

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 18, 2023

By: Heather Reinhart/Jean Davids

Heather Reinhart presided over the meeting. There were 9 members and 1 guest in attendance. Meetings resumed in the VIP room directly across the hall from banquet room #2.

Heather introduced Alyssa who is a college student who was attending our meeting to meet a class requirement. She is planning to go into videography. Her assignment was to attend a meeting, observe and write about what happened during the meeting. She plans to return in November as well.

Assignment photos on action photography were shared by Michael, Katie, Darrell, Brenda and Kevin. Thanks for sharing.

Kevin presented on the topic of Camera RAW.

- A Camera RAW file is essentially a digital negative, uncompressed data.
- He compared it to all the ingredients for baking a cake. Many parts make up the whole image. With a RAW file, you can adjust each piece. A JPG is the finished cake. You can't take an individual ingredient back out.
- Your camera, when shooting JPG, will decide how it should look for you. In RAW, you can control each piece.
- In RAW, you have all the information available that the camera saw. You can decide how you want it to look. You can correct a white-balance issue, shadows, over/under exposed...
- Dark Table, RAW Therapy, Lightroom, Light Zone – these are programs that can process RAW files. Kevin showed a quick example in Light Zone to show some of the different “ingredients” that can be adjusted.
- Use the highest bit range for RAW to get you the most color data.

Here is a link to “THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO LEARNING PHOTOGRAPHY: CAMERA RAW”:

<https://www.creativelive.com/photography-guides/camera-raw>

There was also discussion about storage since RAW files are so much larger than JPG. Michael talked about using a Naked Hard Drive for additional storage. *(Note: This link is being shared by Jean Davids to explain what naked hard drives are and other information pertinent to this discussion.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILx9oOAKBMg>.) Western Digital has a 6TB drive for about \$100. You put it right into your computer. *(Note the information in link above related to larger size hard drives. Also that if you buy Western Digital, they recommend the professional BLACK series meant for servers as they are more rugged but can be used the same.)*

Heather let the group know that Claire recently passed away and that the club will be making a donation to either a cancer or Alzheimer's group.

Heather shared that Steve Huss is having a garage sale at his St. Cloud home on Saturday, Oct. 21, which includes some camera gear (but no camera bodies or lenses).

Next month's assignment is sharing a Camera RAW processed image. Mark agreed to present on shadows and reflections during the November meeting.

Heather noted that the December meeting will be moved up a week to December 13.

2023 Calendar

November 15

- Assignment: Camera raw processed image or whatever you want to share
- Topic: Shadows and Reflections - Mark Gilgen presenting

December 13 – changed from the 20th – 2nd week of December

- Assignment: Top photos of 2023
- Topic: Holiday party, open discussion