



# PHOTOGRAM

Monthly Newsletter of the Redlands Camera Club

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Lucky Duck Shot  
by Jim Hendon



# BEHIND THE LENS

## Message from the President

Last month's photo challenge, "In Flight," invited us to turn our lenses toward motion, freedom, and those brief moments suspended in time. As we reflect on the images submitted, it's clear that the theme sparked a wide range of interpretations—some literal, some abstract, all thoughtful.

Photographing something in motion requires more than just technical skill—it calls for anticipation, patience, and an eye for the moment. Even more, it reminds us to stay present and alert to the world unfolding around us. That's part of what makes these challenges so valuable. They don't just improve our photography; *they sharpen how we see.*

With so many birders in the club, it's no surprise there are some great bird photos. What stood out this time wasn't just how well the theme was captured, but the variety of perspectives each photographer brought to it. It's a great reminder that creativity isn't about one "right" image—it's about finding your voice and sharing your way of seeing.

Thank you to everyone who participated and took the time to create and share. *Your work continues to inspire and encourage the rest of us.*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Herwig".

Learn, Shoot, Edit, Share.

I can't wait to see your photos!!

*Think Pink*



# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Russ Trozera - Vice President/Programs



## The Art of Aviation Photography

Monday, April 7 @ 7pm

In-Person and Zoom Meeting – Eric Kaltner

*At the beginning of our meeting, we will be announcing the winners from the 2025 Spring Competition and installing the 2025-26 RCC Board.*

Being an aviation photographer requires patience, skill, and a passion for aircraft. Capturing the perfect shot involves understanding lighting conditions and the best vantage points. Whether photographing commercial jets, military planes, or airshows, timing and precision are crucial. The thrill of capturing a high-speed aircraft in a single frame makes the challenge incredibly rewarding. In his presentation, Eric will share his images and stories, how to use light to your advantage, what gear he uses, challenges, and how to be ready to capture these fast-moving objects.



**Eric Kaltner** from Chula Vista, CA, developed a passion for aviation photography through childhood airshows with his WWII aircraft-loving father and honed his skills during COVID capturing wildlife. Now seven years into photography, he enjoys sharing tips on using light and capturing great airshow images.

# Capture and Enhance Mood in B&W Landscape Images

Monday, April 21 @ 7pm

Zoom Meeting – Huibo Hou

Black & white landscape photography has a unique way of conveying emotion. In this talk, Huibo will share on how she approaches capturing mood in the field, followed by some of her go-to techniques for enhancing it during postprocessing, focusing on tones and textures. For many examples in the presentation, she'll walk you through both the original images and their final black-and-white versions, giving a behind-the-scenes look at her creative process.



**Huibo Hou** is a landscape photographer based in San Diego, California. She fell in love with photography about 26 years ago as a hobbyist while working in the wireless communication industry. Then life took her in different directions, and she had to set aside her photography pursuit for quite some time. In early 2015, she rekindled her love for photography and gradually became more serious about the craft. Her work has been recognized internationally in recent years with multiple awards and publications. Landscape photography, especially in black and white, is the art medium that she is passionate about. It serves as her creative outlet to express how she observes, interprets, and connects with nature.



# COMPETITION UPDATE

**Carl Detrow - Competition Chair**

This will be my final article for the Photogram as Competition Chair. I got into the business, relieving Russ Trozera who was moving on to presidential duties. Before Russ, Woody Woods ably ran competitions for some 19 years. We used a Microsoft Access app designed by member Bruce Bonnet. It produced scripts for comp game day, and organized awards. It was an elegant program but required a lot of work to collect images and make and distribute ribbons. Fortunately, we heard from another club about printcompetiton.com. There have been some rough spots getting started, but competitions should be easier to manage in the future.

I just had an extended conversation with Julie Lowe, your new competition chair. Not only is Julie an excellent photographer, she is also what we might call “computer savvy.” That is a necessity for our new competition platform. I look forward to working with her during our transition.

My time in the chair has been one of learning and personal growth. I’ve been to almost every competition during my term, and I have really enjoyed listening to our expert judges critique our members’ images (including mine). What has been really fun has been watching our members respond to those critiques with better and better images. It’s great to get a nominal prize for our good work, but the effort that goes into preparing an image for competition is where we really learn.

My thanks to the membership for entering the competitions over the years, and especially for putting up with my screwups. And thanks to the board and the club leadership for helping me to put on some successful shows.

*Carl Detrow*





# UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Brian Spears - Field Trips

## Southern California Airshow

Saturday, April 12 @ 9:00 am



Prepare for breathtaking aerial performances, thrilling demonstrations, and a weekend full of family-friendly fun. On this field trip, you will have the opportunity to create photos of some of the most famous and unique aircraft in the world.

March Air Reserve Base - 14560 2nd Street, Riverside (Cactus Entrance)

Admission to the Southern California Air Show and parking are FREE.

Gates Open: 8:00 AM, Show Starts: 10:00 AM

Food vendors are on site

*Stay as long as you like, leave when you've had enough.*

With 150,000+ in attendance, it will be tricky to meet up. We'll have a group text and see if we can coordinate once we have a better idea of where things are. Bring a hat and sunscreen and a water bottle to fill.

Field Trip Leader: Brian Spears

RCCfieldtrips@gmail.com

*If you are interested in carpooling, let us know in the RSVP. We'll leave Coco's Bakery Restaurant in Redlands at 8:30 am sharp. 1140 W Colton Ave, Redlands, CA 92374.*



[Click Here to RSVP](#)





# CLUB MEMBERSHIP

**Stephanie Billings - Membership Chair**

## FISCAL YEAR 25-26 RENEWALS ARE DUE

The Redlands Camera Club (RCC) offers a variety of activities for those passionate about photography whether a beginner or a seasoned veteran.



Our mission is to aide photographers of all levels in developing their skills through membership critiques of their work, exposure to the work of others and educational opportunities via our guest speakers, and field trips.

MEMBERS: I want to thank everyone who has paid their membership dues for our new fiscal year, which begins on April 1st. As of 03/25/25 only 29% of our members have renewed. If you would rather pay at the monthly meeting, please bring a completed renewal/new member form and your payment. It's just that easy!

[Click Here to Renew Your Membership](#)

**Please help us welcome our two newest members:** Elizabeth Burgueno and Analila Saenz.

If you have any questions about your membership, contact Stephanie Billings at:HeartandSoul4@yahoo.com



*Fantasy Flight - Cheryl Callanan*



# PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS OF THE MONTH

HOW TO USE PHOTOSHOP AND INSPIRATION  
FROM AN ARTIST TO EDIT A SPRING IMAGE.



[Click Here](#) To Watch (20 min)

PHOTOSHOP SECRETS...  
10 RULES I WISH I KNEW WHEN I STARTED.



[Click Here](#) To Watch (16 min)

Have a Lightroom or Photoshop video you would recommend?  
Let us know! Email [bruceherwig@gmail.com](mailto:bruceherwig@gmail.com)



# PHOTOGRAM CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH

## "IN FLIGHT"



Ravens Over San Bernardino Peak - Jim Hendon



Fire Season Flying - Dave Card



In Flight - Heidi Wilson



Winging It by Heidi Wilson



Snowy Egret In Flight by Tracy Reyes



Snowbird by Linda deBaun



Balloon Walk by Bruce Herwig

## PHOTOGRAM CHALLENGE FOR APRIL IS "SPRING"

Please post your images on the [RCC Photo Blog](#) or email Bruce Herwig at [bruceherwig@gmail.com](mailto:bruceherwig@gmail.com) with your photos! **Deadline April 25.**

## BEST OF THE BLOG – President’s Choice



### SOULS IN THE STATION by Christine Pence

*Monochrome version of many reflections inside the Alison Saar “Soul Service Station” installation in Desert X 2025.*

If you are a Redlands Camera Club member and would like to access to our member photo blog, please email **Stan Fry**, at [bassetdude@gmail.com](mailto:bassetdude@gmail.com)

# DESERT X FIELD TRIP

In March, Mike Livingston led us on a creative adventure to the Coachella Valley, exploring and photographing a few of the striking outdoor art installations of Desert X. *Open through May 11*



Desert X Colors – Heidi Wilson



Light Play - Pieter Nystrom



The Heat Is On - Christine Pence



The Living Pyramid - Michele Giesler



# MEMBER GOOD NEWS

**Congratulations Cheryl Diermyer!** One of my still life images, “Loves Spectrum,” is currently being featured on the Photographic Society of America (PSA) Digital Dialog website.



There are so many outstanding photographers at PSA it is an honor to be featured beside them. I give a special thanks to my fellow photographers who continually inspire me and share their resources to stay connected.

**Did you win a photography award, get published or in a show?  
Let us know about it!** Don't be bashful...we would love to celebrate you and your accomplishments! There is a form on the website called "Good News."

[redlandscameraclub.org/GoodNews](http://redlandscameraclub.org/GoodNews)



# YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU...

**Club Secretary** - Attend the quarterly RCC Board Meetings and take notes. Provide input and feedback into club decisions. *3 hours quarterly*

**Photogram Editor** - Know Microsoft Word? Work with an existing template and help coordinate the design of this essential club resource! *4-6 hours per month*

Like to learn more? Contact Bruce Herwig [bruceherwig@gmail.com](mailto:bruceherwig@gmail.com) 909-742-9206.

## RCC LEADERSHIP 2024-25



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Redlands Camera Club meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month @ 7 pm.  
1st Monday = In Person & Zoom  
3rd Monday = Zoom Only

In Person Meetings:  
First Presbyterian Church, Redlands, CA  
Click For Directions  
Visitors are always welcome at any of our meetings!

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