

JULY 21, 2022
Sonora Library
Minutes



After a bit of social time, Connie Cassinetto called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Members present: Cheryl Calderaro, Connie Cassinetto, Kay Hoover, Pat Jennings, Mel Martin, Kathy Syverson, Sheila Tyree, and Jan Alcalde. We were joined by two guests. Dylan Standers is relatively new to photography. He is learning the controls, features, and modes of his camera, and he is particularly interested in bird photography, spurred by his wife's interest in bird watching. John Beishke recently moved to the area from southern California where he was very active in the Cochella Valley Camera Club. A long-time photographer, he considers himself an "opportunistic" shooter, capturing whatever opportunities present themselves. He has joined the club. Welcome, John!

PHOTO DISPLAY: Macro/Close-Up

A variety of images were shown; questions and discussion followed.

SLIDE SHOW – Cheryl Caldereo

Cheryl shared a wonderful presentation on wildlife and bird photography. Many of her striking bird-in-flight against sunrise or sunset images were taken at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.

SLIDE SHOW – KNIGHT FOUNDRY

Connie assembled a slideshow of images from the Knight Foundry (Sutter Creek) photo outing that several members attended on June 21. It was fascinating to see what drew the imagination and interest of each photographer's eye and how each chose to capture his/her perspective. It was a wonderful tribute to the historic foundry and its gears, gizmos, dust, rust, and cobwebs. Thanks to Kathy Syverson for putting the arrangements together. She hopes we can do another private shoot there in the fall.

PRESENTATION: Aperture and f/16 – Connie Cassinetto

In preparation for August's **f/16** theme of the month, Connie made a presentation about aperture and its relationship in the sacred trinity of the Exposure Triangle (aperture-shutter speed-ISO), its impact on depth of field (DOF), and gave examples of times when wider apertures might yield the desired effect of shallower DOF and smaller apertures might yield a desired greater DOF. She touched on how the focal length of the lens as well as the focal distance can influence DOF. There were many questions and good discussion arose around the information and images. Of particular interest was the question of best aperture to avoid lens diffraction. In general, diffraction causes slight softening of detail in images captured with smaller apertures, usually f/16 and smaller. An aperture of f/8 is often suggested as a "sweet spot." There were questions as to how significant the softening is and whether it is more problematic with particular lenses or cameras. Ron Robinson, who will hopefully be next month's presenter, is an optical technician and may be able to answer some of our questions.

NEW BUSINESS: Kathy Syverson

Kathy updated the group on a possible Coulterville outing as well as two other events:

- The Coulterville Museum is open weekends from 11am-2pm on weekends. Rather than organize a group trip, Kathy feels It is better to have those interested in exploring the town and museum to go at their leisure.
- Kathy got a notice from the Scott Kelby organization seeking people to organize a group to participate in Kelby's WorldWide Photo Walk. The date is August 13. A leader would be needed to organize the event. The club has participated in this event in the past. If not this year, perhaps next year? <https://worldwidephotowalk.com/>
- Kathy reminded the photographers who have work showing in the Sonora Library that they need to take down their work on Saturday, July 30, between 10am and 6pm.

MEMBER INPUT/Q & A

- Places to take photos.

Someone asked where fields of sunflowers might be found for photographing. There are fields of sunflowers on Hwy. 5 north of Sacramento.

REMINDERS

Theme of the Month:

August: f/16

September: Unique Perspective

October: Animals (wild and domesticated)

November: 3 Colors (primary subject)

December: no theme...holiday party???

Slideshow Presentations:

August: Barbara Stewart

September: Carolyn Elkin

October:

November:

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be August 18 at the Sonora Library, 5:30-6:00 pm social time, 6:00 pm meeting. Photo theme of the month is **f/16**. Connie will be out of country on photo safari, so Kathy Syverson will be conducting the meeting.