

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 15, 2016

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

The meeting started shortly after 7 pm and was presided over by Lynn Anderson, president. There were 17 members in attendance. We have 36 club members at this time.

Introductions were done around the room since there are several new members of the club.

The assignment was spider web or pets and six members submitted photos for viewing.

Volunteers are needed for photographer of the month for September through November. Jean Davids volunteered for September, Jerrie Ahrens volunteered for October and Aaron Schluender volunteered for November. We still need topics for those months as well. If anyone has ideas for topics, please contact Bob Somerville or Jean Davids. See our member directory for email addresses or use the email address on our club website (www.monticameraclub.com).

Steve Fowler did a brief talk on the topic of Minimalism and showed sample photos. It was a good presentation that stressed that sometimes Less is More. Images can become busy and unfocused. Don't need to look for a frame full of stuff. Sometimes it is better to look for a lack of stuff.

Jean Davids made a request for headshots for the membership directory. Only a few have not submitted them so far.

August – Jean Davids and Bob Somerville will both be gone on vacation – Jean Davids – will need someone to take minutes. No volunteers so far but will ask again in July.

Keith Drake was Photographer of the month. He shared a PowerPoint presentation of some of his interests and shared some photos from his Instagram account. Thanks Keith for sharing your journey with us.

Topic: Fix a photo. Share before and after – Bob Somerville led the discussion. Jean Davids shared 4 images that she had brought in and explained what she had done to improve each using the Lightroom Dehaze option and the Direct Positive preset and the highlights and shadows sliders. Keith Drake and Bob demonstrated using Lightroom how to adjust white balance using the eyedropper tool. Keith said it is better to select off-white rather than white sometimes because otherwise things can get too blue. Also showed how to cursor over segments of the histogram then you can see which settings are affected and where changes can have the most effect. Arrows at the top right and left of the histogram can be clicked on to show where the blown out areas of the image are, or clipping. Clipping in the dark area are shown in blue. Clipping in the white area are shown in red. Jean Davids showed how she used the dehaze option to reduce the fog on her Bryce Canyon photos. Also showed how using the Direct Positive made a overall dull sky more blue and use of the highlights/shadows to bring out the detail in the rock walls at Zion National Park. Sandra Clemons told how using the copy and paste options syncs the settings used on a photo to those that you paste the settings to. Jean showed how the Sync option does basically the

same thing and so it is personal preference on how to use the tools to copy settings to multiple images.

Larry Wilson did more research regarding the lifespan of CD/DVDs. Last month he had mentioned how some infrequently used DVDs that he had wouldn't work now and was wondering if any of us had ideas about it. Through an Internet search, he learned that they can be affected/degraded by ultra violet light.

Keith Drake showed us his dual lens holder that makes lens swapping easier. It also allows you to carry your spare lens from your shoulder with no worry about dust getting into it. I have included links to show samples of what this is.

- <http://www.bhphotovideo.com/explora/photography/hands-review/lens-holder-hangs-your-shoulder-lens-flipper>
- https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_1?url=search-alias%3Dphoto&field-keywords=dual+lens+holder

Looked like a pretty good option to consider.

The meeting broke up around 8:30. Everyone agreed that it was a good meeting.

July 20

- Assignment: water
- Photographer of the month: Sharon Johnson
- Topic: Drone Photography - presented by Matthew Breiter from Long Prairie, MN. Matthew Breiter Photography.com

August 17

- Assignment: Architecture
- Photographer of the month: Lynn Anderson will show her architecture photos from European trips
- Topic: Arne Myrabo will be doing a presentation on moths/mothing