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March Field Trip Scheduled For Homer Ranch

The SJVCCC annual field trip is scheduled for Saturday, March 20th, at the Homer Ranch Preserve and at Lake Kaweah northeast of Visalia. Homer Ranch is located in Dry Creek Valley below the Terminus Dam at Lake Kaweah, and is noted for its spring wildflowers.

The Ranch covers 1,800 acres and was homesteaded by the Homer Family in the late 1800's. The family wanted the land to be preserved in its natural setting and in 2004 the property was purchased by the Sequoia Riverlands Trust headquartered in Visalia. The Trust manages the land to preserve one of the largest remaining sycamore and blue oak woodlands in the San Joaquin Valley. The property is used for cattle grazing, native species habitat and public education.



The Preserve, which is normally closed to the public, will be opened to SJVCCC members on Saturday, the 20th. In appreciation to the Trust for opening its lands to the Council members, a suggested donation of \$10 – 15 per person to the Trust would be appropriate.

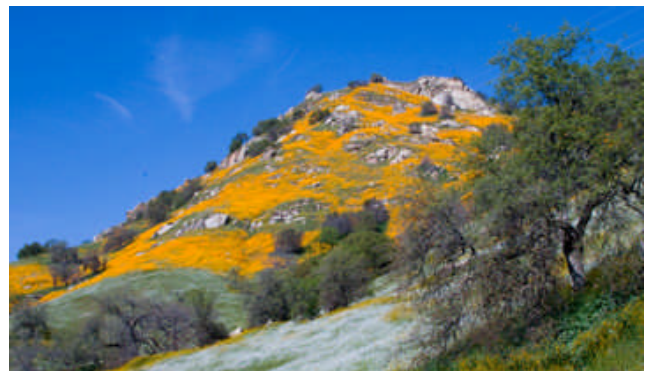
Members should plan on arriving between 8:30 and 9:30 AM. A short nature walk with a local biologist is scheduled for 9:30 AM. Driving directions began at the Hwy 198 egress from Hwy 99.

- **From Hwy 99 – take Hwy 198 east** thru Visalia toward Sequoia for about 24 miles.
- **At Hwy 216 – turn left** toward Woodlake for about ½ mile
- Across the Kaweah River – **turn right** on Dry Creek Drive for 5 miles to Homer Ranch on the right.

There are no maintained trails on the property, but there will be four-wheel drive vehicles to carry photographers across Dry Creek if they wish. On the far side of the creek is a 'ranch road' that will allow shooters to hike to different parts of the Preserve. The area consists of the creek, some grasslands and rolling foothills. Challenge yourself and see if you can interpret the area with images of ●flowing water, ●wildflower covered hillsides, ●sycamore and oak bark textures, and ●close-ups of individual wildflowers.

For a bring-your-own picnic lunch field-trippers will move to a campground next to Lake Kaweah about five miles away. Near the picnic/campground is Horse Creek which is another prominent wildflower area (e.g. poppies, lupine, brodiaea, fiddlenecks, etc.). If there is time later in the afternoon and conditions are good there can be some exploration of some local vernal pools (hog wallows), the Kaweah River and/or another preserve closer to Visalia.

Weather is always a concern at this time of year and will be closely watched. A final report will be made by noon on Friday, the 19th and any decision to cancel the trip will be immediately sent to the individual club reps who will, in turn, notify all club members of a cancellation. Because the native grass may be wet from morning dew or recent rains and some of the more adventurous may be tempted to work the creek banks, a change of shoes and dry socks is suggested..



Important March Dates

March 6th – Gold Rush Chapter Images
See accompanying story
March 7th – Gold Rush – Sacramento
March 7th – March Digital Images Due
Due to Craig Hadfield or SJVCCC website
March 14th – SJVCCC – Fresno
March 20th – Homer Ranch Field Trip

Bever, Hixson Highlight Goldrush Program

Prominent SJVCCC photographers **Dr. Lloyd Bever** FPSA and **Jerry Hixson** FPSA will present two outstanding programs at the March 7th meeting of the Gold Rush Chapter in Sacramento.

Leading off the morning session will be Lloyd Bever's "*Ancient Egypt – Land of the Pharaohs*," an updated and digitized program in Blue-Ray format. This program was put together after three trips to Egypt over a number of years and covers many dynasties of Egyptian culture

Rounding out the day's program will be "*The Road to Timbuktu*" as seen through the eyes of Jerry Hixson FPSA as he takes you on an automobile trip down the Niger River during the dry season – his trek ending in Timbuktu.

Other program presentations will include "*Tanzania*" and "*Lightroom*" by Barry Walton and a print review moderated by Mr. Saturation, Truman Holtzclaw.

Gold Rush Hosts PSA Chapter Showcase

The Gold Rush Chapter is this year's host for PSA's Chapter Showcase. While the G.R. Chapter is not actually in competition this year it can still get to show examples of members' images.

This year there can be 12 entries per chapter instead of the historical 10 entries. Each Gold Rush member who would like to have images considered for inclusion in the Chapter Showcase can submit up to two

images for judging. The best 12 of the images will be forwarded. Only one image per member will be accepted for forwarding.

Images must be jpg – no longer than 1024 pixels in width and no higher than 768 pixels vertical. Images must be sent to Sam Shaw, Gold Rush Chapter Showcase Chairman, Lovesphoto@aol.com, no later than March 6th. or to Sam at Gold Rush in Sacramento.

Taft Club Sponsors Photo Contest

The Taft Camera Club recently sponsored a photo contest, "*Wonderful World of Photography*," open to all residents of West Kern County. With entries in five competition categories and judged by Sam Shaw FPSA PPSA, there are 26 winning prints currently on display this month at the Taft College Library.



Plug-In Software Suggested for Black and White Conversion

This month there was a near record number of entries in Monochrome Prints: 9 in Class A and 5 in Class AA. While most of the images were accomplished with a Photoshop conversion, this month's judge, Dan Sniffin, suggested an even more effective program: Nik Software's **Silver Efex Pro**.

Lee Cates Celebrates 90th

The conspicuous absence of Lee Cates at this month's meeting was duly noted. It was reported that she was celebrating her 90th birthday with family. And she didn't even bring any birthday cake to share with us. Congratulations, Lee.

< Some of the top scoring images from February's judging >



Boone's Back Room
Tom Frazier



Fall Gourds
Barbara Shaw



Golden Brodiaea Duo
Jennifer Doerrie



Antelope Canyon
Shelley Stone



Pueblo Way of Life
Jim Cunningham



Chapel and Falls
Loye Stone



Water Drops in Blue
Craig Hadfield



Prismatic Color
Herb Spencer



African Python Strangling Thompson Gazelle
Dr. Lloyd Bever.



Snowbirds
Sam Shaw



Jump Ball
Loye Stone



In The Turn - McClain Bike Race
Cliff Hamby

< More of the top scoring images from February's judging >



Fractal Oak
Craig Hadfield



Canyon Light
Loye Stone



Trunk and Shadows
Sam Shaw



Swimming In Stride
Dean Lawrence



Nest Time Take The Train
Herb Spencer



Armagosa Stormy Sunset
Karen Campbell



100 Years On The Palous
Ron Wicker



Swan and Pansies
Tom Frazier



The Artist
Jim Cunningham



Getting Ready To Set The Morning Nets
Norma Mastin



Jaipa Burro Races
Jennifer Doerrie

SJVCCC Competition Results

Projected Images – February 2010

Pictorial – Class A

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Robert Dayton	Merced	18	18
Jennifer Doerrie	Fresno	19	19
Wayne Dunn	Madera	16	16
Gayle Gangbin	Madera	17	17
John Greening	Fresno	17	17
Craig Hadfield	Fresno	20	20
Dee Humphrey	Fresno	17	17
Ning Lin	Fresno	16	16
Art Serabian	Fresno	18	18
Herb Spencer	Taft	16	16
Loye Stone	Fresno	18	18
Shelley Stone	Fresno	17	17
Ron Wicker	Fresno	20	20

Nature – Class A

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jennifer Doerrie	Fresno	17	17
Wayne Dunn	Madera	14	14
Gayle Gangbin	Madera	15	15
Craig Hadfield	Fresno	17	17
Dee Humphrey	Fresno	16	16
Dr. Ning Lin	Fresno	17	17
Herb Spencer	Taft	16	16
Shelley Stone	Fresno	15	15

Pictorial – Class AA

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Karen Campbell	Merced	18	18
Cliff Hamby	Merced	18	18
Norma Mastin	Madera	16	16
Barbara Shaw	Merced	20	20
Shirley Ward	Madera	20	20

Nature – Class AA

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Karen Campbell	Merced	17	17
John Greening	Fresno	19	19
Cliff Hamby	Merced	16	16
Floyd Hopper	Merced	16	16
Dean Lawrence	Fresno	19	19
Norma Mastin	Madera	19	19
Art Serabian	Fresno	14	14
Loye Stone	Fresno	17	17

Pictorial – Class AAA

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dr. Lloyd Bever	Merced	17	17
Jim Cunningham	Merced	20	20
Tom Frazier	Merced	20	20
Floyd Hopper	Merced	16	16
Dean Lawrence	Fresno	17	17
Sam Shaw	Merced	18	18

Nature – Class AAA

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dr. Lloyd Bever	Merced	18	18
Jim Cunningham	Merced	20	20
Tom Frazier	Merced	17	17
Barbara Shaw	Merced	19	19
Sam Shaw	Merced	19	19
Shirley Ward	Madera	18	18

Clubs – Pictorial

	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fresno	58	58
Madera	57	57
Merced	60	60
Modesto	0	0
Selma	0	0
Taft	16	16

Clubs – Nature

	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fresno	56	56
Madera	52	52
Merced	59	59
Modesto	0	0
Selma	0	95
Taft	16	16

SJVCCC Competition Results

Projected Images - February 2010

PhotoJournalism – Class A

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Wayne Dunn	Madera	15	15
Gayle Gangbin	Madera	16	16
Craig Hadfield	Fresno	20	20
Dee Humphrey	Fresno	18	18
Herb Spencer	Taft	19	19
Shelley Stone	Fresno	16	16

Travel – Class A

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Robert Dayton	Fresno	20	20
Jennifer Doerrie	Fresno	19	19
Wayne Dunn	Madera	17	17
Gayle Gangbin	Madera	19	19
John Greening	Selma	17	17
Craig Hadfield	Fresno	19	19
Dee Humphrey	Fresno	18	18
Herb Spencer	Taft	18	18
Shelley Stone	Fresno	18	18

PhotoJournalism – Class AA

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Karen Campbell	Merced	18	18
Jim Cunningham	Merced	17	17
Tom Frazier	Merced	18	18
Cliff Hamby	Merced	20	20
Dr. Ning Lin	Fresno	18	18
Norma Mastin	Madera	19	19
Loye Stone	Fresno	18	18

Travel – Class AA

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Karen Campbell	Merced	19	19
Cliff Hamby	Merced	17	17
Dr. Ning Lin	Fresno	17	17
Norma Mastin	Madera	19	19
Loye Stone	Fresno	19	19

PhotoJournalism – Class AAA

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dr. Lloyd Bever	Merced	17	17
Dean Lawrence	Merced	20	20
Barbara Shaw	Fresno	19	19
Sam Shaw	Merced	20	20
Shirley Ward	Madera	19	19

Travel – Class AAA

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dr. Lloyd Bever	Merced	19	19
Jim Cunningham	Merced	19	19
Tom Frazier	Merced	18	18
Barbara Shaw	Merced	16	16
Sam Shaw	Merced	17	17
Shirley Ward	Madera	20	20

Clubs – Photojournalism

	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fresno	58	345
Madera	54	194
Merced	58	349
Modesto	0	0
Selma	0	34
Taft	19	9

Clubs – Travel

	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fresno	58	58
Madera	58	58
Merced	60	60
Modesto	0	0
Selma	0	0
Taft	18	18

SJVCCC Competition Results

Prints – February, 2010

Monochrome – Class A

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jim Cunningham	Merced	18	18
Wayne Dunn	Madera	18	18
Tom Frazier	Merced	20	20
Dee Humphrey	Fresno	17	17
Dean Lawrence	Fresno	17	17
Jonathon Rollins	Fresno	20	20
Barbara Shaw	Merced	17	17
Herb Spencer	Taft	16	16
Loye Stone	Fresno	20	20

Color – Class A

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Wayne Dunn	Madera	18	18
Craig Hadfield	Fresno	20	20
Floyd Hopper	Merced	20	20
Dee Humphrey	Fresno	17	17
Jonathon Rollins	Fresno	20	20
Art Serabian	Fresno	18	18
Loye Stone	Fresno	17	17

Monochrome – Class AA

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Karen Campbell	Merced	15	39
Craig Hadfield	Fresno	19	19
Art Serabian	Fresno	20	20
Sam Shaw	Merced	19	19
Shelley Stone	Fresno	19	19

Color – Class AA

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Karen Campbell	Merced	19	19
Tom Frazier	Merced	18	18
Pat Gosland	Fresno	17	17
Cliff Hamby	Merced	19	19
Norma Mastin	Madera	19	19
Barbara Shaw	Merced	20	20
Herb Spencer	Taft	19	19
Shelley Stone	Fresno	19	19
Shirley Ward	Madera	19	19

Color – Class AAA

		<u>Feb</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dr. Lloyd Bever	Merced	19	19
Jim Cunningham	Merced	18	18
Dean Lawrence	Fresno	18	18
Sam Shaw	Merced	19	19

Clubs – Monochrome and Color

	February			Total		
	<u>Mono</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>Mono</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Both</u>
Fresno	60	60	60	60	60	60
Madera	18	56	57	18	56	57
Merced	57	60	60	57	60	60
Modesto	0	0	0	0	0	0
Selma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taft	16	19	35	16	19	35