



PC NEWS

March 2017 Newsletter



Art Rothenberg

General Meeting and Digital Photography SIG

Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00pm

Cypressdale Club House, 4815 Elmbrook Drive, Spring, TX 77388

TOPIC: Introduction to Google NIK Tool Collection

PRESENTER: Richard Houghton

6:30 PM:

- Membership sign-in, pay dues, and greet visitors.
- Spend time with other members and share your questions and answers (refreshments will not be provided at this time)

7:00 PM to 7:15 PM:

- General Meeting Announcements

7:15 PM to 9:00 PM:

- Digital Photography SIG

Richard Houghton, from The Woodlands Camera Club, was first scheduled to give his presentation "**Introduction to Google NIK Tool Collection**" last May, but he needed to postpone it due to illness. Well, he's all better now, and he's going to explain the full family of NIK post-processing software tools to us.

What are the NIK Tools?

They are a collection of seven very clever post-processing apps that will greatly expand your capabilities. The full set of tools used to cost several hundred dollars, but when Google bought NIK early last year it made the entire set of tools FREE to download! You can download them FOR FREE

here: <https://www.google.com/nikcollection/>

How do I learn to use the tools?

Google has also just made a set of four training courses on the tools available FOR FREE!

You can download them FOR FREE here: <http://greylearning.com/bundles/nik-collection-bundle>

Feel free to download the tools and start the training before our meeting. I hope to see you all on **Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm** at our new meeting location. If you haven't been to the Cypressdale Club House yet, you will be very pleasantly surprised at how comfortable it is. See you then!

Jim Sandham, Leader



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Technology SIG

Tuesday, March 14, 7-9 p.m., Sam Sanderson, Leader

CypressDale Club House, 4815 Elmwood Dr.

At the Technology SIG we have discussions on a wide variety of subjects pertaining to all technology new and old and of course many topics surrounding all versions of the Microsoft Windows operating systems. The primary subject matter will be driven by the specific questions or request from the attendees.

No subject is off limits; we cover it all. Come and join us. The topics are always interesting. It is amazing all of the technology know-how that exists within our club members.

This SIG is becoming more popular with members as Sam leads the group to solve problems, learn current information, answer questions, and shares the latest technology. You will be amazed at how much fun we have at this meeting. Attend the SIG and discover a vast amount of new information.



David Gustine Photos

Genealogy SIG

Thursday, March 23rd, 7-9 p.m., Lee Smith Leader

Topic to be announced. Watch for email announcement this month.

Lee R. Smith, Genealogy SIG Leader

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Check out our [Genealogy](#) web pages for additional research help and current information about Genealogy SIG happenings - www.1960pcug.org/gensig



Photography Articles

Jim Sandham's selections for March:

"Some Options for Backing Up Your Photos Online"

<http://tinyurl.com/jo2onha>

"How to Use Exposure Compensation to Take Control of Your Exposure"

<http://tinyurl.com/jjvdfvl>

"How to Find Your Lens' Sweet Spot: A Beginner's Guide to Sharper Images"

<http://tinyurl.com/j2kxcgg>

"The One Filter Always In My Bag (the Polarizer)"

<http://www.tamron-usa.com/enews/cc/v2/2017/accessories/allen/filters.php>

"How to Photograph Pets and Wildlife"

http://www.tamron-usa.com/enews/archives/2017/jan217_cearns.php

Brazos Bend Field Trip

IMPORTANT TIME CHANGES TO THE FIELD TRIP (everything is 30 minutes later)

Precinct 4 just told me the bus will arrive at 8:00 am, not 7:30 am, as in my earlier notice about this field trip.

We are going back to **Brazos Bend State Park!** It has been a year and a half since our last visit to the park, and I'll bet you can't wait to get back there. So, clean up your camera equipment, charge up your batteries, and get ready to capture some GREAT IMAGES!

What: **Brazos Bend State Park**, 21901 FM 762, Needville, TX 77461, Ph. [979-553-5101](tel:979-553-5101)

When: **8:00 am, Tuesday, March 28, 2017**

Depart: **Cypress Creek Christian Church (CCCC)**, 6823 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379

Cost: **\$7.00 admission** for all adults, plus the cost of your lunch

Lunch: **Kelly's Country Cooking**, 100 Hwy. 35 Bypass North, Alvin, TX 77511, Ph. [281-585-5777](tel:281-585-5777)

Age: You must be 50 or older to board the bus

Tripods: Monopods and tripods ARE encouraged!

Contact me directly no later than Sunday, MARCH

26th at jsandham77@gmail.com to sign up for this field trip! It's strictly "first come, first served," so the first 19 people who contact me will get a seat (the 20th seat is mine). If I get more than 20 people signed up, the extras will be put on a standby waiting list (and will be contacted if I get any cancellations).

IMPORTANT: If you REPLY to this announcement you will NOT be on the list. Announcements such as this one come to you from the club, not from me personally. If you just REPLY, I won't see it. So, if I do not receive a NEW e-mail message from you requesting to go on this trip, you will NOT be on the list. **You must send me a NEW e-mail message.**

Map to the Church: http://www.1960pcug.org/images_new/SIG_Map_M.html

Website for the park: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend>
(you can print maps from hotlinks in the far right column)

The Precinct 4 bus leaves from the CCCC back parking lot at 8:00 am sharp.

Please be in the parking lot ready to board the bus around **7:30 am**. If you arrive after **8:00 am** the bus will be gone already! We need at least ten (10) people on the bus, or we risk having the trip canceled on the spot! The mini-bus holds 20 passengers, and does NOT have wheelchair access.

IMPORTANT: You may bring/consume only bottled water on the bus. No food, no coffee, no tea, no smoothies, no sodas, no breakfast bars -- NO EXCEPTIONS! Eat before the trip.

We should arrive at the park about 9:30 am. After a full three hours to see & do everything, we'll leave for lunch at 12:30 pm. At about **2:00 pm** we'll head back to Spring, arriving at the CCCC parking lot around **3:30 pm**.

When you sign up for any of our field trips, unless you have an emergency or medical reason, PLEASE SHOW UP! All of the other people are counting on you to be there, so let me know ahead of time if you need to cancel for any reason (**Jim's home phone [281-353-4751](tel:281-353-4751), cell phone [281-638-1627](tel:281-638-1627)**).

IMPORTANT: provide me your cell phone number in your e-mail message when you sign up (I'll use it only if you are not on the bus before 8:00 am).
I look forward to having you join the group for this interesting and fun trip.

Jim Sandham

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Loss of Donna Loomis

We received sad news of the passing of our Treasurer, Donna Loomis. Donna was an important member of the Board of the 1960 PCUG and served as Treasurer for the past 3 years, as well as recording secretary for many meetings. Donna had been hospitalized for a month before passing on February 22nd. She, and husband, Craig, have been active members for many years. We offer our condolences to Craig and the Loomis family. Donna will surely be missed for her pleasant disposition and many contributions to our organization.

For those of you who would like to send condolences, please contact me, BeaAnn Kelly at: beaannkelly@gmail.com, or call at 281-257-4921.

BeaAnn Kelly

VP of Communications