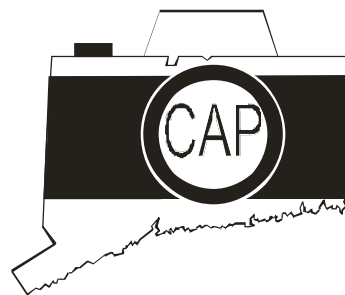


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CAP Semi-Annual Banquet Sunday, November 19,2006

New York is his home but he travels the world capturing newsworthy images as he covers breaking events across the globe from the ravages of Katrina to the heights reached by the Olympians. Vincent Laforet will be our guest speaker at the November 19th Connecticut Association of Photographers semi-annual dinner with his program, *Stop, Think, Act* which will give us insight into what it takes to create a successful photojournalistic image. He is a Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist and has been named one of the one hundred most influential people in photography by American Photo Magazine. Vince received rave reviews from the attendees at the 61st NECCC Annual Conference. This program is sponsored in part by Canon.

Don't miss seeing this dynamic, charismatic and talented photographer. Join us at the Sheraton Four Points Meriden, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT on Sunday, November 19th. There will be a cash bar at 5 p.m., a short business meeting at 5:30 p.m. with dinner immediately following. The program will begin after dinner service. Dinner choices for the evening are Statler Chicken with Mushroom Risotto, Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus, and Vegetarian Delight (Chef's fresh vegetarian entrée). All dinners include salad, rolls/butter, dessert, and coffee/tea. The cost for this evening is \$27. To register complete the coupon

on the last page of this newsletter and mail along with \$27 for each person before Nov. 6, 2006.

Directions to the Hotel

From Hartford (I-91): Take I-91 South to Exit 17 (East Main Street.) At the end of the exit, take a left onto East Main Street. At the fourth stop light, take a right onto Research Parkway. The Sheraton Four Points will be ¼ mile on the right.

From Hartford (Rt. 15): Take Rt. 15 South (Merritt Parkway) to Exit 67W. At the end of the exit, take a left onto East Main Street. At the fourth stop light, take a right onto Research Parkway. The Sheraton Four Points will be ¼ mile on the right.

From New Haven (I-91): Take I-91 North to Exit 16. At the end of the exit, take a right onto East Main Street. At the fourth stop light, take a right onto Research Parkway. The Sheraton Four Points will be ¼ mile on the right.

From New Haven (Rt. 15): Take Rt.15 North to Exit 67. At the end of the exit, take a right onto East Main Street. At the fourth stop light, take a right onto Research Parkway. The Sheraton Four Points will be ¼ mile on the right.

From Waterbury: Take I-84 East to Exit 27 onto I-691 East. Follow I-691 to Exit 10 (I-91/Rt 15 South Exit). Stay in right hand lane and get off first exit, 67W (East Main Street Exit.) At the fourth stop light, take a right onto Research Parkway. The Sheraton Four Points will be ¼ mile on the right.

From Middletown: Take Rt. 66 to Exit 13 (East Main Street.) Follow straight through to second light. Take a left onto Research Parkway. Follow to stop sign, go straight. The Sheraton Four Points will be on the right hand side.

Tops in Connecticut 2006

Two years have passed quickly and it's time for TOPS in CT. The open judging is set for **Sunday, November 12th** at 1pm at the Milford Fine Arts Center. This year the competition, which is open to all Connecticut residents and Connecticut camera club members, will include the submission of electronic images as well as slides and prints. An entry form has been mailed to all members. The deadline for receipt of entries is Nov. 6, 2006.

The ribbon and award winning images will be organized into a program and shown at the Annual CAP Dinner on **April 29, 2007**. This will be the only time to view the images and hear the commentary on the exceptional work of Connecticut photographers. More details on this competition and an entry form will be sent to you in early October. If you need additional entry forms, contact TOPSInCT@optonline.net and we will send you either a paper copy or an electronic copy that you can print out.

Chairman's Message

By Harold Siskin, MNEC

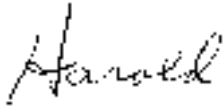


Summer is over, and for many of us it went too quickly. With camera clubs starting up, we need to organize our photographs for the up coming competition year. As a help in getting photographic material CAP ran a very nice day trip to Block Island, which was topped off with a great sunset. CAP also ran a trip to Magic Wings to photograph butterflies. In February we will run a field trip to the "Bikes on Ice" races, which always provides great photographic opportunities for those, willing to stand out doors. Also, on

November 19th we are having our diner meeting and with a great program put on by Vincent Laforet who is sponsored in part by Canon. The information on the program is in this issue of the CAPtion, so mark your calendar and we will see you on the 19th if not sooner on one of the field trips.

Harold Sissen MNEC

Chairman



Dues are Due

Just a reminder that if you haven't yet sent your dues for the 2006-2007 CAP year, now is the time. You received a bill in August from our membership chairman, Jim Dionne with a coupon to fill out and return with your check. If you have lost the original bill, simply write a check for \$7.50 payable to "CAP, Inc" and send it to Jim Dionne, 131 Pembroke Court, Meriden, CT 06450-8158. Be sure to include your e-mail address and indicate if you are willing to receive *The CAPtion* by e-mail rather than by regular mail.

CAP Trip to Waterford Speedbowl

By Hazel Meredith

It was a special treat for eight CAP members who joined me on our trip to the Waterford Speedbowl in Waterford, CT, for an action-packed day of auto racing.



My husband and I cover auto racing on a regular basis for various trade publications and web sites, and I was able to secure special access for our guests. They were not only able to wander through the "pit" areas and watch drivers and crews readying the cars for competition, they were able to join me in the infield of the track and watch the various divisions of competitors racing AROUND them!

Everyone had a great time learning the art of panning – cars do make it a little easier as they keep going in the same direction unlike animals! There were some spin-outs and minor crashes to add to the excitement and photo ops.

Most of the group stayed until after dark, when the "feature" events began. Night shooting there is a challenge due to the lighting. This is where the digital cameras had the advantage to try various exposures and "film" speeds to get the best shots.

All-in-all, a successful trip!

News From Other Photographic Organizations

New Haven Camera Club Seminar

On **Saturday, October 28, 2006**, the New Haven Camera Club will present a photographic seminar by Mark Bowie entitled *The Expressive Landscape: Creative Digital Nature Photography* at the Holiday Inn in North Haven, CT.

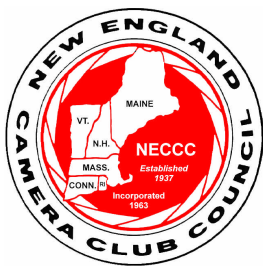
This seminar is for both film and digital photographers. Digital capture offers nature and landscape photographers more creative possibilities than ever before. In a power-packed full-day classroom seminar, Mark will explore techniques to take your picture-taking beyond the commonplace to producing expressive images that resonate with emotional impact and meaning. He will discuss extending depth of field, use of white balance, replicating filters in the computer, creating panoramic images by stitching overlapping images together, and shooting special exposure situations digitally — such as nighttime, multiple exposure, and High Dynamic Range images.

Digital capture also requires a new workflow, from capture to print. We'll cover digital capture and downloading, efficient image database management, RAW file conversion, profiling, color management, image optimization in Photoshop, storage & retrieval, printing, and new means of presenting your digital photography.

Mark Bowie is a nationally known professional nature, landscape, and wildlife photographer based in New England. Mark is a third generation photographer, an outdoors writer, nature and digital photography workshop leader and an avid paddler. He is a frequent contributor to Adirondack Life & Adirondack Explorer magazines. Mark's work has been published nationally in Natural History and NY Conservationist and by the Sierra Club, Conde Nast Publications, Portal Publications, Tehabi Books & other publishers. He has produced several multi-format shows and has appeared on two PBS television programs on the Adirondacks. Mark shoots both medium and large format film, as well as Nikon 35mm Digital. Mark's new coffee table book, **Adirondack Waters: Spirit of the Mountains**, was recently released. To learn more about Mark, visit www.markbowie.com

For more information on the seminar and an information flyer with all the details, go to www.newhavencameraclub.org.

NECCC News



Has your club signed up for the new Electronic (digital) photograph interclub competition being conducted by the council this year for the first time? For more information go to www.NECCC.org/interclub.htm or send an email to NECCC@optonline.net. Closing date for the first competition is November 10, 2006.

Now is the time to start planning for the next exciting NECCC Conference to be held July 13-15, 2007, at the University of Massachusetts. If you want to get a hotel room rather than stay in the dorm, make your reservation early as all the hotels in the area fill up

quickly.

PSA Electronic (Digital) Interclub Competitions

You have seen the information on the NECCC Electronic Interclub competition above, but did you know that PSA also has electronic interclub competitions in both pictorial and nature photographs. For information on the pictorial competitions go to

<http://www.psaphoto.org/clubs.htm> for the rules and the results of last year’s competitions or e-mail Bob Benson at benson.bob@comcast.net. Closing date for the first competition is November 1, 2007. For information on the nature competitions contact Craig Hadfield at highlights@bobsbunker.net. Closing date for the first competition is October 15, 2006.

About *The CAPtion* and CAP

The CAPtion is published several times a year by CAP, the Connecticut Association of Photographers. CAP is a state-wide organization with both clubs and individuals as members. CAP is associated with the Photographic Society of America and the New England Camera Club Council. Annual membership dues in CAP are \$7.50 per year and include all issues of this publication.

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Semi-Annual Dinner Reservation Coupon

Make checks payable to CAP and send to CAP Inc., P.O.Box 124, Cheshire, CT 06410. The cost is \$27 per person. **The deadline for receipt of reservations is Nov. 6, 2006.**

Dinner Choices	Number
Statler Chicken with Mushroom Risotto	_____
Prime Rib of Beef	_____
Vegetarian Delight	_____
Total Cost	_____

Name _____ e-mail _____
 Address _____ Tel.# _____
 City, State, Zip _____