

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 16, 2019

By: Jean Davids, Secretary

The meeting began shortly after 7:00 pm and was presided over by president Heather Reinhart. We had 16 members in attendance, a great turnout.

The assignment was **Holiday Lights and/or Your ONE favorite photo of 2018**. We had 8 members submit photos. That's a great showing for this one. All of them were favorites. We have one person who keeps wanting to attend but has not made it to a meeting yet. She had intended to be there and had submitted two photos. One was Holiday Lights and the other was her favorite photo for 2018.

The topic for the meeting was **Cold Weather Photography**. Jean Davids shared two videos that gave advice on the subject. They are as follows:

Photography In Extreme Cold by Neil Fisher

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjov6toYh2I>

How to Protect your Camera Gear in Cold Weather - Top 5 Tips and Tricks by Mark Holtze

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aGS9XRv4Sc>

Sanford Smith shared his cold weather advice and showed his cold weather gear. I wrote these down as best I could.

- Spikes for your shoes/boots plus your tripod
- Inside liner gloves, outside layer mittens or gloves
- Plastic shower curtain – should be white to blend with snow, hole cut in center to fit yourself and your camera. It's used as camouflage for your gear and you.
- Boat cushion or heater cushion
- Dessicant – Sanford uses rechargeable desiccant. I found something that works similar to his on Amazon (sample only): https://www.amazon.com/Zarpax-LV2-G200-4PK-Reusable-Outdoor-Dehumidifier/dp/B077SWYHC4/ref=sr_1_27?ie=UTF8&qid=1547861854&sr=8-27&keywords=rechargeable+dessicant
- Baggies to put camera gear into before bringing it in the house. This keeps the moisture on the outside of the bag while it is warming to room temperature again. This is a sample only of the type that Sanford uses for kayaking and cold weather. https://www.amazon.com/Floating-Waterproof-Kayaking-Snowboarding-Mountaineering/dp/B01M094PZN/ref=sr_1_4?s=boating-water-sports&ie=UTF8&qid=1547862366&sr=1-4&keywords=kayak+bag
- Think about your own safety, too. Bring layers and gear to help you survive in the winter climate.
- For snowy shots use exposure compensation. Start at $\frac{3}{4}$ exposure compensation all the way up to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ stops.

Another note from the videos was “Don't put a warm lens on a cold camera.” The lens should be kept in the same temperature levels as the camera to avoid condensation problems once put on the camera. Better yet, if you don't need to change lenses, don't.

Upcoming events

Buffalo Kites on Ice Festival, Saturday, February 9th. See the link for details:
<https://business.buffalochamber.org/events/details/kites-on-ice-festival-6946>

Hudson Hot Air Affair – Hot Air Balloon launch, February 1-3. See the link for details:
<http://hudsonhotairaffair.com>

The meeting ended at 8:15 pm.

2019 Camera Club Meeting dates and topics

February 20

- Assignment: Outdoor or Cold Weather photo
- Topic: Snowflake Photography. Jean Davids will discuss her experiences doing snowflake photos. Others will be encouraged to participate if they have experience as well.

March 20

- Assignment: Snowflake or macro photo
- Topic: Chris Lommel will do a critique of photos. Please send the ones you want critiqued to Jean one week in advance of the meeting so Chris can have time to review them first.