

PTCC 2018 - PHOTOJOURNALISM – April 18, 2018

Group A - 34 IMAGES FROM 12 MEMBERS

01 - 1929 Telefunken, Concours d'Lecons 2017.jpg

Lots of interesting details and great expressions. Might be good to try a wider aperture to blur the background a bit. Another angle might help as well.

02 - Authorities suspect squatters are responsible for house fire.jpg

A very good image that documents the damage done. Since the fence is up I am led to believe that the fire occurred a while ago.

03 - Bern bear rolls into town at carnival Bern Switzerland.jpg

Nice parade photo; I like the expressions of the children. The image is a tad out of focus and there is a lot of detail. Zooming in on the bear and kids might improve the impact.

04 - Bull Durham sign discovered during demolition on Lighthouse

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Really liked the overall image quality. Great image to document this piece of advertising history. Perhaps some context might have made it more "news worthy" like a bulldozer.

05 - Cal Fire spreading fire retardant on York Fire, Monterey, California, Oct. 15, 2017.jpg

Great news shot! Good angle and great timing in capturing the drop. Improvements might be made by sharper focus and use of a UV or polarizer to increase contrast.

06 - celebrants in pink dresses with pigs on their heads wait to join the carnival in Bern Switzerland.jpg

Lots of pink. Not any central focus and a bit fuzzy. Perhaps focusing in on one of the participants might have given you a stronger image?

07 - Fires destroy neighborhood homes in Napa, California.jpg

I certainly feel the pain of this loss. Perhaps finding an element that makes it personal or having someone picking through the ashes would draw us in. Would like to see it in focus and with less contrast.

08 - Full Solar Eclipse seen from Homestead National Monument, Nebraska.jpg

It takes a moment to catch what this large group of people are doing. I like the mass of humanity focused on the Sun with varying expressions. This is when having more people works. It might have been interesting to see several photos, taken from the same position, taken periodically as the eclipse occurred.

09 - Hot Air Balloons Aloft in Reno, Nevada.jpg

Beautiful shot, well executed. I could see this on the front page.

10 - I think we need a bigger boat trying to remove whale carcass from rocks in Pebble beach.jpg

Nice photo, you can almost feel the strain on the rope! I liked the horizon and the cropping. A longer lens might have compressed the distance between the whale and the boat, giving the boat a little more impact.

11 - King Krunch Gets Big Air at the California International Air Show Salinas.jpg

Captured in the air! Clean photo. If anything, I usually like to see a little more space in front of the vehicle to give them space to fly into.

12 - Last Minute Touches, Concours d'Elegance 2017.jpg

This is a nice photo of a typical gray August morning at the Concours. I really wanted to see the man polishing the car up close.

13 - Lifeguards Rescue Exhausted Swimmer during Door County Triathlon.jpg

Lots of action in this photo! This is a difficult photo to take and there are a lot of moving parts. Sometimes you have to shoot a few to get the one that tells the story best and sometimes you just have to be lucky.

14 - Lost Child Found, Phillip Island, Australia.jpg

Nice shot of boy with rescuer. If I hadn't read the title, I would not have known what was going on. I'm a little curious as to the overall terrain. This is cropped so tight it makes me wonder.

15 - Margy Seifert and Husband Perform at Planes Of Fame.jpg

Great action shot! I particularly like the mountains in the background. Good framing, sharp and well executed. I could certainly see this in the newspaper!

16 - Mayor kicks off carnival Bern Switzerland.jpg

Love the bear in the middle. I might have cropped in on the mayor and the bear to create a bit more interest. Sharpness is a bit of an issue.

17 - Monterey Yacht Club - The Starting Line for the Race to Hawaii .jpg

Nice photo documenting the beginning of the race with all the rowboats in place. The image could be a little sharper and there is certainly room to use several shots to tell the story.

18 - Moss Landing Surfer Tragedy, May 14, 2017.jpg

This is a sad story well told with photographs. The use of more than one image is key to the success of this entry. Although the first image is the weakest, the other images build

to the final shot of the covered body on the dock. Yes, there are some technical issues such as sharpness that might be addressed with a higher shutter speed, the important thing is that the images were made and the story is told.

19 - Napa fire burns so hot that tires melt down to their steel belts.jpg

Nicely composed and cropped. Seems to be a little grainy/contrasty.

20 - Napa fire destroys antiques auto collection.jpg

Lots of texture and I like the idea of the placard holder framing the automobile. This shot might have benefited from a little more work on finding the details that would make for nice photographs. To tell the story, more photos need to be used showing the magnitude of the disaster.

21 - OOPS !.jpg

Caught at the right moment. There is activity and dilemma. Thankful the tree fell in the street! Perhaps it might have been a stronger image with the homeowner being consoled by the police?

22 - Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Kemp Speaks at the Point Pinos Lighthouse on Veterans Day.jpg

Straightforward photo of a local event. Certainly well done. Cropping out the empty seats never hurts an image of this nature. Perhaps a shot from the side might have created a more impactful image of the military aspect of the Veterans Day observance.

23 - RainyWeekBringsSeasonTotalAboveAverage.jpg

Hard to tell what the story here is. Perhaps a different angle might have enhanced the impact of the rain flow?

24 - Sky Patrol falcon owner describing falcon's efforts to scare seagulls away from downtown PG.JPG

Good opportunity for a photo. The background is distracting, her right arm is cropped out and there isn't enough of her left hand to support the falcon. Her hat is covering her eyes so stepping back a couple of feet to the left might have opened up her face to view.

25 - Smoky haze over artichoke fields from the Whittier Fire, Santa Barbara, 2017.jpg

This is a great image, illustrating the amount and impact of the smoke. The colors and the focus are well done. Loved the look.

26 - SPRING BREAK.jpg

Nice image of the surfer with plenty of space to surf into the photo. Looks like a difficult position to shoot from too. Perhaps a faster shutter speed might have sharpened up the face a bit.

27 - Summer Training Camp, Pacific Grove HS, Aug, 2017.jpg

I like the composition and especially the diagonal line separating the lanes. Interesting composition.

28 - Surfers Unaware at Lover's Point, Pacific Grove, CA .jpg

Capturing a shot like this must be rare. If it were sharper, you might catch the expressions on the surfers faces. Hopefully someone was trying to warn them. Here's where a long telephoto really comes in handy.

29 - The Patriots Perform at the Reno Air Races.jpg

Beautiful shot!

30 - TrafficAdjusts toNewHwy1TrafficCircle.jpg

Nice photograph illustrating some of the twists and turns of this intersection. The use of a longer focal length works well and going longer wouldn't have hurt. It fails to capture the traffic circle, which is the heart of this intersection and story.

31 - Wayne Big Bubble Happy Berwick Park PG.jpg

Nice shot! I like the way the bubble overlaps the sculpture and the colors and textures the bubble itself has. The sharpness and colors could use a little help. It might have been nice to have asked him to move the thermos behind him so as not to distract the viewer.

32 - WILD RIDE !.jpg

This certainly conveys the spirit of the ride! These shots usually require a series of images to capture just the right image where the faces are not obscured by the water. Using a fast shutter speed can also enhance the sharpness.

33 - "Halloween Display", Sturbridge Village, VT.jpg

This looks like a fun shot, certainly one that could be used in the local paper. Once again, image focus/sharpness is an issue. It appears to have been focused on the building behind.

34 - "Remembering When", Carmel Concourse, Aug. 2013.jpg

I liked the timeless element of the old man, car and use of black and white. I would like to have seen more of the old man, removed the man in the background and included the entire front of the vehicle.

WINNING IMAGES:

1st Place:

#29 – The Patriots performing

2nd Place:

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3rd Place:

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