

## Changes Coming To Our Web Site And Competitions

In an effort to minimize the effort to run our competitions and maintain our web site, we have been investigating solutions. In discussions with Upper Cape Camera Club, they introduced us to a commercial tool developed by a company named Visual Pursuits. Visual Pursuits provides a host account for a web site, and a set of tools to manage competitions. Upper Cape has been using this company for approximately three years and highly recommends them. You can see their web site and competition results on the [Upper Cape web site](#)

We are planning to implement this tool, which will require some changes to our competitions. We have set a very aggressive schedule to be ready for our next competition on July 28. Because of this we have changed the schedule to include an introduction and training session at the July 14 meeting. Our scheduled speaker, David Wells on time lapse photography has moved to August 11. ***Since these are significant changes, please try to make the July 14 meeting, especially if you are planning to enter the upcoming July and September competitions.***

One change is that you will be required to create an account on the new web site. Since this needs to be approved and you need to be entered into the correct competition level, we want to get started on the registration process now. ***Before the July 14 meeting***, please go to this address - [ccaacc.visualpursuits.com](http://ccaacc.visualpursuits.com) and create an account. Once you get to the site, you can use the menu choice Organization->Membership Information and click on Create a New User Account. Alternately you can click on the Login button on the top of the Home page and scroll down and click on Membership Information which should get you to the same page. The registration process is straightforward, however, there is another button next to the Create a new account to view a video of How to Create an Account that you can view. If you have any problems, contact [Lee](#). Note that if you forget your password, and you try to login multiple times, your account may get locked. However, the tool does not tell you this. If you login a couple of times and don't get in, you should use the reset password on the login screen. However, if you try too many times and you lock the account, you will not be able to reset it until your account is unlocked. If you can't login after 3-4 tries, or can't reset your password, contact Lee to unlock your account.

If you create the account beforehand, you can bring a laptop to the meeting and try a file upload at the meeting. To do so, prepare 1 or 2 images to the same criteria as our normal digital competitions and have them on the laptop. The file name only needs to include the title, your name and the competition category will be captured by the upload process. Note you will not be able to upload images until your account has been approved and your competition level (B, A or M) has been added in the system – you should wait until the July 14 meeting to upload. Your trial images will ultimately be deleted, this will just be a test case, so image subject or quality doesn't matter.