



Focal Point

The Newsletter of the **Boeing Employees' Photographic Society**

Calendar of Events
May Meetings and Events
All Meetings Start at 7:00 PM

- May 5** **Slide Night**
- May 12** **Education Night**
- May 19** **Print Night**
- May 26** **No Meeting**

June 5 **Annual Banquet**

A message from the fill-in editor

Our editor and his wife are on an adventure in the British Isles so I am filling in this month.

May brings the end of the year for BEPS. It is at this time that we wrap up the club business, plan for the banquet and begin to get ready for next year.

BEPS is run by volunteers. Seemingly, it is the same small group of people that perform all of the necessary tasks associated with running a club. Please consider offering your help for the 2009-2010 year!

Many people wonder why we don't hold meetings during the summer and the answer is simple – We want you to spend time with friends and family, hopefully with a camera. So please take advantage of the weather and get some great images to share next year!

Until then,
John Meek

New Honor Level Achieved

Congratulations to the following member for achieving the next level of honor within the club:

Jim Skrivan - Achieved his Fellowship in Slides/Projected Images on 4/7/2009

Monthly Challenge (May)

The theme for this month is di-hydrogen oxide, h2o, water! Bring in images with your interpretation of what water means to you. Contact Chris Bizak for more information.

Education Night

John Meek will be demonstrating a technique for using selective color to create a unique look with your images. He recently showed images that used this technique at a gallery in Tacoma and will be bringing several of those prints to the meeting.

2009/2010 BEPS Board Elections

It's that time again. Please provide nominations for next years board to any current board member by Tuesday, May 12th. Ballots will be emailed out and confirmed with a vote by attendees at the print night meeting on May 19st.

FREE: “DIGITAL WEEKEND – LIGHTROOM & HDR SEMINAR”

Presented at Spokane Falls Community College, WA, by Hal (Bull) Schmitt, Director & Lead Instructor, Lepp Institute of Digital Imaging, of Los Osos, California. A Unique 'Advances in Digital Photography' Educational Opportunity

Doug Walsh, outstanding Nevada Camera Club Nature photographer: “Hal Schmitt is the best teacher and gave the best club presentation that I have ever seen. I have never before had an instructor with his passion, presentation and subject matter skills!”

HIGH DYNAMIC RANGE (HDR) is a technique of combining several differently exposed images to produce a single HDR image. HDR is a set of techniques that allows capture of a wider range of tonalities between light and dark areas of a scene than any digital camera can record with one exposure. More simply, HDR combines multiple exposures of the same image taken with different exposures into a single final image with near perfect clarity in shadows, free of hot spots, with exceptional final results.

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP LIGHTROOM is designed for photographers looking to streamline their workflow from import to print, web, or slide show. Hal will guide, demonstrate, and instruct through all aspects of the program from import to printing. This SFCC workshop will ensure that you will leave with a firm foundation to speed your workflow. The program will be presented using overhead projection and is meant as a basic introduction to LIGHTROOM with pointers for the accomplished LIGHTROOM user.

Make it a gorgeous Inland Northwest holiday weekend with spring shades of green, guided by club volunteers “who know the territory”, sharing our favorite prize-winning pioneer barns, churches, 1-room school and other Photo Opportunities, climaxed by wildflowers & shadows of the rolling loess hills from Steptoe Butte, or the North Fork of the Coeur d’Alene River, or a beautiful selection of gardens within Spokane.

Go to:

www.psainlandempire.org/hal_schmitt_workshop/index.htm for complete details & Registration forms.

Spokane Falls Community College Photo Arts Club is the sponsor & host for this dynamic FREE Seminar presentation. All students, camera clubs, and the Public are invited. Spokane Camera Club, Spokane Valley Camera Club, and Inland Empire Chapter PSA support and endorse this Seminar and sharing of our area photo attractions. We appreciate the continuing education opportunities offered to our camera clubs and to the public by the Photography Department of SFCC, and by the Spokane Community College system.

Barbara Murray, Education Chair
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Rodger Hartman, Faculty Advisor,
SFCC Photo Arts Club
rodgerh@spokanefalls.edu

2009 Annual Banquet

We are privileged to announce that Jim Martin, Executive Director at Art Wolfe, Inc., will be our guest speaker. Jim is the author of the book 'Planet Ice'.

From Jim's website:

"The impetus for creating this book is two-fold. First, I always admired Austin Post's black and white photographs in his book, Glacier Ice, written by Ed Lachappelle. It illustrated the many forms ice takes as it works on the surface of the earth. I envisioned a color version of Post's seminal work, with a more abstract, less didactic point of view.

Second, I visited the Columbia Icefields in Canada's Jasper National Park some years ago. In 1975 I strapped on my crampons and hiked to a crevasse at the toe of the Athabaska Glacier where a friend and I practiced ice climbing technique for the first time. The next day we climbed the 1,800 foot North Face of Athabaska with miserable gear and next to no skill. Upon my return, I found the place I learned to ice climb was now gravel, with the ice hundreds of feet up the hill. When I learned that the famous ice pitches on the North Face of the Eiger had also ablated into nothingness, it hit me that an important part of the world was vanishing at incredible speed.

Although I had shot glaciers and ice flows in the past, I knew I needed to assemble a critical mass of striking images to persuade a publisher to take on the project. A voyage to Antarctica in 2006 gave me the opportunities I needed.

Ice is a fabulous subject. It features wonderful colors and twists and melts

into amazing shapes. In addition to grand landscapes, the images will include details on the surface of glaciers such as olgives (surge ridges), sinuous moraines, surfacial lakes, backlit translucent bergs, the depths of blue crevasses, and neve penitents. The state of planetary ice impacts the lives of people and animals, including those who live amid the ice and those who live where climate change is influenced by the loss of ice at the poles. We are learning that ice affects climate and climate affects ice."

Please join us for what promises to be an evening of wonderful images, good times and great friends!

Annual Awards Nominations

Each year, several special awards are presented at the annual banquet. These are the Brian Perkin Inspirational Award, Member of the Year, Most Promising New Member and Most Creative Member. The BEPS Board of Directors is seeking your input in determining the winners of these awards.

Here is a bit about each one, to help you decide:

Brian Perkin Inspirational Award

The recipient of this award should be one which exemplifies excellence not only as an individual, but as a photographer. He or she will also show a willingness to embrace new techniques and to share their knowledge.

As a Life Member of BEPS, Brian brought his own brand of talent to his photographic work and reveled in sharing his passion with others, regardless of their experience or skill level. The son of an optician, himself a

skilled and competitive photographer, Brian grew up with a camera in his hands and learned much from his father. Brian joined BEPS in 1984. He gave his all in slide and print competition as well as acting as a Board Officer and President. He was an active member of PSA. A keen reader, he studied in detail the work of others and took meticulous notes from critiquers whenever he entered competition, confident in the knowledge that he could improve his work.

He loved the outdoors and was an avid hiker. This, together with his involvement with Boy Scouts of America, gave ample vent to his picture taking urges. He was able to travel in later years, notably to the Far East and Europe, taking full advantage of the attendant photographic opportunities.

After being diagnosed with ALS, Brian had to give up actively taking field photographs. However, through the magic of digital electronics, he took on another challenge to produce award-winning prints using scanned slides and negatives from his considerable collection. In his first attempts in a local Internet competition, he won an award and a digital camera, and was subsequently featured on the front page of the Eastside Journal. He followed this with a steady stream of superb entries to regular BEPS competitions.

Member of the Year

The BEPS Member of the Year can be anyone who is a current member in good standing of the club. There is no specific criterion for this award only that it recognizes someone who stands out in your mind, as a result of their photographic work or work for the club.

Year End Competition

The deadline to submit entries for the year end competition is the May Print Night (5/19/2009). Please submit entries to Janet Sherwood or any board member at any of the Tuesday meetings. If you cannot make it to one of the meetings, please call Janet to make arrangements to drop off your entry. Full details are included in the competition rules on the club web site, but to summarize, you may enter up to 10 slides (combined digital and film) and 10 prints (combined B&W and color) which received a score of 8 points or higher in the monthly competition since September 2008. Entries will be judged by non-club members with awards presented at the annual banquet on Friday June 5th. If you need a report of your entries since last September, just ask Janet. Good luck!

The Newsletter of the Boeing Employees' Photographic Society is published nine times per year, September through May. Some years an extra edition appears during the summer break. **Views expressed in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect those of The Boeing Company, the Society, or the editor.**

Most Promising New Member

Which new member has impressed you with their images and/or contributions to BEPS? They would be a good recipient of this award. The candidates for this award are:

Thomas Ryan
 Jacqueline Ryan
 Daniel Johnson
 James Funk
 Robert Sandstrom
 Lawrence Taft
 Cindy Comeau
 Daniel Hawkins
 Jose Narvaez
 Doris Narvaez
 Mitchell Reinitz
 Scott Traynor

Most Creative Member

Creativity in a photographer can involve many things. It can be how they see a given subject or what they do in either the darkroom or on their computer. Who's images do you recall as being in this category?

Please vote for one candidate in each category, either by email to 'rodneykoop@comcast.net' or in writing, no later than May 29th. You may give written inputs to any board member.

Note from the fill-in editor:

IMHO...These awards are the most important that the club can bestow. Your input into the selection of the individuals that receive them is not just wanted, it is essential. Every person has something to offer and without your input, a very deserving person may go un-noticed. Be sure to take a moment and send an email to one of the board members. Thanks!!!

Recreation Department Survey

The Boeing Recreation Staff is requesting your input regarding the Recreation Program via the 2009 Recreation Customer Survey.

The survey can be found at the Puget Sound Recreation Website under the "Survey" tab on the left of the screen.

NOTE: Access to the Boeing Intranet is required to take the online survey.

<http://pugetsoundrecreation.web.boeing.com/>

A copy of the online survey is attached for those without Boeing Intranet access. are not able to take the survey online.

All surveys must be completed, and received by **June 8** to be compiled in the 2009 results. If you are filling out a manual survey form, mail your survey by **June 4** to ensure delivery by the **June 8** deadline.

The survey form can be printed and returned to any Recreation Office. It may also be mailed to M/C 0F-KA via company in-plant mail or USPS Mailing Address:
 Boeing Recreation
 P.O. Box 3707 M/C 0F-KA
 Seattle, WA 98124-2207

All questions and comments regarding the 2008 Recreation Customer Survey should be directed to the Puget Sound Recreation Group Mailbox --
psrec@boeing.com

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to improve our programs through your input.

Boeing Recreation Staff

HELP OF THE MONTH:



Mt Hood by John Meek

Every spring the orchards in and around Hood River, Oregon; explode with cherry, apple and pear blossoms. When combined with the majestic profiles of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams, the opportunity to capture beautiful images is virtually endless. This month's image puts a slightly different twist on the subject. The main focus (literally) is on the blossoms with just the idea of Mt. Hood in the distance. We tend to use small apertures and maximum depth of field when shooting scenics but, is that always what we want to do? Using selective focus and a shallow depth of field really emphasizes what the maker wanted us to see.

April 2009 Competition Results

CPS	Title	PopVote	Total	Name
P c	A Good Harvest	2	15	Christopher H Bizak
P c	Painted Hills 2	1	15	Charles H Crust
P c	After the Summer's Gone	1	12	Margaret L Frederick
P c	Mayan Ruins	1	12	Laura Lodes
P c	The Beach at Night	1	14	Ken L Strange
P c	Cool Water	1	13	Lydia G Strange
P c	The Wheel	0	10	David W Stratton
P c	Venice Street Lights	0	12	Ron Tinsley
P c	Cormorant	0	9	Richard D Upchurch
P c	Swimmers	0	9	Richard D Upchurch
p b	Snowy Merced	0	9	Margaret L Frederick
P b	Winter Church	0	9	Margaret L Frederick
P b	Lacey Shadows	0	12	Ken L Strange
P b	Aspen Glow	0	11	Lydia G Strange
P b	Brake Shoe	0	7	David W Stratton
P b	The Wagon	2	12	David W Stratton
S	Remember	0	11	Christopher H Bizak
S	Trapped	0	11	Christopher H Bizak
S	Waiting	0	9	Christopher H Bizak
S	Blue Bridge	1	10	Charles H Crust
S	Claret Cup	0	9	Charles H Crust
S	Toroweap	0	9	Charles H Crust
S	Black Buick	0	7	James H Glover
S	Red & Silver	0	9	James H Glover
S	Watching the Boats Go By	0	8	James H Glover
S	Logarithm	0	11	Rein Karp
S	Take Off	0	11	Rein Karp
S	Atlantic Ocean Waves	0	10	Rodney D Koop
S	Home Grown Tomatoes	0	9	Rodney D Koop
S	Roslyn Mural	0	9	Rodney D Koop
S	Mellow Yellow	0	9	Eugene T Lee
S	Suburban Fantasia	0	10	Eugene T Lee
S	Where Hitchcock Got His Inspiration	1	10	Eugene T Lee
S	About Face	0	11	Richard Roschke
S	Pansy Heart	0	11	Richard Roschke
S	Trumpet of the Field	0	9	Richard Roschke
S	Skagit Ice Bird	0	9	Jim Skrivan
S	Swish	0	10	Jim Skrivan
S	Tied Up	0	11	Jim Skrivan
S	Circle of Confusion	0	12	Ken L Strange
S	Forest Leaves	0	11	Ken L Strange
S	Rust and Sage	0	10	Ken L Strange
S	Alabama Hills	0	8	Lydia G Strange

CPS	Title	PopVote	Total	Name
S	Anemones	0	10	Lydia G Strange
S	Wood Roses	0	9	Lydia G Strange
S	Aspen Trees	2	13	Jamie C Wild
S	Glowing Arch	0	9	Jamie C Wild
S	Snow Scene	0	9	Jamie C Wild

***CPS: P = Print, S = Slide, b = Black & White, c = Color**



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2008-2009 BOEING EMPLOYEES' PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Board of Directors

Title	Name	M/S	Work	Home
President	Jim Cecil	8J-66		
Vice President	Chris Bizak	84-07		
Secretary	Rod Koop	-		
Treasurer	Gary Sandwick	80-JE		

Advisors and Appointees

Title	Name	M/S	Work	Home
Competition Chair	Janet Sherwood	-		
Program Chair	Ken Kaufmann	41-32		
Darkroom	Jim Cecil	8J-66		
Education	Pat Chissus	4E-56		
Librarian	Dan Healy	17-62		
Membership	John Meek	0J-TA		
Newsletter Editor	Lanny Sanders	8Y-79		
NWCCC Delegate	Janet Bentley	-		
Recreation Advisor	Joann Reid-Geraci	4H-58		
Refreshments	Margie Frederick / Laura Lodes	-		
Studio Equipment	Ken Kaufmann	41-32		
Webmaster	John Meek	0J-TA		
Imaging Focal	Mike Kelley	-		

General Meetings

7:00 PM- Kent Activity Center, Room B
 (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, Sept through May)

Board Meetings

5:30pm 1st Tuesday of the month, Room B

BEPS Website

<http://www.bepsphoto.com>

Boeing Recreation Survey
Welcome to the 2009 Boeing Recreation Survey.
Your responses impact the way we deliver our services to you!

Site Location (circle the appropriate location)

Puget Sound Southern California Alabama Wichita Chicago Houston St. Louis Other

Gender: (circle the appropriate response) Female Male

Age: _____

Work Shift: (circle the appropriate shift) 1st 2nd 3rd

Years of Service at Boeing: _____

Specific location(s) where activities are conducted (list exact locations)
(for example, Kent Activity Center (7-226), Auburn Denny's, Everett Softball Fields, etc.)

Eligibility Criteria: (Circle your answer):

- Boeing Employee
- Boeing Employee spouse/domestic partner
- Boeing Employee Dependant
- Boeing Retiree
- Boeing Retiree spouse/domestic partner
- Boeing Retiree Dependant
- Vendor or Contractor to Boeing WITH a Boeing issued badge
- Vendor or Contractor spouse/domestic partner
- Vendor or Contractor Dependant
- Associate member -Boeing employee that voluntarily left or was laid off
- Associate member- extended family (brother, sister, father, mother of Boeing employee or Boeing Retiree)
- Associate member Boeing Employee Non Dependant Child
- Associate member Boeing Retiree Non Dependant Child

Length of time in recreation program: _____

Reason for joining / participating? (Circle the answer that best fits your response)

- Recreation Clubs and Leagues
- Gymnasium open play activities
- Competition
- Self-fulfillment
- Networking
- Stress Management
- Health & Fitness membership
- Wellness

Other reasons for joining?

Boeing Recreation Survey (continued)

Rating Scale	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	NA
	5	4	3	2	1

(Circle the number below that best represents your response)

Rate the following aspects of the Recreation Program

Website					
Policies and Procedures are useful	5	4	3	2	1
Templates are useful	5	4	3	2	1
Rental Program	5	4	3	2	1
Conference Room Information	5	4	3	2	1
Club Specific Information	5	4	3	2	1
Recreation staff communicates important information	5	4	3	2	1
Recreation's responsiveness to customer requests, concerns and questions	5	4	3	2	1
Recreation provides high quality, error free products and services	5	4	3	2	1
Recreation performs services in a timely manner	5	4	3	2	1
Recreation staff solicits and uses customer feedback	5	4	3	2	1

Rate Your Experience

Staff					
Professional	5	4	3	2	1
Knowledgeable/Skilled	5	4	3	2	1
Respectful	5	4	3	2	1
Gave necessary time	5	4	3	2	1
Facility (where applicable)					
Locker Rooms	5	4	3	2	1
Gymnasiums	5	4	3	2	1
Conference Rooms	5	4	3	2	1
Common Areas (TV/Coffee/Massage Chair)	5	4	3	2	1
Rate Overall Experience	5	4	3	2	1

How can we improve our services?

We appreciate the time you gave to complete this survey. Your input is important to our business!

Please complete and return to a Recreation office, or M/C 0F-KA by June 8th

USPS Mailing Address: **Boeing Recreation**
P.O. Box 3707 M/C 0F-KA
Seattle, WA 98124

Come Celebrate
Boeing Employees' Photographic Society
Annual Awards Banquet

to be held
Friday, June 5th, 2009
at

Highline Community College

2400 South 240th Street
Des Moines, Washington 98198
Mt Constance Banquet Room

♣ No Host Bar ♣

♣ Dress is Casual to Semi-Formal ♣

~ 7th Annual Brian R. Perkin Inspirational Award ~

~ Print and Slide Competition Awards ~

~ Certificates of Achievement ~

~ Door Prizes ~

Guest Speaker: **Jim Martin**

Presenting: *Planet Ice*

Social Hour Begins at 6:00 PM, dinner served at 7:00 PM

Buffet Dinner: **\$20.00** per person

Reservation Required!

Please return the completed form with payment to Jim Cecil at m/s 8J-66,
to the address below or to any club officer at a club meeting.

Member name _____

Spouse/Guest name _____

\$20.00 PER PERSON

Make check payable to: BEPS

Send to: Jim Cecil, PO Box 98146 Des Moines WA 98198

All reservations are due by May 29th !