

## Can You Feel It?

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It is just around the corner. It is practically knocking on the door. What am I talking about ... why spring time, of course.

All the signs are there. The sun is rising earlier and earlier. It is setting later and later. As the sun strikes your face, you can feel its warmth growing stronger each and every day. The birds are more active and sing their songs. It is the natural evolution of the seasons. Winter puts everything to sleep, and the spring awakens nature with a slow arousing pace. Spring is the rebirth of life. I see the little crocuses leaves and buds popping from the cold soil, the daffodils too. Rebirth is the coming again of what once was, but it can also be the coming of something new.

The coming again of what once was is the reinvigorating feeling to get out and photograph. The coming of something new, for me, is to try my hand at Infrared Photography again. I tried it a few years back and had terrible results. However, with a new outlook, and help from another camera club member, I am ready to slay the dragon named Infrared. I am trying other new projects also, and it is this trying of new thing that keeps the interest and spirit growing. It also brings new lookouts on some of your older interests, which creates an evolution of your photographic style.

So, about now your all saying, "he's finally lost it". But have I? Think about the last time you tried something new in your photography. Tell me you were not all full of excitement and wonder as to how it would turn out. It is like a child when he experiences something new for the first time. A new challenge, it is just the thing we all need to shake off the cold and dullness of winter.

Why don't we all discover that child like feeling of innocent wonder. Pick up the challenge laid before you, take a step into the unknown, be brave and boldly go where no man has gone before. OK, I admit it, that old Star Trek line was a bit too much. ;o)

We can also use this season of rebirth not only for our own benefit, but for the Camera Club too. Some old ways of doing thing have been left behind, and new and different ways have emerged. And more changes are to come. All in hopes of keep the activities of the club fresh and interesting. Soon, new members will become officers and committee chairs. It will all result in keeping the club as fresh as it was in the very first year it started.

I would hope to see the many new members getting more involved to not only help the club, but to help themselves. You will never get so much out of the club as when you become part of the club. The involvement will create friendships and bonds that would not have developed without the initial investment of interest.

Well I don't know about you, but I got to get away from this wretched computer and go feel the rebirth of spring, of life, of photography.