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Palmerton Camera Club Newsletter

Next meeting: July 23, 2026

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NEWS ITEMS AND NEWSLETTER POSTING

This issue will be posted on our website and will not be sent out via email. If you have any items you wish to have printed in the newsletter, please submit them to Sue.

MENTORS

Our members have different levels of experience in photography. Some of our members have expressed an interest in being mentored about the use of their camera or settings for different types of photography. If you have a question or need help and if you would be interested in mentoring one of our members, please contact Larry with the topics that you can help or need help with.

CRITIQUE

Several folks have presented their photos for critique during the past two meetings. Thanks to those brave folks who were willing to do so. If you are interested in having your photo critiqued in a constructive way by members of our club please send your photos to Sam prior to the meeting with a note that it is for critique. The photo will be displayed on the screen for everyone to see. It can also help other photographers learn what is good, what is not working and how to improve your skills.

DAN'S CAMERA

For those of you who are customers of Dan's you may have heard that they are under new management. The previous owners decided to retire and new owners have taken over. A call to them revealed that they will still hold classes and other events that were held in the past. The sales staff will remain unchanged.

AMERICA250PA

The A250PA program is in full swing. Many events have taken place with many more on tap. For those who signed up to participate, I sent out a list of the updated events with dates, time and locations. If you have not signed up but want to get involved, please contact Larry. There is a page set up on the website to hold them. If you post photos there, please put them in a folder with your name and the event title.

LIBRARY GALLERY PHOTO DISPLAY

The month of September has been reserved for our photo display at the Palmerton Library gallery. I have a list of folks who want to display their photos and there is room for more if you are interested. Carla has volunteered to help with the setup. More details to follow.

DELAWARE AVENUE PHOTOS

Coming up this summer, Connie will lead an effort to photograph all of the businesses and residences along Delaware Ave. The results will be provided to the Palmerton Heritage Society. The shoot will take place on a Saturday or Sunday, most likely Sunday since there will be fewer cars on the road. If you are interested in participating, please let Connie or Larry know.

PHOTO LOCATIONS

A list of our favorite sites for taking photos was posted on our website for your access at any time. It is a living document so if you have new locations, please pass them along and we will include them.

PICNIC!

Our annual picnic is on! August 8th, a Saturday, was chosen as the date and we will start at 2PM with food being served at 3PM. Directions to the location will be provided soon.

Gene Hoffman contacted one of Tony's sons and has worked out an agreement with him to hold our picnic at Tony's residence near Beltzville State Park. Those who will attend have provided a list of food items they will bring. There is still time to sign up if you care to.

SCAVENGER HUNT RESULTS

The winning photos of the 2026 Scavenger Hunt are now posted on the website. Take a look and congrats to all the winners.

For those of you who were not at the June meeting, The Pocono Camera Club won the hunt by a score of 6 to 5. While we cannot put one in the "W" column", it was close and considering that Pocono has twice as many members as we do, it's not a bad showing. Better next year?

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

July: Photographing Papilionoidea, Jeff Glover

August: Photographing Children, Jason Stewart

September: Leapin Lizards and other Exotic Pets, field trip to Exotic Pet Store, Delaware Ave Palmerton

Note: presentations are subject to change based on circumstances.

PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE MONTH

Be sure to sign up at the meeting for a specific month. We are booked for the remainder of this year but we need POM for next year beginning with March 2027.

The requirements are 6 to 8 photos resized to 900 pixels on the long side. Send your photos at least two days before the meeting to:

photographersrus247@yahoo.com

Our Photographer of the month line up is:

JULY 23 - Gwen Shellhammer

AUGUST 27 - Ed Eberhardt

SEPTEMBER 24 – Gordon & Jean Perry

OCTOBER 22, – Sam Borso

NOVEMBER 19 – Helen Hartman

DECEMBER 17 - John Makuvek

MONTHLY CHALLENGE GUIDELINES

July - “**TRANSPORTATION**” - Many modes to choose from: airplanes, trains, cars, motorcycles, bicycles, etc, or your favorite car. As always - Be Creative!

August - “**SUNSETS**” - Include other things in the sky such as clouds, aircraft, birds, the Moon, also foregrounds: trees, water, rural or city landscapes, famous landmarks, etc, etc. Make it interesting.

September – **BLACK and WHITE** – Either shoot your picture in B&W or convert a color image with post-processing software. Utilize the “Zone System,” in your image which goes from zero (black) to ten (white).

October – “**SOMETHING OLD**” – LOTS of things to choose from!!!

November – “**ARCHIVE FAVORITES**” – Here’s a chance to dig out an image from your Photo archives of anything you would like to share with the club.

December – “**ORNAMENTS**” – Indoor, outdoor, day or nighttime.

NOTE: NO meeting January and February

**NOTES : PLEASE PARTICIPATE & ENJOY THE CHALLENGES -
THIS IS NOT A CONTEST, HAVE FUN !!!**

- (1) One image per member, send images to photographersrus247@yahoo.com with a file name that contains your name (e.g. patsy_cline.jpg). Attach to your email, and provide a brief description of your image, and a title.
- (2) Deadline is 12 Noon on the meeting day , **BUT - don't wait** -
- please send your images as soon as possible, prior to the monthly meetings.
- (3) Except as noted, try to take images close to the time period for each month.

ADMINISTRATION

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