

# Meeting Minutes

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By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

Arne Myrabo, Board Member at Large, presided in the absence of Lynn Anderson, president. The meeting started shortly after 7 pm. There were 23 members and 2 guests who attended the meeting.

Our assignment for this month was Sunrise/sunset/twilight. We had 13 people share images to project. There were some great images and a lot of them.

Dave Johnson of National Camera Exchange gave a PowerPoint presentation on Flash Photography and followed it up with a demo of different techniques to improve your flash photography. What follows are some of my notes from the meeting. Dave said he will send me a copy of his PowerPoint presentation as a PDF and send the sample photos he took at the meeting. As of this writing I have still not received the PDF but did remind him today and he said he will send it soon. These are abbreviated notes since I stopped taking them when he said he would send his presentation as a PDF. Here goes with what I did get.

He talked about exposure compensation. To darken the sky, underexpose.

Flash

- 2 stops on overall exposure

- +2 on flash equals properly exposed dark background.

Photographer Responsibilities

- Understand exposure

- Know your flash sync speed

- Know the power of your flash guide number

- Know the power loss and effects of modifier you use

- Know the idiosyncrasies of your equipment

Off camera flash

- Set white balance to flash

- Preset white balance

Use white balance targets to calibrate custom white balance.

Also allows you to calibrate your camera sensor.

This is where he said he would send the PDF.

Also mentioned Rogue brand Modifiers as good ones.

Use of flash bracket above helps eliminate shadows.

Can also change exposure off flash on point and shoot cameras, too.

When looking for a flash unit,

- Get enough power

- (Nissin makes good flash and comparable)

Make sure it has manual capability

Make sure it has override capability

Quartz head on Nissin won't shutdown from overheating like other flash heads do

Dave also gave us his phone numbers for contacting him however I won't publish them here since this is going out on the internet. If you want them, I can send them to you. He said to feel free to contact him with any flash related questions. He is also willing to speak at other meetings on other topics, including Photoshop.

October Assignment: Sports/action/motion

October Topic: Sports Photography - Clay Sawatzke

Just as a side note, at the November meeting, Claire McGillic will be speaking to us about Lens Calibration and assisting members who might want to calibrate their lenses. Must have a camera that has this capability. Here's a link to a site that lists cameras with this capability: <http://www.reikan.co.uk/focalweb/index.php/why/camera-compatibility/>

The meeting broke up around 8:45 pm.