

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 16, 2017

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

The meeting began shortly after 7 pm and was presided over by Steve Fowler. There were 16 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Our assignment for this month was Black & White. We had 5 members share their photos. Thank you all for sharing your great images with us. Some discussed methods they used for converting their photos.

Our topic for the month was Summer Landscapes. A very brief discussion on this was had. Anthony Hall mentioned two things he has that he uses for landscapes. One is a product for backing up your photos when on trips called a Gnarbox (<https://nerdtechy.com/gnarbox-review>). Looks pretty good. You can load up your SD or microSD cards to its storage and then it provides wifi to access your files from your phone. From there you can edit and share while on your trip without the need for your laptop. Looks really interesting. Cost is \$300 on Amazon. The second item is a 14mm lens made by Samyang or Bower (same lens by either name). Looks like the pricing is around \$300-\$400 range and they make it for both Nikon and Canon cameras. It is a fast lens (F2.8). Anthony says the images are crisp and sharp using this lens.

Our Photographer of the Month was Cindy Mendel. She shared her images but also asked for feedback on some of them, which gave us all a good discussion of techniques used for various situations. Thanks Cindy for being willing to share your talents with us.

Discussed ideas for October-November assignments and topics and if anyone is willing to step up to be photographer of the month for October November. Discussed interest in having a speaker from Buffalo possibly come in and discuss use of Instagram. Her name is Christine and her handle is [dreaming_big_mn](https://www.instagram.com/dreaming_big_mn/). You can preview her work at her Instagram acct at http://www.instagram.com/dreaming_big_mn/. Jean Davids will pursue getting this person for one of our meetings. Updates to our calendar are shown below.

Bob Somerville discussed the situation with the photo show. We can no longer hold the photo show at River City Extreme. They determined they needed to use the banquet room for more profitable events. This gives us two questions since our current storage location is also temporary.

- First, do we even want to continue doing the photo show? Bob and Jean are getting tired of all the efforts that the show creates for them both physically and mentally. Storage of the display boards and assorted paraphernalia that is also needed (Velcro dots, clipboards, etc) continues to be an issue each year. It was determined that we do one more year of the show. It will be our 15th annual show and a good time to hang it up and go out with a bang. We can explore other options that might not require as much effort and overhead to promote the club to the community.
- Second, where can we hold it if we do put on a photo show? There were two businesses that stepped up and said they can let us use their space for our \$100-150 donation we give them. These were Best Western in Monticello and Carousel Works in Big Lake. Best Western is the better choice for many reasons. Ease of access and good lighting are two of these reasons. It was determined that Best Western was the best choice.
- Conclusion: 15th and Final Photo Show will be held at the Best Western on March 17th-18th, 2018. Bob Somerville has already confirmed these dates as of 8/18/17.

The meeting adjourned around 8:30 pm.

Meeting Calendar for remainder of year is shown on next page.

September

- Assignment: Summer Landscape
- Topic: Minimalism
- Photographer of the Month: Heather Reinhart

October

- Assignment: Minimalism
- Topic: Fall Colors
- Photographer of the Month: Anthony Hall

November

- Assignment: Fall Colors
- Topic: *If you remember what we came up with at the meeting, please let me know ASAP*
- Photographer of the Month: Phil Pippo

December

- Assignment: *If you remember what we came up with at the meeting, please let me know ASAP*
- Topic: Holiday informal & eat
- Topic: to be determined
- Spouses/significant others are encouraged to attend. Plan on eating at the meeting. It's our way of saying Thank You to River City Extreme for allowing us meeting space.

January

- Assignment: Faces
- Topic:
- Photographer of the Month: