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**Casements Camera Club
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<http://www.casementscameraclub.com>

Meetings - 4th Thursday monthly
All meetings are from 3 PM to 5 PM
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Welcome to the July issue of our newsletter.

Film lovers will want to thank Janet Bernardini for letting us know about Reformed Film Lab in the box below. Even better is that they are in our own backyard.

Our Magnifying Glass assignment for this meeting -- I didn't think I wanted to do it, but I loved it. My photographs aren't good, but it was fun to take on the challenge of seeing, focusing, clicking, and then making something out of the resulting images. Especially since I don't have a macro lens. Come to the meeting and see what we have created. And if you've entered, find out if you won a free year's membership!

I sometimes go down rabbit holes, led by curiosity and a "look, squirrel!" mentality. This month I somehow became curious about selfies. A bit of a deep dive into the topic is at the end of the newsletter.

Until Next Month,
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Sharing Your Photos to the World

In addition to posting them on our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/146983245353843>), your images can be added to the Casement's Instagram account with its international following.

Just send an email with the picture to casementscameraclub@gmail.com and Donna will post your picture.

Thank you, Donna for doing this!

For Lovers of Film Photography

Reformed Film Lab specializes in analog photography. Based in Ormond Beach the company processes color, black & white, and slide film. They will also scan your film, and sell you film. Janet Bernardini has visited several times and says *If you've ever done "wet-process" photography you'll feel like you are in a candy store.* She also notes: *The staff has been very friendly to me on my few visits.* <https://reformedfilmlab.com/>

Club News

Field Trips

The Club went on a field trip on Wednesday, July 19th from 3am to 4am photographing the Milky Way. Ans reports: *I didn't see my bed at all on July 18 and we managed to be at Matanzas Inlet Park at 2.30am! Pitch black!* Joining Ans were Jeanne Figurelli, Ian Hathaway and Will Abair. It was a great night (or perhaps really early morning) and mostly clear. The only real problem were the bugs. Ans says that there wasn't a lot of light pollution, and the club will definitely be doing this again. Not only was it fun, but Ans needs to get better pictures. (Her words, NOT those of the newsletter editor).



Photograph courtesy of Ian Hathaway

June Club Meeting

At our June meeting Myrtle Beach photographer Joe Carr provided a fascinating and candid presentation on family photography on the beach. With advice on everything from useful props to avoidance of patterns on clothing, and a smidge about helpful photoshop enhancements, there was something useful for everyone, whether or not we want to actually take on the challenges of being a professional family photographer on the beach. Thank you, Joe! <https://www.joecarrphotography.com>

Annual Show

Registration for the 43rd Annual Show will take place on **Monday, August 28th** from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. The reception for this show will take place on **Saturday, September 2nd**, during the Ormond Beach Art Walk (from 3pm to 7pm) with the presentation of the awards at 5pm. It's time to think about your entries. The rules will be sent in the first week of August.

Fun With Magnifying Glass

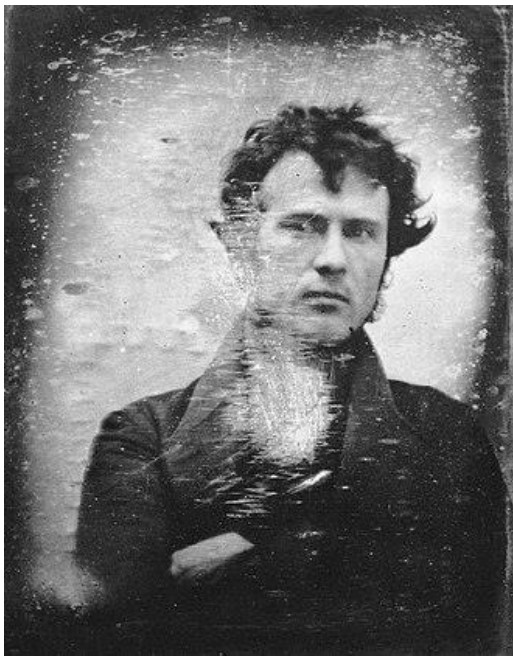
The meeting on Thursday, July 27th will feature judging of the Assignment pictures. For this year, the Assignment was: Using a Magnifying Glass. **The deadline for sending the images is Monday, July 25th.** During the meeting the membership votes on their favorite Top Five. The images will be presented anonymously. The votes will be counted during the refreshment break and the winners will be announced after the break. The prize for the winner a free membership for 2024 (a value of \$ 35). There will also be two slideshows of field trip images from the membership. This promises to be a fun meeting. **Hope to see everyone at 3pm on Thursday.**

Young Adult Photography Contest

The Casements Camera Club sponsors the Young Adult Photography Contest in memory of City of Ormond Beach Photographer Dave Pizzo. There will be a reception **on Saturday, August 5th** from 3pm to 7pm with the presentation of the awards at 4pm. This will take place in Casements.

Everything You May (or May Not) Want to Know About Selfies

We often think that selfies are a new thing, born of cell phones with reversible cameras but the first portrait ever taken was essentially a self-portrait. Robert Cornelius (1809 – 1893) is generally credited with taking a daguerreotype of himself in 1839, clicking the shutter and then posing in front of the camera outside of his family store. It is said that the image (see below) required him to hold still for 10 to 15 minutes. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Cornelius



The first image taken using the same process as today, with the photographer holding the camera at arm's length, was in December, 1920. But with a major difference. The five men who took the photo were the main photographers of the Byron Company, a photography studio founded in Manhattan in 1892. Another man took a photograph of the men documenting the momentous occasion (see above). The image shows the five men standing on the roof of the Marceau Studio holding an analog camera that was so heavy it required two of the men to hold it up. Learn more at: <https://www.fastcompany.com/3026832/this-might-be-the-first-selfie-in-photographic-history>

In the 1970s Polaroid became more affordable and it encouraged photographers to take more self-portraits. A bit like today's cellphone cameras, the Polaroid was light so it could be held at arms' length. And it also provided the instant gratification that made the camera wildly popular. Source: <https://theculturetrip.com/north-america/usa/new-york/articles/history-of-the-selfie-a-photo-phenomenon/>

But when was it called a selfie? The origin is said to be Australian, with a colorful story behind it. The first known use of the word *selfie* in any paper or electronic medium appeared in an Australian internet forum on September 13th 2002 in a post by Nathan Hope. Although Hope later said the term was already in use as slang, he nonetheless he wrote the following: "*Um, drunk at a mates 21st, I tripped ofer [sic] and landed lip first (with front teeth coming a very close second) on a set of steps. I had a hole about 1cm long right through my bottom lip. And sorry about the focus, it was a selfie.*" <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Selfie>

There we have it... from ground-breaking self-portrait to documenting the costs of drinking.