

**FEBRUARY MEETING: NOTE CHANGES**  
**Monday, February 27, 6:00 pm at the Chisago**  
**County Government Center.**

At 6:00 a social time with snacks. People will have an opportunity to see the photos by club members used to decorate the public spaces in the renovated part of the building.

At 7:00 we'll have our first regular meeting of the year. The program is "Wildlife Photography," presented by Chuck Kartak, the club's most avid wildlife photographer. Chuck is a retired DNR park manager and will talk about equipment, techniques, and locations for wildlife photography. Listening to his presentation and seeing his photos is an excellent way to start our new year.

The photo theme of the month is "From Above or Below." Submit your 2 photos to our Dropbox site by **midnight, Sunday, 2/26.**

**File size —1 MB. Name your files as such:**  
**01.Mike.Clouds.jpeg 02.Mike.Dirt.jpeg**

### **TCACCC PHOTO COMPETITION**

One more reminder and pitch for entering the council's annual photo competition. It's nice to have a photo get an acceptance or an award score, but that really is a small part of this. Entering contests is an excellent way to improve photo skills. It often makes you examine more closely what you're doing and seek new ways to take better photographs.

<http://www.cameracouncil.org/376126/competitions/>

**The deadline for entering is 5:00 pm, February 5.** Any questions, let us know.

### **2017 SPRING BREAK**

The annual TCACCC convention for area camera clubs known as "Spring Break" will be **Saturday, March 25, at Dakota County Technical College.** The format this year is a one day event with multiple speakers. The schedule

hasn't been finalized yet, but one of the presentations will be "Night Sky Photography" by our club vice-president, Michelle Terrell. As soon as the planning is complete, we'll be sending out the day's schedule and registration material.

### **MONTHLY GALLERY**

On our club Dropbox site a folder will be set up titled "**2017 Gallery.**" In that main folder, there will be monthly sub-folders. The idea is for members to submit one photo a month for 2017 starting with February. There is no plan to set this up as a competition, but the goal should be to submit one photo each month. Hopefully, this will get members out more with their cameras. At the end of each month members will have had a chance to see that month's gallery and there will be an opportunity to give positive feedback on photos at our meetings. It will also serve as a way to discuss subjects and techniques. (At least, that's the hope.)

Photos need to be 1 MB. Title your photo file with your name and a title—no number. There will be no photo police but the idea is for people to put a photo in that they took that specific month. **IT'S IMPORTANT TO OPEN THE RIGHT SUB-FOLDER BEFORE SUBMITTING.**

This is entirely separate from our themes for the month used in our photo discussion. These photos will not be projected.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

There is a membership form in the Dropbox site in the "Members Information" folder that may be printed and filled out. Please bring that and a check for \$15 made out to "ArtReach" to the first meeting you attend. **Let us know if you wish to be removed from our contact list.**

### **CLUB FACEBOOK SITE**

A good way to keep informed, ask questions, and share photos.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCVCC/>