

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 19, 2022

By: Jean Davids, Secretary/Treasurer

We had 14 of 20 members (1 is new) and 3 guests attend our meeting which was led by Heather Reinhart. Our guests mainly consisted of members of the Sherburne Refuge Photography Club. They were invited to attend our October meeting being presented by Matthew Breiter on the topic of Travel Photography.

The topic was presented first and was Travel Photography presented by Matthew/Sarah Breiter. Their business name is Infinite Explorers. They have a YouTube channel by that name:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/InfiniteExplorers>. They have a great number of excellent videos on their channel. The ones on Iceland are their most recent, and in my opinion their best videos yet.

Matthew and Sarah presented a ½ hour presentation. Here's the best I could do at taking notes.

Equipment:

- Nikon D850
- Lenses 14mm – 200 mm
- Sony A7iii for video
- DJI RS2 Gimbal
- DJI Mavic 3 Drone
- Macbooks for photoshop/bridge editing
- Truck is a Dodge Ram 3500 with Dual wheels in back and a 2022 Arctic Fox 1150 camper back (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XIVL3-EWdmE>).

Planning (lot of factors involved in planning):

- Weather/Season
- North America or out of country
- Length of trip – couple days or extended trip

Long Trip:

- Only pack essentials
- Research area with Google Maps
- Spend hours looking for remote areas to visit
- Find areas for free camping (boondocking)
- 100-200 hours to plan 1-6 month trip but can also wing it too

Short trip (North shore or less than a week):

- Try to do it often
- Hiking/exploring during daylight
- Edit at night
- Plan route on Google Maps

Their favorite area to explore is the southwest. They challenge themselves when visiting a park for more than one visit to look at things differently each time. Plan best time to photograph.

Out of North America:

- Research
- Find best deals for cars & flights

- They use www.hotels.com to find rooms to stay in. Considered hostels but with expensive gear they would rather trust hotels.
- Pack 1 photo camera and 1 video camera and drone (if allowed)
- Download offline maps for country on Google Maps

Time for photos:

- Lighting #1
- Perspective
- Creativity
- Use wireless trigger or self timer to take selfies in scene

Apps they use:

- Photopills – photography planning
- iOverlander – good for free camping
- SpaceWeatherLive – Aurora app
- Upside – Fuel Savings app – 5V395 code

After the presentation they went through a number of their photos and explaining the way they shot them. Then it was time for questions and answers.

They finance their trips by their Weddings and portrait photography throughout the summer months into the fall. They live with family or in their camper during these times.

This is their 3rd rig that they have had since starting this. They get some of these items, like their camper, for free in return for the views that the equipment receives. They have 4 wheel drive.

They considered a camper van but their current rig is more versatile. They can take the truck to more spots than they can the full rig. Has a new addition to share in a week or so.

They use a Jackery for solar power to charge their batteries. They show how this works on their YouTube channel.

They were asked if they get lots of recognition and they said mostly in National Parks which they find surprising.

Stay in touch!

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It was a great presentation. We thank Matthew and Sarah for being here.

The assignment for this meeting was stacked photos. One member shared her photos for this meeting. Jean Davids shared 5-7 photos that were all done using layers in Photoshop. She explained what the layers consisted of and how she put them together.

2022 Calendar for remainder of the year:

November 16

- Assignment: Travel photos
- Topic: Soft Focus - presented by Steve Fowler

December 21

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