

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 17, 2018

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

Thank you to those of you who helped me with all the equipment again for the meeting. It is greatly appreciated!!

The meeting began shortly after 7:00 pm and was presided over by president Heather Reinhart. We had 12 members in attendance.

The assignment was “Edited Images and explain what you did”. Thank you to the 5 members who shared their great photos.

Jean Davids asked about interest in Bryan Hansel’s newsletter and whether members wanted her to forward his latest newsletter to them or just provide a link in the meeting minutes. A link in these meeting minutes was the choice so here it is: <https://www.bryanhansel.com/get-newsletter/>. He includes some instructional information as well as inspiring images in it. It seems worthwhile. He always includes his upcoming class schedule.

The topic was Gadget Show and Tell. We had 4 members bring in gadgets to share with the group.

We started out with Kevin Juliot. He brought in his portable combo gray card/reflector and shared how handy it is for getting accurate exposures. He also mentioned that clear shower caps work well as rain protection, too.

Next up was Sanford Smith. He brought in handy things he uses in the field for taking photos. These included the following (*Note – Links are provided by Jean just for showing what these look like, they are not specific recommendations*):

- Styrofoam pipe insulation/wrap that he puts on the leg of his monopod or one leg of his tripod. This helps make it more comfortable to carry over your shoulder and also keeps it warmer for your hands to hold onto in the winter.
- Cut off sock that you can use to keep your wrist warmer, wrap around your lens to keep it warmer and you can put one of those heat packs in it to really help keep the lens warmer in the winter.
- Rain sleeve by Op/Tech – [Sample](#)
- Space blanket to keep you dry and warm or reflect light - [Sample](#)
- Sensor Cleaner Kit - [Sample](#)
- Windproof gloves that can be worn under gloves and left on to handle camera easier – [Sample](#)
- Clicker for taking photos of animals – used to make them perk up their ears - [Sample](#)
- Minor child photo release form – scanned form at end of meeting minutes.
- Head Light with red on it for use during night photography - [Sample](#)
- Micro screwdriver kit - [Sample](#)
- Waterproof bag - [Sample](#)
- Rechargeable desiccant. Reactivates by heating in oven or microwave. - [Sample](#)
- Garbage bags to use to protect bag from wet ground of keep things/people out of bag

Jean Davids presented her gadgets next. Links provided are to the actual products she shared.

- [CamRanger](#)
- [Pluto Trigger](#)
- [Pluto Valve for Splash Photography](#)

- [Pluto Magic Arm for connecting splash valve](#)
- [Pluto DC0 cable for my Nikon D500](#)
- [Portable battery charger](#)
- [Selfie Stick with wireless remote](#)

Anthony Hall presented next. These included the following (*Note – Links are provided by Jean just for showing what these look like, they are not specific recommendations*):

- [Mini Tripod](#)
- [PGYTECH Adapter Switch Mount Plate for GoPro HERO5](#)
- [Platypod](#)
- [Solar pad by RAVPower](#)
- Clamp to hook things on with threaded end.
- [FileHub Plus by RAVPower](#) – wireless travel router, SD card reader, USB portable hard drive companion, networked media streamer
- [Gnarbox](#) – portable backup & editing system
- [Belkin SurgePlus USB swivel surge protector](#)
- [Buton\(?\) Solar Powered Battery Charger](#)
- [International power adapter](#)
- [Clip on lenses for iPhone](#) – similar to this but don't know what brand
- [iRig Pre microphone preamp](#) for microphone interface
- [Shoulder Strap Mount for GoPro](#) – (*not the actual model*)
- King Strap for strapping camera to pole or bike or whatever – *no samples found*
- [Zhiyun Handheld Gimbal Stabilizer](#) for smartphone (like a DJI Mobile)

Anthony also mentioned that GoPros are bad in low light. He demonstrated briefly the app on his iPad. The preview on the iPad is a lower quality than the actual image/video.

The meeting ended around 9:00.

Coming up next (*Note that I screwed up dates on website calendar and reminder message. Meetings are always on the 3rd Wednesday unless specifically stated that it has changed.*):

November 21

- Assignment: Halloween/Night images
- Topic: Best Vacation photos and include tips you have for taking them and whatever info is worth sharing. Let Jean know if you can/will participate. We encourage all to participate and share a few images and comments.

December 19

- Holiday meeting - informal & eat
- Assignment: Holiday images / Family Traditions (try out your Norman Rockwell photo skills)
- Topic: Taking photos of Holiday Lights
- 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.

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Furthermore, I understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date** _____

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Child's Name: _____

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