



September 2008



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*A Word From Our President,
Andrew Smith*

Greetings to All!

What a wonderful turn out of members at the last meeting in August. I hope that energy and excitement continue for a long time. We have elections for two vacant offices on the executive board; Vice President and secretary. We will be voting at this month's meeting. At present, Ray Whiten and Sandy Gelatt have been and accepted nominations for the Vice President position. Sandy Gelatt and Sue Smith have accepted nominations for Secretary. Thanks go out to Alice Lipe for resuming her role as Membership Chair. Let's get a nice size turn out to vote for these members. The balloons and confetti are already in place!

During the last meeting there was overwhelming positive response to the idea of submitting photos for constructive critique/discussion every other month. I think this would be a wonderful way for all to learn and grow as photographers whether one is a point and shooter or a pro DSLR photog.

There are a wide array of cameras/software programs being used among the club, so don't hesitate to reach out to each other for guidance/tutelage/mentoring.

Wishing you all a beautiful and healthy autumn.

Best regards,
Andrew Smith

Please Note:

Items for the newsletter must be to our Public Relations Coordinator *no later than the 25th* of each month in order to be in the upcoming issue.

Thank you!

Club Calendar

The September Photo Assignment Theme is

“Happiness Is.....”

Thursday, September 18: Banana Factory 7PM
Program Presentation by Greg Crisp
Renowned Sports / Action Photographer
www.crispimages.net

Sunday, September 21 (Time tba)
Photo Walk: Lehigh Valley Zoo
www.lvzoo.org

Thursday, October 16: Club Meeting
(Time and Place tba)

Sunday, October 19: (Time tba)
Phillipsburg, NJ
Photo Walk: Wine/Foliage Steam Train Ride

**For more information on all club events
and other events from around the Lehigh
Valley, visit the LVPC Club's forum.**

Do you have a great idea for a club program or
photo walk event? Contact Lee or Loretta!

Our Executive Board

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Monthly Treasurer's Report Summary for 7/31/08
Jeff Grim, Treasurer



Beginning Balance	\$1,717.04
Add: Total Receipts	335.00
(dues of \$305 for 10 memberships, sale of discount books of \$80)	
Less: Total Disbursements	105.00
Ending Balance	\$1,947.04

Notes: Reported on a cash basis.
Above does not reflect the cost of donated supplies and services to-date
(trophies, copying costs, laminating, postage, etc.)

For information purposes, the net ending balance for the 2007-08 year (on an accrual basis, after adjusting for prepaid dues and sale of discount books) was \$162.04.

Total membership fees of \$1,630.00 have been collected for the current year
(for 54 memberships, 61 total members) and \$260 for the sale of discount books.

Copies of the complete report will be made available, and at the regular meeting, upon request.

The Club's year runs from June 1st through May 31st. Our By-Laws provide for the dues to be prorated for the first year of membership, depending on when you first join. So, beginning September 1st, new member dues are \$22.50 (Individual), \$15 (Senior) and \$33.75 (Family Membership). These amounts will have you paid through May 31st, 2009.

Executive Board Notes

A meeting of the Lehigh Valley Photography Club Executive Board was held at the Bethlehem Public Library on August 14th.

Program Chair Lee announced that she has arranged for members of the Club to display photographs at both the Lower Macungie Library and the Apollo restaurant in Bethlehem. More details will be posted on the forums.

It was agreed to pursue the purchase of a banner for the Club.

A policy allowing for a person to be a guest at no more than two meetings before becoming a member will be enforced.

On a question about having group shots at each event, it was agreed that it should be done at the beginning of each event, if feasible.

A policy will be established to complete the annual audit no later than ninety (90) days following the end of each fiscal year, beginning with the 2008-09 year.

The Executive Board accepted the resignation of Anthony Lauro as Secretary, effective immediately. Nominations and election of a new Secretary will be placed on the agenda for the general meeting on the 21st. Jeff will serve as Temporary Secretary for that meeting.

After consideration of a request from Reggie Root to conduct monthly print competitions separate from regular meetings, and discussion which has occurred since the request, the Board by majority voted to authorize \$150 to provide a three-month trial period. There will be no programs or presentations at these meetings.

The recent involvement of the Vice-President was discussed. A change in Andy's work schedule will allow for more participation at meetings, and additional roles for the position were reviewed. The discussion was brought to a positive conclusion.

A request by Anthony Lauro to explore possible uses of a free Smugmug account for the Club was given a positive response. Anthony will be asked to prepare a short outline presentation for consideration by the membership at the meeting on the 21st.

It was noted that the Membership Chairperson has resigned, and a new Chairperson will need to be appointed.

The Banana factory has confirmed the Club's request to use the Banko Room for each monthly meeting, effective January 2009. The cost for the room will be \$50 per month for the 2009 year.

Submitted by: Jeff Grim

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LVPC EVENTS



Sunday, September 21:
Lehigh Valley Zoo, Schnecksville, PA
www.lvzoo.org

We will be meeting at the LV Zoo parking lot at 9 am. The Zoo opens at 9:30 am and is open till 5:00 pm.

Our Events Committee is working to see if we can have a private tourguide for at least the first half hour or hour of our visit to make sure we get the most out of our time there!!

Admission prices:

If we have 15 or more (entering at one time):
Adults and Seniors \$5.50
Children 2-11 \$4.50

Regular Admission Prices:
Adults \$8.00
Seniors 65+ \$6.25
Children 2-11 \$6.00



Upcoming Club Events!

Thursday, October 16: 7PM
LVPC Regular Club Meeting
Meeting Place & Program tba

All Aboard!

Sunday, October 19: (Time tba)
Fall Foliage Steam Train Ride from Phillipsburg, NJ
up the Delaware River tracks.

Watch the Club's Forum for more information!
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CRISPIMAGES

Thursday, September 18: 7PM
Club Meeting, Banana Factory
Program by Greg Crisp
Sports / Action Photography
www.crispimages.net

We are very fortunate to have Greg Crisp as our next speaker at the Lehigh Valley Photography Club! His topic will be "Turning Pro".

Greg's background includes PGA Golf, NFL Football, and NASCAR photography over a 20 year span. Here are just a few of his career accolades! To view his full credit list, go to <http://www.crispimages.net/golf/about/credits/>

- 1.) 13 years with the National Football League (NFL); Was on the travel team, Shot 3 Superbowls, Had the NFL shot of the year 6 times and Has over 20,000 images in the NFL library.
- 2.) 13 years as the Director of Photography at Pocono International raceway.
- 3.) Has at least 8 Wheaties box covers.
- 4.) Recently won the PMA (Photo Marketing Association) National sports photo contest. At this contest, photographers could only enter 5 photos, there were 4 categories, and Greg won in three of them. This is a juried event by the photo editors at Sports Illustrated.
- 5.) He is a Getty contract photographer.
- 6.) Greg has covered 13 Daytona 500's, several Indy 500's, Olympic finals, and US. Opens for Golf.

Since then Greg has invented action sports photography directed at the youth sports market. He took what he did in the pros and brought it down to the kids level.

*"Photography is for everyone,
I was just one of the lucky ones."
- Greg Crisp*

Our August Club Assignment Theme Was *Sleep.....*



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Congratulations to Alice Lipe for her winning photo, Buttercup!

Technical details:

Shot with my Canon 40D and 24-70 lens at 70mm, ISO 3200, shutter speed 1/30 sec, and I believe the aperture was f/11. Post processing only consisted of adjusting the black points in LR and a slight crop. No noise reduction was applied.

Our next theme is “*Happiness Is.....*”

You may start posting your pictures for this Assignment on September 1st, 2008. The last day for submissions will be September 10th at 7pm. On September 10th at 7pm the voting will begin and last until September 14th at 7pm at which time the winner will be announced.



ONLY 1 photo entered per paid member and your photo must be numbered in sequence. **Happiness 001, Happiness 002, etc...**and must NOT contain identifying information such as your name, camera type, etc. Post ALL photos in the Gallery. If you need assistance with posting your photo to our gallery, please contact our Webmaster Scott Husted.

Most of all Have Fun!

Our August Club Photo Walk

Musikfest, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania



Lee Levin-Friend



Alex Telyatnikov



Richard Wall



LVPC Member Chet Parks

Published Travel Photographer Logs 140,000 Miles and 50,000 Photographs!

One of our members, Chet Parks has recently had three photographs from his 2008 summer trip in the family motor home published in www.rvadventuremag.com, an online magazine devoted to recreational vehicle owners and enthusiasts.

This magazine has a travel journal format that describes interesting destinations for RV travel in the US and Canada. Chet's photos appeared in the August issue and are two shots of Fremont Indian petroglyph rock art (circa 300 to 1500 AD) and one shot of the Flaming Gorge reservoir. All were taken in Northeast Utah this summer.

Chet and his wife Laurie have been taking trips in the motorhome for the last eleven years and have logged 140,000 miles. They have traveled in the motorhome through all the 49 continental states and all the provinces of Canada but the North West Territories. During these travels Chet met and became friends with Don and Bonnie Fink, the publishers of RVTravelsMag. Don needed a couple of photos for the August issue and asked Chet to submit a few.

The total of Chet's travel photos is now in excess of 50,000! His first digital camera was a Kodak DC-290. He is presently using a NIKON D-300.

Congratulations, Chet! Happy Trails to You!



LVPC Member Alice Lipe
Published Photo

Published in the Montclair Times on the first page of
Section B - Sports, Thursday, August 7, 2008.
Credit: Photo courtesy of Alice Lipe/APL Photography

Caption (written by Brian Smith):

Colin Jaskiewicz, left, competes in the Freedom Tour Bicycle Race in Stirling during late July. The 21-year-old Montclair resident won his first category 1 race this past weekend in Concord, N.H., putting him a step closer to his goal of becoming a professional in the next two years.

This photo accompanied an article about Colin Jaskiewicz.

The article was written by Brian Smith of the Montclair Times.

Congratulations, Alice!!



Caption:

Pohatcong resident Jason B. awaits an autography Wednesday from Grant Marshall, a past New Jersey Devils Wing. The team donated gear to the township.

LVPC Member Anthony Lauro
Published Photo

Grant Marshall, a former National Hockey League Player, was on hand to sign autographs for local youths of Pohatcong, NJ.

The NJ Devils, his final team donates equipment to the town as part of their Street Devils Program.

The picture was in the NJ edition of the Easton Express Times.

Congratulations, Anthony!

Lehigh Valley Photography Club
Meeting Minutes August 21, 2008

Opening

The regular meeting of the Lehigh Valley Photography Club was called to order at 7:00 pm on August 21, 2008 at The Banana Factory in Bethlehem, PA by President Andy Smith.

President's Message – Andy Smith

1. Newly elected President Andy Smith talked about his goal of making the Club a positive experience for everyone, based on creativity, socialization and knowledge. He suggested that the business portion of the meeting be conducted in a less formal way.

Treasurer's Report – Jeff Grim

2. Jeff noted that a summary of the Treasurer's Report has been posted on the Club's website, and full copies of the full report are available on request, as usual. He also noted that as the By-Laws call for prorating dues for new members, all members joining after September 1st will pay 75% of dues for their respective classification.

Education/Programs Committee – Lee Levin-Friend, Chairperson

3. Lee reported that the September 18th meeting will be a presentation by Greg Crisp, professional sports photographer, while the October 16th meeting will be held at Dan's Camera City in Allentown. Directions to Dan's will be provided on the website.

New Business

4. Club photographers who wish to display their work at the Lower Macungie Library on a rotating monthly basis were asked to submit their names. From the names submitted, members Lisa Hettler, Ricky Mensch and Ken Kovak were drawn from a hat to be initial contributors in the project.

New Business

5. Smugmug Proposal - Anthony Lauro presented a proposal for the Club to accept an offer of a free account on Smugmug, where Club members can donate and post photos for sale. Proceeds from any sales would accrue to the Club. He described the advantages of a Smugmug account, including user-defined pricing, unlimited storage, copyright protection and dynamic watermarks. Other advantages would accrue to individual Club members. It was noted that this would not replace anything we are already doing, but would be an additive feature.

It voted unanimously to use the free account. Further details of the use of the account will be discussed later. More information will follow on the Club website.

7. New Digital Committee Chairperson - With Nick Democritos the only remaining member of the Digital Committee, the President appointed him as the Committee Chairperson. Members will be sought to fill out the Committee.

8. Vice-President and Secretary Positions Open – As a result of recent resignations, the Club needs to fill the positions of Vice-President and Secretary. In order to give members time to consider their nominations, the positions will remain open until the September meeting. Brenda Fortna nominated Susan Smith for Secretary. Scott Husted nominated Sandy Gelatt for both Secretary and Vice-President. Andy Smith nominated Ray Whiten for Vice-President. Nominations will continue throughout the month. Duties of the offices are listed in the By-Laws.

9. Membership Committee Chairperson – Alice Lipe was appointed as a Member and Chairperson of the Membership Committee.

Lehigh Valley Photography Club
Meeting Minutes August 21, 2008 (Continued)

10. Second Monthly Meeting for Print Competitions – In lieu of the resignation of Print Chairperson Reggie Root, the recent Executive Board’s approval of his proposal to hold a second monthly meeting for print competitions was withdrawn. The Board had approved it for a three-month trial period.

Following discussion, there appeared to be group interest in holding critiquing/competition in some form on an alternating month basis.

11. Member Introductions – Members introduced themselves, as well as their Club Website and/or Flickr screen name.

12. Guest Limits -Andy announced that the Club would enforce a policy allowing for individuals to attend no more than two Club meetings or events as guests.

Events Committee – Loretta Killian, Chairperson

13. Loretta noted that the next two monthly events will a visit to the Lehigh Valley Zoo on September 21st, and the Phillipsburg Train Ride on October 19th.

14. September’s Assignment - The topic chosen for September’s photo assignment is “Happiness is...”

15. Winning Assignment Photo -President Andy recognized Alice Lipe for submitting the winning photograph for the August assignment, “Sleep”.

Presentation – Digital Workflow

Club member and Internet Technology Chairperson Scott Husted made an enlightening presentation on Digital Workflow, based on the use of Adobe Photoshop Lightroom software. As part of his presentation, he answered numerous questions from the membership on digital imaging and post processing techniques.

Next Meeting

16. The next meeting will be held at the Banana Factory at 7:00pm on Thursday, September 18th.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jeff Grim, Acting Secretary

Approved by: Andy Smith, President