

Lehigh Valley
Photography Club



October 2008



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*A Word From Our President,
Andrew Smith*

As we approach the fall and winter months and there are less activities to otherwise keep us busy, this is the opportune time for your photography hobby to rise up to the top of your "fun stuff to do" list.

Here are two short articles talking about the most important aspects of getting the shot right. Not technical exposure discussions, but composing your shots using angles, different positions, and depth of field.

The first 5 elements are:

- * Pattern
- * Symmetry
- * Texture
- * Depth of Field
- * Lines

(<http://digital-photography-school.com/blog/5-elements-of-composition-in-photography/>)

The second 5 elements are:

- * Framing
- * Perspective
- * Space
- * Balance
- * Color

(<http://digital-photography-school.com/blog/5-more-elements-of-composition-in-photography/>)

Have fun putting these tips to use!

See you at the meeting at Dan's on the 16th at 7 PM.

- Andy

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!*

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~ Club Calendar ~

The October Photo Assignment Theme is Girl

Thursday, October 16: Club Meeting
7PM @ Dan's Camera City, Allentown, PA

Sunday, October 19: 10:30 AM
Phillipsburg, NJ
Photo Walk: Wine/Foliage Steam Train Ride

The November Photo Assignment Theme is Chocolate

Thursday, November 20: Club Meeting
7PM @ Banana Factory, Bethlehem PA
Members Print Critique Program

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!

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Summary of Treasurer's Report for the Month Ending 8/31/2008:
Jeff Grim, Treasurer

Beginning Balance \$1,947.04
Add: Total Receipts 142.50
(dues for 5 memberships)

Less: Total Disbursements 144.70
\$21.20 facilities rental
\$21.00 PO Box rental (6 months)
\$50.00 donation to Lehigh Univ. - photography
\$52.50 supplies (trophies)

Ending Balance \$1,944.84



Notes: Reported on a cash basis.
Above does not reflect the cost of donated supplies and services to-date
(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 \$1,772.50 have been collected for the current year
(for 59 memberships, 66 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.

Membership Update: 72 - Total membership as of September 24, 2008.

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

There was no Executive Board Meeting in the month of September.



Teresa Delikat

LVPC EVENTS



All Aboard!

Sunday, October 19: Meeting at 10:30 AM
Fall Foliage Steam Train Ride
Phillipsburg, NJ

Ride The NEW Warren County Wine Train!!

The train is a fairly recently built coal-fired steam locomotive imported from China.

The ride and winery tours last just short of 4 hours and the cost each will be \$40.00. The train leaves at 11 am so we need to meet in Pburg at 10:30 am.

What's Included:

Round Trip train fare in the "Wine Train Car" on the Delaware River Railroad Excursions. A short 3 mile bus ride through the rolling farm land of Warren County, New Jersey. A vineyard tour, wine and cheese tasting and a free wine glass from each of two wineries, Villa Milagro and Alba Vineyards.

At each Vineyard you will be able to purchase wines from their company store. Space will be provided on the bus for your purchases and the crews will assist you with loading your car once the train returns to Phillipsburg.

Bring a box lunch or there are a number of great local restaurants that can supply a box lunch.

Watch the forums for more information or contact our events committee.



Thursday, October 16: 7PM
LVPC Regular Club Meeting
Dan's Camera City, Allentown, PA

Our October 16th meeting will be at Dan's Camera City in Allentown.

Check their website if you need directions - www.danscameracity.com

Our speaker will be Phil Voystock, Retail Manager and "Dean" of Dan's Photo University.

He will talk to us about how to set electronic flash (a mystery to many of us), as well as some basic review of aperture/shutter speed, upgrading from point & shoot to dslr, lenses needed to shoot, and any other questions that come up from Club members.

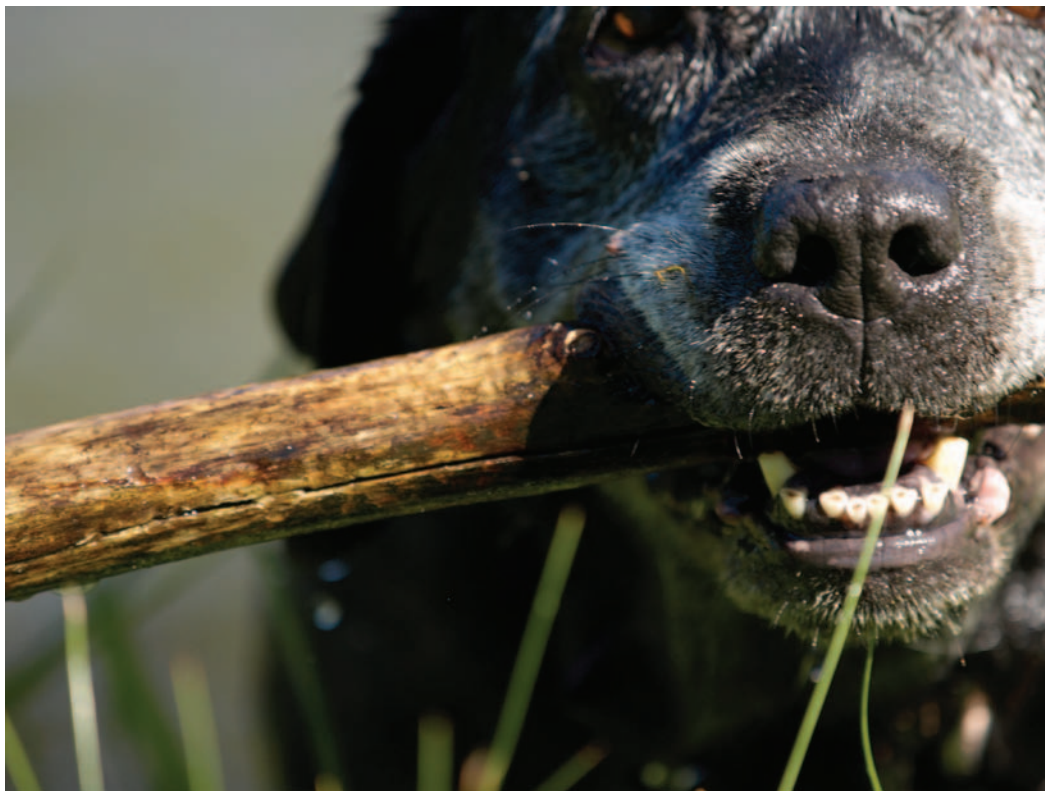
Please join us at 7 PM to 9 PM for a fun evening of socialization and education!

Thursday, November 20 7PM
LVPC Regular Club Meeting
Banana Factory, Bethlehem, PA

Our program this evening will be our first Photo Critique Event held by our Print and Digital Committee. Watch the forums and next month's newsletter for more details!

We are always looking for new ideas for club events and programs. If you have an idea, please share it with our Events & Program Committees by emailing them at: digital@lvphotoclub.org or events@lvphotoclub.org

Our September Club Assignment Theme Was *Happiness Is...*



Congratulations to Judy Zabrecky for her winning photo!

Technical details:

Shot hand held. Olympus 510 with 50-200 SWD (100-400 equivalent). At 200mm. ISO 100. Auto WB, f3.5, exposure 1/500 with -0.7 step exposure compensation. No post processing or cropping. Shot is exactly as it came out of the camera.

Our Next 2 Photo Assignment Themes Are:

October: Girl

November: Chocolate



Following a request from a member, it was decided to post two assignments at a time, allowing members more time for each assignment. Each assignment can be posted during an entire month, with voting taking place from the 1st to the 10th of the subsequent month. Each month at the meeting, a new assignment will be chosen, which will then be for two months out.

The two assignments drawn were GIRL (post October 1-31, vote November 1-10) and CHOCOLATE (post November 1 - 30, vote December 1-10).

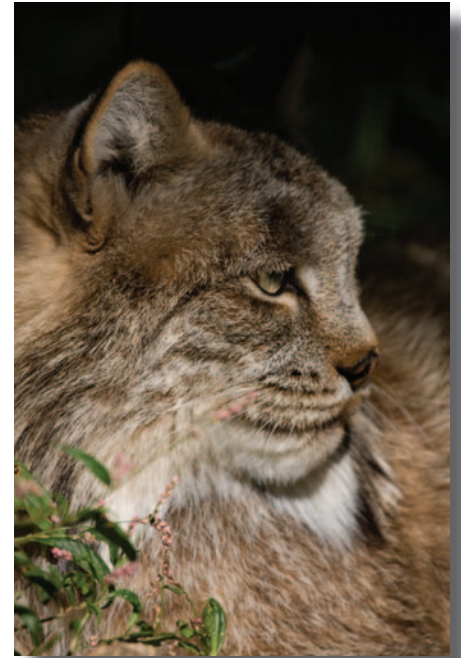
All the assignment rules remain the same.

Our September Club Photo Walk

Lehigh Valley Zoo
Schnecksville, Pennsylvania



Alex Telyatnikov



Alice Lipe



Brian Freed



Judy Zabrecky



Alex Telyatnikov



Loretta Killian

Freemansburg Motorcycle Hillclimb

Anthony



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Alice

The Freemansburg Motorcycle Hillclimb is a serious challenge on the AMA Pro Circuit. Riders go from a standing start and fly over three jumps on alcohol/nitro burning bikes on their way up a 500 foot plus hill that goes near vertical at the top. Photographers for the day were Anthony Lauro, Alice Lipe and Brian Freed. Anthony covered the events on the ground while Alice and Brian covered the upper portions of the hill. The event is held by the Bushkill Valley Motorcycle Club of Easton, PA.

These pictures shown here are featured at www.prohillclimbonline.com and will also be in the November issue of Lehigh Valley Sports Extra!

Brian



Brian

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Alice

Anthony



Lehigh Valley Photography Club
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2008

Opening

The regular meeting of the Lehigh Valley Photography Club was called to order at 7:00 pm on September 18, 2008 at The Banana Factory in Bethlehem, PA by President Andy Smith.

President's Message – Andy Smith

1. Andy welcomed everyone, mentioned that Dan's discount books were still available at \$20.00, and announced that Judy Zabrecky was the winner of September's "Happiness is..." assignment contest.

Events Committee – Loretta Killian, Chairperson

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

Treasurer and Secretary Reports – Jeff Grim

3. Jeff noted that a summary of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31st has been posted on the Club's website, and full copies of the full report are available on request. Serving as temporary Secretary, he also mentioned that the Secretary's Report would not be read, but is available on the Club website as well.

Photo Assignment

4. Following discussion on the process of monthly photo assignment, it was decided by consensus to have two monthly subjects open concurrently, allowing additional time for shooting and posting. Each assignment will be open from the first through the last day of each month. Topics drawn for the next two months were "Girl", which will be open from October 1-31, and "Chocolate", open from November 1-30. Voting will take place for ten days following the close of each assignment. In subsequent months, one additional subject will be drawn, extending the open assignments.

Digital and Print Committee – Nick Democritos

5. Nick reported that the Digital and Print Committees have now been combined. He announced that the Committee is planning to hold a meeting of photo critiquing and discussion by club members. Digital photos will be submitted ahead of time. At the current time the intention is to accept a couple of photographs of any subject matter, with critique meetings held every other month.

Election of Officers

6. The floor was opened for the nomination of additional persons to serve as either the Club's Vice-President or Secretary. Sandy Gelatt had previously been nominated as both Vice-President and Secretary, and Susan Smith as Secretary. There being no further nominations, Andy declared Sandy as the new Vice-President and Sue as the new Secretary.

New Business

7. No additional new business was introduced.

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Meeting Minutes Continued
September 18, 2008

Presentation – Turning Pro and Sports Photography – Greg Crisp

Invited guest and respected professional sports photographer Greg Crisp conducted a lively presentation on aspects of turning pro, and in particular his long career in sports photography. His primary subjects are golf, baseball, football and auto racing, and he displayed a body of his work.

In both his presentation and in fielding questions, he emphasized hard work in getting established, and suggested that you can become as good as you want to be. It's a matter of how badly you want it. Among this talked about were getting noticed, being proud of your images, learning to share assignments, being easy to work with, getting and keeping clients, and thinking like a pro. He now shoots strictly JPEG with Canon digital.

His goal is to get the shot right the first time, directly from the camera. In sports photography, one has to anticipate what could happen and where, and that there is usually only one chance for a good shot, so patience is key. He provided specific tips on shooting, what to carry, and how to go about selling your work. Being “unique” is important. The bottom line, he said, was in getting “Holy Moly pictures” and asking yourself, “Would you buy the photo?”

Additional New Business

8. September's Assignment - The topic chosen for September's photo assignment is “Happiness is...”

Next Meeting

9. The next meeting will be held at Dan's Camera City at 7:00pm on Thursday, October 16th.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jeff Grim, Acting Secretary



Greg Crisp - Photo Credit Jeff Grim