



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

Date	Program	Description/Background
Sep 8	Digital Image Evaluation	Our evaluator will be Taso Papadakis, returning to SBCC by popular request. The same entry rules as for prints apply. Enter your images through the club website by close-of-business on the Friday before the Monday meeting. Up to 3 entries. May be mono or color, new or repeat. Submit entries through the website. Maximum size is 764 pixels height and 1020 pixels width.
Sep 22	Portrait Retouching	Kelli MacDonald, who does this type of work professionally at Silvio's, is going to give us a program of theory and demonstration. You have to see this.
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!
Nov 10	Digital Image Evaluation	Our evaluator will be Joan Stolte, president of S4C (Southern California Council of Camera Clubs). Same rules as listed above for Sep 8.
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.

Recap of August Meetings:

August 11, Print Evaluation Night

As reported elsewhere, the original evaluator Richard Alvarez, was called away and had to cancel. He was ably replaced by Melanie Shatto, a professional photographer from the South Bay Area. There were lots of prints, and we kept Melanie busy commenting and critiquing each one. Her remarks were helpful and interesting. Thank you again Melanie for your wonderful evaluations.

August 25, Table-top Macro Photography

An enthusiastic crowd of about 45 members and guests enjoyed a presentation by Don Gos, a local professional photographer who does commercial work, and also flowers, in particular, orchids. He is a founder of the South Bay Orchid Society. He talked about the color of lighting, and how to achieve various effects using inexpensive lighting and background equipment available from Home Depot or Loew's. Thank you Don for a great and entertaining evening.

SBCC Invited to Hold Photo Exhibition:

Our club has been invited by Paul's Photo to put on an exhibition of our photographs in the Gallery at the Paul's Photo store. This would be a one month exhibit held during early 2009, possibly as early as January. A total of 42 prints can be displayed. There will be an artists reception. The Board of Directors has given preliminary approval to the idea at the last meeting. The SBCC will be in charge of print selection and hanging. A theme will be selected soon, but whatever that theme may be, the emphasis will be on recent work --- only photographs made during 2008 or early 2009 may be exhibited. Entries may be color or black and white.

All prints must be framed behind glass, plexiglas or equivalent. All frames must have wire hangers with wire installed. All prints must be signed and titled on the mat or print. Minimum framed image size is 8x10" --- maximum framed image size is 16x20". Simple black frames with white mats are suggested. Printing must be high resolution --- 300 dpi or equivalent.

In order to hold an exhibition like this, we need someone to act as coordinator. We need someone to step up ASAP and accept this challenge. Let Phil know of your volunteering. If no one steps forward to coordinate, we will have to decline the offer from Paul's.

This is a great opportunity for some exposure (sic). I am looking forward to our participation.

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

San Pedro First Thursday Art Stroll, Thursday, September 4

First Thursday in San Pedro --- Norm Zareski will lead an SBCC group the evening of **Thursday, September 4**, starting at 5:30 at Niko's Pizzeria, 399 West 6th St., corner of Mesa. After an Italian supper the group will walk to the Loft and other galleries, while also enjoying festive music on the street by different groups: blues, jazz, middle-eastern, etc. <http://www.nikospizzeria.com/> Always great photo ops on this tour, but leave the tripod at home.

LA Zoo --- Saturday, October 11

The LA Zoo opens at 10 am and if we have 15 people, everyone pays \$9 (which is also the senior/age 62 entry). We'll meet at Alpine Village at 9:15 on **Saturday, October 11**. <http://www.lazoo.org/visit/index.html> Shows and activities for a Saturday: World of Birds, 11:30 am, 2 pm and 3:30 pm.; Animals and You – 15 minute close-ups in the Children's Zoo at 10:45 and 11:45 am and 12:45 pm. Let Betsy know if you plan to attend.

Angelino Heights Walking Tour, Maybe on Saturday, November 1?

A LA Conservancy tour titled "Angelino Heights Walking Tour" of the Carroll Avenue Victorian Homes takes place the First Saturday of every month. Reservations and pre-payment are required; non-members (of the conservancy) pay \$10 for the 2-1/2 hour tour, which begins at 10am. **They are sold out till November 1.** The tour includes 5 blocks of 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. Or we could do without the guided tour and go on our own. If you are interested, get in touch with Betsy. Plans will be discussed at the next SBCC meeting.

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

Plans are being made for a two/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.

Board Meeting

The board of directors met August 18 at my home. There were 12 members in attendance. The meeting was chaired by president Phil Cohen. Highlights are as follows:

- Treasurer Jim Bardos reported a balance of \$4587.83, of which \$992.44 is for the digital fund. However, both PSA and S4C dues are payable, so the balance will decrease in the near future.
- Phil announced that Maria Holmes will serve as our program chairman for the coming year. Thank you Maria.
- 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.
- Gave informal approval to the idea of an SBCC exhibition at Paul's Photo.

The next Board Meeting will be held Monday, September 29, 7:30 PM, again at my home.

Jobs Available!

If you would like to gain more from your camera club affiliation by getting into the action, there is good news! There are jobs going begging, waiting for the right person to take over and contribute just a bit to organizing and running the club. Volunteers are needed for digital imaging and equipment administrator, selector of image evaluators and judges, S4C delegate, PSA interclub representative, and digital image chairman. To find out more, or even to volunteer, contact our President Phil Cohen.

Upcoming 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 will be held on Friday, September 5, 5-7 PM, at the Gallery (i.e. the store). We are all invited.

Huntington Library:

The Huntington Library in San Marino will present a photography exhibit June 14 to September 15 in the Boone Gallery and West Hall of the facilities. It is called "This Side of Paradise" and will feature photographs of the Los Angeles area from the 1860s to the present. Over 200 images will be on display, showing prints from photographers such as Ansel Adams, Gerry Winograd, George Hurrell, and Ed Weston, as well as many others. I've heard that this exhibit is really good.

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:

September 14 SUNDAY Jaguar Concours d'Elegance Car Show 9am - 4pm

Sponsored by the Jaguar Owner's Club of Los Angeles. This is the 51st Annual Concours d'Elegance. Traditionally, vehicle judging is much more demanding than that of a general car show. Trained judges examine the vehicles thoroughly and rate every component. Only those vehicles that are judged perfect are considered trophy class. See these cars on the Upper Meadow.

September 27 & 28 SAT & SUN Orchid Show & Sale 9AM - 5PM

Sponsored by the South Bay Orchid Society. Commercial growers will be on hand to sell as well as showcase their outstanding flowering plants with artistic display. Thousands of orchids will be offered for sale.

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.

Dues Due!

It's a new year, and that means it is time to enroll for another year as a member of the South Bay Camera Club. The dues are the same as last year: \$40 for a single, \$70 for a pair from the same household; half price if signing up on or after January 1, 2009. You can give your check to the Treasurer, Jim Bardos, at a meeting. Members from last year who do not pay will be carried along on the distribution list until the end of September --- and then they will be EXPUNGED! Don't suffer such a fate! Already 24 members have renewed their memberships for the upcoming year. There were over 70 members last year, so we have a ways to go.

Bill Berry
SBCC News & Views Editor