



August 7, 2008  
Minutes

There were 16 members in attendance tonight. We welcomed a new member, Kuyler McComas, who shoots film (and digital). David Tolley also renewed his membership. We now have 28 paid members.

There were 52 prints entered into the photo competition in the Open category. The sheer number of prints nearly overwhelmed us during the voting and scoring. This was complicated by the fact that the studio building at HMOA was filled with books for an upcoming book fair. We held our meeting outside the studio building. Fortunately, the weather was mild.

We are requesting that members planning to enter future club photo competitions send an email notification to Mike Adkins or Jeff Bryson providing the necessary information on your photos. They can then fill out the scoring sheet(s) in advance. Those who decide at the last minute can still bring their prints to the meeting and they will be added manually. We hope this will greatly reduce the time required for our competitions.

Mike and Jeff have been to the History of Photography exhibit being shown at the Clay Center through September 15. They highly recommend it.

Mike provided some details on his proposed mentoring program. He would like to see a number of teams made up of one Advanced or Master photographer and two Tyros. The advanced member would serve as a mentor or advisor to the Tyros. The teams would go out to shoot on a prescribed day from 12:00 noon to 12:00 noon the following day. The Tyros must shoot the photos. The teams would then get together to process and print their best photos. At this point the mentor can offer some hands-on assistance. Prints must be matted and framed. The prints would be judged by the Tri-State Art Association. The team with the winning print would be treated to dinner from the club treasury. All photos would be explained and discussed at a later meeting.

Those planning to attend Bridge Day on October 18 should notify Mike or Herb Parsons so their names can be placed on the list for media passes. The money for the passes (\$5.00) will be collected later. The passes will allow a limited number of photographers to utilize the shuttle to reach the bottom of the gorge and photograph the jumpers.

The Charleston Camera Club has dropped out of the photo exhibition to be held at the courthouse in Charleston, leaving OVCC members to participate. The courthouse has asked us to participate. All prints must be in Mike's hands by the last Friday this month. He will provide details on when and where to bring them. He will also request information on all prints. He plans to print up gallery cards to hang beside each print. Prices will not be placed on prints for sale. Instead, people wishing to purchase prints will be directed how to get in touch with the photographers.

Mike suggested we create an appointed position in the club to help with promotional activities. This person would help with design of fliers, brochures, business cards, etc. If you have some experience with desktop publishing, graphic arts, etc., please consider volunteering for this position.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 21. Jeff Bryson will give a program on Macro Photography. He will be sending out an advance notice on items each member may want to bring (an empty Pringles can and an extra body cap for your camera).

We will also need to begin considering potential candidates for club officers for 2009. We also need to start thinking about the Annual Banquet and End of Year Photo Competition. There will be more information on these items at the next meeting.

Fred Huff  
Secretary, OVCC