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NEWSLETTER OF THE VIRGINIA BEACH PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2000 Next Meeting:
Tuesday Sep. 5, 2000 7:30 PM



VISITORS ARE
ALWAYS
WELCOME !

Membership in the Virginia Beach Photography Club is open to all persons with an interest and/or experience in photography. Meetings are conducted on the first Tuesday of the month at Community United

Methodist Church, 1072 Old Kempsville Road, near the Kempsville / Indian River Road intersection. Meetings start at 7:30 PM. Annual dues are \$24.00 per year, pro-rated for new members.



Scheduled

Speakers

Ms. Rachel Berlin is the scheduled speaker for the Sep. meeting. Her subject will be "Coloring B/W photographs". Having seen examples of her work, this is sure to be a presentation you do not want to miss!



AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Tidewater Region AACA Antique Car & Craft Show

The Antique Automobile Club of America's 27th Annual summer meet will be held Sep. 16th from 8a.m. to 5 p.m. The show features vintage cars, trucks, & motorcycles built before 1981. Here's your chance to get that "reflection in the hubcap" shot! Chesapeake City Park, 500 Greenbriar Pkwy., Chesapeake. Call 482-2821 for more info.

**“Butterflies, Bugs ‘n Blooms”,
Virginia Living Museum**

Now through Oct. 8th, the museum presents a unique butterfly exhibit in a beautiful floral setting. A good chance for that special close-up! Cost is included in the museum admission: \$7 Adult, \$5 child. 524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., Newport News, VA Call 595-1900 for more info.

**Olde Towne Portsmouth Discover
Tour by Hampton Roads Transit**

Step back in history as the trolley heads for charming Olde Towne Portsmouth. Tour 18th & 19th century homes, Revolution and Civil War sites, Trophy Park at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Take a few notes, and return to that special spot to capture a few great shots! Everyday through Sep. 4th. from Portsmouth Visitors Information Center, North Landing Ferry Dock Portsmouth for only \$3.50! Call 393-5111

Calendar of Events For 2000

Sep. 5 7:30 PM Meeting; Competition -
“Photo taken at f2.8”
Sep. 6 6:00 PM Update Pembroke Mall
Oct. 3 7:30 PM Meeting; Competition -
OPEN
Oct. 4 6:00 PM Update Pembroke Mall

In looking ahead, remember that your input will be requested for next years competition categories! It’s not too soon to be “kicking” a few ideas around! And while your thinking, what are your feelings for a Christmas Party?

Competition Categories

The remaining monthly competition categories for 2000 are:

- SEP. “Photo taken at f2.8”**
- OCT. Open
- NOV. Critique
- DEC, **“Self Portrait”**

“Here come da Judge!”

Well, actually in our case it’s been, “Dare goes da Judge”. We are in need of people to help with the judging. Each month we need three members to judge the submissions. If you know a good photograph when you see it, step up and jump right in! We are not asking you to stand in front of the club and articulate why a photograph has “that certain something”, just to choose the best photographs as you see it! Interested in giving it a try? Contact any club officer, either at a meeting, or by telephone.



**WHY DO I NEED A LIGHT
METER?**

How do you meter a sunset? Or a flag backlit by the sun? Or a very dark-skinned subject? One way is to point your camera with its built-in meter toward the subject ... and pray a lot! So what else can you do? ... try a hand held meter!! You point your hand held meter toward your friends face, and the meter tells you the “correct” exposure! Right?

Well not always! The meter doesn’t know if you are pointing to a human face, field of snow, or a lump of coal! It doesn’t even know if you are shooting color or B/W! All it knows is which combination of shutter speed, film ASA and aperture opening will produce an 18% gray tone based upon the amount of light it senses! PRODUCE A WHAT??? 18% Grey tone??? What is that!???

Film - all regular film - is formulated to produce the best image when it is

exposed to the amount of light that a Grey card reflects. And what does a "Grey" card reflect? It reflects 18% of the light that hits it!! So the meter is telling you how to setup for an "18% Grey" subject, and then all of the other colors that reflect different amounts of light will also reproduce correctly! Well if your subject isn't a "Grey card", but a white heron and you meter on him, you get a Grey heron! Since your heron is going to take off if you approach him with a meter in hand, and that flag is flying too high to reach, you need another method.

The solution, meter off a Grey card or take an incident reading with your hand held meter!

You can buy a Kodak Grey card from a camera store for \$14.95, and take a reading off of it. Or you can push that milk-colored plastic gizmo (dome) in front of the light sensitive cell and point the meter away from the subject and toward the light source. The dome transmits only 18% of the light it sees, thus it gives you a readout of an exposure that is correct in that light! Then, no matter what color your subject is - black, white, red, green, or anything else - you will come up with the correct exposure!



QUOTE

"A good picture must be honest... no tricks or fakery... it must be real. A good photograph must be technically good... there is no excuse for sloppy or poor photography." - *Weegee*

Competition Results for

Aug.:

No results - (Critique month)

Call for articles!

Share your love for photography, and submit a short piece for use in the newsletter. Inform us of what you would like to see in our newsletter, and we will try to accommodate you! Got a question about photography, submit it! We will find the information and publish it! Just call Pete Hennessy at 497-6594.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale

Pentax Super Program 35mm SLR w/ instruction book, case, & strap. Pentax 49mm normal lens w/ close-up lens set & reverse ring. Pentax 70 - 210 Macro zoom; Sigma AF 35 - 135 macro zoom; Pentax motor drive w/ remote cable; Pentax auto wind w/ remote cable; Pentax AF 280T electronic flash unit w/ PC cable. All in excellent condition - \$300. Call Rachele Berlin, (757) 546-0942

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