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The PSSCC exists to provide a venue for the promotion and enjoyment of stereo photography through education, presentations, and critiques. The Club meets on the second Saturday of the month at noon, September through June, at the Federal Way Senior Center in Auburn, WA. Back issues of this newsletter can be viewed by joining the PSSCC Yahoo Group at http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/PSSCC. Please join us at our next meeting.

### THE CLUB'S FINAL COMPETITION THEME - SUN

Even after all this time
the sun never says to the earth,
"You owe me."
Look what happens with a love like that.
It lights the whole sky.



Hafiz



# Video from Phil Captain 3D McNally's Quadcopter Blows the Club Away

Irish-born Phil McNally, who legally added the moniker Captain 3D to his name, is best known these days as Dream Works Animation's stereoscopic supervisor. Now he has taken to the skies with his quadcopter, built by hand and carrying a Fuji W3 as well as the equivalent of a VR webcam. If angels actually existed, the images from his elegant little hover-craft would be the view they would enjoy. Filming just "stuff" around his house, Phil took the audience swooping inches above treetops, chasing bicyclists and following pedestrians. *We've gotta have it*.

Quadcopter footage rivals the thrills provided by GoPro's amazing extreme sports cameras and gear.



### 3D IN THE NEWS

# Extreme Sports Enthusiasts Are Not the Only Ones Turning to GoPro for Spectacular Shots.



Die Wunderkinder at GoPro just keep dazzling us with their latest PR coups. During the filming of Martin Scorsese's HUGO, the little camera-that-could recorded a truly spectacular cinematic feat. Larry McConkey, the film crew's Steadicam opertor, mounted a GoPro atop his mighty 3D rig of two ARRI Alexa high-end digital movie cameras while performing the "near-impossible."

In the annals of history-making continuous shooting, Larry pulled off a two-minute masterpiece.

It's one you won't want to miss and can be viewed on YouTube at:

http://www.stereoscopynews.com/hotnews/ 3d-cinema/shooting-cameras-rigs/2457-behindthe-hugo-steadicam-shots.html

Whew! That's one helluva-long URL. A simply amazing display of intricate blocking and meticulous planning went into this 360 degree scene. In order for the Steadicam to travel around a woman sitting on a Queen Anne chair, the setbuilders even created a moving wall to allow for the heavy equipment to make the passaround. Really, don't miss this video. Don, if you have the opportunity, bring this clip with you on Saturday.



We're not sure if Larry used a GoPro stereo rig, but if not, he surely missed a chance to show off even more.

### FROM THE EDITORS



# O.K. So We're Not Without Our Egos

Who among us would reject the occasional pat on the back or an award or two collecting dust on our bookcase? Certainly not your fearless co-editors. In a shameless bid for glory and bragging rights at NSA, we've submitted the last issue of the PSSCC newsletter to PSA's
Annual Newsletter Competition. So cross your
fingers and burn candles to the *God of Images*and just maybe we'll score this one. We'll
keep you posted. This will be your last newsletter until we're back in September. It's been
great fun and we're looking forward to Vol. 28.

Mart & frank

### CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING - YES IT'S STILL FREE

WANTED – Heat-seal cardboard stereo mounts. Contact Michael Comstock, "I'm willing to pay for these." My email is: <a href="mycom446@comcast.net">mycom446@comcast.net</a> or bring to our next meeting. PSSCC's newsletter is a great place to advertise for something you want or to get rid of that unwanted 3D stereo equipment or supplies. The deadline is two weeks before the next meeting.

What I Did Last Summer

September 8, 2012

Landscapes/Nature

November 10, 2012

Still Life/Objects

December 8, 2012

Animals

January 12, 2013

Architecture/Interiors

February 9, 2013

Seascapes/Water

March 9, 2013

Flowers/Plants/Fruits

April 13, 2013

Portraiture/Children

May 11, 2013

Open Subject

June 8, 2013

# MAY COMPETITION RESULTS - THEME "WIND"



First Place: Bob Venezia for "Galactica Bubble" featuring his friend Tom Noddy



Second Place: Bob Venezia for "Drummer Boy #3" taken at Rockefeller Center, NY



Third Place: Stewart Turley for "Lake Union" from Gas Works Park, Seattle, WA

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### Bob Venezia Wins 1st Place & Image of the Year In Most Recent 3D Competition

If Edison the cat ends up in this newsletter one more time, we're gonna have to start charging Bob for "kitty daycare," *Just kidding Bob!* It's an awesome image and worthy of every honor it has received. On the other hand, doesn't anyone care for the tormented and much less famous contender, Tesla? Let's hear it for the undercat.

Bob has had quite a year when it comes to recognition and nobody deserves it more.



LA 3D Club member Philip Steinman's Image, "Something Fishy" Hooks and Lands 2nd Place

# MAY IC3D JUDGING RESULTS

| 1st Bob Venezia     | Puget Sound Stereo Camera Club | "Green Eyes"          |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2nd Philip Steinman | LA 3D Club                     | "Something Fishy"     |
| 3rd Dennis Hanser   | Detroit Stereographic Society  | "Taquamenon Falls 08" |
| 4th Nancy Moxom     | Sydney Stereo Camera Club      | "K1 at Speed"         |

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# Don't Miss Out on The Exciting Excursions Planned for The 38th NSA Convention at Costa Mesa

This year's excursion opportunities, scheduled for before and after the main events at the NSA's convention, have simply got to be the most exciting round-ups yet. Each excursion was carefully selected with regard to member interest, 3D, target-rich environments, and the uniqueness (often read "bizarre") that can only be found in the Orange County/LA travel experience. Where else could you tour the grandeur of a ship the likes of the Queen Mary or experience first-hand the historic wonder of a California mission?

Excursion No. 1 is a half-day cruise on Tuesday afternoon, July 24th on the Tall Ship *Spirit of Dana*. Departing from Dana Point, California, on the beautiful replica of an historic ship that was used during the American Revolution, you'll have ample opportunities to photograph the crew raising the sail, handling the lines, or steering the ship. Or you can join the crew yourself! Once on board, the cruise will introduce you to points of local historical significance, marine wildlife, and local folklore.

Excursion No. 2 is a full day adventure beginning on the Queen Mary and continuing at Long Beach's Aquarium of the Pacific. While touring

the magestic ocean liner that made its maiden voyage in 1936, you'll have the opportunity to create stunning 3D images of the liner's lavish Art Deco interiors. The Aquarium of the Pacific features more than 19 major habitats and even more focus exhibits representing the Pacific Ocean Regions. This excursion is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25th.

Excursion No. 3 If you're seeking a tour to fill Sunday afternoon, July 29th, consider an outting to historic Mission San Juan Capistrano and the Orange County Great Park. If time permits, you can squeeze in a visit to the 1895 Santa Fe Railroad station. At the Orange County Great Park, be sure to visit the park's main attraction, the giant Orange Balloon, tethered and filled with helium. Riders ascend to an altitude of 400 feet, affording a spectacular view to all on board.





Excursion No. 4 Wrap up your NSA experience with a full day tour on Monday, July 30th. No one visiting LA should miss the opportunity to tour that city's architectural landmarks. There will be a guided walking tour that begins at the historic Bradbury building and includes the Disney Concert Hall designed by Frank Gehry.



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# Photographic Society of America®

Founded in 1934, PSA has members in over 70 countries. Individual, Club, and Council memberships offer a wide variety of services and activities: a monthly magazine; online photo galleries, image evaluation, study groups, and courses; competitions; an annual conference; recognition; and discounts on photography related products and services. PSSCC participates in PSA's 3D Division that sanctions exhibitions for which points are awarded, and also sponsors the InterClub 3D Competition.

www.psa-photo.org

# **National Stereoscopic Association**

The NSA is affiliated with the Stereoscopic Society of America. The annual NSA Convention/Trade Fair attracts members from all over the world, as well as many photographica dealers, photo historians, and experts in various state-of-the-art applications of stereo imaging. The convention is held in a different location in the United States each year, and is the high-point of the stereoscopic calendar.

www.stereoworld.org

# The International Stereoscopic Union

Founded in 1975 the ISU is the only international 3D association in the world. The ISU is a club of individual 3D enthusiasts as well as a club of stereo clubs. The ISU's members currently number more than 1,050 and come from over 40 countries world-wide. Although the ISU caters mainly to the 3D amateur photographer, the ISU also has much to offer to members who are professional stereo photographers and cinematographers, as well as to those who are involved in the scientific aspects of the stereoscopic image.

www.stereoscopy.com/isu/

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### Directions

From I 5, turn East at Hwy. 18 exit. Travel East and take the 1st exit at 32nd Ave. S (Sign reads Weyerhaeuser Road). Turn South on 32nd until you reach 344th St. (first left) and go East on 344th until you reach 38th Ave. S (1st right). Travel South on 38th to 352nd and turn left (East). Go 3 blocks, the Senior Center is on the North side (left) of the street.

### BRING A DISH FOR EIGHT TO OUR POTLUCK

I cook with wine. Sometimes I even add it to the food.

- W.C. Fields

Personally I stay away from natural foods. At my age I need all the preservatives I can get.

— George Burns

The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for thirty years she served the family nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found.

- Calvin Trillin

I went to a restaurant that serves "breakfast at any time." So I ordered French Toast during the Renaissance.

Steven Wright

# THOUGHT

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