

NOTES FROM 4/12/17 LINCOLN HILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB GENERAL MEETING FORUM

Video of the Forum is available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5T64HFAL4o&feature=youtu.be>

Notes compiled by Sandie Cassieri, Diane Margetts and Brad Senn

Topic	Member/Time	Discussion
Total Members at Mtg: 51	Total Visitors at Mtg: 5	
Club Focus	John Neal 1:03:34	Club is now orientated to experienced photographers. For less experienced members, move toward a simpler way to adjust family pictures/composition. How will Club address this issue? Also mentioned that less experienced folks don't want to spend a lot of money on equip/programs. Want to learn how to take pics of family, travel. Survey: How many people interested in basic photography?-8
	Alan Adler	Look at giving basic instructions on taking pictures at family gatherings, travel photos.... Considers himself advanced photographer but would like to learn about taking family/travel pics.
	Gary Sloan	For novice members, hold a SIG for beginners. There is concern that experienced photographers wouldn't want to come to a SIG for beginners, which may not be a bad idea
	Jim Cormier	Auburn Club has a beginners SIG in the first half hour (or so) of the meeting, then moves to members with more experience.
	Dale Petersen	There are 150 members on the roster. 1/3 show up. If you know a member not showing up, call or email them or talk to the Board Member about what direction the Club can make to serve the needs of these members.
	Don Baylis	It is harder to get novices to SIGs. Have meetings on topic...travel photos, family photos, flash photos, portraits...so members can grow on different levels
	Jeff Hanner 1:15:00	Maybe the solution is a mentoring program...have someone personally help you going as far as going with you on field trips.
	Gary Sloan	Years ago club offered a course called Elements of Photography with topics like composition, depth of field...experienced members pick up information too

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	Jim Moon	New members are not biased. Ask them why they came.
	Becky Davis	Member for 6 months. Came to learn from others and be a better photographer but has not really accomplished that. Already knows about Composition, family portraits-
	Rhonda Campbell	Discussed our various SIGs, when they meet and how they can answer many beginner questions
	Vicki White	Give people a reason to show up; something specific like night/travel/portrait photography
	Bob Dale	There could be a general discussion about doing the adjustments of photos in more detail, rather than generically saying they were sharpened, and adjusted contrast and exposure. Other-clubs have taken an image and walked through the simple modifications in detail using both Lightroom and PS Elements.
	Stephanie Huntingdale 1:20:51	Tech almost hurts us...in SIG presentations computers may not work, you can't get a wifi connection. Use club money to upgrade technology for reliability.
Relevance of SIGs	Ron Darville	SIGs are great. Members will help other members, bounce ideas about sharing information for different points of view
	Bob Baikauskas	All SIGs are at OC at 8:30 AM in Multipurpose Room. Schedule on website. Venue roundtable and freeform. May have structured presentations. Print SIG shows prints, printing sources and share photo discussions.
	Bob Baikauskas	Roundtable freeform SIG provides multiple opportunities to discuss any topic concerning photograph. New people should seriously consider going to these SIGs and asking any questions.
Accumulating Funds	Brad Senn	Board minutes on website show a balance of funds of about \$5,000. How many have looked at the minutes posted on the site? 4 hands were raised. Dues originally set up for \$15 with about 60 people in the club to pay \$100 to each speaker. Now there are more members -- have more funds than we need.
	John Neil	Get someone from a Sierra College to teach a class once a week for a month on topics like composition, framing pictures.
	Ron Darville	Hold a raffle with small prizes (\$20-\$30), to create an incentive and bring people to meetings.
	Bob Baikauskas	Support outreach to local high school. The Club might

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		purchase or donate to outside organizations like an annual subscription to Photoshop for photograph classes.
	John Neil	Donate photography magazine subscription to Lincoln Hills Kilaga/Orchard Creek libraries. They are short on money for these types of purchases. Astronomy Club does this.
Photo Competitions / Judging	Brad Senn	Judging of images. It can be done anonymously. Allow ourselves or our images to be evaluated because we become better photographers. Should we have a judged or competitive event?
	Truman Holtzclaw	When an image is evaluated for a competition it can be traumatic with harsh comments by the judges and low scores. If it is a low number it can be hard to take for the person. A member will have the option of not having a number assigned to a photo if they sensitive. Most judges are pretty good and will evaluate. New members can ask for help in composition, etc....you have to ask.
	Rhonda Campbell	Judging is not a contest it can be a learning experience
	Victor Jew 1:39:33	Photography is a private/personal thing. If someone takes a nice picture, could the picture be sent to someone in the club to do it privately and send comments back to the person. Comment: The feature is already in the SIGs both in the Round Table and Enhancement SIG but this is much more public. Can we set up a more private means within the club of giving a critique between the photographer and evaluator?
	Gary Sloan	If you are shy give it to a SIG leader and don't announce who took photograph but get the critique.
	John Neal	The website can have a contact list for particular areas of photography such as cameras, software, etc. Comment: General meeting, images anonymously judged.
	Brad Senn	How many people would enter a judged competition that was anonymous? More than half.
	Debra Raach	Include helpful comments with the rating number given in an anonymous judging.
Types of speakers at meetings		
	Fred Raach	Great Speakers!
	Ron Darville	Truman, photography of wine bottles; photographer was

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Social Events	Brad Senn	More of this kind of event; field trips, Christmas Breakfast, etc.?
	Alan Adler	Likes idea to encourage more socializing/mixing like the ones at Les'. –Flash Photo Outings are quite social. Christmas does not allow much mixing.
	Bob Baikauskas	BBQ at Sports Pavilion
	Brad Senn	Comment: Christmas Party – move to another place?
	Don Baylis	Catered by association. Evening Function \$10+/- per member, additional funds can come from Club treasury. Hold in multiple expandable rooms if necessary to accommodate the number of people.
Exhibits of members prints	Brad Senn	Any thoughts of other venues, or do we have enough
	Truman Holtzclaw	Never have seen so many venues in a club.
	Rhonda Campbell	We have enough now: Faces/restaurant
	??	How many people exhibit?
	Rhonda	They get quite a number of people exhibiting.
	Bill Kress	Exhibits of member's photos like show and tell. Suggestion that it happens more often than two times a year
Website	Brad Senn	What you need or don't need, what you find most useful
	Les Thomas	Website is spectacular and he gets many folks praising it from outside the club.
	Allen Adler	Is website available to all? Yes, with URL.
	Bob Baikauskas/ Brad Senn	Official Sun City Website photo club link directs to our website. We have flyers at OC lodge with website address. Blind to search engines to protect people's privacy. Advertised in Compass and Sun City News
Swap/Sell	Bob Baikaukas	Don't need an actual swap meet. Bring items to SIG that are available for sale. We have a classified capability in member's section of website but have not pushed it as we need volunteers to help support that section.
	Les Thomas	Have a free table in SIGs or General Meetings. Could use Christmas drawing
	Brad Senn	How many people would want to sell/give items? A few people raised their hands.
	Ron Darville	Have swap/sell in conjunction with summer barbeque.