

## *Parkland Photography Club - June 28, 2000*



*Nipawin - July 2, 2000 - By Gerald Crawford*

Parkland Photography Club members and guests had perfect weather for their annual field trip. Warm, sunny and not much wind. Not even any mosquitoes!

Nine members and twelve guests met at Nipawin Regional Park last Wednesday, then boarded Aurora Houseboat for a cruise up and down the river. We passed under the combined railway and highway bridge, the first time most of us had a chance to photograph it from that angle. We got close enough to the dam to take some photos, then turned around and went downstream. Some more photo opportunities came when a float plane took off, circled, and landed quite close to us. Some black clouds, complete with thunder and lightning, threatened us for awhile, but didn't interfere with our day. A very enjoyable experience!

After the cruise, we found a spot in the picnic grounds of the Park and had our wiener roast and potluck. Then, since the odd drop of rain was falling, we moved into a cook shack to hold the rest of our meeting.

Darlene produced a copy of "f-16", the newsletter of the Regina Photo Club, describing our hosting of the Transparency Battle. Larry Easton, the editor of the newsletter, was quite complimentary. Nice to think we did a good job! "f-16", by the way, is an excellent publication. Even though one doesn't know the people, each issue has many useful photography tips.

For the theme shoot, which was Nature, without any visible sign of human presence or interference, we had seven entries all prints, fortunately, as we had no way of projecting slides. Doreen won first with her photo of a twisted, dead tree in the mountains;

Darlene was second with her photo of a single swan in a pond. Tied for third were Verda Baron's photo of a pond amid dense vegetation, and Harry Bourne's photo of towering clouds lit by a late evening sun.

\*ERROR!\* Last month, I reported that Jenny Fritshaw was taking the vice-president's job. That should have been Mary Wright.

We then had a discussion of themes and projects for the coming Club year. For the September meeting Doreen asked each member to bring his or her very best photo taken over the summer, along with an explanation of why he or she likes it.

Tibby said we have all had our try at black-and-white photography, but many members have never taken slides. She has challenged each member to take at least one roll of slide film between now and our November meeting, and select the eight best to bring to the November meeting.

Harry suggested making a project of photographing the Aurora Borealis this fall and winter. Read all you can find about it, and bringing the results to our April meeting.

The theme for our September meeting is "Rusty". Now, that should be an easy one!

Themes were selected for the rest of the year, too. For October: "It shouldn't have happened"; November: "Rough"; January: "Children"; February: "Aged"; March: "Warped"; April: "Wild"; May: "Flight", and June: "Glutton". It's not a bad idea to look up each definition in the dictionary &Mac247; you may be able to give it a slant that nobody else thought of.





We bid a fond farewell to Louise Butterfield, who has moved to Saskatoon and will no doubt be joining a camera club there. She has invited us to have for our field trip next year a trip to the Forestry Farm, followed by a picnic at Butterfield's house. Sounds good!



First meeting of the Club year will be on Tuesday, September 26th, at 7PM.

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