

The Image

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Meeting Notice

The September meeting will be held at the Paramount Arts District Parking Lot, 913 West St. Germain, St. Cloud, Minnesota. September 27th at 7 p.m.

This month's meeting is the annual "business" meeting – collection of dues, delegation of responsibilities, setting the next year's program and events and so forth. There will be some lively discussion about the current structure of the club and positive ways to change it – make sure to come to share your input!

There won't be an administrative meeting at 6:30pm this month as the regular meeting will cover these issues.

Also – a digital users group meeting is scheduled on Thursday September 21st at 7pm at George and Bill's studio. All are welcome to attend. If you need directions Barry has posted a map both on the [Camera Club website](#) and at the digital users group website – www.digitalphotouser.com. Please [e-mail Barry](#) before you go just to confirm the meeting is going to happen.

No need to keep you copy of The Image! Barry has archived them on the [camera club website](#)!

For those who don't use computers and e-mail, LaVona Sherarts has offered to telephone members with information. Her phone is 320-255-1964. Let her know if you would like to be called.

Information:

Barry has done some leg work with getting a monitor at the meetings – it was really wonderful at the last meeting to have a way for the whole group

to view photos together. I expect this will open up some new ways for the group to discuss photos and do tutorials in the near future. What will make it work is member's bringing photos they would like to share on a CD ready for Barry to load.

We need someone to organize a take down of the Foley show in late October. Not a big deal – I (Steve) did it last year with a 1 and 4 year old along. It would be great to have more help. This can be discussed in the meeting.

Treasurers Report:

I don't have a current copy of this at the time of publication. However, Shanda has not fled to the Caribbean, so I expect all is in order.

Other Items:

The August meeting of the Camera Club featured a very interesting display of several member's photography. It was great to see Tim Gruber's slideshow from his photojournalism work, as well as many other member's recent photographs.

Call or [e-mail](#) Carol Weiler with other suggestions for programs: 251-9083. If you have a short topic you would like to share / discuss this can be set up for just about any meeting.

Suggestions so far for programs for next year (some left over from last year):

Anonymous critiquing using digital display or slides

Another discussion like the July meeting

Layne Kennedy workshop

Joint meeting w/Monticello and Brainerd
<http://www.monticelloarts.org/>

Presentations by Bob Wilde or Linda Schlect

Tour of the St. Cloud Times (contact Dave Schwarz)

Ted Sherarts-pinhole cameras

LaVona Sherarts-book making

Assignments:

Portraits

Travel Photography

Photoshop tips of the month:

If you select File > File Info when you have a picture open it will bring up the "Metadata" for your file - information such as the aperture, shutter speed and so forth. But you can also enter your own information for a file, such as "Copyrighted", the name of your website, your e-mail address, etc. If you ever publish your photograph in any fashion it is important that this information is included with the file.

Typing it all in for each picture would be too much for any one to bear. Here's how to create a template to apply the same metadata to any file or files you want.

This works in PS or any version of Elements later than version 3.

- 1 Create a new image from within Photoshop. It doesn't matter what its size, background, etc., are. The only reason for starting with a new image is so that it won't have any residual metadata.
- 2 Choose File > File Info and enter the metadata

into the forms.

- 3 Click the button at the upper right of the File Info window (it looks like a little arrow) and choose Save Metadata Template
- 4 Choose a name and save the template. It's saved in a standard place. You might label it "Contact Info" or "General Contact Info" or whatever.

Now, next time you open a picture, select File > File Info and all the same blank options will appear.

However, now when you click on the small arrow in the upper right hand corner of the 'File Info' dialog box your template will be one of the choices. Click on it and all the metadata will be automatically applied to your current file.

This clearly can save worlds of time.

Even better is if you have all the metadata applied automatically whenever you insert a CF or SD card in your computer, but I'll save that for the next PS tip.

Finally, it's time for the "The Image" to go fully paperless. This is the last month that I'll be mailing paper copies out. It is posted monthly at the camera club website and can be printed on any printer - at home, the office, the library. My kindergartner can even do it at her school. If there is some compelling reason that you need me to mail you a paper copy let me know, but if I don't hear from you then I'll expect that you can view it yourself on the club's website.

Have a good month and see you at the meeting!

- Steve