

INFOCUS

January 2020

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January 8th Meeting: Time to Plan

In the January 8th meeting, you will have the opportunity to provide ideas and suggestions for future club programs. Members will be separated into groups of eight to nine people and each group will come up with potential programs, photo safaris, workshops, etc. In the end, each group will present their ideas and then all the members will vote on them. Priority will be given to the ones with the most “•”.

Featured Photographer

The Featured Photographer this month is Luis Franco. Come, enjoy, and discuss his images with him. He will be available before and after the meeting to answer your questions.

Image Share

Bring an image to share during our image round-robin. Share your thoughts with others at the table and ask the other photographers questions. Images on smart-phones are not acceptable since they are too small to be seen and commented upon by everyone at the same time. Printed images are best since they can be held up and seen by everyone at your table.



Photos © Luis Franco



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Facebook

Like the [club's page on Facebook](#) and you'll gain another avenue of communication, not only with members, but with all the world.

Make friends with other members in the club (most board members are on Facebook) and always share your photographic thoughts and links.

Editor's Notes

by [Jeff DuBridge](#)

I just had the cast taken off my right arm last week and I am so glad it's gone! The next two weeks entails either wearing a removable brace or not wearing it and stretching the wrist back to its prior flexibility.

During the last month, as a method to take photographs without having to hold a camera, I rented a Canon MP-E 65mm $f/2.8$ 1-5x Macro lens and a Novoflex Focusing Rack from borrowlenses.com and spent my time inside taking macro shots of various objects with the full assembly (along with a Canon MR-14EX II Macro Ring Lite that I already own) mounted to a tripod.

The 65mm macro lens used can focus at a magnification between one and five times magnification. At five times magnification, the object being photographed is just over one inch away from the front of the lens. When objects are this close to the lens, only a very small depth of field comes into sharp focus, regardless of the aperture used. In order to assemble the focus of the top photograph on page three, a total of 191 photographs has to be taken. After each photograph was taken, the rails were moved a fraction of a millimeter with another photograph taken at each new position.

Once the stack of photographs had been taken, each photograph was loaded into the software program, Helicon Focus, which places the in-focus section of each photograph

into a separate layer and one entire object is brought into complete focus with the final compaction of the group of stacked photographs.



A total of 191 separate focus modifications.

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Here's the compacted stack of the 191 photographs. Notice the tentacle overlap on the far left.



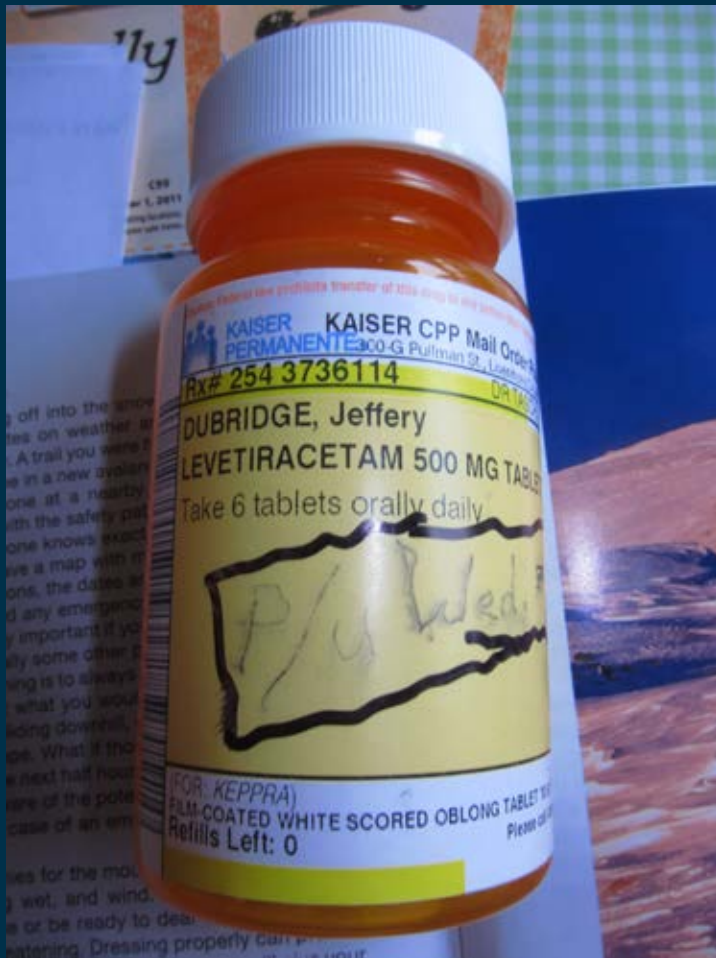
Another photograph of the same insect with a total of 128 photographs. This photograph was straight from Helicon Focus' compaction of unaltered RAW photographs (no post process cleanup, unlike above).

“Photography for me is not looking, it’s feeling. If you can’t feel what you’re looking at, then you’re never going to get others to feel anything when they look at your pictures.”

—Don McCullin

January Flickr Theme: Looking Down

The January Flickr Theme, *Looking Down*, doesn’t have to be depressing, granted it is the exact opposite of looking up. You can take the theme relatively or figuratively, it is up to you.



They Almost Ended Me by Jeff DuBridge

Create photographs that fit the theme and upload up to five of them to the club’s Monthly Photo Themes flickr® group. Post them during JANUARY, not before or after, that way they’ll appear together with other club member’s images.

Focus Groups

Lightroom - **NEW MEETING LOCATION**, **Active**, meets third Thursday of every month. ([George Ziegler](#))

Night - Active, Contact ([George Ziegler](#)).

People - Active, meets approximately every 4–6 weeks. ([Larry Campbell](#)) for more information.

Video & Drones - Active, third Tuesday of every month. ([Lance Trott](#))

iPhone Photography Starting, Contact [Michael Sue BrownKorbel](#) for more info.

OPEN - If you have areas to consider for a new Focus Group, contact a Board Member,

The 2020 Executive Board

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Morgan Hill Photography Club

General meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Senior Center
171 West Edmundson Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

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Membership Application

Personal Information Please print clearly Application to be completed and signed on a yearly basis.	PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY		OFFICE USE ONLY	
	Name: _____ Phone: [H] _____ [C] _____ eMail: _____ flickr® screen name: _____ How did you hear about us? _____		DATE PAID: ___/___/___ AMOUNT: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Receipt # _____ FOR YEAR: _____ STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> New (N) <input type="checkbox"/> Returning (T) <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing (R) POSTED: _____	
	YOUR PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERESTS (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Macro <input type="checkbox"/> Sports/Action <input type="checkbox"/> Video <input type="checkbox"/> Selfies <input type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> People/Portraits <input type="checkbox"/> Nature <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> Events <input type="checkbox"/> City/Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		SOCIAL MEDIA <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram <input type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
	<p>PRIVACY POLICY: By providing your email address you agree to be added to our electronic mailing list. You may unsubscribe from the list at any time by clicking on the “unsubscribe” link that is provided in each email you receive. The MHPC does not share your contact information and does not distribute a membership directory. If you wish to contact another member you should do so through the club’s “members only” Yahoo! Discussion Group.</p>			
Membership Dues (circle one)	RENEWAL: \$20 Due and payable on or before January 1 of each calendar year.	NEW MEMBERSHIPS:		
		Join in January thru September – includes current year only. \$20	Join in October or November – includes following calendar year. \$25	Join in December – includes following calendar year. \$20
Membership Agreement and Liability Release	<p>I, _____ PRINT NAME _____, hereby renew or apply for membership in the Morgan Hill Photography Club [MHPC] and request to participate in <i>General Meetings</i>, <i>Photo Safaris</i> (photographic field trips and walks), <i>Focus Groups</i> (periodic gatherings of members who have a common special photographic interest), <i>Gallery Shows</i>, and other activities [collectively Activities] as organized by MHPC and/or its members.</p> <p>I understand that MHPC has been organized to provide its members and guests with the opportunity to participate in various Activities related to photography. In addition, I understand that such Activities may present inherent physical risks to my person and/or property, and that membership in MHPC does not require my participation in such Activities. I therefore voluntarily assume full responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury that may be sustained by me and/or my property, as a result of participating in such Activities. Furthermore, I understand that MHPC does not provide general liability, accident or theft insurance of any kind for its members and/or guests.</p> <p>I understand that images I post to MHPC public flickr® groups may be used, royalty free, by the club for their website, announcements, and other publicity purposes, provided that the use of the image is accompanied by a photographer’s credit.</p> <p>In consideration of membership in MHPC and participation in MHPC's Activities, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless MHPC, its officers, and/or members, from any claims arising out of my participation in any MHPC activity, and agree to refrain from making any claims or commencing any lawsuit against MHPC, its officers and/or members.</p> <p>I agree to the foregoing and acknowledge that I have read and understand the MHPC Membership Agreement and Liability Release.</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>			
Payment	Mailing Address: MHPC, 17377 Depot Street, Morgan Hill, CA 95037-3654 Cash, or checks made payable to Morgan Hill Photography Club . A \$35 fee will be charged on all returned checks. Membership dues are non-refundable.			

On the reverse side of this application describe any skills or expertise that you would be willing to share with others.