



Meeting Agenda

January 10, 2018

Hobbyists Camera Club

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- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ 2009 vs 2018
- ❖ HCC Faculty & Meeting Leaders
- ❖ Monthly Assignment slideshow
- ❖ 2018 Photo Contest
- ❖ 10 ways to Improve your Photography in 2018
- ❖ Ridgewood photo shoot follow up
- ❖ Monthly assignment

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The Hobbyists Camera Club
is 9 years old



Thanks for your continued support

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2009 vs 2018

- ❖ The photography world in 2018 is dramatically different from the one in 2009 when we started our Camera Club.
- ❖ In addition to the expected improvements in processing power, sensor resolution, storage capacity, etc., in my opinion, two significant developments are defining today's photography environment:
 - ▶ **Smartphone photography** (now the camera is always with you)
 - ▶ **The Cloud** (to process, share, store and backup your photos).
- ❖ Taking advantage of these two developments must be part of your 2018 photography resolutions.

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HCC Financial Statement

Balance on 1.1.17	\$231.27
Collected in 2017	\$201.11
Spent in 2017	\$243.23
Balance on 1.1.18	\$189.15

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HCC Faculty & Meeting Leaders

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Camera Club Faculty Update

- ❖ As you know, in November 2016 I suggested the creation of a **Camera Club Faculty** to be responsible of managing the monthly meetings.
- ❖ The response in 2017 was quite good and we were able to manage all the meetings without any problems.
- ❖ I am looking again for volunteers willing to manage (alone or with a fellow Member) a meeting in 2018.
- ❖ The meeting can also be a Photo Shoot like the one we had this past December.
- ❖ Please email me if you are interested in running one meeting.

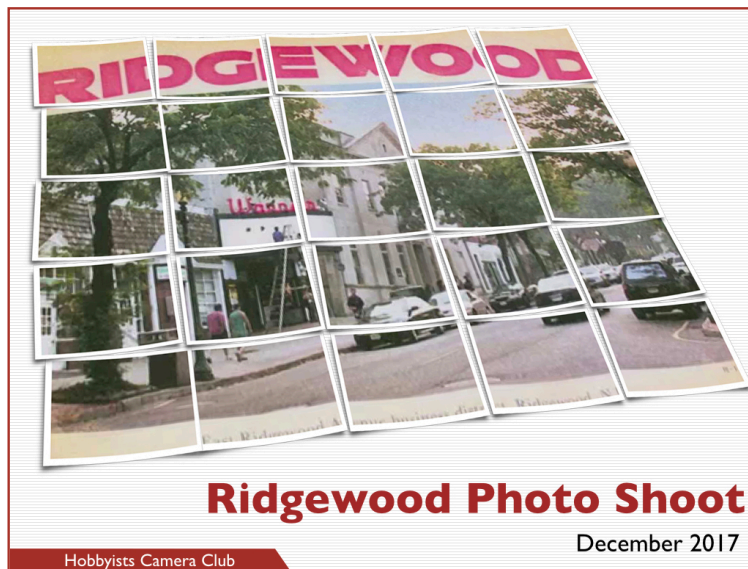
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2018 Meeting Leaders

Meeting date	Meeting Leader
<i>Jan. 10, 2018</i>	<i>Giancarlo Bisone</i>
Feb. 7, 2018	Bert Taylor & Giancarlo Bisone
Mar. 7, 2018	Giancarlo Bisone
Apr. 4, 2018	Tom Heed
May 2, 2018	TBD
Jun. 6, 2018	
Sep. 5, 2018	
Oct. 3, 2018	
Nov. 7, 2017	
Dec. 5, 2017	

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Monthly Assignment Slideshow



View slideshow at
<https://youtu.be/R6CPNZvPuol>

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2018 Photo Contest

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HCC Photo Contest

- ❖ It is time again to have the traditional Photo Contest among all the Camera Club Members.
- ❖ The Photo Contest topic is:
YOUR BEST 2017 PHOTO
- ❖ Only photos taken in 2017 are allowed.
- ❖ All photos will be entered in one single pot.
- ❖ To simplify the judging process, each member can submit a max of **2** photos.

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HCC Photo Contest

- ❖ Submission deadline: **February 11, 2018**
- ❖ Submission must be sent to me (in original size) via Dropbox, Flickr or email
- ❖ Judging Procedure:
 - ▶ All entries will be posted on our web site in an album
 - ▶ An email will be sent to ALL our members asking them to pick the top 3 photos
 - ▶ The votes will be sent via email to Lew Dickinson (lewandsue@optonline.net) that will tally them.
 - ▶ The top 10 photos will be critiqued and judged by the Camera Club members attending the March 2018 meeting.
- ❖ The winners will be picked during the March 2018 Camera Club Meeting.

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HCC Photo Contest

❖ Contest Prizes

1 st place	\$100 B&H gift certificate
2 nd place	\$50 B&H gift certificate
3 rd place	\$25 B&H gift certificate
Honorable Mention	\$15 Amazon gift certificate
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- ❖ The winning photos will be printed (at our expenses) and shown at our Photo Exhibition in November 2018.

10 ways to Improve your Photography in 2018

10 ways to improve your photography

- ❖ Our key resolution for the new year should be to **take better photographs.**
- ❖ There are 10 things that will help us all take better photographs in 2018, whilst spending less time on the distractions that take us away from working on the actual photographs themselves.
- ❖ We should all commit ourselves to put into action these points and, at the end, we should be very pleased by the results.

10 ways to improve your photography

- ❖ **Go out more and take photographs**
Just get out and take photos. This is the single biggest thing we can do to improve our photography.
Go out more and take photographs is different than go out and take more photographs.

Remember that photography is defined as “The art or practice of taking and processing photographs”.

Photography is not:

- ▶ Spending all your time looking at gear at B&H or Adorama
- ▶ Reading endless reviews of cameras, lenses and gear online

10 ways to improve your photography

❖ **Think about composition more than anything else**

Composition after all is about the content of a photograph, and surely the most important thing in a photograph is the content.

A photograph needs to be technically correct, but ask yourself this question - which makes a better photograph:

- ▶ Great composition?
- ▶ Technical correctness?

Look at other people's work. See how other photographers have composed images. This is much more important than all that technical gear stuff.

10 ways to improve your photography

❖ **Don't spend forever processing**

This can be a really big time consumer and source of frustration. Use one software package and learn it inside out before getting anything else.

Once you know how to use a program work on a style that you can call your own.

Don't make the image processing the main point of your photography.

There comes a point with extensive processing where a photo does not improve, it just becomes different. Learn where the line is between finished work and needless tinkering.

10 ways to improve your photography

❖ **Don't spend time trying to get likes etc.**

If you post your photos online, don't chase useless online approval from someone who has given your work at most 2 seconds of their attention.

Get honest critiques of your work from someone willing to spend time looking at your photos.

10 ways to improve your photography

❖ **Practice, practice, practice**

Like many other things in life, the more you practice, the better you get.

In photography terms this can relate to pretty much anything. The more you practice the more you:

- ▶ Know your gear
- ▶ Are able to adapt to changing circumstances
- ▶ Know what makes a great composition
- ▶ Get the shots you need
- ▶ Enjoy taking photographs.

The more you practice, the luckier you get

10 ways to improve your photography

- ❖ **Don't worry about noise - no one else does**

Shoot at the lowest ISO you can to give yourself the highest quality image sure. But make sure the ISO is fast enough to allow you to get a sharp photo.

This is the point.

If someone looks at a blurry image, they know it is a blurry image. If someone looks at a tack sharp but noisy image the chances are they will not notice the noise.

Who knows about noise? Photographers. Most normal people do not know what noise is, nor do they care.

10 ways to improve your photography

- ❖ **Don't compare yourself to other photographers.**

If you have just started taking photographs you should not expect to be as good as someone who has been doing the same for years and years.

By all means look at other photographers work, and learn from the images that they have produced.

And aim to be better than all those great photographers out there.

But do not be intimidated by other people's great photographs. Do not be frustrated if your photographs are not as good as other people.

10 ways to improve your photography

❖ **Print your photographs**

Stop staring at your monitor/device. Print some photos. Put them on the wall. Enjoy them. Hold physical prints in your hands.

Go on - get some prints done. You don't have to spend a lot of money if you don't want to - get them from anywhere - just get some actual prints that you can look at.

Having a print in your hands will make a difference to how you view your photographs.

10 ways to improve your photography

❖ **Don't worry about gear, learn everything about what you have. And use it.**

The most advanced gear is not what makes a great photograph. Buy the best camera gear you can afford and just buy the accessories that will help you improve your photography.

Remember that something you won't use, won't help you get better photographs.

10 ways to improve your photography

- ❖ **Don't worry what other people say - be different.**

Fail. Make mistakes. And don't worry about.

Photography is a creative process, don't forget that.

Be creative and try new things.

At the end, just enjoy your photography

Ridgewood Photo Shoot Follow up

Ridgewood Photo Shoot

- ❖ I hope that you did enjoy the outing in December and thanks for submitting your favorite photos.
- ❖ I would like to hear from you:
 - ▶ what inspired you to choose a specific subject
 - ▶ what kind of processing (if any) you did to your photos
 - ▶ if you will do something different after seeing the other Members' photos

April 2018 Meeting

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- ❖ Our Member Tom Heed will manage the April 2018 Camera Club Meeting focusing on a hands-on Post Production Workshop.
- ❖ Members will be asked to bring their own laptop at the meeting.
- ❖ To better prepare for the meeting, each member is requested to fill and return to Tom a very simple questionnaire.
This questionnaire will be emailed to all our Members this week.

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April 2018 Meeting

Camera Club Survey - Post production Workshop

Name _____

Phone # _____

Your Favorite Camera Brand _____ Model _____

Favorite lens _____

Shoot RAW ___ JPG ___ other ___

Post production experience: virgin___, novice___, struggling___, competent___, Pro___

Post production software most used

Photoshop ___ Lightroom ___ Photoshop Elements ___ Aperture ___

Apple Photos ___ Other ___

Questions about post production _____

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Ice & Snow Photos



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Calendar

Wednesday February 7, 2018

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Thanks

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