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CityScapes
&
Architecture

is the flickr
theme for
September

Think Urban

Skylines

or

Single Streets

Whole Buildings

or

Interesting Details

3 September 2008 General Meeting Notes

Our club continues to grow beyond expectations. Thirty-seven people attended this meeting (our largest turn-out so far), seven for the first time. Paid membership now numbers fifty-seven. It seems Morgan Hill had a wellspring of photographers wanting to meet other photographers. Don't you just love it when a plan comes together?

Print Sharing

A different print-sharing process was used this time. Photos were displayed on the tables. Half the members strolled around the room, looking at all the photos and talking with those who were still seated. After twenty minutes, the groups switched roles, so everyone had an opportunity to admire a number of photos and ask questions of the photographers.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a print to every meeting: any size and any subject. The main purpose of print sharing is to provide an opportunity for members and guests to mix, mingle and talk photography.

Poppy Jasper Film Festival

Kim Bush, chair of the PJFF organizing committee, spoke to the members about the collaboration between our club and the festival, which will be held November 14, 15, 16, 2008. We will provide one or more photographers for each of the festival's six events. Photographers will get full credit for any photos the festival publishes. (If photographers wish to publish PJFF photos personally, they must first get permission from PJFF.) **Roy Hovey** has volunteered to be our coordinator. He will work with the festival committee to set up a schedule and match photographers to events. More information will be sent out when the schedule of events is finalized.

Gallery Show at the CRC Senior Center

The Gallery Show at the CRC Senior Center is scheduled to start on Friday, November 7th. Examples of gallery-ready photos were shown at the meeting. Thirty matted and framed photos based on the theme, "Around Town", will be hung for the show. This will be in addition to the postings on Flickr in December. "Around Town" refers to photos of people, places and events in Morgan Hill, Gilroy and San Martin taken in 2008. **Noël Calvi** is heading the planning committee, and will be working with **J Johnny**, **Karen Swank-Fitch**, and **Noella Vigeant**. Any member (dues paid) may submit photos for the show. Noël will be sending out a "Call for Photos", submission requirements, and deadlines within the next week.

Critique Night in October

George Ziegler has arranged for an outside commentator to come to the October meeting to critique submitted photos. Each photo print will be displayed on a light box for everyone to see as the commentator remarks on composition, technical proficiency, strong points, and suggestions that would improve the image. The image title will be announced, but the photographer's name will be kept anonymous. Examples of photos ready to be critiqued were shown.

Outdoor Photography Class

Free
Santa Teresa
County Park
4 October 2008
10am - 4pm
Reservations required
(408) 355-2240

YAHOO!

Have a
question?
Ask it on
Yahoo!
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Flickr Comments

Everyone likes to know that someone looked at their photos. Take the time to post comments on as many photos as possible. You'll be glad you did.

Guidelines for submitting a photo

- Only members (dues paid) may submit photos.
- The photograph must have a title. ("Untitled" is not a title.)
- The title and the photographer's name must be on a label affixed to the back of the print. If the print's orientation is not obvious, the label should indicate which way is up.
- Prints cannot be less than 8' x 10" or greater than 16" X 20"
- Prints must be mounted or matted. The mount or mat can be larger than the print but cannot be greater than 16" x 20".
- Prints can be either monochromatic or color.
- No more than two (2) prints per member may be submitted for comment.
- There will be a fee of \$1.00 for each photo submitted.

Even if you don't submit a photo, seeing the prints and hearing the comments will be a valuable learning experience.

Workshop: Matting, Framing & Displaying Photos

Noël Calvi gave a very precise and detailed slide presentation on matting and framing photos, along with showing some great examples. Creating a print is not the only means of displaying photos. **Marty Cheek** explained how to use *PhotoStory* to create a slide show of still photos, and **George Ziegler** revealed a website (www.vimel.com) that is a high definition equivalent to utube.

Flickr Projects

Eighteen people posted photos in August on Flickr. Each month we have a different chosen theme, and members (dues paid) may upload a total of five photos based on that month's theme. The deadline for uploading your September photos (Architecture/Cityscapes) is Wednesday, the 24th. This gives everyone a week to look at the photos and post comments. If you haven't posted any comments, please do so. They are very much appreciated. Any one may look at the club's pool, but only members may upload photos. www.flickr.com/groups/mhphotoclub

- Remaining 2008 Flickr Themes -

October: *Action* - Movement is the emphasis this month; people, animals or objects.

November: *Shadows* - The low sun this time of year should cast some interesting shadows, or use artificial light to create your own.

December: Around Town - 2008 photos of people, places and/or events in Morgan Hill, San Martin or Gilroy

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- 2009 Flickr Themes -

We have started our process for choosing the 2009 Flickr themes. At the August and September meetings, members had an opportunity to submit theme ideas. (If you missed the meetings, you may submit the ideas to Susan via email (brzlttn@garlic.com). At the October meeting each member will have an opportunity to choose his/her favorite twelve. The ideas scoring lowest will be eliminated, and then at the November meeting, members will cast their final votes. The selected themes will be announced at the December Social. Is this fun or what?

Yahoo Group

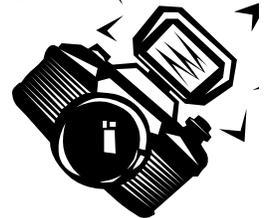
George Ziegler keeps the club's Yahoo discussion site up-to-date by posting copies of the newsletter, upcoming events, and helpful resources. Have a question? Ask it on Yahoo. Anyone may read the postings, but only members may post a message and read the files. The address is <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group> If you have any questions about the Yahoo Group page, email George at: Photomaestro@verizon.com

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 1 October 2008
Centennial Recreation Center
7:00 pm

On the Agenda

- Print Sharing **Bring a photo print (any size, any subject) to share.**
- Poppy Jasper Film Festival
- Gallery Show
- 2009 Flickr Themes
- Workshop: Photo Critique



Executive Board Meeting

The complete minutes of the Sept. 17th Executive Board meeting are posted on our Yahoo Group

Shoot-Out

Saturday, 11 October 2008

Uesugi Farms Pumpkin Patch

On Monterey Road, 2 miles south of Tennant Avenue



Pumpkin Weigh-off at 1:00
Photograph GIANT Pumpkins,
Fall flowers, Bales of Hay
and
the Pumpkinville Railroad

Member Profiles

This feature of the newsletter highlights members of the club. Names are picked at random from the membership list.



Kathina Szeto (Treasurer) works in the motion picture industry as a freelance camera technician and assistant camera person. She has worked on a variety of Hollywood features and TV shows, one of which is coming out in October called, “The Express.” She is just starting to learn about still photography and wants to become more proficient so she can tell visual stories.



Marty Cheek: Marty has been playing with cameras for the past twenty years. He learned from his mother who was a professional photographer, and from classes, books and videos. Marty is a freelance writer whose column runs regularly in *The Morgan Hill Times*. Photography is a hobby for Marty, as are hiking, weight lifting, camping, mountain biking and running. Marty says, “Photography allows me to see the world in new ways.” It has helped him to see how diverse the world is and to know that reality depends on a person’s point of view.



David Fritts: By day, David is a Failure Analysis Engineer for NVIDIA, a company that makes graphic chips for computer screens, but it’s not the technical aspects of photography that interests him. “When I look at a photo, it usually reminds me of something or makes me feel a certain way. I also like the challenge of taking a really good photo, one that jumps out and grabs you. Photography lets you express yourself.”



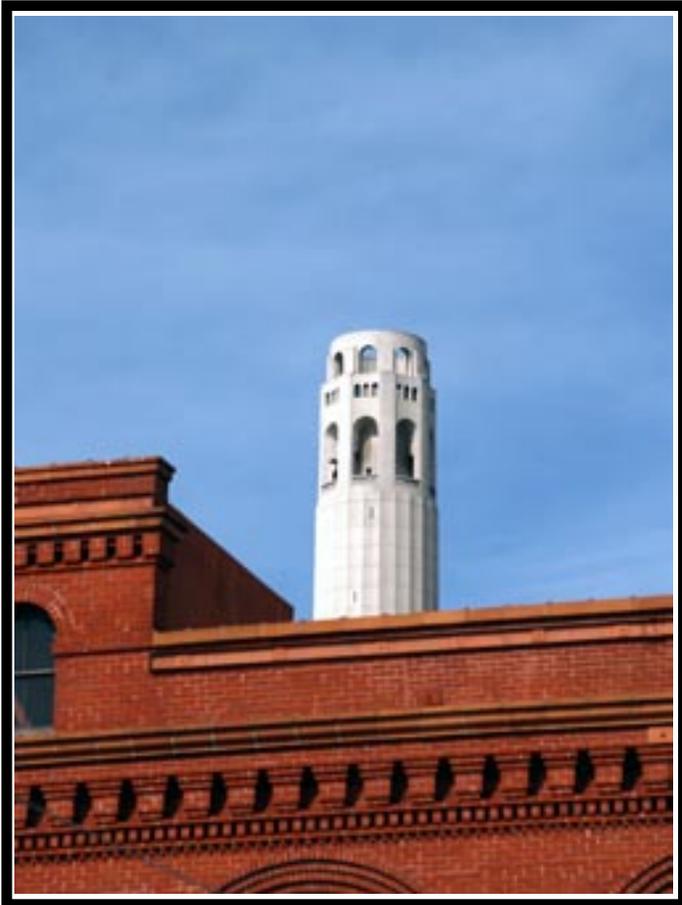
Howard Hall: Retired from the Air Force and a career at IBM, Howard now spends his time hunting for wild flowers to photograph, playing his guitar, attending air shows, and operating his HAM radio. As much as photographing, he likes editing the photos: correcting color, adjusting tones, “adding parts to enhance and sometimes making an image that never entirely existed.” When he was a member of *Light & Shadow*, one of his photos was chosen as the B/W Photo of the Year for the 6Cs clubs. “Show me your photos. Inspire me to do better. Talk to me about your work.”



Ric Smith is a retired software design engineer, who is a mostly self-taught photographer. He has a high level of skill in both photography and the use of Photoshop. “I love the whole process of looking at scenes to shoot, the thinking about and setting up the camera for a shot and the thinking about and the reviewing the results.” His goal is to become a master at creating large prints.

Featured Photos

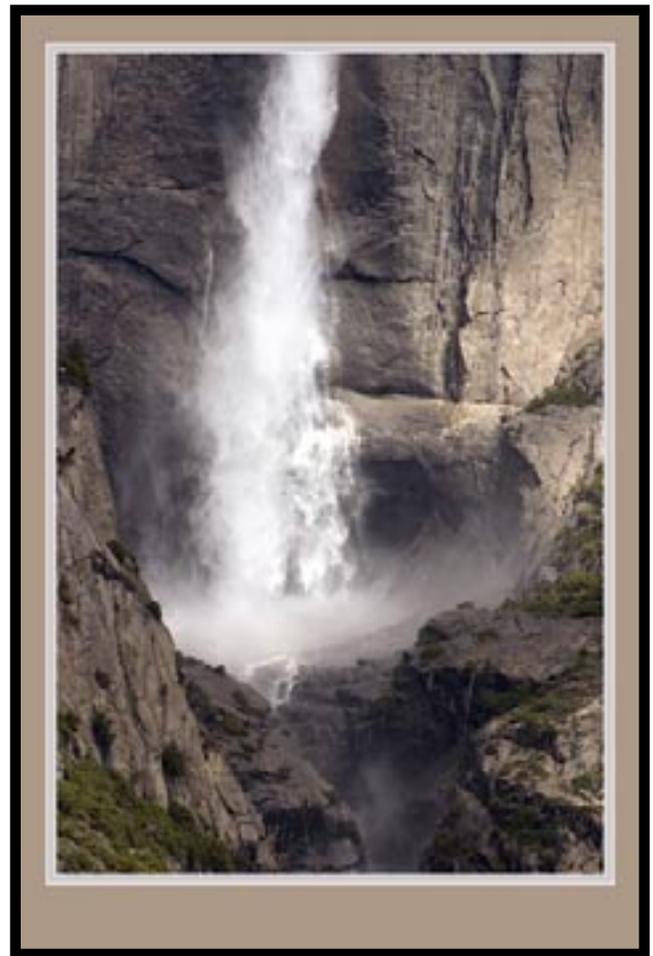
Each month, names will be drawn at random and those members will be invited to send one photograph that they would like to have published *In Focus*



“Coit Tower”
by Marty Cheek

San Francisco, CA
5/26/06

Olympic Evolt with telephoto lens



“Untitled”
by Ric Smith

Yosemite Falls
May 2008

Canon Xt 75-300 lens
140 mm focal length
ISO 100, f/8.0, 1/400



“Grasshopper” by Kathina Szeto
Kathina’s backyard
12/17/05
Canon Powershot.



“Flower & Bee”
by David Fritts

Jewel Gardens,
Skagway, Alaska

8/1/08

Sony Cybershot on
macro setting