

# Meeting Minutes

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Three members submitted assignment images which were to be Northern Lights/Astro photos/Sky Photos/Time Lapse Photos. Thanks for submitting them for sharing.

The topic for this month was a Blind Critique done by Chris Lommel. He was given access to all the photos prior to the meeting so he could better prepare for his critique. For purposes of this to mean anything to anyone, I will include a small picture of the photos along with what I was able to mark down for Chris' comments. It was tough to write down all of it and some comments were added by club members.



Colors are nice, eyes are drawn to lightest area. Owl framed well. If you stepped just to the right, might get a better angle to the owl, if possible. Cindy responded this wasn't since it was a burrowed owl and she had to crawl on her belly to get close enough to get this shot without spooking it.



Great portrait, expressions, expression lighting is nice but a little darkness in the eyes. Can fix that by putting more light in the eyes with fill flash or reflector. Can block light from above using a diffuser. Some members mentioned if it was cropped a bit more his bare arm wouldn't be as distracting.



Captured from afar. Likes the off-center look. The lighting is good and the background is great. With this backdrop a variety of different photos could be developed.



Nice composition. Likes the position of the boat. You see the bright light area first, then the angle of the boat. Said he thought it was a cell phone shot and the limitations with that is detail. Would be a better photo using an SLR/DSLR. No other issues or recommendations.



Color and composition are nice. Sun is centered so makes it more static. The two dots/artifacts on left side are distracting. Could enhance by moving the camera up or down. Likes the trees on the side.

Side Note: Important things to know are composition, knowing your subject and technical nuts and bolts.



Raindrop on tree branch. It show sun bursting and reflection. Seems too blurry to know what the objective was.



Ruins – nice color. The object in the bottom of the photo distracts from the ruins. If you were to crop it out it would aid the composition. Likes the colors and look a lot otherwise.



Composition is great. Sharpness is lacking. Needs more light but not an option. Over exposing would have brought in more details in shadow.



Suggested different perspectives. Can then make different types of photos out of it. Crop out the side or bottom. Loved the sharpness.



Maybe change the framing to just the top third. Bottom has a lot of interest too but needs more foundation, more of the base was overcast.



Interesting shot/composition. Night look. Maybe more definition of subject. Bottom 3<sup>rd</sup> and maybe right could be cropped so the person is in lower third.



Nice rim light that adds dimension. Great action shot. Maybe if they were on the right side more it would lead you into the action more.



Lighting of stage is tough. Overexpose or underexpose to compensation. Shutter priority is what she used to shoot this photo. Great composition.



This was adjusted in post to make snow white. If you adjusted in camera you could get more detail over all.



Great composition and light coming in through window. He said he thinks this photo would be competition worthy.



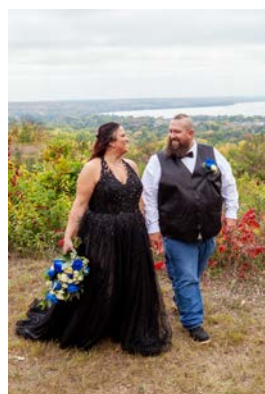
Likes the composition. Thought it was a little bit tilted but that it adds movement. Liked the green in the background. Great shot.



The angles are great and produce movement. Maybe could improve by offsetting the sun away from the center more to top or bottom third but probably bottom third. Very nice image.



Neat angle. Cell phone turns images to mush but likes it overall.



Liked the depth, movement, storytelling, lighting challenges. Maybe a little fill flash could have helped.



Maybe darken the gravel.





Nice



Move to the left to get rid of the screw which is distracting.



Darken edges to add more tone down the brightness of the flower.



Reduce brightness of yellows.



Thinks it should have included the very top of the flower. Feels cut off.



Great image



Very good.

Darrell P mentioned that he is going to the Aurora Summit in October. We asked if he could present on it in November. He said maybe he could.

Other topic ideas are camera gear, photo editing.

## **2024 Camera Club Meeting Dates and Topics**

August 21

- Assignment: Top Vacation Photos/Improved photo based on blind critique (before/after)
- Topic: Use of triggers and remotes - Don Pfleiderer

September 18

- Assignment: Time-Lapse photo or photo showing time in some fashion
- Topic: To be determined

October 16

- Assignment: To be determined
- Topic: To be determined

November 20

- Assignment: To be determined
- Topic: To be determined

December 18

- Assignment: Top photo of 2024
- Topic: Holiday party, open discussion – bring your spouse. We will be meeting at 6:30 to get our food all ordered in advance of our meeting.