

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 17, 2014

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

Jean Davids, secretary of the club, led the meeting in the absence of Steve Huss, president. We had 13 members and 3 guests attend the meeting. This was our last meeting of 2014. Spouses were invited and constituted the 3 guests we had in attendance.

We started the meeting by displaying the assignment photos which were “Seasonal – fall, winter, holidays”. Three members submitted photos for viewing.

We discussed the January assignment of Snow (for instance, compensating for overexposed color of snow, use of neutral density filter to help correct, etc). Jean Davids shared a video she found online called “Two Minute Photo Tips” that discussed tips on taking snow photos. Here is the link to view that video: [Snow Photography - Two Minute Photo Tips](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mh7l_11QCZU) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mh7l_11QCZU).

Another video that Jean found that might be useful for viewing is:

[Photographing Snow- the simple way to nail exposure by Digital Camera World](http://www.digitalcameraworld.com/2013/01/07/photographing-snow-the-simple-way-to-nail-exposure/)

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Jean shared a photo that Carol Heesen posted of their RV parked in front of the mountains near Colorado Springs when they were there in October. They used this scene with snow up in the mountains for their Christmas greeting this year. Jean also shared Kelly Klatt’s Christmas greeting video that she had put together. It was an awesome video that portrayed the family as superheroes. It was fantastic and everyone enjoyed seeing what our former member put together. Here is the link to it if you want to view it:

<http://www.kellyklatt.com/family-pictures-minnesota-superhero-family/>. Jean also let members know that although Jon Holtz currently has a conflict and cannot attend, he plans to remain a member. I also shared that he is thinking of returning to Cuba for another photography trip. We hope he can find time to share his photos again if he does in fact return. They were fantastic from his past trip he made.

Bob Somerville and Jean Davids shared information related to where we are with the photo show. Jean is almost done with redoing the rules and entry form and web pages for the 2015 show. Bob is working to get the signs that businesses need permits for arranged so that they are in place for our use. This will allow us to use the larger signs located at Culvers and Team Chiropractic. Mel Zierke raised issues about what constitutes image manipulation. A discussion was held trying to clarify what photo manipulation is not allowed and what types of things are allowed. This pointed out that there is an issue with the clarity of our photo show’s rules.

(Note: With this issue raised, Jean has been reworking the forms to make the clarification between image retouching and image manipulation so that it will hopefully avoid more issues in the future.)

Shared Carol Heesen’s Event Schedule for 2015. See the end of these minutes for this schedule.

Upcoming meeting dates and topics for 2015

January 21

- Assignment: Snow (for instance, compensating for overexposed color of snow, use of neutral density filter to help correct, etc)
- Topic: Flash – use of one external flash and discussion of variables like adjusting power levels, sync type, etc. - Need speaker yet.

February 18

- Assignment: Flash (make use of what you learned in January)
- Tintype Photography Presentation by Carla Rodriguez

March

No meeting - attend Monticello Photo Show at River City Extreme

April 15

- Assignment: Open – photographer's choice. Be inspired by photos at photo show.
- Topic: Light painting, light effects, steel wool – do this outdoors as hands on. Bring in camera gear and tripods to give all this a try.
- Discuss requirements for annual meeting in May Get volunteers to run for annual officer elections. Nominations for elections held via email between April & May meetings.
- Discuss what will be happening at annual meeting in May

2015 Events Schedule – Provided by Carol Heesen

Below is a summary of what I have thus far. Sharon Johnson will confirm dates once she gets them. I will set dates for July event when I can consult a moon chart to find the new moon or close to it in July. I will contact folks who expressed an interest in the committee after the new year to see if anyone else wants to host an outing. So, I will be trying to fill in the schedule, even though I am gone.

January 9,10,11

Cold getting you down? Don't fight it, embrace it!

Monticello Frost Bite days offers three days of fun winter photo opportunities. Camera Club member Aaron Schluender has been busy with the planning of this event and will be working at the event that weekend. Contact him via email or phone before the event with any questions you may have. His email and phone number can be found in the membership directory. You can also get more information at <http://www.FrostbiteDays.com>.

Friday, January 9th - Kick off party

5-10 pm next to Moon Motors in Monticello. Activities will include a radar run, live music, and a bon fire.

Saturday, January 10th

8am-3 pm to Moon Motors in Monticello. Over 150 vintage snowmobiles will be on display.
Noon-5 pm River City Extreme Snow Bowling.

Sunday January 11th - Bertram Lake, Monticello

10 am - 11:30 am Kids fishing event

12-3 pm Fishing contest

March - PHOTO SHOW

April 2014 – Date to be announced

Rugby Shoot at St John's University

Club Member, Sharon Johnson, has been photographing Rugby at St John's University for many years. Sharon will meet up to ___ (max number) club members at the rugby field at _____ (time) on _____ (date). She will offer tips on camera settings and best locations before the game begins at _____ (time) Sign up for this event at the February Club meeting or contact Sharon Johnson directly.

A warning: Rugby includes a lot of cussing on and off the field! So people who might be offended by that should beware!

June 25-28

Big Lake Spud Fest and Fireworks

The annual spud fest in Big Lake offers a variety of photo opportunities throughout the 4 day event. A schedule of activities can be found at

<http://www.biglakespudfest.com/event-schedule.html>. Note that it currently reflects the 2014 schedule but the dates we have shown here have been changed to 2015 dates.

On **Friday evening, there is a fireworks display** over Lake Mitchell. Jean Davids has a deck along the lake that offers an excellent vantage to photograph the fireworks and reflections over the lake.

She has photographed this event the last number of years and can offer insight into locations, angles and techniques for photographing fireworks. Space is limited for this event so sign up early if you are interested. Please contact Jean if you would like to attend. Her phone number and email address are included in the membership directory.

July - Date to be determined

Playing with light night shoot - Flashlights, pen lights, flaming steel wool, glow sticks, glow in the dark sand..... or any other light emitter you can think of. Bring them and your imagination and let's PLAY!! It will be a new moon this night and club member Carol Heesen has a nice dark property in the country. Come before sunset to scope out possible photo locations and we can play until..... well, until we light the bonfire and chase the dark away. Contact Carol Heesen to sign up and get further details.