



Meeting Agenda

September 6, 2017

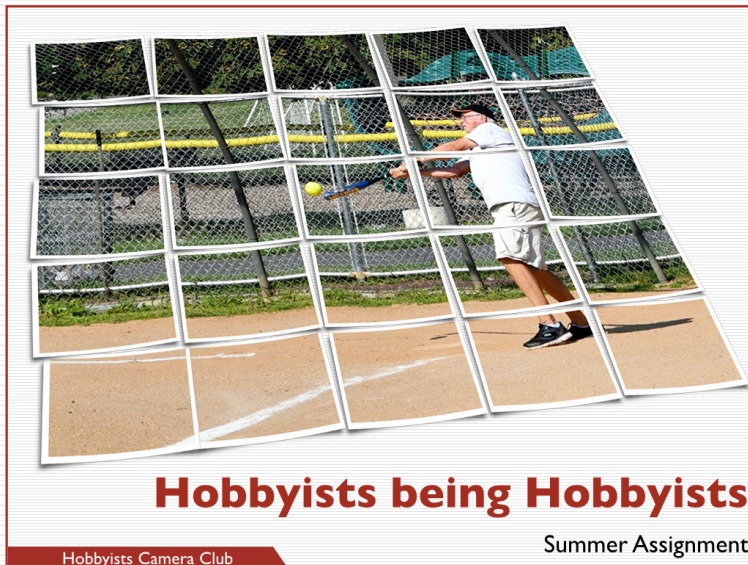
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- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Summer Assignment slideshow
- ❖ Chihuly Exhibition PFT slideshow
- ❖ June Meeting Recap
- ❖ 2018 Photo Exhibitions
- ❖ PhotoPlus Expo
- ❖ MP's Guidelines and Grab Bag (*Lou Karcher*)
- ❖ Shooting Silhouettes (*video*)

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Monthly Assignment Slideshow



Hobbyists being Hobbyists

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Summer Assignment

View slideshow at
https://youtu.be/A_eYymq6l3A

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Chihuly Exhibition Slideshow



Chihuly Exhibition

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Photo Field Trip, June 9, 2017

View slideshow at
<https://youtu.be/sRBIQ5pPySc>

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June Meeting Recap

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June Meeting Recap

- ❖ As you might remember, during the June meeting we discussed about the content of future Camera Club Meetings.
- ❖ This is a list of what Members would like to see covered in the future:
 - ▶ Take live portrait photos with a model
 - ▶ Discussion of Individual's photos
 - ▶ Take still life photos
 - ▶ Collage of places, things and church personnel
 - ▶ Each member gets the same photo to "post produce." Discussion on the photos
 - ▶ Recreate/duplicate a "famous" photo
 - ▶ How to develop a photo website

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2018 Photo Exhibitions

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2018 Photo Exhibitions

- ❖ As previously discussed, next year we would like to skip the traditional Photo Exhibition at The Stable due primarily to their limited opening hours.
- ❖ Lou Karcher has secured us an exhibition at the Ridgewood Library for the whole month of November 2018.
- ❖ We might also have the possibility to have a second exhibition at the Ramsey Library in the Spring of 2018.
- ❖ Question for the membership: do we want to have one or two photo exhibitions next year?

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PhotoPlus Expo

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PDN PhotoPlus Expo

- ❖ This year PDN PhotoPlus Expo will be held from **October 26 to October 28, 2017** at Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City
- ❖ This exhibition is the largest photography and imaging show in North America, attended by over 21,000 professional photographers and enthusiasts.
- ❖ Attendees are able to explore hundreds of exhibits at the and see the latest in cameras and photographic equipments.
- ❖ You can register for free until **September 12, 2017** by visiting their web site at:
<http://www.photoplusexpo.com>.

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PDN PhotoPlus Expo

- ❖ I am organizing a Field Trip to visit the Exhibition on **Thursday October 26, 2017**
- ❖ We will car pool into New York leaving the Graydon Pool parking lot at 8:30am and we will leave the exhibition at around 12:00n.
- ❖ If there is enough interest, we can have a short visit at B&H before returning home.
- ❖ Please email me if you plan to participate.

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Presentation by Lou Karcher



MP's Guidelines and Grab Bag

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MP?? - Military Police



Maturing Photographers

We're all "maturing photographers" interested in improving our skills. Anually, pro athletes tone up physically and practice old & new plays. They practice with the tools suited to their needs. We're pros too.

- **What exercises will benefit a MP's muscular and sensory abilities?**
- **What are your photographic interests and goals this year - what's important to you? What equipment is needed to attain your goals?**
- **Where, when, and how frequently will you practice? Are you familiar with all your current equipment's capabilities?**
- **Besides your camera equipment, what else might be useful?**
- **Are there other topics to address, e.g., new TSA carry-on regs?**

Five topics for discussion! Think about them for sixty seconds.

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Our Skills are Maturing - So are Our Bodies !!!

- **The physiological aspects of our hobby - an important starting point:**
 1. **Our legs take us to those great shooting venues, knees get us the perfect angle, arms and back carry our equipment, eyes focus, hands steady our cameras to capture a magic moment,**
 2. **Then, at the snap of your finger, the shutter opens and 'voila'.**
- **In-home strengthening exercises are available for all of these physical functions. And, exercise increases HDL, the good stuff.**
- **Try different physical styles/techniques. What's worked for you in non-photographic activities?**
- **Utilize assistance from the immediate environment (cautiously) and equipment such as carriers, camera diopters, cable shutter releases, monopods, and even point & shoot cameras!**

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Personal Photography Interests and Equipment Requirements are Related - as are Costs!

- Preserving family events, people, places and things can be accomplished with a minimum of equipment. The website <https://www.ippawards.com> shows what can be done with an iPhone.
- Today's point & shoots satisfy a broad range of needs - architecture and landscapes, family events, macro, sporting events, and underwater photography. Their median price is about \$500 including recommended filters, extra batteries, and a small floatation device.
- Desire high quality prints larger than 5 X 3? For 300ppi photo quality prints you need a 6MP sensor for 10 X7s and a 22.8MP sensor for 20 X 14s.
- Trying to capture a fleeing gazelle on the Serengeti or a bird of prey in action? Then, you will need deep pockets for cameras with fast sensors, high megapixel counts, and fast lenses with optics suited for your purposes. P.S., in these situations, RAW still has some advantages.

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- Tired of carrying the heavy load of traditional DSLR equipment. Mirrorless cameras are quieter, lighter, smaller, and technically sophisticated. Sony, a leader in the mirrorless field, manufactures most of Nikon's DSLR sensors.
- Thinking about mirrorless alternatives? Go to a dealer to examine and handle different brands. Rent the one you like for a week. Each brand feels and handles differently than your DSLR. But, they're still 2-3 years away from having a comprehensive lens selection to satisfy your needs. *If you can still handle your DSLR and it provides you the desired functionality, WAIT! Squeeze more keepers from it.*
- Regardless of what type of camera and/or lens acquisitions you are considering, do your homework. Customers product comments and questions on websites such as B&H are more revealing than Ken Rockwell's product evaluations. Remember, Ken's getting paid a commission for customer purchases.

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What are your interests, skills and goals for this year? How can you attain those goals?

- Categories of interest (types of photography) include architecture, candid, events, landscapes, macro, night, photojournalism, portraiture, sports, street, underwater, and wildlife.
- Your personal interests, and commitment to same, somewhat dictates your equipment requirements and skill objectives.
- Keep in mind Giancarlo's views regarding new toys.
- Different types of photography may demand unique personal and technical skills as well as unique equipment. The web is an excellent source of info. For example: <http://www.techradar.com/how-to/photography-video-capture/cameras/the-10-commandments-of-landscape-photography-and-how-to-break-them-1320832>

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What are your interests, skills and goals for this year? How can you attain those goals?

- ***Self assessment of your skill level is critical!*** Create a template containing the three attributes associated with all images i.e., (1) technical aspects such as exposure, DOF, sharpness, others (2) interest or story and (3) overall composition. Take a series of images in two or three categories. Using your template, evaluate your pictures on a 1-5 level, 1 being the highest.
- Template should include two comments columns - equipment used and all related settings. Complete each with info identifying their respective pros and cons i.e., their impact relative to the ratings you gave your sample images.
- You'll learn what works and what doesn't work; a roadmap to attaining your goals for the year!

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Your template enables identification of images that failed to satisfy you. Review associated Exif info and reshoot the same or similar subject

- Using the “failed” images, select one or two from each genre in your template. Ask yourself “How do I want the ‘do over’ to look?” “What is necessary to obtain my objective?” “What types of setting changes, or combinations thereof, have the best chance of attaining my objective?” Shutter speed? fstop? ISO setting? Lens focal length? Focus mode selection? Full frame or cropped sensor mode? Other?
- Shoot the same subject repeatedly using all the setting changes you think might work. Compare all resulting images to determine what settings were most the successful. End result? You’ve learned how to be a consistently good photographer under a variety of circumstances.
- Let’s brainstorm a hypothetical scenario. You’ve volunteered to take pictures of a friend’s 50th anniversary party at a local hall, 60 attendees, band & dancing, presentations to the special couple. How can you make sure you provide the couple with photographic memories they will cherish? What do you need to know in advance of the shoot?

The MP’s Grab Bag for the Outdoors

- Your camera case holds your necessary core equipment including extra batteries & SD cards, chargers (labeled with camera info & your name), camera & lens dust & rain shields. But, you may encounter unique or unexpected conditions. “Be Prepared!” *Pre stock a bag that’s ready to be grabbed as you head out the door:*
 - Small first aid kit, a snake bite kit (spiders too), and a personal water purifier,
 - Prescribed meds, aspirin or alternatives, OTC treatment for constipation and diarrhea (schedule refreshment dates on your calendar),
 - Sunscreen, lip balm, sunglasses, non-DEET insect repellent,
 - Rain poncho, flexible all-weather gloves (divers gloves are great) and a couple of neckerchiefs,
 - Compass, flashlight, knife, pliers, scissors (macro - to cut away distractions),
 - Loud whistle to summon help (or scare the bear),
 - Extra boot laces and strike anywhere matches in a watertight holder,
 - Waterproof note pad(s) & pen(s), e.g., “Rite in the Rain” is a good brand.,
 - Applicable trail maps & compass,
 - Electrical converters and a battery powered HD capable of copying SD cards.

And Last - Other Topics

Participants' open discussion

Thank You!

Photography Tips (*videos*)



Shooting Silhouettes

Gavin Hoey

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_eMMBU-vJY4&t=33s

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Monthly Assignment

Places of Worship



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Calendar

Thursday October 4, 2017

Camera Club Meeting

Thursday October 26, 2017

PhotoPlus Expo Field Trip

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Thanks

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