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## NATURALISTS' CAMERA CLUB OF TOLEDO

**Our Mission:**  
**TO MAKE THE PHOTOGRAPHER A BETTER NATURALIST**  
**AND THE NATURALIST A BETTER PHOTOGRAPHER**

**NOVEMBER, 2010**

**DATE and TIME:** **Friday, November 5, 7:30 P.M.**  
**LOCATION:** Secor Room, National Center for Nature Photography at Secor Metropark  
**HOST:** Open  
**ASSIGNMENT:** Bring your Best nature photos and share them with the group  
**PROGRAM:** **Jim Hagan and Bill Blanton, "Prairie Burns"**  
*This will be a Friday Night meeting in conjunction with the opening of the "Celebrating Nature through Photography Contest" all entry and display reception.*

Friday, November 5 is the opening night for the National Center for Nature Photography's Seventh Annual Photo Contest at Secor Metropark. The Gallery will be open from 6 P.M. until 8 P.M. The Naturalists' Camera Club's November meeting will be held in the Secor Room starting at 7:30. Around 8 P.M. there will be a presentation given by Jim Hagan and Bill Blanton about a prescribed Oak Opening Prairie Burn which occurred on Friday, March 19, 2010. Come and hear about Ohio Prairies and why burning is needed to maintain them. Photos will be shown of the actual burn. At the end of the prairie burn presentation, photos will also be shown of the devastation caused by tornadoes that swept through Oak Openings this past summer.

**NEXT MONTH:** **Sunday**, December 12, 2:00 P.M.  
Host: Everyone bring Holiday Goodies  
Assignment: Prose, Poetry, Song or Letter "G"  
Program: Bring your gizmos. If you have gizmos or unique equipment you use, please bring it in to share with the group.  
\*We will have a Leadership Meeting at 1:00 P.M. (just before the regular meeting)

\*Note: Please remember when you present in front of the group, you're the teacher.

### **An Invitation to join us on Photo Walks**

NCCT members Jim Hagan and Bill Blanton go on outings at least twice a month - usually to one of our Metroparks. Would you like to join them on a Photo Walk? If you do want to join them, send your e-mail address to Jim at: [jimhagan@bex.net](mailto:jimhagan@bex.net)

Every Thursday afternoon Jim will send out an e-mail letting you know if there will be an outing either on the next day (Friday at 8:30) or on the following day (Saturday at 1:30). They meet at Meijer's on Central Avenue. There is no obligation come to a Photo Walk. If you decide to come all you have to do is show up. This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about our Metroparks and to get some helpful advice on nature photography.

If you have any questions call Jim at 419-842-1015 or Bill at 419-472-3837.

*(Note: You will see the results from a couple of these Photo Walks at our November meeting.)*

## Club Leadership Meeting

We will have a Leadership Planning meeting prior to our December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at 1:00 in the Secor Room. If you're one of the Leadership Group, please try to attend. Members are also welcome to attend and share your ideas. Remember, this is your club and your input is welcome at our leadership meetings. Our club will only be as good and as successful as we make it.

### YOUR NEW CAMERA BY Jim Hagan

Ok, you just bought a new camera. Great! Now, the first thing you should do is sit down and read the manual. You just cannot hope to take "good" photos unless you understand the basic and advanced features of your camera. Every camera is different. When you read your manual you will probably discover some photography tips that you may not have thought of. Think about how the automatic and manual settings on your camera can help you improve your photography. Some thoughts about your new camera:

- The auto focus feature is great but not in every situation. Learn how to focus your camera manually.
- Many cameras have an auto ISO function. You should try to use your camera at the lowest ISO setting. The higher your ISO setting, the more noise (background clutter) you will have in your photos.
- Most cameras have an auto white balance that functions well in most situations – but not always. Learn how to manually set your white balance. You might want to take a shot using the auto balance and a manually set white balance and compare the photos.
- Many cameras (and lenses) have a macro mode. Learn how to use the macro mode to get some great close up photos.

You will probably not be able to learn everything about your camera the first time you read the manual. My Nikon manual is over 100 pages. I try to read the manual every six months and I keep discovering "new" features. After reading your manual, take some photos to help you retain the new information about your camera. Take pictures of simple things in and around your house to help you get a feel for how your camera functions.



### Web Sites

Check out our Web Site: [www.naturalistcameraclub.com](http://www.naturalistcameraclub.com)

E-mail: [naturalistcameraclub@gmail.com](mailto:naturalistcameraclub@gmail.com)

National Center for Nature Photography: <http://www.naturephotocenter.com>

Toledo Naturalists' Association: <http://www.toledonaturalist.com>