

Focus Group Camera Club

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- President Bob Jones opened the meeting and asked Hal to introduce our guests. They were Kelly Milner, Bill Billings, Larry McCann, Joseph Zupanich, Elizabeth Miller, Tom Payne, Jim Kubicek and Lora Usry
- Hal also announced that we have a new version of the membership application and qualification form and then introduced the new members – Ralph, Sell, Dave Van Gelder and Larry Runyon
- Chuck Spalding, the program chair and VP, introduced our speaker for the evening, Steve Girimont. Steve is a professional photographer who has had a good deal of formal training as well as lots of experience in a variety of venues.
- Steve's topic was the processing of images in Photoshop to take advantage of some dynamic ranges in lighting. The collection of f-stop bracket images and the final result are very similar to traditional HDR processing using the Photonmatic software. The difference is that in this process you combine the 3 or five bracketed images and then use layer masking in Photoshop to bring out the shadow areas and tone down the lighter areas. Steve did a superb job in explaining in a way that everyone could understand.
- Steve and Chuck will arrange a workshop some Saturday or evening where participants can bring laptops and learn how to work on this technique.
- In the business portion of the meeting:
 - Bob explained where we are with by-law revisions and stated that there would be an email coming that stated the old by-laws as well as the revisions. We will vote on the revisions at the April meeting.
 - Gilpin stated that the two critiquers at the June meeting would be Scott Elmquist from Style Magazine and Dennis McWaters, a local professional photographer. Travis Nunn encouraged folks to bring prints as well as digital images since the print is the final result in production.
 - Bev encouraged members to send her images for the design program she is presenting in May
 - Al announced that the Richmond Camera show is a 'go' and the exhibitors should send him the information for the cards for the images
 - The previously appointed nominating committee consisting of Gary Sargeant, chair, and Hal were joined by Linda Warfield who was elected unanimously from the general membership.
- The roundtable consisted of Bob Coles showing us his new R-strap that he purchased from Blackrapid.com for \$44 as well as the following members showing images – Larry Runyon, David van Gelder, Ralph Sell (all new members), Al, Bob Coles, Kathy, Steve Girimont, Linda Warfield, and Chuck. Jack had a few prints on the back table.