**July 12, 2021 – Carson Valley Photo Club Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**

Jim Mitchell

Don Swezey

NJ Thompson

Sandy Jonkey

Barb Mower

Suzie Zimmerli

Sandra Silva

Robin Grueninger

Kim Steed

Steve Davis

Sue Cooke

Sandra Branton

Bill Gosma

NJ welcomed group. Suzie likes to judge in lightroom. When the photos were brought into lightroom, she saw the meta data, some photos are out of the 6-month date range. They won’t be eligible for the contest, but will be critiqued.

Be sure to set the date in your camera so that the meta data is correct.

**July Photo Contest – Fast Shutter Speed**

**Judge:** Suzie Zimmerli

The photography level on this contest was super hard to judge. They were amazing images. She looks at photographs, may have changed a few things on images to show how certain things could be changed, not that it was a bad image, just examples of a different way to approach.

Read a couple quotes. One on shutter speed, aperture and ISO.

Second quote, creativity is bringing in something that was not there before.

**Judging Comments:**

#1 Obsidian & Cubs – Composition leads the eye right to the center then around the bear. Give the feeling of them rooting in the snow and nudging it. May not show exactly stop action, but feel it in the photograph.

#2 Skate Park-2 – This image really shows action, has dramatic motion of the skateboarder and the lines of the arms, walls and legs. Good job.

#3 An Osprey at Work – Amazing capture. Spot on focus. Really great shot.

#4 Undercover Egret – Super good capture of flight in motion. One suggestion, could crop out of the top to enhance the flight. Showed example.

#5 Not Our Last Dance – 2 warriors battling it out, amazing shot that tells it all. Captures the motion. Showed a little vignette example of how it would draw the eye in more to the action.

#6 Winter Wings – Amazing shot. Gives you the chills from the cold and energy of the eagle. Lines of trees come into the eagle.

#7 Comin in Hot – Another great photo of a bird caught in flight coming in for a landing. Bird captures your eye right away.

#8 Eye on the Prize – Hunt is on, sneaking forward, you can feel that with the foot up and eyes looking forward. Not a running coyote but sneaky. Good job.

#9 Pruning Roses – Deer is nibbling away, limbs circling around draws you to his mouth, good composition. Difficult to feel motion, but a great portrait. Showed an example of highlighting the eye a little more.

#10 The Bite – This is an amazing shot. Can feel the pain and power of the horses doing battle. Amazing composition. Similar to a painting called Pharaoh’s Horses in 1800’s. Showed a more cropped version focused in on just the bite. Really good job.

#11 The Chase – This reminds her of the Virginian. Beautiful landscape. Manes are stopped in motion. Such a good shot. Reminds her of freedom of horses. Good composition. Very nice photograph.

#12 Skate Park-1 – Great shot of stopping the action. Hair is flowing, motion of skateboard, skate arena draws eye to her.

#13 Osprey with Lunch – The fish is headless. Unbelievable image. Eye is so well focused. Great shot.

#14 Monterey Whale Breaching – Really like the water droplets coming off the fin. Can see how he will make a big splash when he hits the water. Likes the tiny boat in the back. Really nice.

#15 Tahoe Waves – Gives the feeling of a storm is brewing. Shows an angry wave, ominous sky, likes the way the spray of water is captured. Good shutter speed. Showed an example with sky cropped more and a graduated filter on sky and waves to lighten them up to show more drama. Really nice.

#16 I have spoken! – Looks like he has something to say and he is getting ready to take flight. Love the composition of this picture, how the limb comes up to right where the bird is standing. Really like it. Great capture of this guy.

#17 Blue Splash – This is creativity, nice creative expression of the contest theme. The composition and main subject being off center and stopping the droplets of water. Really, really nice picture. Showed an example of the image with more contrast, dropped exposure and added some texture almost making the drops look 3d.

#18 Glorious Goose – A lovely shot, but more of a portrait than really showing a stop motion. So well done. Love the black and white. It’s a really good shot.

#19 Skate Park-3 – This captures the high speed turn off of the wall really well. Really nice shot and very clear. Like how the wall comes around and draws you to him. Showed an example of it more cropped to eliminate the woman in the upper right a more. Add more exposure too to emphasize his torso more.

#20 Grace on Wings – What a shot, well focused, excellent composition. You can hear the wings flapping stopped in flight. Wow. Beautiful photo. Showed an example of it more cropped to show how well focused it is. Really an amazing shot.

#21 See Sam Fly – Really shows the results of stopped motion and fast shutter speed. Water gives a great leading line right up to Sam. Really nice shot. Showed an example with more warmth and some more texture on the water to exaggerate the water drops more.

#22 Let’s Climb a Tree – What an adorable guy. Great shot, great composition. Eyes are really crisp. Hard to realize stop motion, but an excellent portrait.

#24 Morning Flight – A very serene bird picture. Application of contest guidelines are perfect. Super artistic shot. You can see him flying into what looks like mist and light coming through wings. Very well done.

#25 Horsing Around – Great stop of motion with the 2 battling on their hind legs. She might lighten up the neck a little bit. Super composition of horses in battle.

#26 Playing with Mom – Adorable depiction of mom and cub. Mom seems so annoyed with cub biting her. Very nice composition, super sharp focus. The trees make a nice frame. Really nice shot.

#27 Ocean Spray – Good stop on wave and action of the surfer. The lines draw you into the surfer. Showed example of it cropped a little more, some cool tones added and more texture for more drama.

#28 Wave Rider – Another good shot of the surfer coming down the wave. Showed a similar example with a little more texture and a little crop to show the wave and surfer closer.

#30 Splash Zone-1 – Dramatic picture of the power of the ocean. Love the way it is captured coming over the rock. Good job.

#31 Duke Cooling Off – Really good composition. Likes the fstop being used to blur out the background. Really works well to focus on the horse pawing on the water. The land up front keeps your eye centered on the horse. Good job.

#33 The Disagreement – These guys are headed for a challenge, the dust, you can feel the motion and power of these horses. Super nice shot. Showed an example of a little vignette to draw your eyes in a little more and dropped the exposure. Really good shot of horses.

First: #24 Morning Flight – Steve Davis

Second: #20 Grace on Wings – Steve Davis

Third: #10 The Bite – Nancy Hulsey

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

**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.

Talked about the library wanting the photos displayed again. We only have 2 frames right now, so Steve will drop his photos off to Robin. NJ is going to pick up all the older images from Robin and return them and hand out 2021 ribbons at the August meeting which will be in person hopefully.

Thanks to those for participating! Next month’s contest theme is long exposure time.