

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 16, 2021

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No assignments were turned in this month.

Anthony presented tips for editing video.

- You can make a video out of video clips or still photos or a combination of the two. It's nice to have background music playing and there are several royalty free options. Just do a Google search.
- A good free Windows program for editing video is Movie Maker in the photos app in Windows 10.
- A good free Mac program for editing video is iMovie.
- Photos do need to be in JPG and not RAW to use these two software programs.
- You simply drop your files into the browser in order. A simple "cut": transition is automatically applied, but there are lots of different transitions you can apply. In Movie Maker, you can select a transition and "apply to all" or use a different transition every time. Anthony suggests keeping it simple and smooth because using multiple transitions can be distracting.
- You can add a Title Screen and add Music.
- You can also drag and drop the different pieces into a new order very easily.
- Within the program, you can do color correction on the different clips just like you would in Photoshop (maybe not quite as robust of options).
- PowerPoint slides can also be dropped right into iMovie.
- Anthony talked about Ducking, which is where you take background music and drop down the volume of it when someone is talking, so that you can hear the talking over the music. You can set a threshold so that the music volume only goes up and down to a certain point and won't drop out completely.
- He also talked about Foley, which is a way to edit the sound to cut out background noises like wind and waves crashing on the beach if you're trying to hear something else like a person talking.,
- Most video editing programs have a video stabilization feature you can play with.
- There is a paid program called Corel Video Studio which allows you to have more video and audio tracks. You can save your file to multiple formats. You can also take Super 8 video and import it directly into this program.
- If you use Windows and go to Photos, then Video Editor – this is a simple way to put still photos into a quick and easy video.

Anthony was also our feature photographer.

- He told us that last year he switched from Cannon to Olympus and his gear is now about 1/3 of the weight of his Canon gear. He made the change because of the weight since he does a lot of hiking.
- Some of his tips included taking photos of the stars – don't go longer than 20 second exposure or the stars will move and streak in your image.
- He discussed light painting. Expose the photo for the sky, but then use a flashlight to paint a object in your scene.
- One hour after sunset is called Blue Hour and you can get great photos with a blue sky.
- He talked about a paid app called Photo Pills. It provides sun/moon locations in the sky and helps you determine what time to be where if you want to get a picture with the moon in the background of a specific landmark (for example). He used this when shooting the eclipse so he could determine the best place to setup and know when/where the eclipse would happen.

We discussed the July meeting being on high-speed photography and made note that Katie Friedman will provide her property to take smashing watermelon photos - likely in late July. We'll see a specific date/time at the next meeting.

Assignments and Topics for the remainder of the year.

July 21

Assignment: edited video

Topic: High Speed Photography - event to follow at Katie Friedman's place – time/date to be determined.

Featured Photographer: Heather Reinhart sharing her Alaska Photos and experiences

August 18

Assignment: High speed photo

Topic: Shooting Flowers (sunflower group photo shoot might be arranged as well)

September 15

Assignment: sunflower or flower photos

Topic: Voyagers National Park - Jeff Lavigne (tentative)

October 20

Assignment: Photos from National or State Parks (or just parks)

Topic:

November 17

Assignment:

Topic:

December 15

Assignment: Top photos of 2021

Topic: Holiday party, open discussion

The website for the Camera Club is <http://www.monticameraclub.com/>.

Thanks for your participation!

Jean Davids, Secretary/Treasurer of the Monticello Camera Club