



South Bay Camera Club

NEWS & VIEWS

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www.sbccphoto.org **Not to be missed!**

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: October, November and December (all meetings are on a Monday at 7:30 PM at the Airport Meeting Room, unless otherwise noted.)

Date	Program	Description/Background
Oct 13	Print Evaluation	Our evaluator will be Annie Appel. Bring up to 3 prints, mono or color, mounted if possible. Maximum size of image/mounting is 16x20 inches so it will fit on the lighted easel. Bring photos you have shown before if you like, and hear what our insightful and delightful evaluator has to say.
Oct 27	Club Website Demo	President and Webmaster Phil Cohen will walk us through features of the website for the benefit of both newbies and oldies so we can all make better use of this resource. Don't miss this one! We need to make more use of this resource.
Nov 10	Digital Image Evaluation	Our evaluator will be Joan Stolte, president of S4C (Southern California Council of Camera Clubs). 3 images, mono or color, 764 x 1020 max, submit thru website.
Nov 24	Photographic Technique Presentation	Our presenter will be professional photographer Amy Cantrell, well known to SBCC members for her appearances as evaluator. The exact topic is being negotiated.
Dec 8	Holiday Banquet	Dinner and socializing, as well as photo montage shows, at the Sizzler in Torrance. Details will be announced later.

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 in this year! Get started now.

Recap of September Meetings:

September 8, Digital Image Evaluation Night

Our evaluator, Taso Papadakis, was a no show. Later he pleaded forgiveness and mercy for forgetting his engagement with us. President Phil Cohen rose to the occasion and suggested a different format whereby makers would introduce each of their images and explain what they were trying to accomplish and what problems they encountered. Then the audience was invited to make comments about the picture, and suggest different approaches. It was an inspired idea --- we all had a fun and interesting evening and learned some photography.

September 22, Portrait Retouching

Kelli MacDonald demonstrated some portrait retouching techniques used by the pros. She does this type of work at Silvio's Photoworks. Among other things, the demonstration used layers, the healing brush, creative cloning, and the great utility of the "merge visible" command. This was a real learning experience --- maybe we can have more such programs in the future. Thank you very much Kelli, from all of us.

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

LA Zoo --- Saturday, October 11

Meet at 9:15 at Alpine Village to go to the LA Zoo, opening at 10 AM. Expect to stay for lunch (or BYO and keep it hidden) and departures as people wish, probably by 2 PM. It's OK to bring tripods (Betsy checked on this), but stay on the walkways and be courteous. E-mail Betsy if you are interested.

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

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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. We could also have a private tour **December 6**, or, if there are fewer than 10, we would join the regular tour (which is open on the website above, but let me know if you plan to sign up there). Please RSVP your date preference 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. Paul will be at our disposal for an honorarium of 40 dollars per hour to be divided by those attending. Two to four hours each day is the proposed amount of his leadership. 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. Call Betsy if you are interested. The trip is full as of now, but reserve a place on the waiting list!

South Bay Camera Club has enrolled to participate in PSA's International Interclub Competition, Photo-Travel Division

1. Sign up (or email) Betsy Treynor at bgtreynor5@gmail.com your intent. The following have already signed up to participate:

David Carriere
Ron Discipulo
Lori Geittmann
E. Fitzgerald
Doris Beaman

2. Send Betsy your **two** entries for Photo Travel.

The PSA Guidelines say: "A photo travel image must express the feeling of a time and place, portray a land, its people, or a culture in its natural state, and has no geographical limitations. Ultra close ups which lose their identity, studio type model shots or photographic manipulations which misrepresent the true situation or alter the content of the image are unacceptable in Photo Travel competition."

http://psa-newmember.org/image_evaluation/photo_travel.html

The PSA reminds us that "impact" is a major consideration in judging. (I haven't seen that written anywhere, but I heard it stated several times at the PSA conference.)

Your photo must be emailed as an attachment size 1024 x 768 pixels, (width x height) and not more than 500KB. If it a vertical picture, the maximum height is still 768 and the width will be proportionally reduced.

3. Send by Monday, October 8. SBCC expects to form a group of three persons to decide which 6 pictures will be sent by mail on a CD to the judging club (Northern CA) before October 16. They will report to the participants which pictures were selected.

4. They will be judged October 18 in Walnut Creek and the entries sent back to me with the reports. Ribbons for the First, Second and Third prizes and Honorable Mentions will be sent later.

Board Meeting

The board of directors met September 29 at my home. There were 13 members in attendance. The meeting was chaired by president Phil Cohen. Highlights are as follows:

- Treasurer Jim Bardos reported a balance of \$4168.39. PSA dues have been paid, S4C dues are being figured out.
- Phil was authorized to spend up to \$200 on needed equipment for the club digital projector. This is mainly for a bulb. Phil believes a new bulb can be obtained on E-Bay at that price. The bulb is needed to restore the rendering of true colors for our image evaluations.
- Decided to withdraw from an exhibition at Paul's Photo due to lack of interest.
- Lynne Alexander has agreed to be the S4C representative for the coming year, and Bob Houston has agreed to be the club historian. He suggested an interesting idea of digitizing much of the club's history and putting it on DVD disks so all of us could see what the club was doing in the way olden days.

The next Board Meeting will be held Monday, October 20, 7:30 PM, again at my home.

Upcoming and Current Photo Exhibits:

PADA at Paul's

The Photographic And Digital Artists (PADA) of the Palos Verdes Art Center will exhibit at the Paul's Photo Gallery, 23845 Hawthorne Blvd. in Torrance. The theme is "What Have I Been Doing Lately?" In other words, only recent photographs will be shown. The exhibit will be shown during September and October. The artist's reception was held on Friday, September 5, 5-7 PM, at the Gallery (i.e. the store).

Redondo Beach Art Group Exhibition “The Power of Art 2008” at the AES Power Plant, Redondo Beach

This is an annual exhibit to be held this year on October 17, 18, and 19 (one week-end only!). It is a huge show held in a huge venue --- an unused equipment bay at the AES Power Plant in Redondo Beach. This is the power plant which was once owned by Southern California Edison. It is just across North Harbor Drive from King Harbor. It is the one with the whales painted on the sides. Entry and parking are through the gate toward the north end of the property, off N. Harbor Drive at the stoplight at Yacht Club Way (across from the aquarium).

Admission is free to the public. Bring your cameras and flash units. People who have attended this event in the past say that the venue is as photogenic as the exhibit. For more information check the web site at: www.redondobeachartgroup.org. The exhibits will be mostly conventional arts, but photography is well represented.

There will be an artist's reception “with fabulous SILENT AUCTION and LIVE MUSIC” on Friday, Oct 17, from 7 PM to 9 PM. A complete schedule of events can be found on the web site. Hours of operation are Friday 7-10 PM, Saturday 10 AM to 10 PM, Sunday 10 AM to 9 PM.

How appropriate, the “Power of Art” will be held in the Power Plant --- get it?

Upcoming Photo Ops:

Seal Beach Kite Festival:

The Seal Beach Japan America Kite Festival will be held on Sunday, October 5, starting at 10 AM and throughout the day, on the beach at downtown Seal Beach. It is Free! Betsy says this is a great photo-op. For more information, go to www.kiteclub.org/pages/festival.htm.

South Coast Botanic Garden:

October 11 SATURDAY FABULOUS 50's CAR SHOW 9AM TO 4PM

Sponsored by the Fabulous 50's Car Club. This annual Contours predominance will showcase cars made in the 50's and 60's that have racing provenance. Showcased cars will be Corvettes. The Honorary Chairperson of this year's show is Dick (Mr. Corvette) Guldstrand, who raced in the 50's and 60's. Between 60 - 70 cars will be on display on the Upper Meadow.

October 25 & 26 SATURDAY & SUNDAY MODEL TRAIN SHOW 9AM - 4PM

Show sponsored by the Los Angeles Division of the National Model Railroad Association. The finest modular clubs will be represented, including: Citrus Empire's O-Scale, 20's-30's Modular Club, Orange County HO Club, and So. California Traction Club. Tracks will be set up in the Hall as well as the Cactus Garden. There will be a steam engine running behind the Gift Shop area. Don't miss this very popular show!

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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