

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 19, 2019

By: Jean Davids, Secretary

The meeting began shortly after 7:15 pm and was presided over by co-president Anthony Hall. We got a late start while Jean loaded up member shots from our Corvette Club photo shoot the night before. We had 12 members and 2 guests in attendance.

On Tuesday evening, while the Corvette Club members enjoyed their food/beverages at River City Extreme, our club got to enjoy taking photos of their beautiful cars. We thank Cindy Mendel and Mari Lou and Charlie McCormic for helping get this photo shoot arranged.

Mari Lou and Charlie were our guests for the Wednesday night meeting. We shared the photos of the Corvettes first so that they could leave right after. The following members shared photos: Bob Somerville, Cindy Mendel, Jean Davids, Kevin Juliot and Rick Lockhart. Thanks for sharing them all. We are planning to donate the photos to the Corvette Club to use on their website using photo credit when they do. We might try a reciprocal arrangement on our website to share photos. They will also put me (Jean) on their mailing list they use for short notice meet-ups. These can be impromptu picnics or other gatherings. The idea would be that I can notify our members if we would like to show up and take photos in a more relaxed and better photo setup. We'll see how it goes when it happens.

Mari Lou and Charlie also loaned us their copy of "The Art of the Corvette". They marked a section in the back of the book that explains the techniques used to take the great photographs of the corvettes in the book. They thought that more of us might like to check it out. There is some really great info in the book. Anyone in the club, who is interested in viewing the book, let me know. I have it right now and can loan it out to any of the club members so long as you take really good care of it while in your possession. I'll bring it to the next meeting for viewing as well.

Four members shared B&W assignment photos. Great job and thanks for sharing.

Aaron Schluender gave the club Financial report for 2018/2019. As of this meeting, the club has \$2818.13 in the checking account. The only expenses we incurred were for 1 speaker and our PO box.

As a club, we agreed that Saturday, September 28th from 9-3 would work out the best for us all. Jean said she would contact Sue Seeger to confirm this date with her. We would hold the event at the MontiArts building on West Broadway across from Kwik Stop. They have tables and chairs and the hook with the community to hopefully provide some advertising for the event. What we need from members is a general list of items you will be selling so that we can use it for advertising purposes for the event. Please get those to me sometime between now and September. Probably can wait until I have confirmed the date but you should be getting a list together regardless as well as prices you would want for them.

Jean Davids asked for more input for photo assignments/topics. Fireworks were mentioned. Bob Somerville said that River Fest is coming up July 11-14 and that going up to the hill where the water tower is at the high point in town. Here's a link to the many other events and photo:

<http://monticelloriverfest.com>. There is a car show, 5k & Kids Fun Run, Parade, Pie Eating Contest, Street Dance and Talent Show and Fireworks.

Jean Davids mentioned that there are always fireworks with the Spud Fest. Here's the link to Spud Fest events. <http://www.biglakespudfest.com/event-schedule.html>. She invited interested members to come over to her place and take photos of them, which was determined to be the Friday night at dusk on the 28th. There is a sidewalk right by her property on the lake where we can position our tripods and take photos of not only the fireworks, but the reflection of them off the lake. We can help each other to get the best shots. Just let her know if you are interested in joining her to give it a try.

Anthony Hall mentioned a National Geographic special on what photographers go through to get the photos they do. Unfortunately I did not get any more information I can share on that and couldn't find anymore on it by Googling for it. I posted a request on our Facebook page to get more information for you there.

Other suggestions were:

- Still Life/Table Top – Rick Lockhart is willing to share his techniques with us
- Photos in our own yard/Close to Home/Out the Window – shoot what you want and make notes of what did and didn't work

These ideas were mentioned after the meeting:

- Food photography
- Babies/kids/kids sports
- Sunrise/sunset

Discussion was held about holding a related photo shoot to go with the Cityscape/Architecture topic coming up in October. Jean will do some research with Lynne Fleming and Sue Seeger to come up with more ideas of what kinds of buildings or attractions would be something we can take photos of. We will do some kind of photo walk in between the meeting we learn about the topic and the meeting where we show the assignment photos. Look for more information to follow.

Anthony Hall volunteered to help Bob Somerville in teaching techniques/uses for ND filters.

Kevin Juliot shared information about Nite Ize brand S hooks that he is now using to hold his camera strap onto his camera. These will allow him to do a quick release to remove the strap when it would just be in the way otherwise (example: windy conditions on a tripod). They have a locking mechanism on them to prevent them from accidentally releasing and are approved for 13-40 lbs. These can be found at Menards, Home Depot and Lowes and probably elsewhere. He found a pair of them for \$5.99 (or something like that) but found a set of 5 called a BifFoot Locker Keyrack for basically \$10. That is a much cheaper route to go. I found this exact set for \$7.75 on Amazon.com (https://www.amazon.com/Nite-Ize-Stainless-Carabiner-Separately/dp/B01CGW32AE/ref=sr_1_1?crid=4CR3HS9Z47PX&keywords=nite+ize+bigfoot+locker+keyrack+keychain&qid=1561260257&s=gateway&sprefix=nite+ize+big%2Caps%2C157&sr=8-1) but you would want to include this in an order over \$25 to get free shipping or just go track them down at Menards.

Upcoming meetings

2019 Camera Club Meeting dates and topics

July 17

- Assignment: Summer Celebrations
- Topic: Neutral Density Filters (and others?) - Bob Somerville and Anthony Hall

August 21

- Assignment: Photo taken or edited with filters
- Topic: Lensball photography including refraction photography in general presented by Jean Davids (subject to change)

September 18

- Assignment: Lensball/Refraction Photos
- Topic: Architecture/Cityscape (photo shoot to be done sometime between meetings in September/October)

October 16

- Assignment: Architecture/Cityscape
- Topic:

November 20

- Assignment: Close to Home - photos taken in your yard or out the window, anything close to home
- Topic: Still Life/Table Top - Rick Lockhart will present/demonstrate

December 18

- Assignment: Still Life/Table Top
- Topic: Annual Holiday meeting - bring your spouse or significant other. Discussion is whatever you like.