



Woodstock Camera Club

A community of photographers sharing the art of photography

Gala

2015/2016 Awards Night at the Woodstock Camera Club



Photographer of the Year
John Nicol

WCC Contests Over for Another Year

With the 2015-2016 year over and the Gala complete it is my pleasure to announce the annual awards:

PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR: 1st Place with 81 points - John Nicol; 2nd Place with 79 points - a tie - Bronwyn Moody and Dave Feick; 3rd Place with 75 points - John Novak.

PHOTO ART CONTEST: 1st Place Jeff Brown - *Race Wars*; 2nd Place Karen Guthrie - *Elissa*; 3rd Place - a Tie - John Nicol - *Waiting for CAA* and Colin Hutchinson - *Joyride*.

MEMBERS CHOICE: Contest #1 - Brian Harris - *Seen Better Days*; Contest #2 - a tie - Karen Guthrie - *Hello* and Linda Feick - *Fluttering By*; Contest #3 - John Nicol - *Preparing by Candle Light*.

IMAGE OF THE YEAR: 1st Place - John Nicol - *Dubrovnik Monastery*; 2nd Place - Dave Feick - *Red Velvet*; 3rd Place - John Novak - *We stand on guard for ...*; Honourable Mention - John Nicol - *Preparing by candle light* and Bronwyn Moody - *Eagle Eye*.

There were no winners for the Rookie of the Year as we had no contest entries from new members, hopefully we can change that next year. Congratulations goes out to all the winners and to all the entrants for your valuable and creative work throughout the year. Over the summer we will be working on next years contest topics to challenge you. We'll send out an email soon as the topics are finalized.

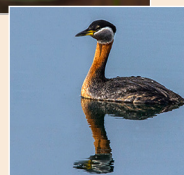
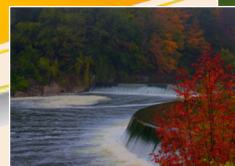
I hope everyone has a great summer and gets lots of opportunities to get out there with your cameras. I've been writing this in my hotel room in Frankenmuth, Michigan as I get ready for a weekend of photographing the 1225 Pere Marquette Steam Train that will be traveling from Mount Pleasant, Michigan to Cadillac, Michigan followed by a Classic Car Show in Cadillac. See you all in Sept for the 2016-2017 year.

John Novak, Contest Chair

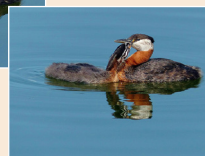
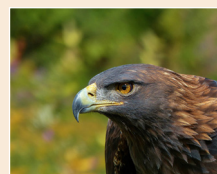


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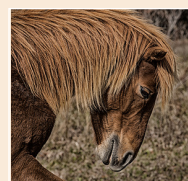
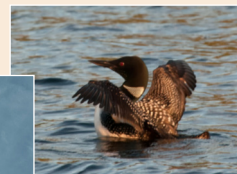
Photographer of the Year
2nd Place **Dave Feick**



Photographer of the Year
2nd Place **Bronwyn Moody**



Photographer of the Year
3rd Place **John Novak**



We were again excited and honoured to provide the acknowledgement and the plaques to the three areas of the Photographer of the Year Award for our camera club. This award is now in its 11th year with the WCC. Some time ago we decided that it was also very important to honour the Second and Third place "High Scoring Photographers" as in some cases there was only one or two points separating them from the high scoring photographer and these people needed to be acknowledged as well. Congratulations once again to this years winners and all those who entered the contests. Have a great summer folks.

Jerry Cornell

May 25th Awards Night

The Awards Night was held at Emmanuel Reformed Church in Woodstock. It was the final club meeting and we will be returning in September. It was also the Awards Night honouring the photographer's achievements in all the contests - a night to congratulate and say good bye for the summer.

The President, Linda Feick, gave out a big welcome to everyone and the evening began. Have you ever been to a Sweet and Salty Potluck? That is how the members and guests celebrated the end of the camera club year; with tables full of treats supplied by members.

John Novak announced the winning names from each contest and the winners of the Wilson Johnston Senior Photo Art Contest.

The winners found that entering the WCC contests and receiving an award can have an amazing effect on one's photography and found it can boost their confidence.

Winning the Photographer or Image of the Year is on the top of every photographer's list.



Dianne Ward, Denise Rooke, Pat Foord, Jerry Cornell and Linda Feick sitting.

Everyone looked forward to the 'Club Member's Draws' with donations from London: James Cowie Photo Tours Trekker, Henry's, Forest City Image Centre, and from Woodstock: Highlander Studios, City of Woodstock, and WCC members. Grand Prize for the evening was a printer donated by PC Options, won by Pat Foord.

Thank you to these businesses for supporting our club, it is greatly appreciated. Let us not forget our members that so kindly donated to the Gala.

Thank You from the Woodstock Camera Club.



Brian Harris and Jeff Brown enjoying the treats.



2015/2016 WCC Images of the Year



1st Place - John Nicol

3rd Place

John Novak



Honourable Mention

Bronwyn Moody

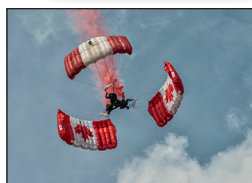


© Preparing by Candle Light

2nd Place
Dave Feick



© Red Velvet



© We stand on guard for ...



© Eagle Eyes

Deb and Bill Hall members of the Woodstock Camera Club and London Camera Club donated the 'Image of the Year' trophy in memory of long time WCC club member Jake Hoekstra.



26th Alzheimer's Golf Tournament

Bonnie Hewitt and Brian Harris

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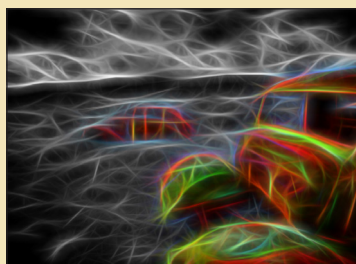
2015/2016 Photo Art Contest

– 1st Place **Jeff Brown** –

Wilson Johnston Junior

Wilson Johnston Junior launched the Photo Art Contest in memory of his father, Wilson Johnston Senior who was an outstanding artist in his own right. Wilson Junior invited everyone to visit the Ingersoll Cheese Museum and view the fantastic carvings by his father. Every year a Photographic Artist's name will be engraved on the trophy and taken home for one year.

© Race Wars



Jeff Brown



2nd Place - **Karen Guthrie**



© Elissa



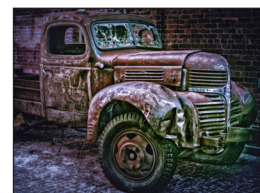
3rd Place - **Colin Hutchinson**



© Joyride



3rd Place - **John Nicol**



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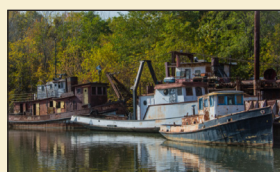
Voting - 2015/2016 Club Member's Choice



Contest #1

Brian Harris

© Seen Better Days



Contest #2

Karen Guthrie

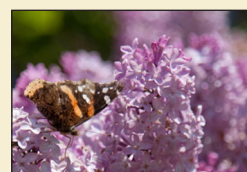
© Hello



Contest #2

Linda Feick

© Fluttering By



Contest #3

© Preparing by Candle Light **John Nicol**



Three contests are held each year and members are invited to submit images. From these images members judge by following criteria: Impact, Style, Composition, Printing, Colour Harmony, Lighting, Storytelling, Technical Excellence, Subject Matter, Center of Interest and Creativity. This is a learning experience for members as they judge the images at each result's night. Each winning photographer was presented with a plaque for their high standard of excellence in photography.

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WCC Photo Contest at Big Brothers Big Sisters

Woodstock Camera Club



Duen Daley, OCT Group Program, Volunteer Coordinator invited the WCC to participate in the Soar Program once again this year on June 2nd. The volunteers know how important the BBBS Soar Program is and are proud to be a part of a great cause that helps girls and boys soar to new heights. In this program the kids become true to themselves by learning to earn respect and to make the right decisions in life. They also build self-esteem.

Myself along with volunteers Linda Feick, Yvonne Boniface and Jerry Cornell arranged a photo contest for kids to experience entering a photo into a contest and learning how to judge. Qualified judges, Jerry and Linda, mentored each photo with the kids. Ruth Ann and Yvonne created a fun evening with a judging lesson. They learned about cropping, lighting, telling a story and macro photography. A small test was taken and they all passed with flying colours. We hope that the WCC volunteers have stirred up an interest in photography and that they may become a camera club member when they are of age.

The closing celebration for the Soar Program will be held on June 30th where we will present first, second and third winners with gift cards and certificates. Others that participated will receive a gift card from McDonald's restaurant.

Jerry Cornell printed all the photos that were submitted in order for the kids to have a keepsake and to share their accomplishments with their family and friends. Thank you Jerry for your very generous donation and also putting a smile on all the kids faces.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for BBBS contact Duen at BB/BS on Dundas Street East, Woodstock - it is a rewarding and enjoyable time.

by Ruth Ann Rule

Email from Big Brothers Big Sisters

The feedback received from the mentees and mentors about Thursday night's SOAR with the WCC is very positive. The little spoke of their new experiences and the fun they had learning new things about cameras and pictures/photos. The BBBS appreciates the efforts of the members of the camera club in making this new experience possible for our little. Thank you so much for your support to the BBBS SOAR program.

Duen Daley, Group Program and Volunteer Coordinator, BBBS.



Kids learning photography

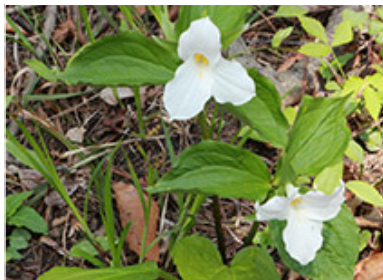
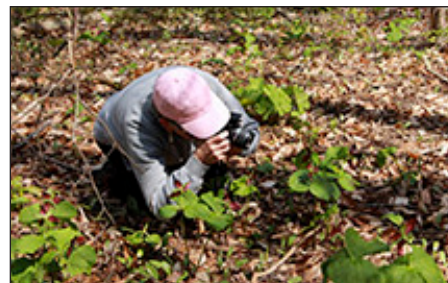


All photos taken by Soar Program Kids



Ruth Ann Rule,
Jerry
Cornell,
Yvonne
Boniface,
Linda Feick
WCC
Soar Program
Volunteers

Trilliums Covering the Trails



Ralph and Yvonne Boniface hiked the Lawson Track near Ingersoll where the woods were covered with red and white trilliums. They photographed flowers and whatever nature had to offer them. It is a beautiful peaceful trail open all seasons for nature lovers and bird watchers.



Relay for Life in Woodstock

Relay for Life is more than just a cancer walk - it's a journey. Almost every family has been hit with cancer and has experienced the ups and downs. The WCC volunteers are very proud to be part of the 'Relay for Life' again this year and to help fight back this disease.

Everyone cheered for survivors, joined in the excitement in the track side activities and walked the track on Friday, June 10th - 7:00 pm - 1:00 am. The event was held at the College Avenue Secondary School sports field.

Your support matters - every dollar that is raised or donated makes a difference - lives are changed and saved every day because of the supporters. More people are surviving cancer than ever before.



2016 Cancer Relay For Life Crew

Front row - Don & Sheri-Lyn Bowker-Allan, Tim Stewart, Christen Currie, Jerry Cornell. Middle row - Linda Feick, Lee-Anne Creery, Brian Harris. Back row - Dave Feick, Bonnie Hewitt, Colin Hutchinson, Pat Foord. They all participated in the event by taking the team photos and candid shots throughout the evening. Thank you for volunteering for this worthwhile cause.

If you are interested in volunteering next year for the Relay for Life contact Linda Feick and get your name on the 2017 list and go the distance. With your support, they are funding Canada's most promising cancer research.

Welcome to the New 2016/2017 Woodstock Camera Club Executive



Linda Feick
President



Jerry Cornell
Vice-President



John Novak
Contest Chair



Kim Eller
Program Chair



Tim Stewart
Communications



Bonnie Hewitt
Secretary



Karen Aubin
Treasurer



All clubs need leadership and volunteers and these dedicated club members have stepped forward to accept the responsibilities to lead the WCC for 2016/2017.

Volunteering for an executive position is an excellent way to meet people, learn new skills, and become involved in the club. Many long time members have taken these positions and helped the club grow to what it is today and this year the executive have two of these members on the executive. Long time members have proven to be invaluable over and over again and new volunteers are learning and following in their footsteps.

We are pleased to have Linda Feick returning as President again this year and Jerry Cornell will be at her side as Vice President.

John Novak who is very knowledgeable in contests, judging and the photography world is returning as the contest chair.

Bill Hall is stepping down and passing the reins for Program Chair 2016/17 over to Kim Eller. The Communication guy will be Tim Stewart who will be sending the club news and information to the members. Bonnie Hewitt as Secretary will be helping with memberships along with the Treasurer Karen Aubin and also welcoming members at the door in September.

Bob Bembridge has been operating the club's website and will be taking the position again this coming year. A job well done.

Over the summer Kim Eller and her team will be working hard to bring the club a new 2016/2017 program. They will be recruiting speakers, arranging workshops and setting up evenings for learning photography. If you have ideas for the new program contact Kim Eller and also if you have contest suggestions contact John Novak through the Communication guy, Tim Stewart. All inputs are welcome, it is your club. Have a great summer, keep those cameras busy and see you in September when the club returns. Watch for the returning date.



Meet the new owners of Highlander Studios

Ted McLaughlin from Highlander Photography and Studio built his business in April 2009, opening his doors to the public including many photographers and artists.

Helping the members of the Camera Club and Oxford Photographic Arts Guild to find their hidden talent and sharing his knowledge in the arts and photography were very much appreciated. He dedicated his time to help people get the most out of their prints and we would like to thank Ted for all his knowledge and helping hands.

In the month of May a mind blowing dream came true for Duane Thomas and Ursula Kumala, who took ownership of Highlander Studios. "Owning and operating a photography business and art studio in their home town was more than we could've asked for" said Duane, a graduate of Fanshawe College in London with a degree in Graphic Design, freelancing in photography. His wife Ursula graduated

from the University of Guelph with a Bachelor degree in Arts, Honours Studio Art Program. They are looking forward to passing on their combination of knowledge and qualification to the public.

Duane and Ursula were both raised in the Woodstock, but while Duane is native to the city, Ursula was born in Poland. Readily active in the community, the duo are very excited to be giving back to it artistically, and are committed to excellence, service and quality.

Ursula assures "our main focus right now is maintaining the overall experience that Highlander stood for, from initial consultation to the final product."

They offer studio photos, single portraits and family pictures, custom framing, matting, fine art photo printing, promos, passport pictures, art work reproductions, digital imaging, graphic design, and much more.

Drop in and meet Duane and Ursula any time, sit down and talk about your photographs, about displaying your artwork, printing and framing your contest images, even bringing an aged photo back to life. Either way, don't be a stranger, stop in and welcome the new owners of Highlander Studios.

Check out their website for more information www.highlanderstudios.ca or call 519-421-9000 office or cell 519-788-0973.

Congratulations!



Come Fly into the Clear Blue Sky With Eric

On April 13th, 2016 the club members and guests crowded into the club meeting to go flying with Eric Dumigan. Through his Air-to-Air photography he took everyone up in the air into the big blue sky. It was very exciting but a little dangerous as only a safety belt was holding him in as he photographed out of the open door. The timing had to be exact as they flew side by side with other airplanes.

What started as a hobby for him at age nine soon turned into a life long passion. His family photo collection dates back three generations to when his grandfather photographed the R-100 airship at St. Hubert, Quebec in 1930. For the past twenty six years Eric has freelanced for Canadian, American, French, German, Australian and British Aviation magazines. He has published over 300 articles and 2,900 photos as well as having images displayed in several aviation museums and businesses. He enjoys photographing everything from planes and wildlife to weddings.

A dream came true when he flew with the Snowbirds 431 Air Demonstration Squadron at the Atlantic Canada International Air-show.

Eric is a proud member of: Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association, 1941 Historical Aircraft Group, Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, Northeast Council of Air shows and the YYZ Airport Watch.

His mission at www.airic.ca is to promote the air show industry, Canadian aviation history, aviation in Canada and through images.

WCC Scavenger Hunt Walk-About in Downtown Woodstock

It was a warm spring evening, just suitable for a Walk-About in Downtown Woodstock. The WCC members met Bill Hall, program chair, at the Museum Square to collect their Scavenger Hunt list. Photographers were to find objects and scenes that reflect the topics on the list and were also asked to aim for creative images and not a record shot when possible.



Kim Eller, Bill Hall, Kathy Eller



club meeting. It was very interesting to see how different members photographed the images. The Scavenger Hunt was fun but not has much fun as viewing the images when a few really humourous ones showed up on the screen: a clock that wasn't on the required time, bridges that weren't bridges, 10 fingers not six, a light trail that was taken on Light Street with a trail sign and green things in motion. But everyone



Waiting to head out on the WCC Scavenger Hunt.

Photo Walk-Abouts are a wonderful idea. You drive through your city a hundred times but do you really see the details in the buildings and the history of the city? When walking around the members got a creative boost by finding things and exploring their surroundings.

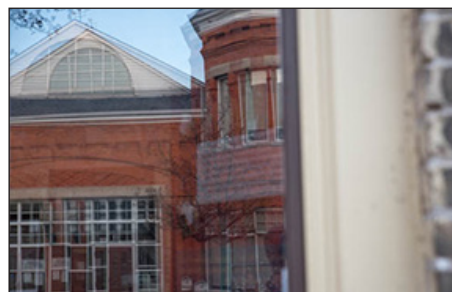
A great tip is to ditch the bulky camera bag in favour of pants or jackets with a lot of pockets for batteries and accessories. Don't load yourself down with a lot of stuff. Have more photo cards and batteries because a card can fill up in a hurry when clicking continuously.

The members were to find Historical images, reflections, light trails, something that started with the letter W, six fingers, splash of colour, bridge structure, an animal or bird, a red tulip, George, clock on a certain time, front page, construction and much more.

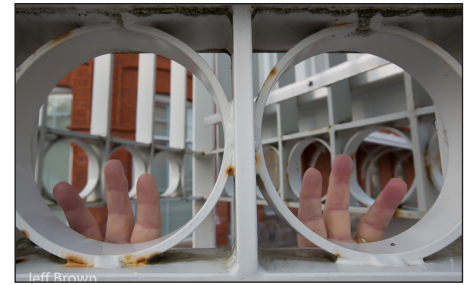
On May 11th the images were viewed at the



Bridge Structure ©photo by Brian Harris



Reflection of Market Place ©photo by Brian Harris



Six Fingers ©photo by Jeff Brown



Aiming to miss Central School ©photo by Jeff Brown



Abstract of City Hall ©photo by Robina Cullen

found George on the Court House lawn.

Prizes were presented to Kim Eller for the Early Bird Entries and to Robina Cullen, Brian Harris and Jeff Brown for capturing everything on the list and for their outstanding images. They filled the list with creative images - a job well done.

All the images were great that were emailed in and we are hoping that the photographers will continue to walk-about and discover what is surrounding them.

Thank you to Bill for creating an enjoyable evening, one that members will be laughing and talking about for a long time.



©photo by Brian Harris

WCC Portrait Workshop with Robina Cullen



As a photographer, you'll likely have been asked at one point or another by family or friends to take their photo. Some members will avoid picking up their camera to take a photo of a person but they excel in other subjects.

Robina explained it was possible for anyone to take a professional looking portrait and in May she offered her studio to the members

for a workshop to experience taking photos of two models. Robina guided the photographers through the guidelines and settings on how to master a professional portrait. It was a full day of learning photography.



It is great to have all the toys and whistles but with intelligent use of the equipment you have, thoughtful framing and due attention paid to lighting, composition and settings, anybody can



take a good portrait.

If you do not have a studio and lights the daylight from a window will work well with reflectors.

Robina's excellent portraits can be seen on her facebook page. Thank you Robina for taking the time to share your knowledge with others.

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Linda Feick,
President

Well, here we are again at the end of another successful camera club year, and what an amazing year it has been.

We have had wonderful guest speakers that took us on many adventures. Also we had our 'hands on night' where everyone got to try a number of different photographic things that they weren't very familiar with but tried their best anyway. We've been on a few outings enjoying the cold winter weather and now get to enjoy some spring air to allow us to get out and photograph the wonders of nature.

A few of us even got to dress up and act like kids again. We learned what we didn't know about the movies and even had a scavenger hunt downtown.

Our contests this year produced a number of award-winning photographs that were real crowd-pleaser's. All in all I think it has been a very enjoyable year for all our members.

I want to thank our amazing executive and all our volunteers who took time out of their busy schedule to make our year a success.

My thanks go to Bill Hall for a wonderful program, Bob Bembridge for looking after the website, Jerry Cornell for getting all the messages out to our membership, John Novak for our contest themes and getting our photos judged, Kim Eller for looking after our finances, Bonnie Hewitt for keeping up-to-date with our meeting notes and last but certainly not least to all the volunteer members who helped with our extracurricular events and help to make our meetings run very smoothly.

Thank you to the Quality Hotel and Suites and Julie Rutherford for looking after our club.

I am looking forward to working with the new executive next year. It takes a lot of parts to make a well oiled machine run well and a few good mechanics who know what they're doing. Thanks to you all, we have the best machine in the business.

Have a good summer, get out and take lots of photographs and stay tuned to your emails in case there are events over the summer.

Linda Feick



Bill Hall
Program Chair 2015/2016

Outgoing Program Chair

Each year the executive tries to change things up from previous years. This year we introduced some new and interesting areas of photography to the club from Equine to Aviation; there was a little bit of nostalgia in our Ana-

logue night plus a chance to experiment at our Tabletop Night. I hope that all of you found something this year that caught your interest and provided some inspiration in your photography.

I'd like to thank those who put on workshops & presentations or helped on activity nights. Your contribution was essential to the year's success. I'd also like to thank all those who participated by submitting images and slide shows on the nights we called for them. Your participation made those meetings a success because the diversity of images and the stories that went with them were both educational and inspirational to the members.

The executive will soon be putting next year's program together – which will be different from this year's. This is your chance to identify the guests and activities that you would like to see next year. Kim will be more than happy to receive your help and ideas as she takes over as Program Chair. When the call comes out, I challenge you to do your part in making next year's program the best yet.

I had a lot of fun this year and it was a pleasure taking an active part in the club. I wish you all the best for a great summer of photography.

Bill Hall



Jerry Cornell

Communications 2015/2016
Vice President 2016/2017

A note from the WCC communications guy.

We will have a new WCC Communications Chair for 2016-2017 and I would like to thank Tim Stewart for stepping forward. Tim is very enthusiastic and anxious to take on this role and I know that he will do a good job, and I would be glad to help in any way that I can. He will be in touch over the summer I am sure.

Even during the coming summer if there is something that comes up that could be of interest to our members we will try to pass it on. That said though, if there are those who would prefer not to receive these communications it's as simple as letting us know and we can stop them from coming to you.

It has been a pleasure being the communications person for the camera club and I have very much enjoyed doing it for the last while. We have an active club and communications is an important element to keeping us all informed. Have a great summer and see everyone in the fall.

Jerry Cornell

*It's an illusion that photos are made with the camera....they are made with the eye, heart and head.
~ Henri Cartier-Bresson*

Heading off to the Yukon



Hello Everyone,

I'm pleased to pass on the information for our Yukon Photo Tour August 24th to September 5th. Our tour departs from London, flying via Air Canada to Whitehorse.

Our photo trek includes visiting the regions around Whitehorse, unique cabin and Northern Lights opportunities in Dawson City, Haines Junction and a rail trip on the White Pass railway from Whitehorse to Skagway Alaska. Please find a link to Photo Tour Trekkers website for additional information and tour registration. phototourtrekkers.com/tours/yukon-photo-tour-2016/. If you have any other questions please feel free to contact me or my colleague Katherine Hirtzel anytime and we look forward to you joining us in the Yukon.

Few places in the world today have been so unchanged over the course of time as has the Yukon. Aboriginal people, having eked out survival for thousands of years, hunt and trap as they always have. Canada's 5 tallest mountains and world's largest ice fields below the Arctic are all within Kluane National Park.

During our trek we will be experiencing a cross section of the Yukon traveling from Whitehorse to Dawson and photographing the beautiful landscapes of Haines Junction. Then to wrap up your experience we will take the White Pass Railway over the mountains to Skagway. We invite you to join photographers Deb and Bill Hall, Photo Tour Trekkers hosts as you explore the treasures of Canada's west.

Cheers, James

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Summer Photography

Summer is a time to get out of your comfort zone and do something new. If you open up your picture files on your computer you will likely notice there are a lot of similar shots. We have heard you say "I only take pictures of landscapes or animals and birds or I never use a tripod or flash". Let's get out of that frame of mind this summer and try new things. Give yourself a summer challenge!