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NATURALISTS' CAMERA CLUB OF TOLEDO

OVER FIFTY YEARS
OF MAKING THE PHOTOGRAPHER A BETTER NATURALIST
AND THE NATURALIST A BETTER PHOTOGRAPHER

April, 2020

DATE and TIME: Sunday, April 12, (MEETING CANCELED DUE TO EASTER)
LOCATION: N/A.
HOST: N/A.
ASSIGNMENT: Enjoy Easter Sunday with your family.

PROGRAM: (AN OPEN MESSAGE TO ALL NCCT MEMBERS)

As I'm sure you are all acutely aware of by now, our world has drastically changed in ways we could never have imagined as recently as just one month ago. The rapidly advancing pandemic known medically as COVID-19 continues to evolve, even on an hour by hour basis in many cases, and has dramatically changed the future for nearly everyone in the world, let alone our little corner of it in Secor Metropark. As such, any kind of short-term future planning for the NCCT is nearly impossible at this point in time. Conveniently, both our April and May meetings were already scheduled for cancellation due to Easter Sunday and Mother's Day, respectively, but even things beyond that are beginning to fall under the cloud of uncertainty as to whether or not we will be able to hold these events at all. For those who did not know, we are working on a remote outing with Corey Wyckoff, the official photographer of the Toledo Zoo, for our June meeting. The best we can say as of this moment is that we'll just have to wait to see how long this lumbering pandemic decides to persist and to ask you all to stay tuned for updates as they become available. As with nearly all other enterprises, the health and safety of our members and visitors is of primary importance to us right now, especially since many of our membership falls within the high-risk category of this disease. So again, please follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC and our elected government officials and stay up to date with your inbound emails for new NCCT information as it rolls in.

NEXT MEETING: **Program:** **NOTICE:** There will be no meeting in May because of Mother's Day.
Date and Time: N/A
Location: N/A
Host: N/A
Assignment: Please enjoy the day with your Mom, if you still have that luxury.

NEW ON THE NCCT WEBSITE

This month's home page photo was provided by NCCT member Jennifer Harvey. To visit Jennifer's album page, simply click on the home page photo. Also new this month are new submissions to the Our Best Shots/March album by Jon Dunn, Don Godfrey, Kelly Russo Patrick, and Rich Irvin. Also, check out new photos in Jon Dunn's wildlife album and Mary Figgin's Florida album. Remember, we'd love to see your work on the website, especially on the Our Best Shots page. It can be from any source you care to choose, either new work or archived, it really doesn't matter. This is your nature photography showcase to use however you see fit, so get your gear out and let's see what you can bring back from the wilds of Northwest Ohio and Southern Michigan. The NCCT would also like to welcome new members Kim Smith, Kelly Russo Patrick and Jon Zabowski to our continually growing photography family. Please seek them out and introduce yourself during one of our future meetings – when they resume.

NCCT Dues are Now Due

NCCT dues for 2020 are now due and payable to our treasurer, Don Godfrey. You can pay in person at one of our monthly meetings, or mail them directly to 2535 Scottwood Ave, Toledo, OH, 43610. Ten dollars a year covers everyone – individuals or families. Please make checks payable to: Naturalists Camera Club of Toledo. Thank you for your continued support of the NCCT.

Known Cancellations/Postponements Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic

The 34th annual Photo Arts Club of Toledo contest and exhibition has been postponed until all Metropark facilities reopen at a yet-to-be-determined date. All photo submissions turned in so far will continue to be held until that date is known and the submissions deadline for new entries will be extended to one week after the opening of all those Metropark facilities. See the link below for more details.
<https://www.photoartscluboftoledo.com/annual-contest-2020.html>

Blue Week 2020, which is set for May 11-17 around the local Oak Openings area, is, so far, still on, but with the current coronavirus pandemic creating more and more havoc with events slated for that time, this will be heavily subject to change. An update will be included in the May newsletter, or you can follow it here:
<https://www.oakopenings.org/blue-week/>

National Birding Week, traditionally held in the local area the second week of May – especially at Magee Marsh and along the southern shores of Lake Erie – has been canceled for 2020. More at the following link.
<https://www.biggestweekinamericanbirding.com/>

Evergreen Lake Area Trail Closings

In a continuing effort to clear old-growth pine tree stands in the Oak Openings Preserve region, the Metroparks resumed the harvesting of these transplanted giants this past winter and that will continue into the foreseeable future. The current area of focus is the Evergreen Lake area and it's important to note that trails and various sections of the conifer forest will be closed during this period so work can continue without risk to visitor's safety. See the link below for an aerial map of the effected trails.
https://metroparkstoledo.com/media/4567/trailclosuresandroutess_phase1b_public.pdf

Things for Photographers to do During the Pandemic Shutdown

1) Continue to get out and shoot. All area Metroparks are open (as of now). You are just asked to maintain a 6' social distancing range while in the park. 2) Clean and inventory your camera equipment. 3) Drag out that dusty old camera manual and read it from cover to cover. 4) Watch You Tube videos for anything photography related. 5) Download a free image editing program, load a copy of a favorite photo and just start pushing buttons and moving sliders. It's a great way to learn quickly. 6) Organize your images on your computer hard drive or in Lightroom, if you have it. 7) Print and frame a favorite photo (or send it out to be done) and hang it on the wall. 8) Read those photo magazine articles you've been saving up in the basement for the last 15 months and never got around to. 9) Remember that this will be over soon and life WILL return to normal.

Bob Miller, Leader	Club Officers:	Don Godfrey, Treasurer
Rich Irvin, Editor	Assistant Leader (Open)	Rich Irvin, Webmaster
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