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### IT'S FAIR TIME

I am so excited! This year the theme is Blue Ribbon Pride and 8 Second Rides. We should be able to have some fun with that one.

You can still sign up for a slot to sit the photo exhibit. The sheet will be at our Annual Meeting on July 10 or you can call me for availability of open spot. One free fair admission per shift!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY 2017

### **July 10 - Annual Meeting - Pony Village Mall**

**Take in and Social 6:30 PM - Activities Starts 6:45 PM**

Ha Ha (Humor), Show & Tell, Critique, After & Before, 4Ws (Who, What, When, Where), & What's New to You?

Monthly Photo Challenge: "Patriotic"

### **July 17 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM,**

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

### **July 22-30 - Coos County Fair**

**July 22 – Take In**

**July 23 – Take In and Hanging (Potluck)**

**July 24 – Judging**

**July 25-29 – Fair**

**July 30 – Take Down**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST 2017

### **August 7 - Meeting - Pony Village Mall**

**Take in and Social 6:30 PM - Activities Starts 6:45 PM**

Ha Ha (Humor), Show & Tell, Critique, After & Before, 4Ws (Who, What, When, Where), & What's New to You?

Member's Only Competition - Traditional Color (1 of 4)

Monthly Photo Challenge: "Memories"

### **August 14 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM,**

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

### **August 21 - Meeting - Pony Village Mall**

**Take in and Social 6:30 PM - Activities Starts 6:45 PM**

Ha Ha (Humor), Show & Tell, Critique, After & Before, 4Ws (Who, What, When, Where), & What's New to You?

Member's Only Competition - Traditional Mono (1 of 4)

Monthly Photo Challenge: "Memories"

## **Saturday Market Pony Village Mall**

The OCPA has been invited to participate either as a group or as individuals in the Pony Village Saturday Market. For additional information and/or an application please let me know. Carol Todd.

## **OCPA Board Meeting Minutes for June 2017**

Meeting came to order at 6:31 pm

Members present were Bonnie Smith, Renee Marcov, Tony Mason, Curt Benward, Don Todd, Carol Todd, Kathy Chambers and Dick Chambers. Elise Ciruolo was out of town and could not attend. Guests present were Peggy Cooper. Thanks again for hosting our board meetings Peggy!

May 2017 meeting minutes previously printed in the Proof shoot were voted on and approved as written with Curt Benward motioning to accept and Don Todd seconding Curt's motion. All voted in favor, with no opposition.

**Treasure's report:** No report. Treasurer out of town

**Fair:** Carol and Don have a Fair meeting on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Carol and Don will have a signup sheet to work the fair at next meeting. The judge we had planned on backed out of judging. We have an email out to a possible replacement for judge. Friday, July 21st will be set up day. Carol and Don have asked for a few volunteers to help with setting up tables and chairs, etc. Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> are fair photo take in days from 10 am – 6 pm. Hanging and potluck will be at 6 pm until we finish. Prints will be judged on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> and the Fair will be held Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup> til Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Take down will be Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm. Aaron's will once again provide a TV and DVD player to play our slide show on.

**4C's:** Competition starts again in September. The Convention this year will be in Ashland in October.

**2018 4C's Convention:** No report at this time

**PVM Show:** No dates as of yet for Fall of 2017 show. It was brought up maybe we should only have 1 show per year. Will reconsider and discuss after the Fall show. Also, it was discussed on whether or not the raffle is feasible at this point.

**Shootouts:** The June Shootout was canceled due to weather. August will be a picnic/BBQ at Thomas' house again this year. Date and Time TBA. October Shootout TBA

**MOTY:** One meeting (June 25<sup>th</sup>) left for MOTY competition. Kathy states she is almost caught up. There will be a \$50.00 gift card for the winner to be announced at the annual meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Fund Raising:** Garage sale netted \$598.00 this year. Approx. \$500 was made on the first day, Friday and the remaining was made on Saturday. Remaining items were donated to Goodwill after the garage sale.

Raffle tickets will be drawn for a \$25.00 Amazon gift card at our last meeting in June (25<sup>th</sup>). We will do another one after the start of our club year in July.

**Website:** Elise got the newsletter on our website (Kudos Elise).

**New Business:** Laptop was discussed at length. We need a new one! Carol Todd motioned to give Tony a limit of \$1000.00 for a laptop and battery backup. Curt Benward 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol's motion. All voted in favor. Tony will research and purchase laptop and battery backup.

**\*\*\*Addendum to the laptop and battery backup. It was voted on through email to give Tony a little more leeway in the purchase of a new laptop and battery backup. We all voted to give him a \$200.00 higher budget than originally planned.\*\*\***

We also discussed getting a subscription of Adobe CC for \$9.99 a month. Carol Todd motioned to authorize an Adobe CC subscription for the 2017/2018 year for OCPA. Bonnie Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol's motion. All voted in favor of getting an Adobe CC subscription for the 2017/2018 year. The next expense will be a carrying case for our projector to keep it safe.

The 2017/2018 calendar was set.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 pm

Respectfully submitted by Renee Marcov, OCPA Secretary

## **OCPA's New Equipment Tony Mason**

Back in November of '16, when we had to say goodbye to our long-time home at North Bend Medical Center. Not only did we need a meeting location (thank you to Hauser Community Church, then Pony Village Mall), we needed a screen to show images upon. So, for \$138 we purchased a 119-inch screen made by **ELite** (# T119UWS1).

Then, the Board decided (after a discussion that had been going on for what seemed like years), we purchased a **Epson 3700** Projector. (Thanks to Curt for researching the mindboggling projector variations.) \$1300 later, the new digital light emitting box became an immediate hit with a much brighter projection and higher resolution as it debuted in May. Granted, we are still learning how to set the optimum settings for our uses.

After another great Garage Sale last June, it was decided to go-ahead and get a new computer as both the laptop donated by Elise a few years ago, and my personal laptop that we've basically been using since we first started showing digital images way back when, are getting a little long-in-the-tooth. The basic criteria for a new machine was to have a dedicated graphic/video card, a minimum of 12 Gb of RAM, HDMI output, and fast processor. Plus, keep the whole purchase (including a UPS, uninterruptible power supply) under \$1000. The researching of thousands of computer combinations basically fell on me (with input from the rest of the Board).

A few weeks ago some emails started circulating between board members about some machines offered by Costco. Good choices & good prices, but I felt that if we were going to be spending a picture frame full of money on this computer, it should be something that will last many, many years; be upgradeable to give it longer life when needed; and be the latest tech. The

Costco machines were 2016 (on the higher end) down to around 2013 tech (thus the lower prices).

I found an 17" HP refurbished from Newegg for just short of \$800. I had a 7th gen i7 processor (2016, 2.7 Ghz, dual core), 1Tb HD, 16Gb DDR3 RAM and a NVidia 940MX GPU with 4Gb GDDR3. Pretty good, and with email communication, board approved. But since we are pushing our budget limit, I kept looking (Amazon, eBay, Staples, Best Buy, Lenovo, Acer, HP and some guy walking down the street).

Ending up at Dell (after viewing a video on YouTube), I found an Inspiration model that looked good. (no way we were going to spend 2-5 thousand on an Alienware). Of course, the base model may have worked, but digging through the configurations, I found one that had a 2017, 2.8 Ghz i7 quad-core (double the cores compared to the HP, a little faster and newer). 16Gb of RAM (same as the HP) but the newer DDR4 (faster) plus it was upgradable to a max of 32Gb (the HP was maxed at 16).

Both have 1920x1080 screens (the HP was 17.3", the Dell 15.6") & back-lit keyboards with numeric key pads. The Dell has a newer NVidia 1050Ti GPU (same 4Gb but with newer/faster GDDR5). Hard drives, the Dell has two: a 128Gb SSD for boot and programs, and a 1Tb for storage. The ports and conductivity were essentially on par between the two (but the HP did have an optical drive - but when was the last time you put in a CD/DVD? - they're going the way of the floppy disk).

So after some more back-and-forth emails, the Board decided these newer/faster features on the Dell were worth the \$300 higher price (\$1099.99 - normally \$1249.99) - plus it was a new machine rather than a referb. So I went ahead and ordered it...(<http://www.dell.com/en-us/shop/productdetails/inspiron-15-7567-laptop/dncwf510s>)

Smooth online process, got the order made, confirmation email received and all was right with the world. Then I checked one of my personal email accounts (there is a lesson to be learned here). A couple of years ago (when I bought my referb desktop from Dell), I signed up for their email sale notices. Since I just bought a machine, they never got looked at and trashed immediately. But I looked at this one... discount coupons! And they could be applied to the laptop I just bought seconds before! So back to the Dell website I go, and first confirmed that they had a price match guarantee. Then started an online chat with a Dell Rep (I don't like phones). Gave them the purchase number of the just bought laptop and the URL showing the lower price of the same machine. Very efficient/polite online rep. We had to cancel the first order (no charge), and then create a purchase order for the new one at the lower price. OK.

The internet is never fast enough. I kept checking email for the cancellation confirmation and the new purchase order. The order came through, but not the cancellation. I quickly looked over the order making sure it had the afore mentioned options, seemed in order. But I was not going to order another \$1000 item until I knew the first one was cancelled. Never got the email and the website still showed it as ordered. After waiting with a patient Rep, I finally decided to go-ahead and place the new order (unfortunately the instructions in the online chat was missing a decimal point in the order number I was supposed to enter, and after trying multiple times, the rep stating it was showing up on their end, I was getting frustrated (now pushing an hour on chat), I found the problem with the number in the email they sent (which I should have used to copy/paste instead of the chat version), and got in. Double checking the specifications I found a mistake on my part. I forgot to tell them which color I wanted (choice was black or red - I decided on red so it would stand out in a crowd). So, luckily, I had not yet clicked the "buy"

button. Let the Chat Rep know, and they sent a new purchase order via email. Now I knew what numbers to look for, where to enter them at, double checked the specs. and click... the bank account was drained. Big large sucking noise.

All was well. And it only took me how many words to tell you of this adventure (what else did I have to do while I poodle/house sat)? Oh, the discount made the price drop \$22 to \$1077.99 total shipped. But it is not over...

So with nothing else to do (other than having poodles on my lap), and now buyer's remorse starting setting in (did I get the best computer for the club's money, best features, etc.) - I once again started searching the internet for comparable machines. I came to the conclusion we got a reasonable price for comparable components. Yeah, we may save a couple more bucks here or there, but nothing significant for what we are getting.

Then it was back to YouTube with lap poodles and I searched for **Dell Inspiron 5767**. Dozens of reviews - of course most of them were based on using it for gaming. It is considered one of the best mid-price gaming machines on the market today (good, looks like I made a good choice), especially because of the graphics card, processor and ram (and great battery life). But then, almost all the videos started talking about how bad the monitor/screen/display was.

Bad viewing angle. Lousy brightness, contrast and color. In fact, it only displayed about 55% of the sRGB color space and somewhere around 35% of the Adobe RGB space. My heart fell to the floor, when I heard this from multiple reviewers. We wanted a machine for images, and the display was simply "not good" for this purpose. Because we would be plugging into the projector most of the time, this was not a deal breaker, but still... I felt I had made a bad choice.

But these reviews were all basically made right after this computer was released at the start of 2017. With a older tech TF display. They all wondered why Dell did not use the same IPS display they used on the older model. I don't have a clue what TF and IPS are. But all the internet seemed to agree, IPS is better (don't know what the %'s will be for color spaces, but IPS is the way to go). Some videos even showed how to buy a IPS display and change them out, the TF (or is it TN?) is just that bad.

"Panicking" I looked at the spec sheet for what we (I) just bought. IPS... we got a IPS. Looks like Dell started using these displays in late spring. We got the newest/greatest/bestest/badest mid-point machine.

Like everything, there is always something better on the other side of the fence if you got the money. If you have read this far, thank you for listing to my tales of woe and despair. And I guess I should mention we also bought a APS brand UPS 850VA/450W (mid-range) for \$79.99 from Amazon (Newegg was same price offering same \$10 coupon - Staples about \$20 higher, same with Best Buy, Wal-Mart, and eBay was basically full retail).

Next up: signing the club up for Adobe Creative Cloud subscription (PS & LR). But that will be in July so it will go on next year's expense report.



## **ANNUAL MEETING**

Elections, Potluck & Image Invitational Monday, July 10th, is our Annual Meeting which is the only meeting of the year that our membership is required to hold. This will be our 20th Annual Meeting, celebrating our 25th Anniversary. Some of the highlights of the meeting will be the “state of the club” presentation, our “normal” photo theme, after/before, 4Ws, critique and show/tell image viewing.

**Potluck Dinner:** everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite food dish to share with the membership (entrée, side or desert... or all of them, ha ha). You will need your own table service and drinks.

**Image Invitational:** all members are invited to participate in our first competition of the year. This one is a little different in that you can only bring one image - either a print or electronic file. 3 judges will be picked from attendees and they will by consensus pick winners in a heads-up competition.

**Elections:** 3 positions are up this year for filling (see the table below). We would like to thank Elise for her 6 years of service to the club both as a board member and treasurer. Our nominating committee has found “volunteers” to fill the open positions, but we will, like always, accept nominees/ volunteers from the floor during the election process.

**Member of the Year (MotY):** points have been tallied up over the last year for not only participating in our competitions but for attendance at meetings and other activities. The winners will be announced. Also, as this is the first meeting of the year, the point tallying begins again.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Years On Term Remaining</b>	<b>Next Election</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Tony Mason</b> President	<b>1</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Curt Benward</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Carol Todd</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Renee Marcov</b> Secretary	<b>2</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Dick Chambers</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Bonnie Smith</b> Vice President	<b>2</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Kathy Chambers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Don Todd</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Elise Ciarolo</b> Treasurer	<b>0</b>	Not eligible for reelection

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**Meetings:** 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at Pony Village Mall, North Bend, OR. Enter and exit from the West entrance by the long hallway.

**How to Join the OCPA** Joining OCPA is very easy! Just come to one of our meetings and check us out. If you like what you see we'll take your membership dues and that is it!

If you want to join, but can't make a meeting, just write a check and mail it to us:

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