**January 11, 2022 – Carson Valley Photo Club Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**

Susie Roaldson

NJ Thompson

Barb Mower

Sandy Jonkey

Sandra Silva

Sherri McGee

Tami Force

Nancy Hulsey

Jim Mitchell

Susan Jack

Joe Clements

Sandra Branton

Terri Rod

Bill Gosma

Suzie Zimmerli

Robin Grueninger

Kimberly Burchiel

Mary Kay Kaluza

Steve Davis

Tom Keller

Kim Steed

Felicia Sotomayor

John Humphrey – guest speaker

Welcomed new member Kimberly Burchiel. She retired in 2018. She shoots with a Sony S3 now. Interested in all kinds of photography. Wants to do more astrophotography. She considers herself pretty new to it. She edits on a mac in lightroom and photoshop. She likes shooting the horses in Washoe Valley. Would love to shoot more wild horses. Wants to learn more from the group.

Suzie introduced Bill Gosma who is our new VP.

We are going to form a small committee that will help with field trips. Bill will manage.

**Guest Speaker John Humphrey**

John has been in the valley for almost 14 years. Been photographing for 50 years.

**Shared Eagles & Ag Information**

Thursday and Friday (Jan 27 & 28) at CVIC Hall

1604 Esmeralda Ave, Minden, NV 89423

Set-up Thursday @ 10:30pm

Break-down Friday @ 8pm

Open to public (free admission)

12pm-3pm Thursday, January 27, 2022

12pm-5pm Friday, January 28, 2022

Thursday, January 27, 2022: Reception (two sessions)

3:30-5pm and 5:30-7pm

This is a casual event, the falconers, with bird on glove (or stand), just wander around answering questions from the attendees. Appetizers will be available.

Friday, January 28, 2022: Falconers Dinner

5:30-8:30pm

We start off with dinner. Followed by a special presentation by the falconers. Then Lauren will give a short talk and will probably have the other falconers on stage and talk a little. After, the falconers will mingle with the guests for a short time, maybe 30 minutes.

Expected birds:

African Black Eagle – special guest from Arizona, Lauren McGough

Ornate Eagle – should be in full plumage

Eagle Owl

Siberian Eagle Owl

Siberian Goshawk

Gerfalcon

Harris Hawk

John shared some pictures. Eagles and Ag started with Dan Caffer. The calving season brings in the eagles to feed off of the afterbirth. Used to be in March, started to be earlier and earlier. See calving now start as early as December. The thought is the sooner you start, the more weight you will get on hoof, but run the risk of losing calves during the winter. Ranchers also want to get them to market at the right time.

John’s been shooting Canon for a while. Now shooting with Canon R5 with a 100-500mm lens (has a 7.2 aperture). He likes to just have fun, jumps around and uses various cameras. Need a good lens, sharp class like at least an L series Canon. Pro lenses are the best. He sticks with the Canon lens on the Canon body. Likes the 100-400 EF. Squeezes the shutter release slowly to keep the focus.

He removes noise in post process. Uses [Topaz Labs DeNoise AI](https://www.topazlabs.com/denoise-ai), also uses [On1](https://www.on1.com/).

**Club Business**

Sandy updates us, we have 6 people participating so far in the Eagles and Ag photo display. A few members volunteered to help set up (Tom, Felicia) and sit at booth.

Again, we have at least 6 volunteers for the committee that will

1. Develop monthly meeting themes and get speakers for those themes
2. Determine monthly contests topics
3. Acquire judges for the contests
4. Plan field trips
5. Gather more ideas from club members

Will be reaching out to the volunteers and set up a zoom meeting soon.

Club dues are due Jan 31. Mail checks to Barb, she mailed everyone her address.

**February’s Meeting**
Feb 8, Matthew Henderson, [fire photo journalist](https://onfirephotos.com/?fbclid=IwAR1oMKzr6Yp2AWc2uTaUnds9ybOW1JH99ixISxqzfQGwsxUwHuh8jMBQvCA). He will show us pictures and share stories of the fires. He has amazing photos.

**Future Meetings**

March – Cindy Marple, photo traveler

April – Nancy Hulsey, wild horses

May – Joe Clements, succulents

Talked a little about the future of our meetings, zoom vs in person. Talked about advertising our outings on the MeetUp. Talked about meeting outside once the weather warms up but that is not practical if we are going to decide to do live and zoom to make it easier for longer distance members to attend.

**Possible Field Trips**

Sparks Blue Birds – Susie will be there Thursday morning early

Chickadee Ridge

Bodie Photo Day (summer)

Carson Train Museum

Virginia City Town and Cemetery

Pinegrove Ghost Town

Masonic

Ponway Summit

June Lake (fall)

Mono Lake Travertine Beds

Fly Geyser in Black Rock (requires tour tickets)

**January Photo Contest – Holiday Lights/Lights**

**Judge:** Joe Clements

**Judging Comments:**

#1 Sensario Pillars 1 – Liked this composition, the right and left column position is nice.

#2 Gardnerville Station – Lighting is good on this, must have been dusk, nice blue sky

#3 Virginia City Trains 2 – Good photograph of the smoke, hard to get Christmas lights, this is nice

#4 A Minden Christmas – Joe’s image, he joked that it was ugly, talked about how he cropped it

#5 Merry Christmas – Neat image.

#6 Virginia City Trains 1 – Another picture of the train, likes this one better. Has more definition than the last one. Likes the positioning of the Christmas tree. Very nice picture of the train.

#7 Grinch Christmas Lights – Hard to get lighting just right so they are pinpoints instead of blurs. Likes the position of the trees.

#8 Sensorio Pillars 2 – Liked the first one better. This is pretty nice.

#9 Polar Bear of Lights – Would like to see a little more definition of the polar bear figures, but is hard with the lights in front of it. A nice picture.

#10 Holiday Bubbles – Likes the blurriness of the holiday lights here. More artistic than the others.

#11 Virginia City Trains 3 – Shows a good depth of field for lighting.

First Place: #6 Virginia City Trains 1 – Robin Grueninger

Second Place: #1 Sensario Pillars – NJ Thompson

Third Place: #10 Holiday Bubbles – Sandra Silva

Winners please send a jpg to Nancy Hulsey full resolution photos (nancyhulseyphoto@aol.com).

And bring print to Robin at Marty’s Appliance. NJ will hang at library.

**Contest Reminders:**

Be careful of your photo being too large. Website can only take up to 25mb which is pretty large. Also, you need to properly name your shot before you upload it into dropbox.

Remember we have a deadline for the photos, midnight of the Tuesday a week before the meeting.

Thanks to those for participating! Next month’s contest (February) is Eagles and Ag. Even if you are not attending, you will find the birds around the valley.

Reminder: Find these and past minutes on the member only page on our website under Announcements > [Minutes & Presentations](https://www.carsonvalleyphotoclub.org/board-member-page-minutes). The password is “Meetings”.