

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17, 2014

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Present Assignment for September - Long and/or Multi-Exposure

Discuss Assignment for October - Wildlife and/or Domestic Life

Ken Kvam - Time Lapse Photography

We had 9 members attending the meeting.

We reviewed assignments that were submitted by 1 person, Bob Somerville. Thanks to Bob for submitting photos from his night photography class he took up near Grand Marais. He was thoughtful enough to share what he learned in the class for taking some of these shots. This included the following:

- Showed his steel wool burning photo. We had a discussion of what grade of steel wool and it was determined that the smaller number the grade (finer the steel wool) the better it works. The steel wool was inserted into a cheap whisk which is attached to something to use (non-combustible) to swing the whisk around with. Light the steel wool on fire (the method to do this was not agreed on) and spin it to take photos of it in the dark.
- Light painting – shining flashlights on different areas of a church for 2-3 seconds to highlight different portions of the building and longer for the steeple and 10 seconds or so for the exposure overall.
- Showed a star photo of what they could see of the big dipper.
- Blue Hour – used F8, 10 second exposure, ISO 640, 14mm lens, white balance to tungsten to pull the blues and whites better.
- Did lightning photos – bulb and manual mode.

The topic of knowing when the light would be best for shots was brought up and a couple of websites/apps were mentioned. One is an app called Find the Light. Sunseekers was mentioned and a website called TPE.com. I have not verified these sources but this is what I believe I understood to be the ones mentioned. Thanks to Bob for sharing the information with all of us.

Bob Somerville polled the group to see what dates would work best for all of us for the 2015 photo show. It was decided that March 21-22 would be the dates. These work for River City Extreme to let us use their small banquet room for the show with the same arrangement as last year. Again, we encourage our membership to show their appreciation of their support of us by supporting their business in any way possible. It was decided that it was best to avoid some of the dates because they would be on religious holidays and might not get as many people coming to attend.

Ken Kvam did his presentation on Time Lapse Photography. It was very good and he had three videos that he presented as part of his powerpoint presentation that demonstrated his skill in doing time lapse photography. He uses Photoshop to put together the still photos into a video format. To need version CS6 or newer to use Photoshop to produce video. Other options are Quicktime Pro which costs around \$25-\$35 or more expensive software like Adobe Premiere (Pro or Elements) or Adobe After Effects or other video editing software that can be used to put stills together as video. Ken also passed around his equipment he uses for taking the time lapse photos. He mentioned that IOS and Android photos have a \$2 app called LapseIt (I think this is

correct) that can be used to capture time lapses using your iphone or android phone. He also mentioned an app called Triggertrap and something called Bramping which does something called “bulb ramping” of exposure. To see full details regarding his presentation, we will be posting a link here on the website (hopefully on the same page as these meeting minutes) for you to look at. Some ideas he has for shooting are interval shooting of the moon rising and a new attempt at a 3 week shoot of the trees and grass greening up in the spring. His last attempt he had in aperture mode instead of manual mode and so it did not turn out the way it should given the lighting kept switching around too much and is disruptive to the overall effect.

At the end of the meeting, we had a brief discussion regarding future topics/assignments and about what members are interested in doing. One idea suggested was doing more photo critiquing as related to “how to improve this shot”.

For our October 15th meeting, the assignment is Wildlife and/or Domestic Life. We determined domestic life to mean pets. As of this meeting, the November assignment had yet to be determined.