

March
2026

St. Vrain Photographic Society Newsletter

Newsletter of the Longmont Camera Club

March Meeting

Join us for the SVPS club meeting.

Monday, Mar 2nd

6:30 to 9:00 pm

United Church of Christ,
1500 9th Ave., Longmont
and on ZOOM

March Special & Challenge Categories

Special – *Old Vehicles*
Monthly Challenge –
Rust (Taken within 90 days)

April Meeting Monday, Apr 6th

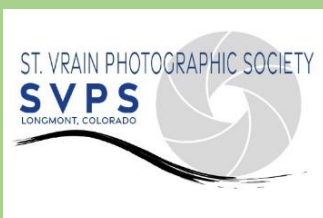
Thomas Falkowski

Underwater Photography

Special – *Birds*
Monthly Challenge –
ICM (Intentional Camera Movement)

SVPS website:

go-svps.com



MARCH PROGRAM

Enlighten your Vision: Tips for Captivating Bird Photography

By Dan Walters



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I have been photographing wildlife for about 15 years. When I capture an image, I try not just to document what I saw but try to engage the viewer with the subject. I do this by combining light, eye contact, and a clean background.

Colorado is a great place to photograph wildlife. From the high peaks to the prairie, there is a wide variety of wildlife.

I have been featured in Bugle Magazine, Chicago Wilderness Magazine, Brown Trout Publishing, Smith-Southwestern, Inc., All Animals magazine, The Humane Society, Ranger Rick Jr. magazine and Audubon Magazine and Colorado Outdoors. I am also leading workshops at Florida's Bird and Photo Fest in Saint Augustine, Florida and with Lisa Langell during the Magic of Alaska workshops.



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See you on March 2nd

Congratulations Tim Laughlin!

Three of Tim's photos were selected for the Top 250 Rated Images from 2025 in the International Nature Photography Contest

<https://Sharetheview.contestvenue.com/top250.php>



The Constitution and Bylaws are being updated, please watch your email for the latest info.

Tips for Old Vehicle Photos

- Zoom in on distinct details, features, or craftsmanship.
- Examine vehicles for any reflections, including your own.
- Use a polarizing filter to eliminate reflections on the chrome and polished metal.
- Try a variety of unusual angles, especially low ones and those showing three-quarters of the vehicle.
- Consider using a fish-eye or wide-angle lens.
- Use the background to tell a story about the vehicle and its' era.

Update on Showcase Photos

Monthly Challenge Category – Photos should be a challenge and taken within 90 days and not pulled from your archives.

Special Category – Photos should try to reflect the topic of the previous meeting's speaker. Special and Open photos can be pulled from your archives.

We want to hear the “why” you took your photo, but remember, we only have about a minute per photo for an explanation. Ask for a critique if that is what you prefer.

Photo Submission Rules

(Submit only if you plan to attend the meeting)

1. Prepare photos. Name all submissions with your first name + last name and title of the photo. Example. Leslie Larson–Bear.jpg
2. Size photos. Resize photos to 2048 pixels on the longer side. Photos - no larger than 5MB and in .jpg format.
3. Tim will send an email each month with three links. 1) Special topic, 2) Challenge topic, and 3) Open. You may enter only **three total photos**.
4. Enter photos (drag and drop) into the correct SVPS link sent out before the meeting every month. **Deadline:** 11:30 pm Sunday before the following Monday meeting to send in your submissions. Let Kevin know if, for any reason, you don't want your photos to be displayed on our website: go-SVPS.com.