photographers to get them involved to enter competitions, or have a category for them to enter, rather than going against the well established photographers in the organization.

Gordon suggested Phyllis bring a motion of recommendation to the next Executive meeting of her concerns to get new people involved.

Another suggestion might be a workshop at an Outing for new members or even at Club meetings to get them involved to go further in their photography.

Gordon asked if the Mission Statement as printed in the new booklet is sufficient for the organization. "Western Canadian Photographers shooting the World." As there were no other suggestions, it will stand.

Wesley reported that the new PRPA web site has 250 megabytes not 100 as reported. We have

had quite a few hits, but no record of any memberships that have resulted from it. The Executive now has the opportunity to have their own web page and email address through this site. All the info is on the site and through Wesley.

Bob did not have a written report on the Digital committee but was asked to have one ready. It was recommended to digest more and get more info via email to come to a conclusion. Discussion around the table was if a printer was used to print a digital picture, does it go into the regular or a digital competition. What can be done with an image in a lab can be done with a computer and that seems acceptable. Stan suggested that people who don't have computers have the most at stake. It becomes an unfavourable competition. Continuous information will be on the web site as well as in the newsletter. Also there is a cost factor involved. Bob mentioned the use of filters and images and we could use outside groups to gain expertise from them. Noel was asked to take note of all this for the 2004 Outing in Calgary.

MOTION: 03/06/2003

Moved by Curtiss Lund that the meeting be adjourned at 10:35am.

Print Exhibition Chair Vacant

Earl Hill has retired after several years of running the Print Exhibition, leaving the post vacant. Anyone interested in taking on this position should apply to the president or any of the executive.

The job includes soliciting prints, selecting the best ones for the show, mounting them in the frames and loading them in the crate, organizing the exhibition tour & preparing the forms to go with it, and sending off the crate to the first location. Finally at the June Outing, display the prints and return them to their owners. Sounds easy, right?

Application for Membership in *Prairie Region of Photographic Arts*

I hereby apply for membership in the Prairie Region of Photographic Arts. Enclosed is my membership fee of \$15.00 (payable to P.R.P.A.) Memberships expire June 30.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ Email _____

I am a member of (photography club) _____

I am joining as an individual rather than through a club _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Mail to: Irene Stinson, PRPA Membership Chairperson
449—2nd Avenue S.E., Swift Current, SK S9H 3J7



Outing 2004, Calgary — Report by Noel Charchuk

Foothills Camera Club is hosting the PRPA 2004 June Outing. We are planning on the weekend of June 25-27, 2004. The location has not been confirmed yet, but it will likely be in Black Diamond, which is south of Calgary, just west of Okotoks. There is good accommodations in Black Diamond and nearby Turner Valley, and better hotels in Okotoks. One advantage of the rural location is that you can avoid driving through Calgary. There is a hall we can rent for the whole weekend, at a good rate.

We have some western style events planned, with good food, and maybe even a cowboy band. The program will be similar to Moose Jaw as far as meeting times, with registration and the AGM Friday evening.

We are looking at a chuckwagon breakfast Saturday morning, with field trips to Spruce Meadows for the horse jumping, and/or Bar U Ranch for some real turn of the century working ranch shooting. There will a barbe-

cue banquet and awards presentation in the mid-afternoon, and sunset in the foothills.

Sunday we will have a nearby shoot, possibly a wildflower field trip.

I Am Saskatchewan Project

Report by Stan Hingston

This power-point slideshow based on the poem “I Am Saskatchewan” is taking shape but I still need more photos. Check the new Rosetown (www.rosetownphotoclub.com) Club Website (under construction) for a line by line posting of photos selected and list of those I still need. I won’t be asking permission to use the photos until I have finalized the selection, so don’t be surprised if you find your photo shown for one of the lines.

I hope to premiere the show at the 2004 Transparency Battle that Rosetown is hosting on April 25.

CLUB REPORTS



Saskatoon Camera Club

Report by Valerie Ellis

We held our first meeting on September 2 at the Mendel Art Gallery. There were many new members as well as many renewals. We now have approximately 100 active members.

We have an active and exciting year ahead of us and have already had several interesting speakers and topics in September. On Sept. 9 we had David Mandeville as a guest speaker on the topic “You and Your Camera, Back to Basics”. On Sept. 16 Shannon Brunner presented “Children’s Portraiture”. Sept. 23 was Members Night with several members speaking on “Light”.

October 14 brings us Shelly & Andrew McKinley sharing with us photos on “Mountaineering Around the World”. On October 21 we will again have members sharing their knowledge, this time on digital photography. Robin & Arlene Karpan will join us on November 18 showing slides on “Scenic Saskatchewan”.

Our fall and early winter is very busy with lots of guest speakers and activities. We always welcome visiting photography enthusiasts at our meetings. Call me and I can send you a copy of our calendar of activities with dates, topics and speakers or look on our website

www.geocities.com/saskatooncameraclub/

Please note Valerie’s correct phone number on page 2 (had it wrong last issue). It is also incorrect in the Saskatoon Club calendar. Ed.

Rosetown Photography Club

Report by Stan Hingston

This is looking to be an exciting year for our club. A new member, Sandy Huckerby, has taken on the position of Education Program coordinator. She has enthusiastically planned out topics for each monthly meeting and already booked 2 speakers. On October 20 Laurie Friesen will present a slide show and speak on photographing horses; Glen & Becky Grambo will make a presentation on wildlife photography on November 17. Other topics on the list for which we still need speakers are macro, better B&W, night sky, and camera maintenance.

Sandy has also prepared a list of monthly themes. We are to bring one enlarged print on the theme each month which will be exhibited on one wall of the Hallway Gallery. The prints can be from our archives or shot for this purpose. The prints will not be judged or critiqued — the purpose is just to encourage us to get shooting and start exhibiting more of our work.

Our club now has a second venue for displaying our photographs. The new Rosetown office of the recently expanded Health District invited us to display our photos on their many bare walls. This is an excellent opportunity as the district covers a large area.

Sandy will be teaching a beginner photography class Friday evening and Saturday morning & afternoon October 3-4. Other evening classes on various topics are also being considered.

We look forward to judging the Challenge Cup and Everest slide competitions this fall and hosting the Transparency Battle in April.

Finally, I have taken up Wesley Swan’s web-space offer and will be designing a website for our club. Check out rosetownphotoclub.com in a month or two to see what’s developed.

Regina Photo Club

Report by Shirley J. Gerlock

We got started on our new year with an information night on September 2nd in our new location at SaskTel Pioneer Building on north Pasqua.

There were some renewals from old members and welcomed 30 new members to the club. Our President had all the Club activities outlined on sign-up sheets, so all the workshops and tours were on sheets where people could sign up, letting us know the interest they generated. Some of our workshops include Larry Easton's *Introduction to Photography*, Parry Johnson's *Black and White Darkroom* and Reta Radu's *Hand Colouring*. We are also selling tickets for our 25th Dinner celebration on October 25 at the Eureka Fellowship Society Hall, 1812 Arthur Street.

We had no major tour this summer as everyone was busy with work, the Exhibition and holidays. Individuals went on their own day jaunts and we are hoping they will bring their work for show and tell.

Shirley attended the annual gathering at Boissevaine Manitoba hosted by the Turtle Mountain Snappers. There were photographers from North Dakota, Winnipeg, Brandon, Estevan and Regina, plus the local group that always put on a great afternoon. We judged photographs, watched slide shows, ate a fabulous lunch and just enjoyed seeing everyone again. Afterwards we joined the local club for a delicious supper at the Golf Club.

Our next meeting is on September 16 where we are planning a tabletop/still life photo shoot.

Foothills Camera Club

Report by
Noel Charchuk



Foothills Camera Club began the 2003-04 season with the annual scavenger hunt.

This year we traveled to Cochrane and area, and were given a list of cryptic clues to track down, and photograph. The tasks were set by PRPA members Allan Brooker and Palle Kjar. It started out a dull, overcast day, but it brightened later, and made for some great shooting. PRPA members taking part were Janice Meyers-Foreman, Colin Yardy, Don Marcotte, Inge Riis MacDonald, and Noel Charchuk. Jim Cornell's team which included Noel won the coveted Scavenger Hunt trophy.

The results of the scavenger hunt were presented at the first meeting of the year, which was held on September 2. In addition the winning submissions from the mini-essay were shown at that meeting; many of you will have seen Bob Christopher's winning presentation at the Annual Outing in Moose Jaw.

The Outing committee has plans well under way to create a memorable weekend for you with a heapin' helpin' of western hospitality. See the report elsewhere in this issue [page 8].

Foothills Camera Club meets on the first and third Tuesday from September through May, at Fort Calgary, at 7:30 PM. If you are in town, please drop in, we welcome visitors.

Webmaster Report

by Wesley Swan

I have done a lot of work on the website this summer, adding many new features. We have our own domain name and many new features available to us such as the executives own prpa email accounts and a members only area. I set up a trial online critique area and even added a slide show of the Everest 2003 winners. Check out the Everest page at: <http://www.prpa.ca/Everest.htm> and click on the slide show link.

The online critique has been set up since the middle of July, however I have had no response to it. Not one single entry. I think this is another good way to share our digital images with other members. Please participate in our online critique.

I have added web protection software to our site. Members can rest assured that their images can not be copied. "Right click", "save as", and "page copy" have all been disabled. This protects the copyright of the photographer.

I am also looking for articles, stories etc. for our site. Please send them to me and I will put them up right away.

I am trying to keep up with a monthly online newsletter whenever I get information to publish in them. If you have an email address and are not getting them please let me know.

From time to time our web hosting company has been offering deals to PRPA affiliated clubs. Please watch for them posted on the online newsletter. The September special is one year of web hosting with your own .com domain name for \$40.00 for the first year. If you would like more information email hosting@hostasite.ca

Please participate and use our website.

Remember the new website address is

<http://www.prpa.ca>

Pat's Gadget Bag

by Pat Derbowka



Now is a good time to get that fishing vest before they pack them away. Get one with a large front pocket to rest your camera in and take the pressure off your neck. A vest under your winter parka would keep your equipment warm and handy.

The Last Word

Editor's Report by Stan Hingston **d**

This issue was copied on a commercial photocopier with the cover done on a laser color copier. The cover photos look a little glossier than with the ink jet but the advantage is that they are smear proof. I will have the price difference worked out for the September 28 executive meeting where we will decide if we will continue using this service.

The main reason I hired the printer to do this issue is that after renting for 23 years of married life we are buying our own home (in Rosetown) and moving the end of September.

The AGM minutes were not available by the deadline for this issue — I will publish them in the Winter Focus. Sorry for the delay.

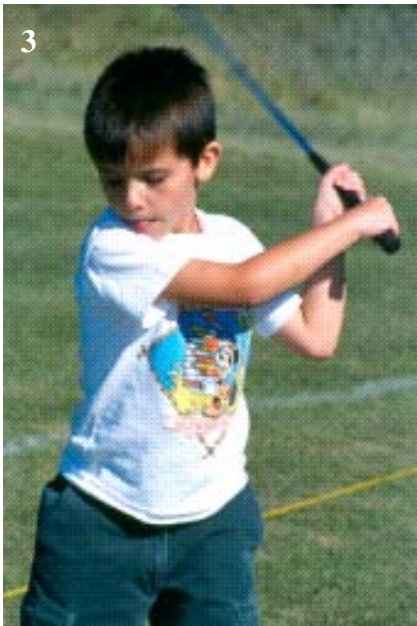
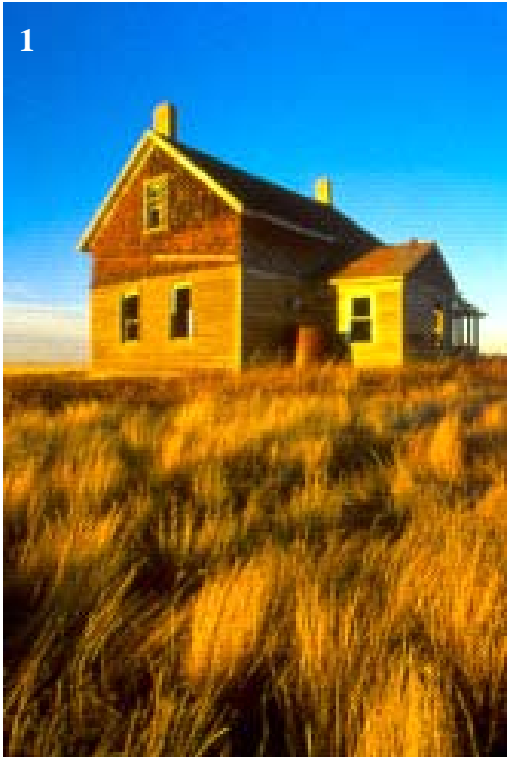
I can now be reached by email at
editor@prpa.ca

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Submission Deadlines for the Newsletter

Winter	January 15	Summer	May 31
Spring	March 30	Autumn	September 15



Everest Slide Competition 2002 Winners

1. *Prairie House* by Larry Easton, Regina—Best of Show
2. *Rastafarian* by John Bargman, Foothills—Best Portrait
3. *Golfing Lesson* by Gordon Hunter, Foothills—Candid Child
4. *Sky Aglow* by Emily Schindel, Saskatoon—Best Nature