



President's Message

Tradition

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It's a quiet Sunday afternoon and a time for me to relax with Ace my cat. It is also a time for me to reflect on what I think the Ohio Valley Camera Club was, what it is now and where I think it is going.

The Ohio Valley Camera Club is full of tradition. Our club is fifty years old this year and still going strong. Tradition runs deep in the club and some of us older members still cling to fond memories of meetings from the past. Even in the club's early days it had a diverse membership of professional photographers, amateur photographers, and all in between. I remember the excitement and energy in the meetings.

The club offered the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas about the photography that otherwise would be hard to accomplish or discover. The club during the early days also had a dark room that members could use. This offered members new to the craft a way of trying their hand at processing their own film and photos. The programs were also very educational and the bounds were unlimited to the ideas that members came up with to share their experience or test a new idea.

Today the traditions of the old Ohio Valley Camera Club continue. The bonds are still strong between members and there is still that excitement to share ideas and knowledge. All the new technology continues to challenge new photographers and

push the traditionalist into new and untried waters. This continues to make membership in the Ohio Valley Camera Club even more important.

The club serves as a great resource to interact with members who have a common love for photography. With more photographers in the world today than ever before it stands to reason that a great organization such as the Ohio Valley Camera Club continues to grow. I believe that the club has a wealth of talent and experience to offer both the new and seasoned photographer. The club also serves as a conduit to connect us with other traditional art and photography organizations.

I feel that the Ohio Valley Camera club will serve as a great community organization for many years to come. It will continue to provide fellowship, guidance, community involvement, education and the sharing of great photography. I hope that with the help of our membership we can make the Ohio Valley Camera club one of the best camera clubs in the nation and perhaps the world.

Michael Adkins, President