



# Placer Color



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Member Delta Council,

## Coming Events

### **Sept 13 & 14**

Malakoff Diggins' overnight campout – see article in this issue.

### **Sept 16 7pm**

Monthly meeting of the Placer Camera Club. This months meeting will feature Michael Kirby, freelance photographer and contributor to the Auburn Journal.

### **Oct 13 -15**

Field trip to Bodie and Mono Lake. Return via Monitor pass and Hope Valley.

### **Oct 21**

Monthly meeting.  
Projected image evaluations.  
Judge to be announced.

### **Nov 18**

Monthly meeting.  
Print image evaluations

### **Dec 16**

Monthly meeting.  
Barry Walton's Africa photos  
Christmas cookie exchange.

**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 month's meeting will be Tuesday **Oct 21<sup>st</sup>**. Informal gathering at **6:30** with the meeting starting **promptly** at **7 PM**.

**This month** we will have our projected image evaluations. Our judge will be Truman Holtzclaw.

**Membership dues** are due this month

It's \$25 individual, \$40 for couples & \$15 for students.  
**Only paid members** can enter the October image evaluations.

See **Judy Hooper** at the meeting or mail your payment to:

**Placer Camera Club**

POB 4990  
Auburn, Ca 95603



## THE POWER OF THE CAMERA

By Jim L White

Do you love the foothills and mountains where we live and hate to see the environment destroyed by poor or illegal use? I do and from time to time I do something about it....often with my camera. I did so recently and when the problem was resolved it dawned on me that perhaps I should share this experience with members of the Placer Camera Club, so you too, can use the power of the camera.

I went fishing a few days ago in Texas Creek which runs thru a beautiful mountain meadow in upper Nevada County called Loney Meadows. While I was fishing, to my surprise 13 cows wandered across the creek, breaking down the banks of the stream, and causing mud and silt to flow down Texas Creek.

Now I know something about this creek and this meadow. Many people have worked on Texas Creek trying to rehabilitate this formally good trout stream by rip-rapping with rocks some of the stream banks and placing logs along the banks at some of the sharp turns in the creek to stabilize the banks and prevent the stream banks from eroding and covering the gravel in the stream bottom so necessary to spawning trout. There were fence post along the creek and barb wire along the post lying on the ground but apparently no one had put the barbed wire up on the posts this spring to keep the cows out. I thought this was the responsibility of the cattle people who have the Special Use Permit to graze their cattle on this meadow. But I was wrong. I later found out it was the U.S.F.S. who was responsible for the fence.

I stopped fishing and grabbed my digital camera out of my rucksack and started taking pictures of cow tracks breaking down the stream banks and pushing piles of dirt into the stream. I took about a dozen or so pictures and lost interest in catching any more fish. The very small stream became too muddy anyway.

When I got home I was so angry by the cows screwing up my pretty little trout stream it only took a few minutes to blast off an E mail to the Forest Supervisor of Tahoe National Forest along with my pictures. I also sent copies to the Dept. of Fish and Game, Audubon Society, and the Nevada County Fly Fishers. The power of E mail at work.

Well, I had gone fishing on a Thursday and by the next Tuesday I got a call from the Forest Service office in Nevada City. A young lady with the range management unit

apologized to me and said she had taken the wires down on the Loney Meadows fence last fall thinking that the meadow would winter better with the fence down and had forgotten to put them back up this spring before the cows were turned out to graze in the area. She told me that the Forest Service would put the fence back up in a few days. Wow! That is the fastest I have ever had the U.S.F.S react to one of my complaints. My elation was pre-mature.

At the end of the next week I got another call from the young lady with the Forest Service who said that she had tried to put the fence wire back up but that the wire was so rusty and rotten that it was a waste of time to try and put it back up. She said they would go into the meadows early next summer and put up new barbed wire along with many more fence posts to keep the cows out of the meadow. She also said the cows were to be taken out the following weekend anyway.

Now the problem was not resolved exactly like I wanted it to be resolved, but maybe there will be a fence up along Texas Creek next summer and maybe the fall spawning Brown Trout in the creek can spawn this month in what is left of the clean gravel and make it into the next year. You can bet I and several other people will be checking next summer to see that the job was done and the fish protected .

The power of the digital camera is there for you to use. Take pictures of things you see happening to our land, or things you do not think are right and write your government agencies and ask questions. You might be surprised at the power of your camera and your E mail. I would be most happy to consult with you when you think you have something worth photographing and writing about.

Use the power of your camera



**Tony the Cook at  
Malakoff**

## Through the Viewfinder

By Tony Middleton

As the seasons begin to change and color starts to pop up everywhere I am reminded of why I love photography. All too soon the color will be gone to be replaced by the beauty of winter. Our photos are our memories of the beauty we have seen and been able to capture with our cameras.

The change of the seasons also brings a new season of image evaluations and photographic opportunities to all of us. I am looking forward to all of the new and exciting work brought forward in this year's image evaluations. I am also excited about our new Assigned Theme category. It will be fun to see what 'interpretations' of the theme are brought forward.

As the new season starts we should all review the new guidelines put out by the board. Thanks to Judy H. and all who helped in the restructure of these important documents. For new and old members alike, this should be an exciting year.

I look forward to seeing you all soon, through the viewfinder.



**The group at Malakoff**

## THE JOKE IS ON ME

By Jim White

Hi everyone: Well I was turning in a CD with some pictures on it to Sierra Heritage Magazine this morning when the editor ask me if I would like a copy of their current issue and I said sure, and I tossed it into the back of the car. Later with nothing better to do, I opened the magazine to the "Contents" picture spread to see on what page the piece on "Old Donner Summit" was on ( sounded like something I might like to read) and was dumbfounded to see a picture of a Western Juniper tree that I know very well. I have photographed that tree many times over the years, both winter and summer, had the picture of that tree up in our living room for a long time but have never been able to win in competition with the picture or have it published. Now the picture of the tree was a little different somehow from mine, I was not quite sure how, But It Was My Tree! Someone had taken a picture of MY tree and Sierra Heritage, a magazine I have had a bunch of stories in had published it! I was really pissed! How could they? Now this tree is not easy to find. It is along the ridge between I 80 and old highway 40 with no trail leading to it. Someone had stumbled into my tree, got a terrific picture of it and had it published before I could do the same. Need I say it again, my blood pressure was up and I was pissed! Shirley, my wife, was out in the garden so I went out to show her what someone had done. She looked at it for a while and pointed out very faintly at the bottom the photo credit. It was my picture, cropped different than I had ever seen it cropped. Then she asked me if I was sure it was not really her picture. You got to be kidding me? As it turns out the "Old Donner Pass" piece was mine too. It has been so long since I turned it in I had forgotten all about it. Man....am I getting blind and touchy. That's what old age will do for you. Jim



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Store – Near Malakoff

## **Swap Shop**

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### **FOR SALE**

Slik monopod with quick release & carry strap - \$25

Canon powershot 560 - 7.1 megapixel point & shoot -\$50

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*If you want to sell or are looking for photography related items members can list them in the newsletter or on the club website. Email or call me. Listings are free for members.* Mike 530-367-4505 radioman@ftcnet.net

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## **Huey Monitor Calibration**

The club has a Huey monitor calibration system for use by club members.

Contact Judy Hooper to 'check out' Huey. 530-888-8308.

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## **Placer Camera Club Webpage**

Check out the Placer Camera Club webpage. Webmaster Sue barthelow has been doing a fantastic job! Thanks Sue!

<http://placercameraclub.org>

→ *Please feel free to contact me with items for the newsletter!*

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