



Welcome!!!!

The Lehigh Valley Photography Club is formally up and running thanks in part to several residents of the Lehigh Valley.

Our first official meeting was held at the Banana Factory in Bethlehem with 33 members and prospective members in attendance.

Member registration can be done online by visiting the club's website at www.lvphotoclub.org or in person before the start of any club meeting or photo walk.

Club events will include photo contests and photo walks around the valley as well as general member meetings. Each event is announced through the club's website forum and through their online photo gallery located at www.flickr.com/groups/lehighvalleyphotographyclub/

If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of our Executive Board members located at right.

Please Note:

Items are to be to our Public Relations Chairperson no later than the 25th of each month in order to be in the upcoming issue. *Thank you!*

Club Calendar

March 2-March 9: Philadelphia Flower Show
If you are interested in attending contact our President Ricky Mensch.

March 15: 12 - 3 Photo Walk
Farmer's Market, Allentown, PA

March 20: 7-9 PM Club Meeting
Banana Factory, Bethlehem, PA
At this meeting we will have a Full Pro Studio Set-Up so everyone can try their hand at shooting Portraits.

The March Photo Assignment Theme is
Delicate.

Photos to be posted March 10-14 (by 7PM)
Judging begins March 14 at 8PM and closes on March 17 at 8PM.

NOTE : ALL photos must not be older than 1 week before the contest begins which means you may take a photo starting on Monday, March 3 but not before that date.

Our Executive Board
President Ricky Mensch
president@lvphotoclub.org
Vice President Andy Smith
vpresident@lvphotoclub.org
Treasurer Jeff Grim

treasurer@lvphotoclub.org
Secretary Anthony Lauro
secretary@lvphotoclub.org
Digital Chairperson Lee Levin-Friend
digital@lvphotoclub.org

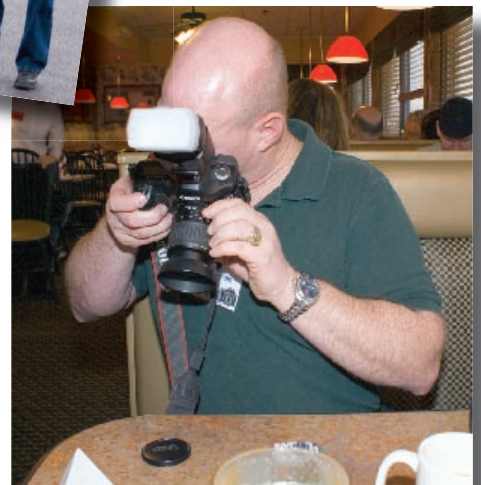
Print-Slide Chairperson Scott Husted
print@lvphotoclub.org
Events Chairperson Loretta Killian
events@lvphotoclub.org

Public Relations Coordinator Teresa Delikat
publicrelations@lvphotoclub.org

Lehigh Valley Photo Club - Launch (or Lunch) Meeting

Interested Lehigh Valley residents met at Perkins on 191 in Bethlehem, PA to discuss the launching of a new Lehigh Valley Photo Club. This club, now formed, has a website at <http://lvphotoclub.org> where members can read about upcoming events, contests, meetings etc.

There is also a group gallery set up for displaying photos at <http://www.flickr.com/groups/lehighvalley-photographyclub>.





A Single Orange.....

Our December Club Assignment theme was a single orange! Congratulations to Jeff Grim for his winning photo.

====Motion====

Our January Club Assignment theme was Motion! Congratulations to Ray ("geekninja" on flickr) for his winning photo.



OBSESSION!!!!!!

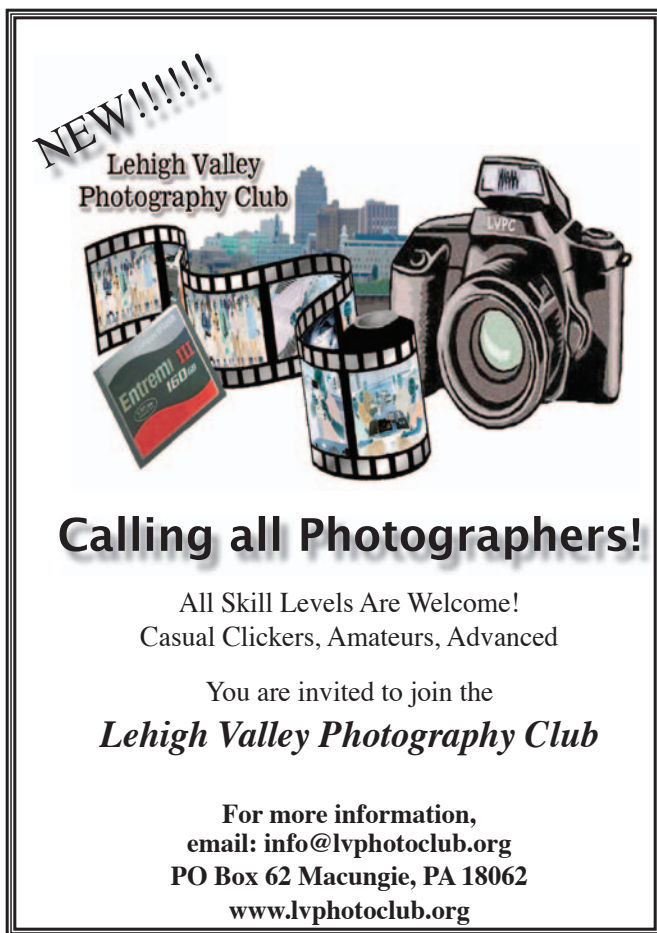
Our February Club Assignment theme was Obsession! Congratulations to Thomas Grim for his winning photo.



Extra! Extra! Read All About Us!


Help us get the word out that the Lehigh Valley Photography Club is up and running!

Flyers, shown below left, can be picked up at club meetings or emailed to you by our club President and Public Relations Coordinator for you to distribute along your daily travels. Hang them at your gym, your workplace, your local library, etc! PLEASE be sure to get permission to be sure that posting public flyers is permitted. Don't just hang the flyer and risk having it removed without notice.



The flyer is enclosed in a double-line border. At the top left, the word "NEW!!!!!!" is written in a slanted, bold font. Below it, the text "Lehigh Valley Photography Club" is centered. The central illustration features a camera with "LVPC" on its lens, a roll of film, and a memory card labeled "Extreme III 16GB". The background shows a city skyline. At the bottom, the text "Calling all Photographers!" is in a large, bold font. Below that, it says "All Skill Levels Are Welcome! Casual Clickers, Amateurs, Advanced". Further down, it says "You are invited to join the *Lehigh Valley Photography Club*". At the very bottom, it provides contact information: "For more information, email: info@lvphotoclub.org PO Box 62 Macungie, PA 18062 www.lvphotoclub.org".

NEW!!!!!!
Lehigh Valley
Photography Club



Calling all Photographers!

All Skill Levels Are Welcome!
Casual Clickers, Amateurs, Advanced

You are invited to join the
Lehigh Valley Photography Club

For more information,
email: info@lvphotoclub.org
PO Box 62 Macungie, PA 18062
www.lvphotoclub.org



The Lehigh Valley Photography Club is proud to be a member of the Photographic Society of America.

What is PSA ?

The PSA is a worldwide interactive organization for anyone interested in photography, be they casual, serious amateurs or professional photographers. Individual, Camera Club, Chapter and Council members are offered a wide variety of activities: a monthly magazine, photo and digital competitions, study groups via mail and the internet, how-to programs, an annual conference and a raft of other activities and services.

A link to our website has been placed on the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

Our link is under "Visual Arts":

<http://www.bethlehem.info/entertainment/arts/>

Be sure to log on the club's main site <http://www.lvphotoclub.org>
and the flickr site at <http://www.flickr.com/groups/lehighvalleyphotographyclub/>
to keep up with happenings!

Ricky Mensch, Andy Smith, Jeffrey E. Grim, Anthony Lauro, Lee M. Levin-Friend, Scott B. Husted, Loretta Killian, Teresa J. Delikat, Thomas W. Grim, John Gallagher, Beth Ann Schmoyer, Shelly M. Mensch, Wendy Sause, Steven Febbraro, Bob Hahn, Alice Lipe, Suzanne Styers Boundy, James Brice, Robert Brown, Larry Dell, Nick Democritos, Jennifer Fink, Brenda H. Fortna, Sandy Gelatt, Pat Gombocz, Gary Preis, Mike Rosak, Richard Wall, Marguerite Wilkins, and Susan Smith

Lehigh Valley Photography Club Meeting Minutes February 17, 2008

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Lehigh Valley Photography Club (hereinafter The Club) was called to order at 1:00 pm on February 17, 2008 at The Banana Factory in Bethlehem, PA by The President, Ric Mensch.

A. Approval of Agenda

1. The agenda was distributed by The President to the Executive Board and approved.

B Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

2. N/A.

C. Open Issues

3. Attendees not on the Executive Board introduced themselves to the rest of The Club.

D. Treasurer's Report

4. The Treasurer stated that he will be providing a monthly report on The Club's funds.

5. To date The Club's funds are at \$188.00.

6. The Treasurer stated that there are currently twenty one members of The Club. (Writer's note: As of the end of the meeting there are now thirty three members.)

7. The Treasurer also stated that the current membership fee is prorated at \$10.00 and will increase to \$30.00 for each year hereinafter.

8. The year will run from June 1st to May 31st.

9. Renewal Applications will not be required unless changes to a member's original application are made.

10. The rental fees for the monthly meetings are paid from the funds of The Club.

11. A P.O. Box has been established for applications and dues.

12. A motion was on the floor to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Loretta.

E. President and Vice-President Comments

13. The President stated that meetings will occur on weeknights and shoots will occur on the weekends.

14. The monthly shoot location will be voted on by members.

15. The expenses for trips will come out of individuals' pockets and not from membership dues.

16. The President stated that volunteers are needed for the various the committees the Executive Board has already established.

17. The President asked if The Club would like to continue using trophies as monthly awards or go to ribbons.

18. The President announced "Geekninja" as the winner of the January 2008 contest. "Geekninja" was not present to receive the award.

19. The Vice-President stated that this being The Club's first meeting the turnout is amazing.

20. The Executive Board stated that we would like The Club to remain independent, without any ties to one particular sponsor.

21. The Vice-President reinforced The Executive Board's belief that this is a club where we can all learn from each other and all are encouraged to participate in the contests.

F. Public Relations Chairperson's Report

22. The Public Relations Chairperson stated that there is a ten second spot running on the local cable company, Service Electric.

23. It was also stated that press releases have been sent to two local papers, The Easton Express-Times and The Morning Call.

24. The Chairperson will be contacting local area chamber of commerces.

G. Events Chairperson's Report

25. The Events Chairperson stated that a number of members have been submitted emails regarding event ideas and gave examples of some of the suggestions.
26. The question was raised whether or not to limit The Club's events to only the Lehigh Valley and if so what defines the Lehigh Valley.
27. The President stated that events should not be limited and that there should be a motion to decide if The Club wanted to participate in events outside the region. The President asked if anyone wanted to put the motion to a vote. There was no motion to put this to a vote at this time.
28. The President asked if anyone would want to form an Events Committee with The Event's Chairperson. Jeff Grim and Sandy Gelatt volunteered.
29. The Executive Board stated that monthly assignments are separate from day trips/ events. Day trips currently are not themed events. Day trips can occur quarterly. This will voted on at a later time.
30. The newly formed committee will be in charge of determining how members can vote on which events The Club will participate in.
31. The Chairperson encouraged members to upload their pictures to the online website Flickr (www.flickr.com) and join the various Lehigh Valley Groups.
32. The Club's official group on Flickr is called The Lehigh Valley Photography Club.

H. Digital Chairperson's Report

33. The Digital Chairperson's role is to tally all votes at the end of competitions and contests to announce the winners.
34. The Executive Board stated that the competitions are anonymous and members are encouraged to participate.
35. Steven Febbraro volunteered to join the Digital Slide Committee.

I. Print-Slide Chairperson's Report

36. The Print-Slide Chairperson stated that there could possibly three print competitions per year.
37. The Chairperson stated that the competition rules are up on The Club's website.

J. New Business

38. The President stated that the Executive Board recommended changes to the By-laws. To be a member of The Club, a person must be at least twelve years of age. To become a member of the Executive Board, a person must be at least sixteen years of age.
39. There was a motion to approve the change to the By-laws.
40. The By-laws were unanimously approved.
41. The President asked for nominations from the floor for the office of Secretary. Anthony Lauro was nominated. There being no other nominations, Anthony was unanimously voted in as Executive Board Secretary.
42. After a majority vote, meetings will be held on the third Thursday of every month excluding holidays and will be held at the Banana Factory, Bethlehem, PA unless members are notified otherwise.
43. After a majority vote, the time for the above mentioned meetings will begin at 7:00 pm.
44. The President stated that meetings will not be held on Holidays.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Ric Mensch and seconded by Scott Husted. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on March 20, 2008 at the Banana Factory, Bethlehem, PA.

Minutes submitted by: Anthony Lauro, Board Secretary