



South Bay Camera Club

NEWS & VIEWS



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www.sbccphoto.org A sure winner!

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: Phil Cohen (310-212-7200, phil@absolute.net); VP and Membership Chair: Lou Schutzenberger (310-377-1342, sschutzenb@verizon.net); Treasurer: Jim Bardos (310-378-7655, jbardos@verizon.net); Secretary: Lou Schutzenberger (310-377-1342, sschutzenb@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.sbccphoto.org.

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MEETING SCHEDULE: Here is a preliminary schedule of meetings for the remainder of the fiscal year (all meetings are on a Monday at 7:30 PM at the Airport Meeting Room, unless otherwise noted.)

Date	Program	Description/Background
Dec 8	Holiday Banquet	Dinner and socializing, as well as photo montage shows, at the Sizzler in Torrance. See page 2 for details.
Dec 22	No Meeting	Holiday Break. We will resume regular meetings, starting January 26, 2009.
Jan 12	No Meeting	Schedule conflict at the Airport Meeting Room
Jan 26	Print Evaluation	Evaluator is TBD (To Be Determined)
Feb 9	Digital Evaluation	Evaluator is TBD
Feb 23	Presentation	Details of this meeting are being finalized
Mar 9	Print Evaluation	Evaluator is TBD
Mar 23	Gallery Night	Details will be announced later
Apr 13	Digital Evaluation	Evaluator is TBD
Apr 27	Scavenger Hunt Judging	Judge will be announced later
May 11	Print Evaluation	Evaluator is TBD
May 25	No Meeting	Memorial Day --- go enjoy your family
Jun 8	Digital Evaluation, Election of Officers	Evaluator is TBD
Jun 22	Awards Banquet	Install new officers, present awards, eat, socialize, enjoy program

Holiday Banquet Plans:

Banquet Chairman Marge Robinson has announced that this year's banquet will be held in the Torrance Sizzler Restaurant at 2880 Sepulveda Blvd from 6 - 9 PM. Attendees will pay for their own meal and drinks at the regular Sizzler buffet, and the club will collect an additional \$5 per person for raffle prizes, tips, and decorations. You can buy your tickets at the door. Upon arrival at the Sizzler, attendees are free to socialize or start their meal with a trip to the buffet. There will be raffle prizes and some outstanding photo shows after the main meal.

Recap of November Meetings:

November 10, Digital Evaluation Night

About 40 members and guests heard our evaluator, Joanne Stolte, give some valuable and candid advice and opinion on member images digitally projected on the screen. She also showed some of her own photos of Cuba. You can see these and more of her work on <http://www.pbase.com/joannestolte>. It is well worth the effort. Joanne is the President of our local conference of camera clubs, S4C, and is Vice President for Membership of the PSA. Thank you very much Joanne for coming down for our meeting. Members also voted unanimously to adopt the new club bylaws prepared by Howard Sachar. These Bylaws may be viewed on the club website. On the menu on the left of the home page, scroll down to the last item, "SBCC Organization." Then click on "Constitution & Bylaws."

November 27, Amy Cantrell Shares Tips on Portrait Photography

Professional photographer Amy Cantrell shared some of her secrets and tips for making successful portraits with a crowd of about 35 members and guests. Amy has been a speaker and evaluator for the SBCC in the past --- she is no stranger to our club. I have heard that the presentation and demonstrations were extremely interesting and helpful. Thank you Amy for giving us the benefit of your experience.

Outings and Field Trips:

For Reference: our outings and field-trip coordinator, Betsy Treynor, has agreed to continue in that assignment for another year --- yeah!. For questions, or to reserve a place on a tour, call her at 310-375-6348, or send an e-mail to bgtreynor5@gmail.com

Annual Christmas Lights Outing

The annual SBCC Christmas Lights outing in the Foggy Bottom section of Torrance, famed for their Christmas displays, will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 17. Meet at 5 PM on Avenue H in Redondo Beach, immediately east of Prospect and just south of the Tulita School. Avenue H is the first street north of PCH. We will walk through the traffic barrier to the lights in the Torrance neighborhood and photograph for 1-2 hours. Some of us will join together afterwards for a meal at some local bistro. Bring your tripod. Flash is optional. This is a great opportunity to try some low light photography. We always exchange hints and tips on technique.

Angelino Heights Walking Tour of the Carroll Avenue Victorian Homes, Saturday, January 3, 2009

The LA Conservancy Tour titled "Angelino Heights Walking Tour of the Carroll Avenue Victorian Homes" takes place the first Saturday of every month. If we have a minimum of 10 people (\$5 for members of the LA Conservancy, \$10 for non-members) we can have our own docent for up to 20 people. The tour is 2-12 hours, beginning at 10 am. It is 5 blocks of (easy) walking in the restored Victorian neighborhood, plus information on the architecture, art, style and culture of the period and possibly entrance to two private homes (no photography in the homes). Carroll Avenue is an East-West street if you care to think about sun; of course it could be cloudy too. Please RSVP by emailing Betsy Treynor at bgtreynor5@gmail.com

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, March 13-15, 2009

Plans are being made for a three day outing to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Part of the outing will be led by Paul Johnson, an expert on the Anza-Borrego area. Participants will travel around the park in 4-wheeled vehicles with good clearance. The whole group will stay two days at Borrego Springs Hotel. It is time to make reservations now. The trip is full as of now, but reserve a place on the waiting list by calling or emailing Betsy! For those who are going on the trip, there will be an organizational meeting on January 26 at 6:30, before the regular club meeting.

Scavenger Hunt: Start Shooting!

Scavenger Hunt chairman Robin Young has announced the rules for the 2008/2009 club scavenger hunt. Briefly, all photos must be taken between Aug 1, 2008 and April 12, 2009. The 12 theme photos must be submitted on a CD to Robin by April 13, 2009. Judging will be held on April 27, 2009 at the regular club meeting. The themes are: ODD; EVEN; SPINNING; STILL; COOL COLORS; WARM COLORS; RURAL LANDSCAPE; URBAN LANDSCAPE; FIRE; ICE; SEA; LAND. Complete details may be found on the SBCC website. This event is a lot of fun and a photographic challenge. Join the fun this year! Get started now.

Board Meeting

A board meeting was held November 17 at my home. There were 13 members in attendance. The highlights are as follows:

- The financial assets stand at \$5365.83, including \$992.42 for the digital fund.
- The new bylaws were approved by the board (as well as members at the Nov. 10 meeting) and are now the official governing rules of the club.
- It was suggested to have themes for at least two evaluation evenings for each of prints and projected digital. This means that images would be required to illustrate the given theme for the evening. Themes might be such things as "seashore," "people," or "color." The idea is being considered. Member inputs are welcomed.

The next meeting will be sometime and somewhere.

Upcoming and Current Photo Exhibits:

The following photo exhibits were covered in more detail in the November newsletter. The titles are included here as reminders.

Getty Center: Dialogue among Giants: Carleton Watkins and the Rise of Photography in California, October 14 – March 1

Getty Center: In Focus: The Landscape, August 26 – January 11

Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA): A Story of Photography: The Marjorie and Leonard Vernon Collection Oct 5 – February 1

LACMA: Vanity Fair Portraits: Photographs 1913-2008, October 26 - March 1

Upcoming Photo Ops:

Bob's Big Boy Car Shows

Near PCH and Hawthorne. There are regular car club meetings and car club shows at Bob's. The meetings are on the 1st Saturday of the month, and the car shows are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. People can come and look at and photograph the cars at both the meetings and the shows. Meetings begin at 8am on Saturdays, shows begin at 5 pm on Wednesdays.

Ricky and Ronnie's Car Shows

Car show on the 1st Friday of each month, 7 pm, corner of Sepulveda and Normandie.

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