

**December
2011**

GSFC Photography Club

Next Photo Club Meeting:
Dec. 14th, 2011

Commentary and Critique

For our upcoming December meeting, members will have an opportunity to present 1-3 images to the group and in return receive nuggets of constructive feedback.

This is meant to be a welcoming environment, where the group can discuss the positive aspects of an image and offer insight into what areas may be improved.

Members who would like to participate should upload 1-3 images to the GSFC Photo Club flickr page by Dec 12th, 2011 (instructions to access the Flickr site are attached if you are a paid member. If you have not paid, but would like to participate, please contact Scott Hull.) [Sydney – put the bullets below with the uploading instructions instead of here]

- When loading please provide a title, and brief explanation of image.
- Names are not required. It may be beneficial to both the photographer and the group to allow a sense of anonymity to achieve a greater, unbiased critique.
- Once images have been uploaded please ensure that you have tagged/placed them into the set labeled "Photo Critique/Dec 14th, 2011"

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/gsfphoto/>

- Is there a clear center of interest? - Is the subject sharp? - Is the color balance right? -



*"Tree 3" Scott Hull
Conowingo Dam
Oakwood, Maryland*

On November 11th photo club member Scott Hull, organized a weekend outing to the Conowingo Dam located in northern Maryland. Four photo club members met in the frigid fall weather, but they were rewarded with over 20 wild Eagles modeling for their cameras throughout the morning.

Sunday Dec. 11th - National Botanical Gardens

This coming Sunday, club president Nancy Rosenbaum will lead a photography outing to the U.S. Botanical Gardens on the mall in DC. The botanical gardens always boasts a beautiful holiday display and this year is no different. Meet with others ready to take stunning images at 10:30a, Sunday Dec. 11th outside the Federal Center Metro station (Orange/Blue lines, corner of D & 3rd Sts. SW).

Thank you !

In other news...

A great big *Thank You* is in order for our guest speaker **Mr. Chris Gunn!** If you were unable to make it to the packed house that was our last photo club meeting you missed out on a great presentation of images and information. Chris has been a photographer at Goddard for almost 13 years and offered some great insight into some of the unique situations a NASA photographer might find themselves in; e.g. zero gravity.

Next up:

Bill Ingalls Retrospective NASA photography

The photo club executive board is working to convince photographer Bill Ingalls to present to the group in mid-late January. Bill has worked with NASA for over 18 years, photographed launches from the swamps of Florida to the desolate desert of Kazakhstan.

http://www.nasa.gov/50th/50th_magazine/photographers.html

Stay tuned for more information!

- The club has discussed purchasing equipment, such as a printer/scanner and laptop but we are in need of a space to put it! Please check with your projects and FOMs to help identify any possible spaces available; preferably easily accessed, copier rm/storage area, 50-100 sq. ft would be sufficient.
- Calibration device for members use - research is ongoing.
- Photo Club members have organized a 3-session Introduction to Digital Photography course starting in January. Each session to be held over the lunch hour with potential for follow-up, practice outings. Session topics: Exposure, How to use your camera and Composition.
- **We need you!**
If you are interested in stepping-up to the plate and hosting a group outing please bring your enthusiasm and ideas to the next photo club meeting.

January 11th, 2012

FLASH!

Our first meeting of the New Year will be focused on the use of flash in photography. Our own Vice President Bob Peters will touch on subjects ranging from the correct distance between you and the subject, fill-in flash, proper ISO and much more.

Reminder: If you have not renewed your membership for the 2011 club year please complete a membership form and bring it to the next meeting along with your \$5 yearly membership dues.