

Carson Valley Photo Club – Minutes July 8, 2025

Attendees:

Andi Parsons

Joe Clements

Josie Soriano

Deb Lockett

Rick Pott

Linda Magann

Kim Steed

Carol Heinrich

Dale Miller

Kimberley Burchiel

Louise Walsh

Melanie Miller

Dave Arstein

Chuck Downing

Robin Grueninger

Wendy Whyman

Allan Soriano

NJ Thompson

Andi Parsons Introduced our guests.

NJ gave a rundown of proposed **field trips** for the year.

Carson Prison tour – Scheduled for July 13 at 9 am.

Milky Way shoot - Scheduled for August 23rd at Hope Valley. Pot luck at 6pm

No field trip for September

Our speaker was Kimberly Burchiel – Natural Light

- She thought that she would be a portrait Photographer but decided that she did not want to do it. The process has taught her a lot over the years.

Finding Light:

- Soft even light head to toe
- Soft even light in background
- Open shade
- 1 hour before sundown through 1 hour after sundown

Avoid Harsh Light and spotty light

- Raccoon eyes
- Spot light distracts and draws your eye to the spots

Don't take pictures of people below them. Be at their level or above

Don't underestimate a white wall.

Helpful hints

- The sun will drop below the mountains ½ hour earlier.
- While the sun is up, find open shade (not under a tree)
- Avoid putting people under a gazebo or other structures

Focal plane, Depth of field, F-stop

- The focal plane runs perpendicular to the lens
- 1 row of people-everyone will be in focus because they are all in the same plane (shoot at lowest F-stop)
- Two rows of subjects- Shoot at F4 and focus on the middle person in the front row.

- Three rows of subjects -shoot at F8 or F11 and focus on the middle person of the middle row.
- Both aperture and your distance from the subject will affect the depth of field
- Back Lighting -Sun should be low in the sky- just dropping below the mountains is great and filtered thru trees gives the best effect.
- If needed someone should shade our lens to eliminate haze, or put your lens in the shade of a tree trunk.

Create Connectivity with family

- Ideas for children's photos
 - Use what you have available for props
 - Go to playgrounds, parks, etc.
 - Take picture straight down
- Teens/babies
 - Set up situation where they play.
 - Throw leaves in the air
 - Pictures with pets, sports equipment
- Movement
 - Get posed photos but get movement photos,
 - Always put one foot in front of the other. Look more natural when you walk.
- Tip for those who wear glasses
 - Make sure that the glasses are clean
 - Transition lenses or blue light filtering glasses. Ask if they can take them off
- When people are on a porch, make sure that there is plenty of light- Step out away from the porch
- Take picture at the same level if they are sitting or lying on the ground

Photo Contest- The subject was "Panning photos"

The winners were:

1st place – "Panic" – Kyle Runge

2nd Place - "Just trying to Keep Up" – David Arstein

3rd Place – "Tour of American Dairyland-Bike Race Finish)" – Tracy Christianson

Honorable mention – "Break Away"- Tracy Christianson

Next month's Theme - Flash Photography - Due August 5

Share with us your images taken with a Flash..

September - Geologic Features - Due September 2

Choose your images of "Geo-logic Features", such as "Half Dome", or "Devils Post Pile".

Our **August meeting** will be held on Tuesday, August 12 at 6:30 at the church. Andi Parson will be discussing milky way and night photography to prepare us for our August 23rd outing to Hope Valley