The 1998-1999 season is drawing to an end, and The Cable Release will be on hiatus until August.

Over the summer the NJ FCC Officers will be working on items for next year. If you have any ideas/suggestions, please let us know.

Enjoy the beautiful weather and summer months, and take lots of pictures for next season’s competitions! Enjoy!

NJFCC Online

The NJ FCC website is now up and running. Besides the most recent edition of The Cable Release, a list of member clubs and their meeting schedules is posted. As your detailed schedules/locations are solidified for the 1999-2000 season, please send copies to Barbara Svachak for inclusion in The Cable Release and the NJ FCC website:

Barbara Svachak
257 Berthold Avenue
Rahway, NJ 07065

Additionally, if your club has a website and/or email address, please provide that information so you may be linked from the NJ FCC site. The NJ FCC Internet addresses are:

Website: http://members.tripod.com/njfcc
Email: njfcc@hotmail.com

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Special points of interest:
- Clubs are needed to host inter-club competitions next year
- Ridgewood Camera Club is sponsoring PhotoFest ‘99
- Don’t forget to send your new 1999-2000 schedule to The Cable Release!
NJFCC Officers

As you may know, we were unable to elect new officers this year. The following is the list of ‘acting’ NJ FCC officers. Within the next few months a nominating committee will be appointed to begin work on the slate for 2000. Until that time, if anyone would like to help out, please let us know.

President: Howard Royce 732-974-0517
Vice President: Sheilia Lenga 908-687-2617
1st Vice President: Vacant
2nd Vice President: Vacant
Treasurer: Lewis Schor 610-252-5321
Secretary: John Davidson 973-625-4820

Trustees: Howard Royce, Ira Finke, Ray Armstrong, and Lou Schor

1999-2000 Program and judges directory

John Davidson has been gathering information to produce the updated NJ FCC Program and Judges Directory. Surveys were sent to member clubs to help identify new presenters and judges. If your club/representative did not receive the survey or you need an additional copy, please contact John. He can be reached at 973-625-4820.

Additionally, John is in the process of creating a master NJ FCC Club Directory consisting of all member club officers and representatives. Many clubs are in the process of electing new officers for the coming year. Please make sure a copy of your new officer list is sent to John.

John Davidson
86 Cedar Lake West
Denville, NJ 07834

Photorama - not next year

Due to lack of participation, it was decided that the annual Photorama will not be held next year. If interest is generated in the future and there are members willing to work on such an event, it may be possible to stage a smaller event. However, at this time nothing is planned. As a result, the Tops of NJ slide competition will be hosted by a member club on a scheduled date.
NJFCC Competitions

As the 1998-1999 camera club season comes to a close, the Federation hosted its last two competitions, the Tops in NJ print competition, and the Spring Interclub slide competition. Not all results were received in time to be included in this issue – the results of both competitions will be included in the August edition of The Cable Release. In the mean time we’d like to congratulate the winners of the Tops of NJ print competition:

**B&W Print:**
1st Place         Reginald Wickham, Mapleshade-Moorestown Camera Club  
2nd Place       Heinz Otto, Studio One

**Color Print:**
1st Place         Lewis Schor, Hillcrest Camera Club  
2nd Place       Carol Tozzi, Ocean County Camera Club

**Trade Processed:**
1st Place         Marion Wendt, Ocean County Camera Club  
2nd Place       Tom Icklan, Ocean County Camera Club

Host clubs needed for next year’s competitions

It’s that time of the year again – the print, slide, and nature chairpersons are beginning to put together preliminary schedules for next year’s inter-club competitions. In order to make the competitions a success, we need member clubs to host these events. Each club that volunteers to host a competition needs to arrange for three judges to preside over the event. NJFCC will help to offset the cost of the judges by reimbursing $20 to each host club. If your club is interested in hosting one of the competitions, please contact the following chairpersons:

Print Competitions:       Howard Royce, 732-974-0517  
Slide Competitions:       Marian Boyer, 973-538-3209  
Nature Competitions:       Ira Fink, 609-655-9521

Competition rules to be reviewed

In June an Executive Board Meeting will be held to discuss possible revisions to the current NJ FCC competition rules. Some items under consideration include merging Trade and Maker into one category for print competitions. Additionally, limits to the number of entries allowed per category, and a review of cross-category submission will be looked at. We’d like to hear suggestions from clubs. Please contact Howard Royce at 732-974-0517.

Additionally, it has been decided that next year the inter-club competitions would return to a three-judge panel. It is suggested that clubs hosting NJ FCC competitions should negotiate fees with perspective judges.
Clubs on the Web

Cranford/Millburn Camera Club: http://members.tripod.com/CameraClub cmcameraclub@hotmail.com
Morris Photo Color: http://www.users.nac.net/jmp/mpc.htm
Raritan Photographic Society: http://www.eastbrunswick.com/rps

Upcoming Events

PhotoFest '99

On Saturday June 12th, the Ridgewood Camera Club, along with Gene Hacker's Photo Video and the Bergen County Zoo in Van Saun Park is sponsoring a "Photofest" at the Bergen County Zoo. Time is 10am – 5:30, rain date is Sunday June 13th. Event activities include:

* Manufacturer representatives sponsoring booths showing and loaning equipment. They will be promoting sales of equipment and handing out literature and giveaways.
* The Camera Doctors are in! Gene Hacker’s own repair technicians will be on site to provide free cleaning and checking of all photography and video equipment.
* Live country western and jazz bands will be performing. Also enjoy our Barbershop Quartet that will be strolling along the park lanes.
* Photographers exhibit and sell their work
* Kids Events: Pictures with cartoon characters, face painting and musical events, magic, plus a lot more.

10x10 spaces are available at $25 each, proceeds to benefit the Bergen County Zoo. Exhibit spaces may be reserved by a group. Set up begins at 8:30am. For more information, please contact Alice Gunther, Ridgewood Camera Club Chairperson, at 201-869-0236.

NECCC 54th Annual Photographic Conference

This annual photography conference will be held on July 16-18th at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. For more information, send email to info@neccc.org. Details are available on their website, http://www.neccc.org/. For a flyer, send a request to Abraham Reisman, ASPA, MNEC, 51 Emerson Street, Springfield, MA 01118.

South Western Michigan Council of Camera Clubs (SWMCC) Conference

This annual photography conference will be held on July 22-25th at Hope College in Holland, MI. For more information, please visit the SWMCC website at: http://www.swmcc.org/