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**Placer Camera Club** meets the third Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at 7:00PM in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Placer County Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn, Ca. **Visitors Welcome!**

This months meeting will be Tuesday, **June 20, 2006** at 7:00 PM.



*Courthouse by Mike Schumacher*

This month we will have a presentation on **black light** photography by Bruce Brodie. This should prove to be very interesting and a different type of photography. Bruce tells me that camera light meters don't respond to black light correctly so there is some experimentation involved. He hasn't tried this with digital yet so bring your digital cameras and this can be an interactive presentation!

Remember to get your photo's for our **quilt** to Judy Hooper. We want to get this project rolling! Judy needs photos of local landmarks that can be converted to line drawings for the center of the quilt. For the outside of the quilt color photos of area sights are needed. For more information contact Judy at 530-888-8308.

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Canon is having a national parks photo contest from June 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. Submit your favorite photo and possibly win some cool prizes. Here's a link to the details.

<http://www.photoworkshop.com/canon/nationalparks/index.htm>

*Firehouse by Mike Schumacher*

## PHOTO OPS

by Jim White



Don't forget Sierra Valley! Known for its spring bird life, Sierra Valley still has lots to see at this late date. Shirley and I visited Sierra Valley on June 1 and found plenty to see and photograph. Birds seen and photographed included Horned Lark, Willet, White Faced Ibis, Sand Hill Crain, Yellow Headed

*White-Faced Ibis by Jim White*

Blackbirds, and almost a River Otter who was watching Swallows building nests under a bridge.



*Sandhill Crane by Jim White*

right and travel along the north side of the valley on A23 road and go to the power transformer station on your right and turn right on the dirt Marble Hot Springs rd. Have your camera and long lens on from here on and enjoy.

I also missed a S.H. Crain doing his dance 20 feet from the road, but got him after he was alarmed by our car. Don't forget the mammals to be found in the valley, a Short-tailed Weasel chased our slowly moving tires a few years ago, and coyotes can often be seen early in the morning. Plan on being there from daylight to 11 am, since traffic and tourist after that make photography tough. North of Truckee on Highway 89 to Sierraville and then north on 89 to Sattley. Turn



*Willet by Jim White*

## PHOTO OPS (cont.)



*Snow Flower by Jim White*

Don't pass up the National Forest for early spring photo opportunities. Exploring in the Tahoe National Forest near Emigrant Gap on June 6th we found it too early for forest wildflower in general at that altitude. This of course is the perfect time to look for SnowPlants,

sometimes called Snow Flowers. This very bright red plant is a saprophyte, living on decayed organic matter and found this time of year wherever old growth Red Fir or Yellow Pine forest have lots of downfalls or forest litter. Drive slowly down a backcountry forest road keeping an eye for the bright red flash of the afternoon sun on this plant. When you find one, a closer exam on foot often reveals many others as it did for us.



*Snow Flower by Jim White*



This is also a good place to look for the giant forest moths that have just hatched out. Look for large Pine Beetles too since most forest with trees in distress have the Pine Beetles in abundance. The National Forest are alive with photo opportunities just waiting for you and your camera. Jim white

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## Lighthouses

text and photos

by Mike Schumacher



*Heceta Head Stairs*

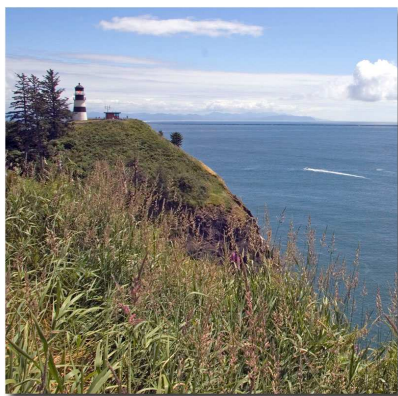
I love the coast and am naturally attracted to lighthouses. California, Oregon and Washington have an abundance of lighthouses. A great many of them are open to the public and are operated by the state park system of that particular state. Many will allow you to climb to the top and see the fresnel lens. Augustin Fresnel invented a lens in 1822 that



*Heceta Head Fresnel & Light*

concentrates light and many of the

lighthouses still have the fresnel lens in place. Originally powered by whale oil the lights are automated electric now.



*Cape Disappointment*

Wildlife Refuge has a lighthouse and many nesting birds on rocks offshore. A nice loop trail goes around the area.

Cape Disappointment Lighthouse is near Ilwaco, Washington and sits at the mouth of the Columbia river. In the distance you can see the hills of northern Oregon.

Heading South towards Tillamook Oregon is Cape Meares. Cape Meares National



*Cape Meares Lighthouse Window*



*Heceta Head, Oregon*

Heceta Head Lighthouse has tours available. There is a nice trail up to the lighthouse from a beach that's worth exploring also.



*Yaquina Bay, Oregon*

Yaquina bay lighthouse is a lightkeepers house with light. You can tour the house and see all the original furnishings and get a feeling for the way the keepers lived.



*Yaquina Head, Oregon*

At 93 ft. Yaquina Head is the tallest lighthouse in Oregon. It has a massive 12ft first order fresnel lens. A first order fresnel lens is the brightest made and very few still exist.

The Coquille River Lighthouse is an interesting area. The lighthouse sits at the mouth of the Coquille river and there is a long cement pier and rock jetty that is strewn with very large bleached logs and driftwood of all sizes.



*Coquille River, Oregon*



*Cape Blanco, Oregon*

Cape Blanco is the oldest original lighthouse in Oregon. Completed in 1871 it is recently restored and in very nice shape. The Cape Blanco area is very photogenic with great views to the north and south.



*Cape Blanco looking South*

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*If you want to sell or are looking for photography related items you can list them in the newsletter. Email or call me. Listings are free for members. Mike 530-367-4505 [radioman@ftcnet.net](mailto:radioman@ftcnet.net)*

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## Internet Web Sites of Interest

<http://www.jumbogiant.com>

<http://www.imaging-resource.com/>

<http://www.dcresource.com/>

**Palco** - Large Prints - Local here in Auburn  
Digital Camera Reviews & Photography Info  
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*Please feel free to contact me with items for the newsletter!*

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**See you at the meeting June 20th at 7:00 PM!**