



South Bay Camera Club

NEWS & VIEWS



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The South Bay Camera Club is a non-profit social club providing for its members activities involving photography and continuing education in all types of photographic technique. Regular meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month (unless otherwise noted) at the Zamperini Field (Torrance Airport) Administration Building Meeting Room, 3301 Airport Drive. at 7:30 p.m. President: Rebeca Garcia-Baylis (310-370-6321, ppikiosk-rgb@hotmail.com); VP and Membership Chair: Phil Cohen (310-212-7200, phil@absolute.net); Secretary: Marge Robinson (310-378-7245, margesafari@earthlink.net); Treasurer: Karen Beatty (310-318-5684, beattyknb@verizon.net); News & Views Editor: Bill Berry (310-378-9511, wh.berry@verizon.net). Mailing address: South Bay Camera Club, P.O. Box 1213, Torrance, CA, 90505: Web site: www.sbcccphoto.org.

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MEETING SCHEDULE: December thru February (all meetings are on a Monday at 7:30 PM at the Airport Meeting Room, unless otherwise noted.)

Date	Program	Description/Background
Dec 10	Holiday Banquet	At the Sizzler Restaurant, 6 PM, 2880 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance. The price will be \$13, pay at the door. No reservation necessary, but please let Rebeca know beforehand that you will be there so she can inform the Sizzler how big a crowd we will be. David Carriere, one of our best club photographers, will provide a marvelous 42 minute program.
Dec 24	NO MEETING	Holiday Season.
Jan 14	Print Evaluation Night	The evaluator will be Taso Papadakis. professional photographer and gallery owner in San Pedro. Taso is an old friend of SBCC, having hosted us several times for "First Thursday" events in the San Pedro artist colony.
Jan 28	How to restore old and damaged photographs	Kelli MacDonald will show us techniques for resuscitating and restoring old and damaged photos using digital methods. Kelli does this sort of work professionally at Silvio's Photoworks. She also works with Phil Cohen at Absolute Imaging. Kelli will demonstrate various restoration techniques on the computer using the digital projector so we can all see. Learn how to remove coffee stains, restore missing parts of an image, overcome fading, and much more! A "must see" program.
Feb 11	Digital Image Evaluation Night	Evaluator To Be Announced
Feb 25	Presentation on some aspect of photography.	The presentation will be given by Mark Comon of Paul's Photo.

Outings and Field Trips

Christmas Lights in Sleepy Hollow

The annual Christmas Lights photography outing will be held on Tuesday, December 18th, at 5:30 pm. The following note regarding this outing is provided by our field trips and outings chairman Betsy. For more information call her at 310-375-6348, or e-mail her at bgtreynor5@earthlink.net.

Dear SBCC Members who will be going to the "Sleepy Hollow" photo trip on Tuesday, December 18.

Bring your camera, a tripod, your favorite lens (as if for groups of people, landscapes), a remote to activate the shutter and a flashlight to read the settings on your camera. Dress comfortably for the weather . Your ISO settings could be 800, 1600 or 3200 (Nikon). The f-stop can be 5.6 or 9.0 (what is the improvement/or not using one or the other??). The shutter speeds will vary: try 1/15 of a second and lengthening to up to 2 seconds. If you use your flash, you will still be using your manual settings, not the 1/60 sec automatic setting.

Manual: your f-stop and shutter speed and also your focus. (Not focal length, right? That's the 85 mm on my camera's narrowest setting.)

We will meet by the Tulita Elementary School on Ave H, immediately east of Prospect (Thomas Guide, p. 793, A-1) at 5:30 pm just as it is getting dark. (The school is just downhill from the Catholic Church on Prospect near PCH.)

We will regroup and meet for supper maybe at 7 or 7:30 at some agreed-upon local eatery..

See you there!

Betsy Treynor

Rancho Los Alamitos Outing was a Great Success

Nine members of SBCC met for an afternoon tour of the Rancho Los Alamitos on Saturday, November 17. We enjoyed a guided tour of the main house and its interesting furnishings, the stables, and the gardens.

Annie Appel Evaluates Projected Digital Images

About 35 club members attended the November 12 meeting in which Annie Appel evaluated about 65 of our images. As always with Annie, her comments were very helpful, entertaining, and lots of fun. We all learned a lot. Thank you Annie for another marvelous evening of learning about photography.

SBCC Board Meeting

There was a board meeting on Tuesday, November 6, at 7:30 PM. The major results follow:

The treasurer's report, which was distributed, was approved. We currently have \$4938.67 in the general account and \$992.44 in the digital account.

Articles of Incorporation - the need to rapidly complete new articles of incorporation was discussed. We already have the EIN number, which was needed to have a reduced rate for the meeting room. It was decided to delay completion and filing of the articles until next year.

Print evaluation nights have a large number of prints submitted. There was a discussion concerning the matter of how many prints each member may submit. It was decided to consider this matter at a future board meeting.

The problem of possibly having images copied without permission from the club web site was discussed. Phil Cohen will be asked how we can make our images safe from copying. (Note: Phil has already taken measures to enhance the website security.)

To bring our rates into correspondence with other clubs, it was suggested that we increase the fee we pay for speakers and evaluators from \$50 to \$75. The motion to do so was passed.

Scavenger hunt – it was decided to hold a scavenger hunt in 2008. The deadline for submissions will be April 28, and the judging will be May 12. Robin Young will be the chairman.

Rules for the 2008 Scavenger Hunt

You may shoot film or digital, but results will be displayed digitally for judging at the May 12, 2008 meeting.

Rules:

1. 12 photos will be submitted dealing with the following subject matters:

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| 1. Bicycle(s) | 4. Hair | 7. Closing | 10. Still Life |
| 2. Coffee Shop | 5. Heat | 8. Insect(s) | 11. Transportation |
| 3. Five | 6. Bubble(s) | 9. Negative Space | 12. Rusted |

Include a creative **photo of the maker** for identification. This photo will not be judged.

2. **All images must have been taken between November 1, 2007 and April 25, 2008.** Your images should be on a CD. All 13 images should be in JPEG format and limited to a maximum 764 pixels in height and 1020 pixels in width. Smaller sizes are, of course, acceptable. Your CD should be submitted on or before April 28, 2008 to **Robin Young**. Judging will occur at the May 12, 2008 meeting.

3. **Basic image corrections** such as exposure correction, contrast adjustments (dodging/burning), cropping, and spot/dust/scratch removal are allowed.

Invitation to Exhibit Your Work

The Coachella Valley Desert Camera Club cordially invites you to enter the **Coachella Valley 2008 International Exhibition of Photography**. This exhibition is held under the auspices of the Color Projected Image Division of the **Photographic Society of America (PSA)**.

There are two sections, both **digital**: **Color General (Open)** and **Colored Monochrome**. The deadline for submission and payment is **February 13, 2008**.

Conditions of entry, entry forms, and other information can be found at www.cvdcc.org/expo2008
This is a new exhibition!

Apologies for duplicates if you have already received this announcement via a different maillist.

We look forward to your entries.

With regards
The CVDCC International Exhibition Team

And now a word from our resident curmudgeon, John Bohner:

The Curmudgeon's Corner

“Bah --- humbug!”



Photography can get really boring at Christmas. Most people point their cameras at a limited number of subjects. You know the usual subjects. Shots of the gaily tinsel tree, the garish neighbor's yard and cute little cherubs ripping up wrapping paper. Okay, that being said, what else should we be photographing? The company holiday party could be a money maker but remember that blackmail is a crime if you get caught. You could get out of town for a few days. I hear that you can have fun in Vegas.

I don't know how getting drunk, winning money or seeing shows can be fun but then some folk seem to have odd ideas about everything! 'Course if you take pictures, what happens in Vegas may not STAY in Vegas.



You might go visit family. If you do, please remember that your emotional attachment to 1 month old Sally or Billy will blind you to the fact that many new infants are not picturesque. Some of them resemble, how can I say it kindly? They look like pink lizards. Just a warning in case your relatives can't bring themselves to tell you what any good curmudgeon will. Now some of them are spectacular looking, especially when they get older, perhaps Paris Hilton's age. But then you got other problems like my girl Lindsey Lohan!

The holidays are a good time for reflection. And reflecting on this issue of the Curmudgeon's corner I see I have been a bit harsh. So I'm going to end with a quote from Bill Murray in the movie Scrooged. You should see it if you haven't.

Unauthorized
photo of Lindsey
Lohan

It's the one night when we all act a little nicer. We...we smile a little easier. We...we...share a little more. For a couple of hours we are the people we always hoped we would be. It's really a miracle because it happens every Christmas Eve. And if you waste that miracle, you're gonna burn for it. I know. You have to do something. You have to take a chance and get involved. There are people that don't have enough to eat and who are cold. You can go and greet these people. Take an old blanket out to them or make a sandwich and say, "Here." "I get it now." And if you give, then it can happen, the miracle can happen to you. Not just the poor and hungry, Everybody's gotta have this miracle! It can happen tonight for you all! If you believe in this pure thing, the miracle will happen and you'll want it again tomorrow! You won't say, "Christmas is once a year and it's a fraud." It's not! It can happen every day! You've just got to want that feeling! You'll want it every day! It can happen to you! I believe in it now. I believe it's gonna happen to me, now. I'm ready for it! And it's great. It's a good feeling. It's better than I've felt in a long time. I'm ready."

Wishing you the very best, your Curmudgeon and Friend
John Bohner

Thank you John!

Happy Holidays everyone, see you at the Banquet.

Bill Berry
SBCC News & Views Editor