



FOUNTAIN HILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Minutes of Meeting October 14, 2015

The following are the major topics discussed and/or presented at the meeting held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 and presided over by club President Bruce Boyce:

1. Announcement was made that guest speaker Mike Olbinski was unable to attend because of a family illness; Bruce is arranging to reschedule Mike's presentation on Storm Photography in the first quarter of 2016.
2. Next meeting will be held on the FIRST Wednesday of November (11/4) to accommodate the availability of guest speaker Colleen Miniuk-Sperry.
3. Bruce reviewed the FHPC website for new FHPC members who might not be familiar with it, and pointed out some of the content, including resources available to members to help them prepare for next February's Exhibition.
4. Bruce encouraged members to plan to participate in the Exhibition, reminding members that the 2015 exhibition had only 47 exhibits versus the 74 of 2014. Our goal is to have on the order of 60 to 65 pieces of photographic art displayed in February 2016.
5. Carol Carroll spoke of the photo opportunity available to the club on the tour boat Desert Bell that plies Saguaro Lake, and on which in return for providing images to the owner for marketing purposes the cruise would be gratis.
6. Carol also talked of the FH Visitors Bureau being requested to supply photography services to groups visiting to Fountain Hills who are often are unaware of where to get such services. The subject of potential legal problems was raised concerning some professional photographers complaining about competing unfairly with club non-professional photographers, but several members voiced the opinion that this does not represent any liability threat to the club (legal opinion can be obtained).
7. The subject of assisting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Scottsdale (Mary Ellen McKee Branch) in the creation of a photography program was brought up – assistance needed in the form of (i) a couple of members teaching the kids photography at an estimated two session of two hours each per week to around 5-10 kids, and (ii) donation of surplus Hasselblad's, Leica's and other equipment – all tax deductible – NO financial contributions expected. We will have the Boys and Girls Club manager come to our photo club meeting in November to explain program more fully.
8. John Barra gave depressing talk on the current problems and pitfalls of upgrading to Creative Cloud Lightroom 6.1 or, most recently, Lightroom 6.2 —he recommended that subscribers hold off upgrading their Adobe software until Adobe fixes the problems.
9. Jack Harwick demonstrated the proper way to use a monopod, and went over the many hidden benefits of using a monopod over the tripod. Bruce followed with a short one chart talk on some of the nuances of using a tripod, especially relevant for high pixel count cameras being used to generate image files to be printed in very large formats (30 x 45 inches and larger). Bruce pointed out that neither technique is the "right" answer all the time, and that each method has its advantages and disadvantages.
10. Lively discussion ensued on the problems of Apple Mail and the apparent inability of Apple computer users to easily, if at all, attach named and properly sized jpeg files to e-mails —something not mentioned in any of the Steve Jobs books or in the movie.
11. Meeting finished with review of large format paper prints and projected images, including those from Bruce's latest toy, the Nikon D810.