

Yamhill Valley Camera Club
October 11, '05 minutes

Stuart opened the meeting with introductions all around as there were a few new folks present.

A volunteer with a lap top is needed when Sandi is not able to attend meetings. Tom agreed to help.

Equipment storage is also needed for the projector and screen. Someone able to store and transport to the meetings.

Stuart advised us of some upcoming photo events;

Nature Photographers of the Pacific Northwest is holding a conference at **Linn Benton Nov. 5** with speaker **Michael Frye**. Cost is \$10.

John Shaw will be in **Vancouver February 18th and 19th**. Cost is \$199 for both days (a single day fee is also available)

4C's club holds a critique night 2nd Wednesday of the month - separate from regular meeting nights. Is this something we would like to do? YES! **October 25th at 7pm will be our first Critique night**. Meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday with Critique night on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Please remember ~ up to 4 photos per member per meeting - JPEG; 4X6; 300dpi for our viewing enjoyment and competition selection. (The selected photos will be made into slides at a cost of \$2.50 each for submission to the 4C's (you must be a member in good standing to submit photos for competition).

Treasurers report: beginning balance \$605.69; \$1.53 in petty cash. Took in dues bringing the total up to \$877.22. There are 18 paid members!

Field trip committee report: Shannon has purchased several bright orange envelopes for field trip use. These will hold information regarding the trip, maps etc... and information on members attending the outing. This is to help us keep in contact with others or in case of emergency. The plan is that prior to an outing information on cars, drivers, cell phone numbers and home contact information will be collected and each vehicle in the 'group' will have an envelope.

First field trip to Gales Towing was attended by a few die hards who had fun!

Shannon would like to send Thank you note to places we attend when possible and to have the note include at least one image from the event. Stuart has cards available for use.

Our next field trip will be on October 29th to two cemeteries - Spring Valley cemetery between Amity and Salem (Hopewell area), and Ebenezer out of Dayton. Information coming soon.

November field trips are; **Jewell Meadow Nov. 6th** (elk viewing - scenery) **DIRECTIONS:** highway 26 to the Jewell turn off (approximately 27.5 miles from the Banks/47 intersection (just past the Elderberry Inn near mile post 22); turn left off 26; turn right under the bridge toward Jewell (approx. 9.1 miles to highway 202); left on 202. There are now 5 turnout areas! Drive carefully! (about 4 miles past the 5th viewing area on the right is Fishhawk falls at Lee Wooden Park).

Second field trip is Nov. 19th Portland Japanese Gardens - we can purchase bundled passes at a reduced rate (2-3 weeks in advance ~ they would like to know that we are coming) I (Michelle) just need to know who will be attending! Please email your intent to attend yvcc@yamhillcameraclub.org or meandbobe@onlinemac.com ! (the Longview, WA. Japanese Garden was vandalized & will be closing indefinitely).

Michelle handed out club member information (which needs to be updated already!); a tentative field trip schedule with monthly themes on the back (**Theme for November is THANKS**); a sheet with trip ideas; a copy from the Oregonian of the Painted Hills, and a map of the 'Journey through time scenic byway', (you can find some wonderful information at www.traveloregon.com , and for Washington at

<http://www.experiencewashington.com/>)

Many clubs are combining field trips. 4C's apparently doesn't have a field trip schedule for the year. Would we like to invite the Forest Grove club along with us ?? Sure!

Stuart shared that the club has a new web site / domain name ~ easy to remember! YEAH!

www.yamhillcameraclub.org - and a new email too! yvcc@yamhillcameraclub.org

Sandi & Stuart attended the recent 4C's convention. It was well worth the \$40 attendance fee! Approximately 150 photographers were in attendance, there were many vendors (Advance Camera from Beaverton cleaned cameras/sensors free of charge during the convention (they charge \$40 in shop for this service). Sandi says to forget everything she told us last meeting about cleaning - they used medical swabs and acetone to clean the sensors and said it would take a chisel to damage the sensor - loose the fear! Unfortunately many of the attendees left after the showing of the Top 80 for the year and missed a great speaker - Moose Peterson!

Included in the Top 80 of 2005 are our very own Sandi Colvin, SuAnn Reddick and **Debbie Voorhees** who took **3rd place** with her Cody Blue! Way to go Debbie!!

A quote from the conference ~

Film is what occurs on your teeth when you don't brush. Vincent Versace

We took a break & then viewed the Top 80 from 2001-'02. Awesome photos!

Competition slides ~ 4C's accepts slides for club competition points (cumulative for the year). Many clubs are going to print competition. Would like 4C's to also accept prints as club competition (currently they accumulate personal points only).

Sandi would like to put together a club calendar! If you have photos you would like considered for the calendar - submit them by email to Sandi at hiddentreasures@sandcastleart.com . For submission purposes only - 72dpi, 4X6 or 5X7, small file. These must be horizontal photos.

Again ~ **please remember ~ up to 4 photos per member per meeting - JPEG; 4X6; 300dpi**

Sandi and Stuart will be looking into a way for us to 'deliver' our photos prior to the meeting, as it is taking longer to load photos and begin the meeting on time. Keep checking the web site for more information on this!

Viewed our photo submissions ~ those chosen for competition are;

Cheap Gas ~ by Stuart
Morning Mist ~ by Stuart
Petunia ~ by Mark Menne
Little Pink Flower ~ by Mark Menne
Slide Girl ~ by Cal Schuyler

In final business ~ Stuart asked for a vote to pay our 4C's dues of \$25 for the year & pay himself back in the amount of \$11.16 for our domain name (yearly fee). Both were unanimously passed.

A question was asked of Stuart about the rules of thirds, fourths, and design that he mentioned. He will find this information to share.

Next meeting - will be a Critique night in two weeks - on October 25 at 7pm!

Submitted for you approval ,
Michelle Early, secretary

