

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 18, 2022

By: Jean Davids, Secretary/Treasurer

We had 10 out of 17 members attend our meeting which was led by Heather Reinhart. We met in person once again at River City Extreme.

We had 2 people share their assignment on night photos. Thanks to those who shared.

The first topic for this meeting was collecting dues. As of this writing now, we only have two members remaining that need to pay their dues. Please remit payment (\$12) via US Mail if you have not paid as dues are now PAST DUE.

We had our financial statement read.

Monticello Camera Club Fund Statement - 2021-2022

Beginning Balance as of 5/1/21	\$2,421.53
Paid Dues as of 5/1/22 (2 years)	\$336.00
Donations for Lynne & Anthony's spouses	(\$100.00)
Speaker Fees (Mike Shaw)	(\$100.00)
Web/Domain (2 years)	(\$326.10)
<u>Net Income (Expense) for the year</u>	<u>(\$190.10)</u>
Camera Club Y/E Balance	\$2,231.43

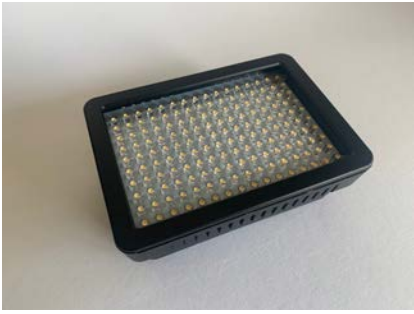
Down to 17 members

We discussed ways that we could recruit new members. Some ideas were contacting the Wright County Journal and Monticello Times and having something put in there for monthly activities. Another idea was to open up the Facebook group page so that it isn't hidden. That way people can more easily find us. *Note: Jean did this on 5/27/22.* Another idea was to put out displays, do a showing of our photos at the movie theater or movie in the park events. We could also see what we could coordinate with Monticello Arts to help promote the club. As part of this, we decided that our assignment for June should be to pick out our 5 best photos to display in a video format that Jean will put together for possible use at a MontiArts display coming up in August. We could group them by type or whatever seems to work best.

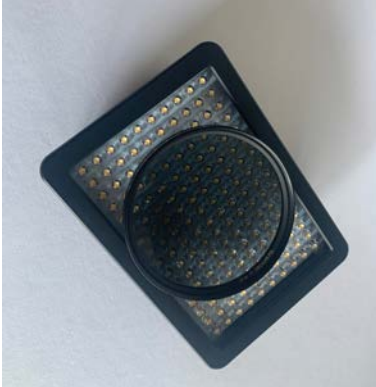
For future topics, Larry Wilson agreed to talk about pinhole cameras at the June meeting. For July, the group wants to do a field trip meeting. Ideas were the waterfall at a park in Clearwater, Ellingson Park, or Montissippi Park. Most all of us decided local was best. Some of us after the meeting thought it might be best to meet at River City Extreme before or after the meeting to share our experiences and make sure we are still supporting the bowling alley.

Steve Fowler led a discussion on birefringence. I am going to do my best to try and share what he had to say but I know I will be lacking. As part of the discussion, Jean Davids shared a couple of videos that would also show how this can be done. We all agreed that Steve's method using ice resulted in much better photos. Using the techniques in the video might be a little easier but not as impressive.

- Steve explained that birefringence is basically polarization of refracted light. To do this you need the following: A light source such as an LED panel or your laptop screen showing to something blank like an empty word document or something white in color.



- A polarizing filter



- Lens hood separator



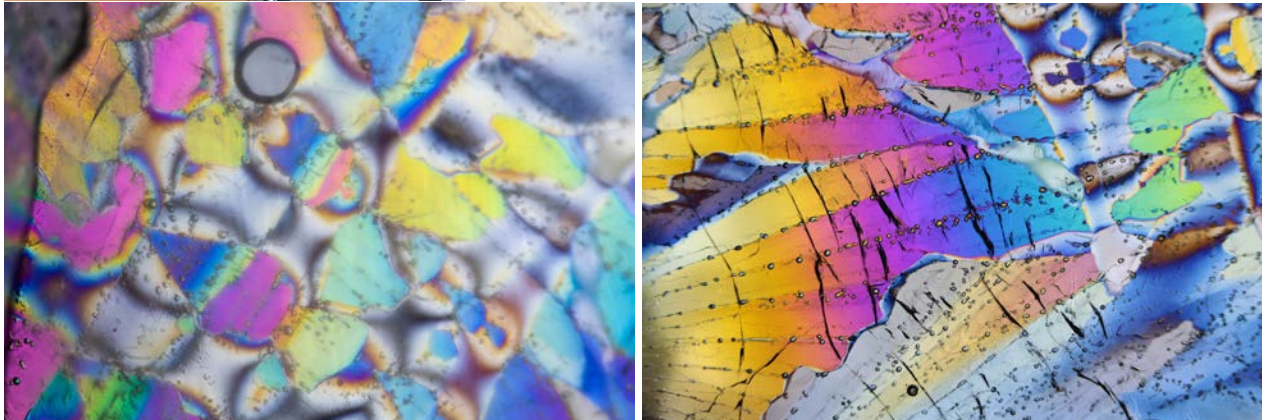
- 2 pieces of glass



- Black sheet of paper – circle to separate



- Frozen ice between layers
- Tripod
- Polarizer on macro lens



Jean Shared two videos on the topic. These are shown below:

Photoelasticity Birefringence Photography Tutorial - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJGaxugYUiU>
 Birefringence - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2qSt-BdW90>

2022 Camera Club Meeting Dates and Topics

June 15

- Assignment: Your 5 Best All-time Photos – for use as a promotional for seeking new members. Also include a little bit of info related to yourself and your photography
- Topic: Pin Hole Camera Photography – Larry Wilson

July 20

- Assignment: Old time looking photo
- Topic: Field trip to be determined somewhere local

August 17

- Assignment: photos from field trip.
- Topic: Travel Photography - Matthew/Sarah Breiter (tentative)

September 21

- Assignment: travel photos
- Topic: Mike Shaw presenting on how to stack astrophotography photos (tentative)

October 19

- Assignment: stacked photos
- Topic: Travel Photography - Matthew/Sarah Breiter

November 16

- Assignment:
- Topic:

December 21

- Assignment: Top photos of 2022
- Topic: Holiday party, open discussion