

JEFFERSON COUNTY PHOTO CLUB
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2018

The January meeting of the Jefferson County Photo Club was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Items discussed were as follows:

The meeting minutes from the December meeting were approved.

We had a discussion about our web hosting renewal, domain renewal, and our Word Press site. The domain renewal was paid, as well as an upgrade to our Word Press site so we can use that as our website. Alice mentioned that she was having a problem with her hosting company, ehost.com. Eric offered to form a Web Technology Committee to discuss not only getting the club's site upgraded, but to also assist club members with setting up their own sites. Eric will send an email out to solicit interest.

Since it is the new year, club dues are due. Ellen Hardesty will collect from anyone who wants to pay.

The Berkeley Art Works has a call to artists for their Eighth Annual Art and Earth Juried Exhibit. If you are interested, please click [here](#).

Our topic of the night was Composition, and had short presentations by the Program Committee. Highlights were:

- Doug gave a discussion on Ansel Adams. Not the typical landscape photos that most are familiar with, but some of his other work that displayed great use of the composition theories to draw the eye to the areas of his photos. Doug had some excellent examples to show.
- Peter gave some discussion from a few books that he brought to the meeting. These included: How to take good photos by Kodak - using angles to draw the eye into areas of the photos as well as breaking the rules of composition to stand out; The Somnambulist by Ralph Gibson; Photograms (non-camera photos), Solarization (expose photo paper to light before developing), and Surrealist photos all by Man Ray; and, last, Alfred Stieglitz book of photos of clouds as equivalents for music and portrait of hands.

- Melanie first gave out a handout with some great information regarding The Gestalt Principles and Words to Know. This will be emailed out to all club members. She talked about the photos from Annie Lebowitz and Henry Cartier-Bresson, and how they used angles in their photography. Melanie also had a graph that showed how you can over impose to your photos to see how your angles line up. The graph can be found [here](#).
- Rip gave the final presentation. He said that each photographer has their own ideas on composition and since only knows what his thoughts were on his photos, he brought some of his own to discuss. Some of the comments he provided on the subject were: Use people when you can – this will help your photo to stand out; Provide a frame with a frame, when applicable; Ask yourself – how are you going to arrange your shot; Use the quality of light to add to your composition; Put your subject in context; and, finally, Don't be afraid to use panoramic cropping.

We then moved on to Tech Talk. Alice brought up that her web hosting service, ehost.com, has gone out of business and she is trying to save her website as it is set up. Eric offered to see if he can get a snapshot of how her site is set up. We then went on to talk about other web hosting available. Melanie suggested Zenfolio, and we talked about Word Press. Eric gave a demonstration of a video he was producing and documenting for work that used a series of photos through different programs.

JD cleans cameras for a living and offered to bring his stuff at the next meeting and clean cameras for those that want to have theirs cleaned.

Our assignment for January was Cold. We had photos that were brought from Rip, Alice, Doug, JD, Peter, and Melanie. Eric brought a “camera parka” that he had purchased to share with everyone.

Our next meeting will be held on February 13, 2018. Our Assignment will be Love. Our presentation will be Black & White vs. Color photos.