

# Contact Sheet

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## First Things First – Eating

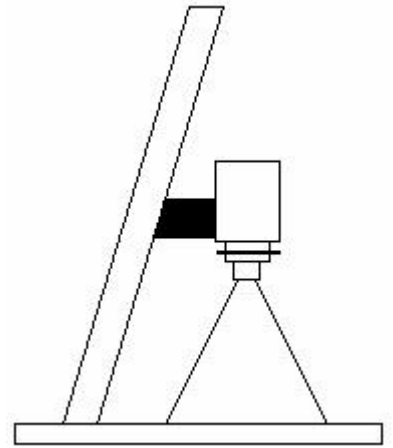
We photographers seem to like to eat. Always one of our most favorite meetings each year is the club picnic, and this year was no exception. **Fred and Mary Dunhour** invited the club to their house for our annual repast. They have only lived in this location for a few months, and Mary stated that she was afraid that they wouldn't get everything ready in time. But they had a truly exquisite setup for our picnic. Their house has a small man-made lake behind their property. There are aerators in the lake so that the fish can survive and this also keeps the moss and algae to a minimum. Mary says she has a constant stream of birds, ducks, geese, egrets, and other animals to photograph because of this body of water.

One of the interesting things that has always seemed to happen at our picnics is the wide variety of food that appears. In one of our earliest attempts at having a picnic, we were afraid that we wouldn't get the right mix of food, and we assigned people to bring certain items by their last name: first 1/3 of the alphabet brought salads, second third brought main dishes, and the last 1/3 brought desserts. That year's picnic had hamburgers and desserts only - not a bad mix from my point of view – but definitely 180 degrees from what we thought we were going to get. After that year we just told people to bring a pot

luck dish – and voila – the perfect mixture just seems to appear. I never have been able to figure out the logic of the system.

And of course, the topics of discussion always include photography. That night ended up with a spectacular sunset. There were numerous opinions on how to take the best photo of that happening. Various members showed us where they would meter on that sunset sky to get a proper photo. The digital guys all smiled at the slide based guys with the understanding that they now just looked at the image on the back of their camera. But still, if you have a very good starting point, the image on the back of the camera will be good at first glance without having to make adjustments. During the course of the discussions, someone looked over their shoulder and saw an even more spectacular cloud display to the east, pointing out the value to always look in all directions when out with your camera.

All in all, a good time was had by all members at the feast. Thanks, Fred and Mary for allowing the use of your house for our picnic. We very much appreciate your efforts! And, Mary, we demand to see more of your sunsets now. No more slacking off! And while you're at it, show us some of your visitors to the pond. Sure, we know you want to get your yard work done, but you now have a club directive to get your camera busy!



## Next Order of Business Selling Prints

Boy, August was a busy month. First was the picnic, followed the next week by the annual Greenbelt Show and Sale at the Duck Races. We had another good turnout of participants at this year's event. We had 10 different members plus two additional people who signed on to be in our show. And all participants stated that they want to come back again next year, a mark of success in any type of venture.

This was my first year of being in the show when it was outdoors, so I will kind of give you a blow by blow description of what happened. Thursday night was setting up the tents for the show the next three days. None of us left anything in the tents on that night - - which was fortunate, since the person in the city parks office that told us that the water would be shut off forgot to tell his personnel to turn the water off. Several tents were rather soggy on Friday morning.

Friday morning was spent getting the tents and the show ready, and by 9:30 - 10:00, all people were ready. It was very windy for most of Friday and we spent a lot of time conversing with each other - since no one was jogging, walking, riding on the Greenbelt.

Saturday was 180 degrees different being a nice warm sunny day with hordes of people doing things. All of us spent most of our day near our display explaining our images, talking to various people. That night after it was over we attacked the Brownstone Restaurant and had a feast! There's that eating thing again.

Sunday blessed us with a gentle, balmy day. People intermittently

wandered by, and seemed more serious in their study of our images, not the frenzy of the previous day. We saw some people that had told us they would be back when they had been to the Duck Races the previous day. There were probably more sales of prints on Sunday than on other days because the people that visited were there just for that reason. One thing that Dennis communicated to us was that he had most of his sales in October last year from things that they had seen in his booth in August and wanted to get for a certain person as a Christmas present. They took his card in August and bought in October.

Even though Marty and I only had a couple of prints sold, we covered expenses - - and view the experience a lot like a hunting expedition might be. You spend many days getting ready for the hunt, you camp out with your friends, go on the hunt, and maybe get your quota - - but even if you don't, you still had an enjoyable time with your friends with numerous war stories to tell about the one that got away.

## Club Notes

**Special thanks to Farr's Jewelry for the use of the digital projector at the last Advancement Program. We learned a lot!**

We brought Idaho Falls images for a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce who want to use our images on their web page. Please bring more such digital images to the next meeting.

The October show and sale gets closer. Pg 3 has the details and an entry form. Get busy! Also, visit the photography section of the state fair where we have several members presenting images.

## Monthly Meeting

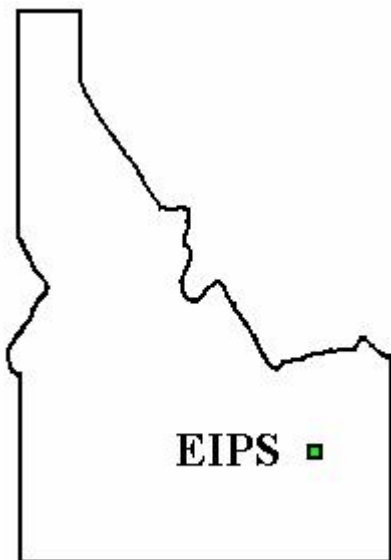
**Date: Sept. 7, 2006**

**Time: 7:30 p.m.**

**Location: 1900 Grandview  
in the Conference Room  
Program:**

**Lisa Kelly of the Willowtree Gallery** will help us get our photos matted so they will present better. Bring a photo you have struggled finding the proper mat for and she will help. We all have seen photos that just need the right mat to help, and not hurt, the image.

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## Graffiti

EIPS is a group of amateur and professional photographers who have joined together to further the art and craft of photography. Please join us and expand your horizons. Sharing knowledge makes all participants better at their craft. We meet on the first Thursday of each month for our educational lecture. Then the third Thursday is our Advancement Program where we share some of the images we have done. We meet at 7:30 p.m. in the 1900 Grandview Ave conference room. We all become better photographers!

Advancement Program topics will be: **Photographer's Choice** and **Nature**. Please bring two images of each and join us on 21 September at 7:30 p.m. at 1900 Grandview Ave.



**Roger and I will try to add a little color to the Internet version of this newsletter (the printed copy will remain in standard B&W because of the printing costs. We will also try to publish some of the Advancement Program winner's images since so many are bringing in digital files. If slides are submitted, we will scan them into the internet newsletter copy. Don't forget to bring Idaho Falls images for the Chamber of Commerce website.**