

# Monticello Camera Club - Meeting Minutes

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By Jean Davids, Secretary

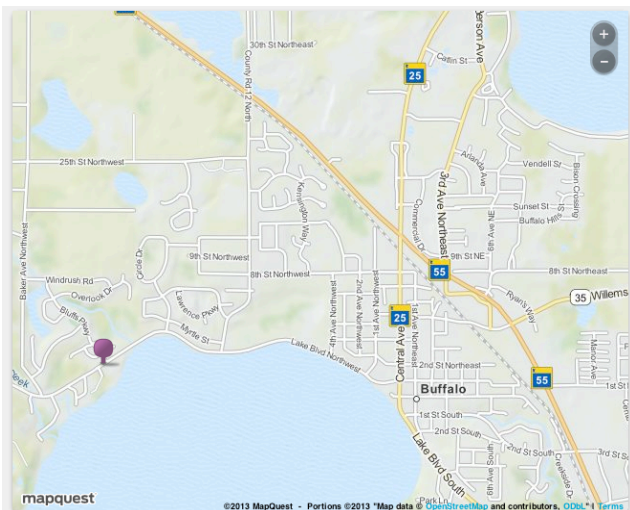
Steve Huss, president, was unable to attend the meeting. The meeting started at about 7:05 pm with Secretary Jean Davids presiding with 23 members and 1 guest in attendance. We were in the restaurant this month as renovations to the banquet room continue.

About 5-7 members sent in photos that were viewed for the Local Celebrations photo assignment. Thanks for sharing your photos! As usual, they were excellent. Next month the assignment is Reflections.

Before Christine Salls discussed the "Favorite Places to Shoot" bucket list that we discussed at the August meeting, she mentioned that Lynda.com is having a 10-day trial membership to their training site. A brief discussion was held about what they have to offer with Jean Davids recommending them as well for their excellent classes and unlimited training in a vast array of classes that cost a mere \$25 per month and can be cancelled at any time. So, if you have three months that you want to spend intensely taking some training, you can limit your time to three months. Otherwise, \$25 for unlimited training seems like a pretty good deal. That assumes you have the time to spend on it of course. Their courses range from programming to photography to Photoshop and Photoshop elements. Feel free to go to their website (Lynda.com) and you can see what kind of classes and the full details of the classes.

Christine talked about the photography bucket list and gave everyone her email address (see the club directory) and reiterated that everyone should be sure to send in any entries that they want added to it.

She discussed the full moon photo shoot event, which was also brought up at the August meeting. The day and time remain the same – Thursday, 9/19, moonrise 7:11pm, sunset 7:16pm. Meet at Gary Mattson Park (off of Lake Blvd NW/County Rd 35W) across from downtown Buffalo. There's ample parking there and regardless of weather conditions (unless there is rain) there should be good photo opportunities. We can do moon shooting (the moon will rise over/close to downtown Buffalo as viewed from the park) and, for those interested in some night shooting, maybe extend to shooting around downtown Buffalo or exploring other low-light scenes in the area. *Note: We hope there was a good turnout for this event.*

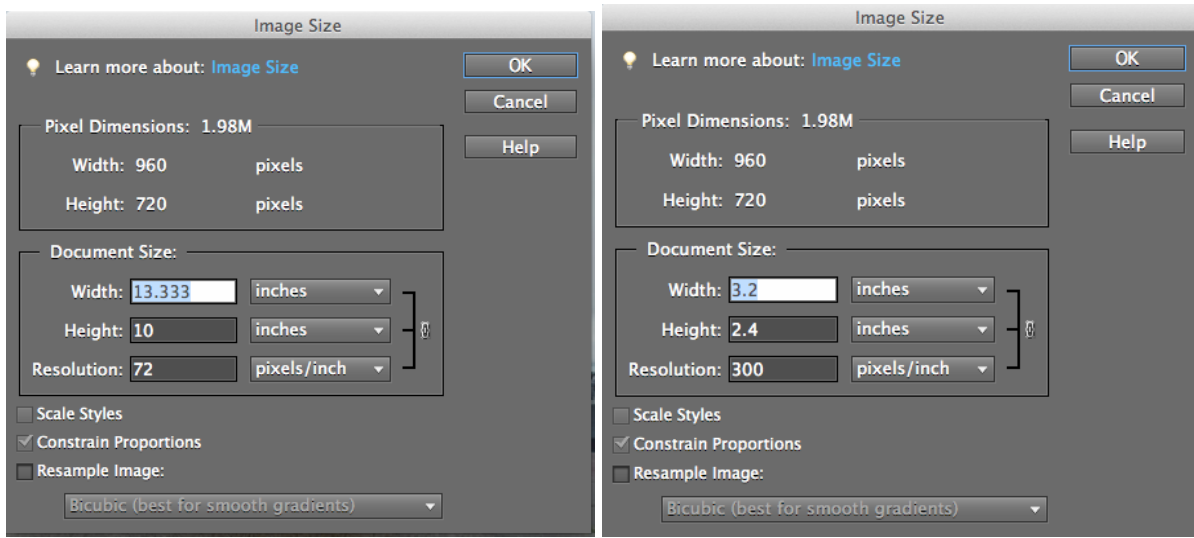


The forecast is for occasional showers that day. A Facebook post and email will be sent out by 5 pm to cancel the event in case of all day rain. Otherwise, I'll be on-location around 6:45pm. The clouds could add a great dynamic if they clear up enough to allow for moon view. This event can be as short as a half-hour for some or longer depending on the interests of the group. She said her schedule is flexible for the evening and I am planning on being out for at least an hour to 2 hours with my camera.

We had a Q&A with members about the differences between Megapixels, PPI, DPI and how it should be

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used for things like sizing grad photos - Sharon Johnson asked me (Jean) this question and I proposed that we should discuss it among the members and see if anyone can give a good answer to this one. It ultimately led to a discussion of how to resize photos in Photoshop Elements, which is the program Sharon uses. We demonstrated on Jean's laptop using Photoshop Elements 9 how to do the resize and what the implications of this are. Doing an Image, Resize, Image Size, it shows as physical size and pixels per inch (PPI) for making changes. At 72 PPI the image appeared to be larger in size. As the PPI increases to 300 PPI, the image size drops in size. See the images below to see the relationship between the two sizes.



After that discussion, Steve Fowler did a presentation, which included sample photos demonstrating reflections of various types.

Afterwards, Steve also took the opportunity to thank Jean Davids for all her efforts as club secretary and webmaster. Turns out some of the members did a surprise birthday celebration. Craig Starr brought in a birthday cake that his daughter had made in the shape of a Nikon camera (since this is Jean's primary camera brand). It was great. Ken Kvam and others arranged with the bowling alley to have brownies and cookies brought in as well. And so we ended the meeting with an impromptu birthday gathering with great food and great friends that we have met via the camera club.