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### **Three Day (maybe four) Get Away**

*By Don Todd*

A few years ago, I wrote a series of articles entitled "F8 & Be There". I would report on various places Carol and I traveled, close or far away, along with information describing the area and how to get there. These articles may continue, or not. My new idea for articles came about one night when, well you know, when you're having one of those nights when you wake up and the "Ghost of Worry" presents itself. When you lie in bed awake, thinking as hard as you can for something to worry about. In doing so, you try to think of ways to bring the "Ghost of Happy" front and center so you can get back to sleep. So I started thinking of a "Happy" trip Carol and I were planning to get out of town for a couple of days. We were discussing it the next morning if we should take 3 or 4 days on our little get away. Hence, the name for my article was born.

The trip we were planning is known to us as the Cal/OR triangle. That is, we leave Coos Bay and head for Crescent City, California. From there we head back into Oregon via Grants Pass, then home. Main roads involved are Hwy 101, Hwy 199, I5 and Hwy 42. On our way down, we stopped at various locations along the beach that we haven't visited before or revisited some we like. Upon reaching Crescent City, we pulled into the Tourist Information Center to check things out. The center Representative pointed out a couple of locations that we've never visited before. So after thanking her for the information off we went to discover the old section of Hwy 101. To get there, take Hwy 101 (aka Redwood Highway, Pacific Coast Highway, PCH) south for about 20-22 miles until you come to exit 765 on the right. This will put on the old Hwy 101 (aka Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway) and into Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park which takes you through some of the most beautiful Redwood forest areas on the coast. Massive trees, wonderful landscape and hiking trails. Stay on this road and it will reconnect you to the main 101 Highway at exit 753. At this point, Carol and I decided to turn around and check out a road we saw on our way through. Look for sign that reads Cal-Barrel



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Road (trailers not advised). This will put you on a narrow dirt road and deeper into the Redwoods. After about 6 miles, you'll come to a dead end with a turn around. From here, we headed back to Crescent City as it was getting late and we wanted to finish the scenic route back to Hwy 101 where we started. Also, we wanted to get back to Crescent City to find a good location shoot a sunset overlooking Battery Point Lighthouse. After a good meal, we called it a day.

The next morning, we ventured out to discover another "deep" woods road that was shown to us at the tourist center. In Crescent City, you'll turn east on Elk Valley Road. Go about a mile (+/-) and turn right on to Howland Hill Road. Stay on this road which will lead you into the Redwood forest. In about a mile or so, you'll pass a Casino and just past that, the road turns to gravel. From there on, it's all one lane with several passing turn outs. Warning; a note on our map stated "Motor Home and Trailers not advised". We were driving our Xterra, but passed several cars and small SUVs. This road is the better of the two as there are many opportunities right along the road. We'll give this road 6 "WOWs". When the road ends, it drops you off on to Hwy 199. Turn left and it takes you back to Hwy 101 and Crescent City. Turn right and it takes you to Grants Pass, which was our choice to finish the triangle. When we reached Grants Pass, we wanted to spend some time checking out their Old Town. Well, we lasted about 45 minutes as it was 105 degrees. Not suitable for these Coasties. So we went back to the motel, got into our room, turned on the AC and stood there with our arms straight out like 2 cormorants setting on a piling. As luck would have it, next door was a Black Bear Diner. So we found a McDonalds for a Happy Meal---Just kidding.

The next morning, as was are intent, we headed for Wildlife Images. This is a location where



they take in injured or abandoned wild animals and rehab them to be placed back into their natural habitat. If, for some reason, they feel the animal is unable to be released, they'll keep and maintain that animal for life. We're talking from Grizzlies to Lizards. We took the tour they provide and it last around 2 hours. You're allowed to photograph, but it's difficult with most of the cages. They do take you into a room at the raptor center and open up 2 large openings to take photos.

You're not allowed to walk around by yourselves. You can sign up for a tour by calling ahead of time and don't pay till you get there. How do you get there you ask. We found the best was off of I5. Coming from the north or south, take exit 61 on to Merlin Rd. and go west. You will come to the town of Merlin. Look for a sign that reads Wildlife Images and turn left. Follow this road to Robertson Bridge Rd and turn left. When you come to a T, stay to the left and Wildlife Images will be right in front of you. After leaving there, we headed home. This concludes my first 3 Day Get Away article. Hope you have a chance to do the triangle someday soon. Just remember to f8 and Be There.



Congratulations to Thomas Konomos 1st Place Winner for "Girl on Horse".

<b>9/14/2015 Mono Prints (1 of 4)</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>			
Thomas Konomos	Girl on Horse	<b>114</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>1</b>
Renee Marcov	Hello Bear	<b>111</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>2</b>
Ray Wolff	Good Old Days	<b>109</b>	<b>7.26667</b>	<b>3</b>
Renee Marcov	Night Light	<b>108</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>4</b>
Renee Marcov	Help	<b>106</b>	<b>7.06667</b>	<b>5</b>
Delia Lyons	Andromeda	<b>106</b>	<b>7.06667</b>	<b>5</b>
Dick Chambers	Japanese Maple	<b>105</b>	<b>7</b>	
Ray Wolff	Lookout	<b>104</b>	<b>6.93333</b>	
Dick Chambers	Camo Bullsnake	<b>104</b>	<b>6.93333</b>	
Delia Lyons	Next Years Crop	<b>103</b>	<b>6.86667</b>	
Dick Chambers	Lavender 3	<b>102</b>	<b>6.8</b>	
Delia Lyons	Frankfurt Fountain	<b>101</b>	<b>6.73333</b>	
Carol Todd	Collared Vase	<b>99</b>	<b>6.6</b>	
Ray Wolff	Flaw	<b>98</b>	<b>6.53333</b>	
Thomas Konomos	Out on a Pier	<b>96</b>	<b>6.4</b>	
Elise Ciralo	Splashing Waves	<b>95</b>	<b>6.33333</b>	
Thomas Konomos	Only a Face a Mother Could Love	<b>95</b>	<b>6.33333</b>	
Elise Ciralo	Incoming Fog	<b>94</b>	<b>6.26667</b>	
Teresa Riggs	Crossed our Fading	<b>94</b>	<b>6.26667</b>	
Teresa Rigg	The Long Step Down	<b>93</b>	<b>6.2</b>	
Carol Todd	Silo	<b>92</b>	<b>6.13333</b>	
Carol Todd	Whiskey	<b>86</b>	<b>5.73333</b>	
Teresa Rigg	The Fox in the Foxing	<b>85</b>	<b>5.66667</b>	
<b>Maker</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>Award</b>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER 2015

### October 3-31 - Coos Bay Library Show

**October 2 & 3** - 4C's Annual Convention and Meeting

#### October 5 - Meeting

**North Bend Medical Center Upstairs**

**Take In and Social 6:30 PM**

**Meeting Starts 6:45 PM**

Members' Only Competition - **Mono Print (2 of 4)**

***Electronic Creative due send to electronic @oregoncoastphotoclub.com***

Talks -n- Training - Shooting Motion/Waterfalls

Fall Scavenger Hunt - Words Announced (month long)

Show & Tell, Critique, After & Before, 4W's (Who, What, When, Where), Monthly Photo Challenge: "Motion"

4Cs Entries Accepted (all divisions/classes)

**October 12** - Board Meeting

**October 17** - Shoot Out - Thundering Waters Hwy 138 Waterfalls. Meet at Fred Meyer's Parking lot under the sign.

#### October 19 - Meeting

**North Bend Medical Center Upstairs**

**Take In and Social 6:30 PM**

**Meeting Starts 6:45 PM**

Members' Only Competition - **Electronic Creative (1 of 4)**

***Traditional Electronic due send to electronic @ oregoncoastphotoclub.com***

Talks -n- Training - Topic TBA

Show & Tell, Critique, After & Before, 4W's (Who, What, When, Where), Monthly Photo Challenge: "Motion"

Raffle

Members' Only Competition - Color Prints (2 of 4)

Talks -n- Training - TBA

Show & Tell, Critique, After & Before, 4W's (Who, What, When, Where), Monthly Photo Challenge: "Motion"

4Cs Entries Accepted (all divisions/classes)

Printed Material Exchange

Raffle/Prizes awarded

**October 31:** EID Quarterly Deadline (See 4C's Website for details) <http://columbiacameraclubs.org/>

### You know you're from a small town if...

The local phone book has only one yellow page.

Third Street is on the edge of town.

You don't signal turns because everyone knows where you're going anyway.

You call a wrong number and they supply you with the correct one.

Everyone knows all the news before it's published; they just read the hometown paper to see whether the publisher got it right.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2015

### November 2- Meeting

North Bend Medical Center Upstairs

Take In and Social 6:30 PM

Meeting Starts 6:45 PM

Members' Only Competition - Traditional Electronic (2 of 4)

*Electronic Creative due email to [electronic @ oregoncoastphotoclub.com](mailto:electronic@oregoncoastphotoclub.com)*

Talks -n- Training - "Prize Winning Photos - What Makes Them Click" (See Article)

Show & Tell, Critique, After & Before, 4W's (Who, What, When, Where), Monthly Photo Challenge: (Journalism)

4Cs Entries Accepted (all divisions/classes)

Raffle

### November 7 - NPPNW ([NPPNW.org](http://NPPNW.org)), Centralia College, Centralia, WA

Speaker Roman Kurywczak, [www.rominwithroman.com](http://www.rominwithroman.com)

### November 9 - Board Meeting, 6:00 PM,

Peggy Cooper's Home (all members are invited to come)

### November 11- Fall Pony Village Show Hanging

November 12 - 15 - Pony Village Show

November 15 - Pony Village Show Take Down 5:00 PM

### November 16 - Meeting

North Bend Medical Center Upstairs

Take In and Social 6:30 PM

Meeting Starts 6:45 PM

Members' Only Competition - Electronic Creative (2 of 4)

Talks -n- Training - TBA

Show & Tell, Critique, After & Before, 4W's (Who, What, When, Where), Monthly Photo Challenge: "Journalism"

4Cs Entries Accepted (all divisions/classes)

Printed Material Exchange

Raffle/Prizes awarded

### November TBA - Shootout and 4C's electronic judging



Quinault Autumn © Delia Lyons

"Autumn is a second  
Spring when every leaf  
is a flower."

Albert Camus

## A few random OCPA thoughts from the Prez –

· It's great that we are getting more participation at our meetings with the Critique, Show n' Tell, Monthly Theme and 4W's but it does cause a minor problem. It takes a while to download the images on to the computer before the meeting can get underway. To help alleviate this issue, if you could, and it is totally optional... could you email your electronic images that you would like shown, to me by the Sunday before? Even if just a few of you would do this, it would help speed up the meeting preparation.

· I understand that you have discussed file names for the "meeting participation's" categories in my absence. That's great. It makes the projectionist's job easier if the participants name (that's you) and the category (critique, show and tell, theme, 4Ws, etc.) is the file name (not sure what subject the "etc." is... winkie smiley face). Example: "Critique\_PhotographerJoe.jpg".

· Talks & Training or Roundtable Discussion: I really would like to encourage members to come up with topics and maybe provide material for this "meeting participation". Not only will you get points (insert another winkie smiley face), you will help fellow members by stimulating their creative minds. At the October 5th meeting we will talk about photographing water and the roll shutter speeds play. I'll have some examples, but if you have an image or two that shows a technique (or problem) that you would like to share, please bring them (or email them to me by Oct 4th). For the October 19th meeting, we're looking for topics or someone to lead a discussion. You know, it could be as simple as bringing an image or two in and talking about the troubles/techniques/how you got the shot(s). We would just like to know ahead of time so we can get it on the schedule and in the newsletter.

## MOTY

Kathy Chambers

We are one meeting short this point month because of Labor Day and Proof Sheet deadline for *Member of The Year*. The second meeting points will be added in with next month's points. The places have switched around, it seems it doesn't pay to take an almost month long vacation. Keep bringing those Photo Theme Challenge, Show & Tell, Critique, After/Before and Who/What/When/Where Is It? These are like free points, it just takes a little effort on your part.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Carol Todd	228.1
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Mason	183.4
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Don Todd	180.1
4 <sup>th</sup>	Delia Lyons	132.1
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dick Chambers	129.8

## Pony Village Show and Sale

Hey Everyone! It's almost time for the Fall Pony Village Show and Sale! Image hanging will be on November 11th starting at 5:30. The show and sale will be from November 12-15. Remember, if you want to place images in the show, you will need to sign up to "baby sit" the show, or arrange to have another member take your place. The sign-up sheet will be available for our upcoming meetings in October, and the first meeting in November. Please feel free to include a short "bio" to acquaint people with you and your work. Looking forward to a fun, and prosperous show and sale! Bonnie

## OCPA Board Meeting Minutes for September 2015

Meeting came to order at **6:32 pm**

**Board members present:** Kathy Chambers, Elise Ciralo, Carol Todd, Bonnie Smith, Renee Marcov, Dick Chambers, Curt Benward and Tony Mason

**Guests:** Peggy Cooper and Don Todd

Carol Todd motioned to accept previous minutes and Kathy Chambers seconded. Was voted on and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning balance: **\$2394.81**

Supplies	<19.20>
4C's Rep Expense	<\$50.00>
4C's Cues	<\$35.00>
Dues:	\$97.00
Donation:	\$16.00
50/50 drawing:	<u>\$15.00</u>
Ending Balance:	<b>\$2418.61</b>

Renee motioned and Carol seconded, voted on and accepted unanimously.

**2015/2016 Budget:** The budget committee which consisted of Curt, Carol, Don and Elise presented the budget for this fiscal year. After some discussion the following was accepted by the board. Renee motioned and Bonnie seconded to approve the budget. Was voted on and accepted unanimously.

### Budget for 2015-2016 Approved by OCPA Board 9/21, 2015

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2014-2015</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2015-2016</b>
Donation	-	50.00
Dues	705.00	700.00
Pony Village	1,939.00	2,000.00
Raffle	71.50	80.00
Scavenger Hunt	46.00	50.00
Garage Sale	452.85	500.00
Total Income	3,214.35	3,380.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Artist Payments (Pony Village)	1,745.10	1,800.00
Fair Awards	190.00	36.00
Supplies	62.00	65.00
Club Awards	40.00	100.00
Dues 4C's	35.00	35.00
Insurance	350.00	300.00
Postage	174.40	200.00
Secretary of State	50.00	50.00
Equipment	-	1,200.00
<b>Net Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>567.85</b>	<b>(406.00)</b>

#### Committees:

**Coos County Fair:** Nothing new to report

**Pony Village:** Bonnie will make a sign up sheet and pass it around in October. She will also ask Kelsey about having a donation jar for fair youth awards and having a raffle for a print. She will also write an article for the newsletter and Facebook. November 11<sup>th</sup> is the hanging for the PVM Sale and the show is 12-15 November.

**Shootouts:** There was a great turnout for our September 19<sup>th</sup> Shootout. 14 people attended! Show and Shine at Shore Acres on September 19<sup>th</sup>. October 17 will be Thundering Waterfalls past Glide. Meet at the Fred Meyer sign @ 8:00 am if you are interested in carpooling or caravanning. November TBA. Thomas is checking into the Bird Refuge in Oregon to see if they have anything available. December is our Traditional Shore Acres Lights. Dates and Times TBA.

**Newsletter:** Deadline for the October newsletter is September 25<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for the November newsletter is October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Get your articles and photos in to Carol by these dates!

**Talks-n-Training:** Bring photos of water motion to the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**4C's:** 4C's is asking for donations of items for the silent auction to be held at the 4C's conference. Curt motioned and Kathy seconded to authorize Carol \$20.00 to purchase one. All board members voted and accepted. 4C's dues are/were due September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Electronic/Print Competitions:** We will be judging 4C's quarterly EID. OCPA members may submit images as long as we don't judge our own. Date and time TBA.

**Projectionist:** No report

**Website:** No report

**Facebook:** No report

**Member of the Year:** Kathy thanked Peggy for recording info at our last meeting. Everything seems to be going well.

#### **Old Business:**

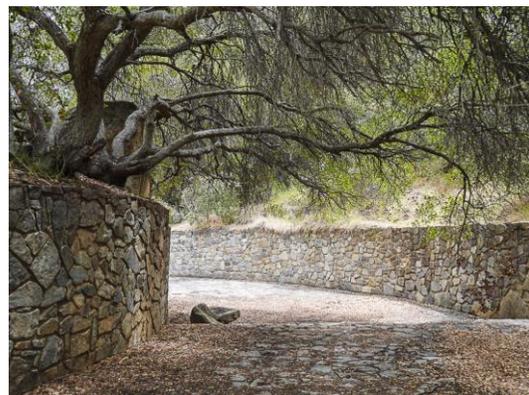
- Library show in October. So far we have 15 prints but several people have promised prints so we will have enough. Curt is going to print up artist's bios provided (or he is going to make up his own!) and a sign about club history, meeting times, etc.
- We went over the scavenger hunt rules. It's going to be interesting and fun!

#### **New Business:**

- Fundraisers were discussed. Tony appointed a fund-raising committee consisting of Elise Ciruolo, Carol Todd, Don Todd and Curt Benward. Ideas discussed were PVM Sale raffle for a choice of one of three prints donated by our members. Monies raised would be used towards new equipment. A donation jar at PVM Sale for youth awards. Raffle tickets at meetings that would be for some item. You could buy raffle tickets at both meetings during the month. The prize will be raffled off at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month.
- Curt has volunteered to be the official Club Greeter. He would like to call new club members and see if they have any questions and just basically welcome to the club.
- Discussed Business Memberships. Was tabled until our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at **8:10 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Renee' Marcov, OCPA Board Secretary





Congratulations to Don Todd 1st Place Winner for "Blackberry Fence".

**COLOR PRINTS 9/28/2015**

<b>Maker</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>Award</b>
Don Todd	Blackberry Fence	109	7.26666667	1
Renee Marcov	Stairway to Heaven	108	7.2	2
Thomas konomos	Crusty Bird	107	7.13333333	3
Renee Marcov	Throw Aother Stick	107	7.13333333	3
Don Todd	Are You Home?	107	7.13333333	3
Tony Mason	Sweet Beans	105	7	4
Suzy Piatt	Great Light	105	7	4
Tony Mason	Peek a Boo Red	104	6.93333333	5
Renee Marcov	Prismatic Microbial Mat	104	6.93333333	5
Thomas Konomos	Soft Rose	104	6.93333333	5
Carol Todd	Fall Crocus	104	6.93333333	5
Don Todd	On the Lookout	103	6.86666667	
Carol Todd	Redwood Mist	102	6.8	
Kathy Chambers	Anenome	102	6.8	
Suzy Piatt	Mallard Duck Patterns	101	6.73333333	
Bonnie Smith	Funy Top	100	6.66666667	
Thomas konomos	Stump	99	6.6	
Suzy Piatt	Koi Menagerie	99	6.6	
Elise Ciroalo	Riverbank	96	6.4	
Carol Todd	Aligator In the Woods	96	6.4	
Kathy Chambers	Wyoming Vista	89	6.35714286	
Tony Mason	Poppin' Poppler	95	6.33333333	
Elise Ciroalo	Delicate Weeds	94	6.26666667	
Elise Ciroalo	Another Sunset	89	5.93333333	
Theresa Rigg	Purple	84	5.6	
<b>Maker</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>Award</b>

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**Meetings:** 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at North Bend Medical Clinic's 3rd Floor conference room at 6:30 pm 1900, Woodland Dr, Coos Bay, OR (enter on outside staircase which is left of the main doors)

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