

Here are some hints I've put together for taking photos of our Elkies. Please don't be offended if you know more about the subject than I do.....Ken

“Some general comments on taking photos of your Elky. Take a lot! Digital images are very cheap, and they transmit really easy over the eMail system, even in the high resolution that we need for our projects. Please plan also on taking some scenic background photos for the 2013 Calendar contest. If you can, pose the Elky in a scenic setting, preferably with the morning sun, 8:30 to 10 o'clock – coming from over your shoulder. That light will ensure adequate illumination without the reflections that ruin photos. Remember that if you can see glare in the camera lens, that's the same image you will have on the photo. If you keep the sun behind you, you should be able to position the lens without the glare. Always keeping the light behind you, pose the car at



Figure 1: Elky is well posed and well positioned. Better illumination of the side features could have been achieved with the sun positioned from behind the photographer.

different angles to the camera lens and shoot away. Turn the steering wheel so that the front wheels are offset maybe 4 or 5 inches from straight ahead. Try to at least get quartering shots from both front corners, with just a little more side than front in the lens. Take a couple with the camera even with the hood, then raise it to eye level and take a couple more, then try some higher shots if you can. The effects can be

dramatic. Do not fill the entire lens horizontally with the car – leave about 1/3 of the frame for scenery or other background, split evenly on

both sides. If you can pose the car in several positions relative to the sun, try to get a series of photos from all around the car, but always consider the sun's position, and always keep it coming from behind, over your shoulder.

And please send in several of your best photos. We can look at the lot of them and see very quickly if they will fit the format of the calendar, T-Shirt, or other merchandise. There's only so much room, and sometimes we have to crop the photos in really strategic ways to make them fit. Send in the photos as they come from your digital camera. The biggest mistake that past entrants have made is to either crop the photo down to where it was an unusable size, in both dimensions and resolution. We need at least 500MB files to ensure they will enlarge to the 22 x 15 inch calendar photo without blurring and/or becoming grainy. But we can use any size



Figure 2: Do NOT fill the entire frame with your Elky. And, if you need to crop your photo, please leave the image in its original length vs. width proportion. In other words, don't crop a 4 x 6 image down to a 3 x 6. A 2 x 3 crop, however, would be OK.

that your camera takes, 4, 6, or 10MB. If you have several 6 to 10MB files, please send me a disc with the photos. Otherwise, attach 3 or 4 at a time to several eMails. Thanks for listening, thanks for your time and effort, and thanks for coming back and checking out the revitalized elcamino central, home of the NECOA. I hope to hear from you soon.....Ken”



Figure 3 Elky is position in the top portion of the Frame. This photo should be disqualified because it will not fit on the Calendar page.

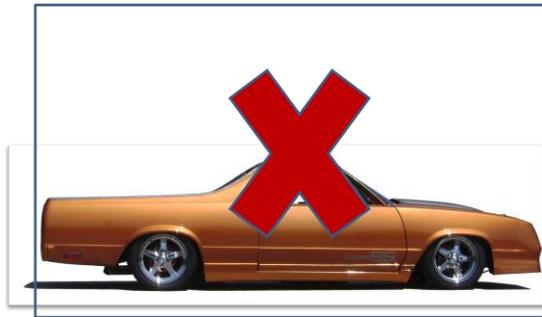


Figure 4: Elky stretches across the entire lower part of the frame. None of the front or rear features are evident, and the photo loses a lot of appeal.



Figure 5: Elky is well positioned within the lower 2/3 of the frame.

