



December 6, 2007

Minutes

The Annual Banquet on Dec. 6, 2007 was outstanding. Many thanks to Mike Adkins for making the arrangements, to the staff at Twin Silos Golf Club for the great prime rib, and to Barbara Sullivan and David Fatalleh for judging the End of Year Photo Competition. We hope to use this facility again next year. I don't think you could find better food and ambiance for the price!

Just prior to the banquet, we chose the competition categories for 2008 as follows:

January - Portraits
February - Open
March - Love
April - Open
May - Blue
June - Open
July - Rocks
August - Open
September - Rural Land
October - Open
November - 100 Feet From Your House

In addition, we are planning some activities to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the club's start. We hope to use these activities as a tool to grow our membership. As Mike said, there will be many digital cameras given as Christmas gifts this year. This represents a tremendous membership pool if we can find a way to tap into it.

We are planning an outing to the Hocking Hills area of Ohio, hopefully to coincide with the spring wildflower season. Other outings are sure to follow.

We hope to have more educational programs such as that given by David Fatalleh.

We hope to find someone to take over the secretarial duties.

We hope to make improvements to our in-house photo competitions to make that process more streamlined and more educational itself.

Our End of Year competition judges both made the same suggestion: we should adopt the practice of giving titles to our photos. Their stance is that a suitable title gives a viewer better insight into the photographer's intent. There are those who will say that a good photo needs no title, and I can see that logic of that. However, titles have some practical benefit. It makes it easier to determine what photos won during past in-house competitions. I have been asked more than once if a member's photo won during 2007 or 2006 and in what month. Having a list of titles would make this easier to determine. Now, I just have to guess. In addition, most significant photo competitions require entries to have titles. This is an issue we should discuss.

Our next meeting will be our first meeting of 2008 on January 10, same time and place. We will have print and slide competitions in the category "Portraits." I hope to contact a few local professionals to see how many would be interested in making a presentation to our membership. More on this and other items later.

Dues for 2008 will come due in January and should be paid by the first meeting in March 2008.

Have a Happy Holiday season, and I'll see you next year!!

Fred Huff

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