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MARCH NEWSLETTER



Our February meeting was well attended by members interested in **Paul Severnson's** presentation of economical and innovative digital photography ideas for "point and shoot" camera users. Paul purchased a camera for less than \$200 with 7mgps which is adequate for the hobbyist. He also showed some of his ideas for printing and displaying photos in unique ways.

Paul stressed the importance of a pocket tripod and the camera manual for improved photos. Paul also suggested a couple of rules he uses: Never (or rarely) zoom, and set to the finest resolution and largest film size to allow maximum room for your photos.

We thank Paul for sharing such valuable information and samples of his creative ideas that most of us can utilize.

Welcome to New Members

Our membership increased modestly in January with **Gene Stewart** and **Don Townzen** joining our ranks, and February brought us **Matt Willoughby** and **Bobby Elmore**. Recently, **Milton** and **Barbara Wallace** became members. We welcome all of them and encourage them to participate in our SIGs as well as the general meetings. Please take the time to make our newcomers feel welcome.

If all current members would recruit one new member, we can double our club size, increase our sharing of knowledge and information, and of course make many new friends.

Bring a friend to our next meeting or SIG group.

Photography SIG and General Meeting

Bill Franklin will present “Posing and Lighting the Female Subject” for March. Come out to pick up some tips from a pro and you will get those great shots of family and friends to enjoy. Bill’s presentation on posing the male was truly informative last year. Now we will learn the subtleties of getting that extra edge for good female shots.

The program will start shortly after our general meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 6th at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center, 6823 Cypresswood Dr, Spring in the Forum building. Come early for refreshments and social time making the evening complete. See you there

Scheduled Photography SIG’s for 2008

March	Posing & Lighting the Female Subject
April	Nature Ken Allen
May	Panel Discussion - Question & Answer session on Photography, photoshop, paintshop pro, etc.
June	Photographing Children Ms. Pietsch
July	Lightroom – Bill Franklin
August	Show and Share – favorite tips, gadgets, photo equipment
September	Open
October	Canon Representative, Jerry Ward
November	Open
December	Christmas party & Open

Field Trips

Upcoming field trips

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April 21, 2008	High Island for the spring migration If we have at least 10 participants over 50 yrs. a Harris County Bus will be available for free transportation at 7:30 in the morning. Sign up at the meeting Thurs.
May 3, 2008	Mercer Arboretum – meet at 8 a.m.
June 7, 2008	Jesse Jones Park – meet at 8 a.m.

Thank You

Thanks to **Jodena** and **Haskel Boring** for furnishing the nice refreshments at our February meeting. We can also use volunteers for refreshments at future meetings.

Please sign up if you are willing to provide refreshments anytime this year. We would like to reimburse you for the cost of your food or drink items.

Photo Opportunities

March 3 through 22 – *Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo* at Reliant Stadium, 1 Reliant Park, Houston, TX. This three week showcase of Texas traditions boasts the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest, thrilling rodeo Action, superstar concerts, and family fun. More info <http://www.hlrs.com>

March 8 – *Buffalo Bayou Regatta*

Test your endurance in Texas' largest kayak and canoe race ! Whether you paddle competitively or just for fun, the Buffalo Bayou Regatta is a great way to see Houston from a whole new angle <http://www.buffalobayou.org/regattabayou.html>

April 5 – 6 – *Annual Japan Festival*

– This annual event in Hermann Park's beautiful Japanese Garden draws more than 20,000 people. The Japan Festival celebrates the rich cultural heritage of Japan with two stages showcasing music, traditional and folk dance and martial arts, as well as demonstrations of Ikebana flower arrangement, tea ceremony, origami and bonsai.

<http://www.visithoustontexas.com/visitors/events.details.php?id=6828>

April 25 – 27 – *The Grand Prix of Houston* will roar back to JAGFlo Speedway at Reliant Park on April 25 – 27th, 2008, and will once again feature a thrilling double-header weekend with the American Le Mans Series on Saturday and Champ Car World Series on Sunday.

Share & Learn

As always, if you can't create anything new, then submit some of your other favorite pictures. This segment of our program will encourage you to get out and use your camera. Send your photos to Bill by March 2 at billfranklin34@comcast.net. Remember the longest side should be 990 ppi.

March	Small	August	Two or Three
April	Spring	September	Water
May	Wheels	October	Scary
June	Light & Shadows	November	Rain
July	Eyes	December	Steps

Share and Ride

It has been suggested that members may want to carpool to save gas, avoid night driving and best of all, to bring friends.

See you at our next meeting and don't forget to attend our fantastic SIGs. Check the website for date and subject.

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