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Coming Up in October

This month's speaker is **Ron St. Germain**. Ron will present a shorter version of his **Patience and Persistence** talk. Ron is a freelance writer and photographer, as well as the Founder and Chairman of the Mid Michigan Photography Club. With 4 professional International titles and 5 consecutive years voted Michigan's best published outdoor photo, combined with 7 Michigan state championships as an amateur and 11 professional writing awards, Ron brings a humorous, entertaining and experienced approach to teaching. His seminar entitled "**Persistence and Patience: Better Wildlife Photography**" is geared to help you improve your photography skills for either wildlife or general purposes. Included in this seminar will be tips on lighting, flash, image quality and making a great final presentation with your photos.

As we head into the final stretch for this year's **Best of '08 Gallery Show**, we'll go over the last minute details, as well as collect applications and entry fees. Don't forget that we are meeting at the Gone Wired Café at 6:30 PM on **October 15** to hang our prints! In addition, be sure to bring your family and invite your friends and coworkers to attend the reception on **November 2** from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The reception is also being held at Gone Wired. We'll have food and beverages, a raffle and we'll also have the Adopt-a-Photo selections on display and ready for adoption!

After the regular meeting is over, the **Events Committee** will hold a brief follow-up meeting about the **Best of '08 Gallery Show**.

September Meeting Recap

Tom Rasmussen presented a wonderful slideshow on bird photography. Tom has been photographing birds in Florida for some time. Along with some amazing images, Tom's talk included lots of tips and techniques, plus suggestions on what kind of equipment to use for best results.

We rounded out the evening with our "Big Cookie" contest. The theme was "Sports". **Penny** and her daughter **Krystin** created two wonderful cookies for the winning shots. **Gene Tatroe** won the judge's award for his shot, "Clearing the Rail":



Rich Wyllis won the people's choice award for his photo entitled, "Bike in the Clouds":



Congratulations, Gene and Rich!

Tip of the Month

So, someone just suckered you into shooting their wedding. There's plenty of pressure, because you surely can't go back and reshoot anything. One way you can help manage the situation is to create a "shot list" in advance. The list should include the standard shots every bride and groom want to see in their album, plus any others they may specifically ask for. If you don't know where to start, simply Google "wedding shot list" and you'll find plenty of examples.

Website of the Month

David Ziser is a professional photographer and teacher. He writes a daily blog which you can read at www.digitalprotalk.blogspot.com. The entries cover a wide variety of topics, so you're sure to find plenty of items that will interest you!

Book of the Month

John and Barbara Gerlach are nature photographers who now live near Yellowstone National Park, but once lived in Michigan and frequently return here to take pictures and lead workshops. They have compiled much of what they have learned over the years into a very nice book, ***Digital Nature Photography: The Art and the Science***. John uses Canon equipment, while Barb is a Nikon user, so both systems are covered when they get into specifics about how to use different camera features as well as flash units. There are plenty of tips and explanations not found in typical photography books. Amazon currently lists the price at less than \$17.00 – practically a steal!