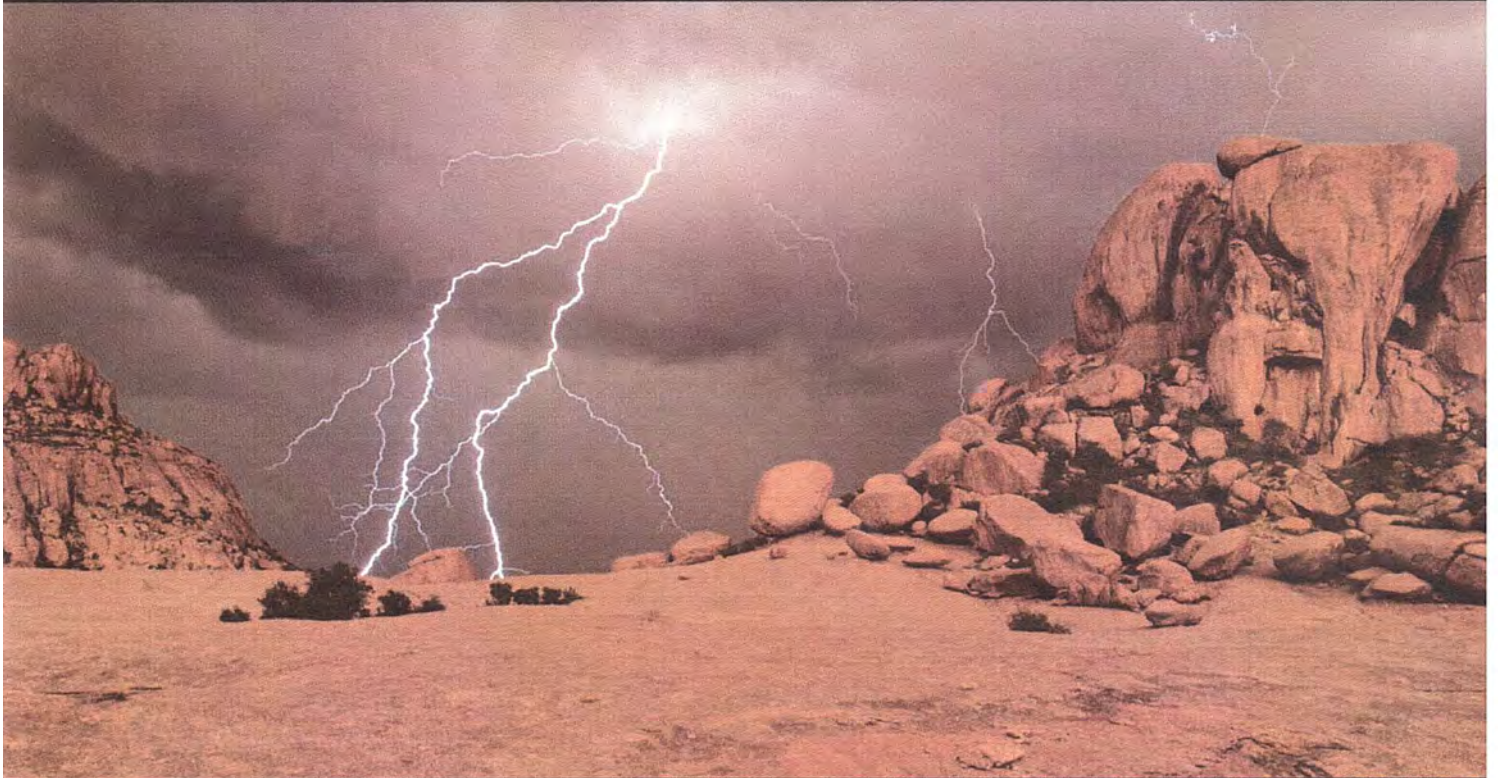


Travellers' PHOTO Gallery



WINNER

Paul Kornacker for
ERONGO ELECTRICS

Winner of the June 2011–May 2012 Flamingo Traveller's Photo Gallery Paul Kornacker visited Namibia for three months last year and took this stunning winner in March at the Erongo Mountains while visiting the Ameib Ranch. "It was at eight in the evening and I was sitting in my vehicle, because there was a lot of lightning around. It was an unusually wet season with many thunderstorms and rain showers. It was amazing! For a keen landscape photographer this was the best kind of spectacular scenery, plus it was illu-

minated by the most dramatic light you could possibly wish for.

I used a Canon EOS 40D camera and a 17–40mm lens; the F-stop was 4.0. To photograph lightning, you need to expose for a relatively long time. This image was taken over 20 seconds, and I used a window tripod.

If I happen to be the lucky winner, I will fly from Frankfurt to Windhoek.

You are Paul! Many congratulations!

Judge's comment: This riveting and perfectly exposed image taken in the dramatic Erongo environs expresses the excitement and promise of an electric storm in the Namib Desert, emphasizing the importance of water in an arid environment.