

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL (SJVCCC)

The council consists of camera clubs from Bakersfield to Stockton. Current clubs belonging to the Council include Selma, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Modesto, Stockton and Taft. All members of these camera clubs are automatically members of SJVCCC, and are encouraged to participate in the monthly meetings and competitions.

Council meetings are held at the Ramada Inn on East Shaw Avenue and Highway 41 on the second Sunday of each month, except July and August, unless otherwise posted. January is the annual business meeting, and no competitions are scheduled. Meetings are hosted by a member club. December is the Annual Awards Luncheon and the End of the Year Competition. A digital workshop is often scheduled for September.

Meetings begin at 10:00 AM. However, members entering digital images and prints need to arrive by 9:30 AM to complete their carbon entry forms and allow the Division Chairmen time to process the entries. Digital images must be sent to the Digital Imaging Chairman, **Craig J. Hadfield** no later than one week prior to each competition, and prepared according to the competition rules for digital images. See "Submissions of Images" below for details. A PSA qualified judge is always present at each meeting to give commentary and scores on the images entered.

Merit ribbons for 10 points are available to members who request them. Year-end recognition is given to members and clubs that have earned the highest points and to winners of best digital image and best print of the year in each division. Entries in the year-end competitions are judged as one class.

In Council Competitions there are four (4) digital image divisions: Pictorial, Nature, Travel, and Photojournalism. In each of these divisions, there are 3 Classes of entries: – A, AA, AAA. Members new to the Council begin in the A class. Definitions for all Council digital divisions are the same as those used for the respective divisions by the Photographic Society of America (PSA).

Print Competition

There are two (2) print divisions: color and monochrome. Each division has Class A and AA, and AAA. Prints in both divisions may be developed in the dark room, or printed by the maker on his/her computer, or commercially printed. For both print divisions the maximum size is 16 x 20 inches including the mat with a minimum of 5x7 inches for the print.

Members may enter up to two (2) digital images, *and* two (2) prints per division. For each division entered, the images must be accompanied by a completed carbon form and \$1 entry fee. These forms and fees must be submitted by 9:30 a.m. the morning of the Council meeting in order for your entries to be judged.

In addition to the carbon entry forms and fees, print entries must have the entry label (available at www.sjvccc.org and www.fresnocameraclub.org) attached to the back of each print in upper left corner.

Unless otherwise determined by the SJVCCC board of directors, class promotions occur once per year based on the following criteria. In each division, the member in Class A with the highest score at the end of the year will advance to Class AA if it is higher than the lowest score in AA. The highest scoring member in Class AA moves to Class AAA, and the lowest scoring member in Class AAA moves to Class AA. However, there will be a maximum of six (6) members in Class AAA and eight (8) members in AA.