

What Ever Do All Those Acronyms Stand For?



It doesn't take a new club member long to figure out the camera club world is full of mysterious acronyms that confuse even the English majors among us. UECPC, WACCO and PSA are bantered around the meeting discussions every month. CoPA is a new acronym that has come up recently with Rikki Thompson spending time with our group the last several months. Acronyms can be fun, and give a group a distinction from other similar groups, but if the meaning isn't clear, it's purpose is lost.

In the hopes of clearing up any uncertainty regarding these "call letters" of the photography world, here is a brief description of the more often used at our meetings:

UECPC—Urban Ecology Center Photo Club. A group of dedicated, talented photographers who meet monthly at the Urban Ecology Center to explore their photography interests with others who have the same interests. That's us, guys!!
www.uecpc.org

WACCO—Wisconsin Area Camera Club Organization. The umbrella organization of camera clubs throughout the state. The main functions of WACCO are to hold 2 organized photographic competitions annually and offer educational workshops for its members. Currently there are 17 camera clubs with approximately 500 members. Mary Dumont is the club's delegate, with Jim Lewis being the alternate.
www.wisc-camera.org

PSA—Photographic Society of America. The national umbrella organization for camera clubs. Individual and club memberships are available. It offers competitions (usually called circuits), education, and other activities for its members on a national and international scope. The organization is comprised of regional chapters called councils, which offer their own activities to its members. WACCO (and therefore, the UECPC) belong to Council 21, comprised of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.
www.psa-photo.org

CoPA—Coalition of Photographic Arts. Consisting of both professional and amateur photographers and gallery owners, the focus is to provide its members with social, career development, and art exposure through its activities.
www.copamilwaukee.com