



# South Bay Camera Club **NEWS & VIEWS**



## February 2026

[www.sbccphotos.org](http://www.sbccphotos.org)

A great resource!

The South Bay Camera Club is a non-profit social club providing for its members' activities involving photography and continuing education in all types of photographic techniques. Regular meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month (unless otherwise noted) at the Zamperini Field (Torrance Airport) Administration Building Meeting Room, 3301 Airport Drive, at 7 P.M.

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### February 9 Digital Critique

The February critique will be a critique by Bill Megalos. Check out his website, which is <http://www.billmegalos.com/index.html>. Submit your photos by Saturday Feb 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Democracy in Action! I remember that!

Rajiv Doshi has sent out a request for all members to PLEASE vote for your top five field trips you'd like to take with SBCC. Send your preferences to [rajiv\\_doshi@hotmail.com](mailto:rajiv_doshi@hotmail.com). If you don't express your preferences now, you will not be allowed to boycott the field trips.

Also, remember to vote early and vote often for your favorite photos on the club website, [www.sbccphotos.org](http://www.sbccphotos.org).

### Member Galleries

We still have some members who have not opened up their Member Gallery. If you are one of these, please post a photo to your home gallery so we can see your work. We showed you ours, so show us yours. If you have trouble adding photos, contact any board member for help.

## [Wildhorse Pow Wow](#)

The 28 Annual Wildhorse Pow Wow will take place on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> and Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be held at El Camino College. It will start at 11:00 am on both days. There will be free parking at "Lot C" off of Manhattan Beach Blvd. This sounds like a great make up opportunity for those of us who missed the trip to Temecula. Additional information at <https://www.wildhorsesingers.com/wildhorse-pow-wow> (Sorry about the late notice.)

## [Beginners Group](#)

The beginners group will meet on Monday Feb 2nd at 7:00 pm. If you want to learn about the basics of photography, this is a place to start. The link to the zoom meeting is <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75346365424?pwd=m1TNAKS0mpW7uXclYNWQSpzZPjNiyN.1> . This is a Zoom only meeting.

## [Photo Opportunity- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual El Porto Surf Contest](#)

If you are looking for something to do on this weekend, there is a surf contest on Saturday January 31st at 100 42nd Street, in Manhattan Beach from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm. The surf is predicted to be small, 1.5 foot. (Yes, I know it isn't quite in February, but it is close and I just learned about it).

## [New AI Guidelines Implemented for club events](#)

With the increase in availability of AI generated images, it has become necessary to implement some guidelines on the use of AI. The guidelines are:

1) Digital and Print Evaluation photos:

AI generated content is allowed with a marking requirement. All photos that include AI generated picture (including any AI generated image used as a part of the picture) must be marked with (G) at the end of its title when submitting any photo. For example, Flowers (G).

2) Scavenger Hunt Submissions:

Photos for Scavenger hunt must not be AI generated nor include AI generated content in part of the photo.

This should be reasonable, who wants to lose the scavenger hunt to a computer drawing?

## [Westways Photo Contest](#)

If you want to show off your photos of natural beauty, submit your photos of Natural Beauty from anywhere in the world. Westways, the Automobile Club magazine, is holding a photo contest. The due date is May 11. The winner will appear in the winter 2026 magazine. Prizes include trips to O'ahu and several California locations. See Westways magazine for more information. Or see the rules here <https://westwaysphotocontest.secure-platform.com/a/page/rules>.

## [Photo Opportunities](#)

Rick Stipa, a new member, noted the following photo opportunities:

Queen Mary 2

oRoyal Rendezvous Queen Mary and Queen Mary 2 Harbor Cruise Tour Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM (photo opportunities onboard the Harbor Cruise boat)

oFollowing above event, the Queen Mary 2 will transit Los Angeles Harbor Main Channel and dock at Birth 92 behind USS Iowa (photo opportunities along LA Harbor Main Channel. Good location: Lighthouse View Point, 101a Signal St, San Pedro, CA 90731)

## [Southern California Council of Camera Clubs \(S4C\) News](#)

The 2026 S4C Pictorial Circuit is now open. This year, the circuit consists of three salons (exhibitions) with five sections. So, there's three opportunities to have your photos reviewed by a panel of internationally recognized judges. It is not expensive to enter; just \$25 for two sections and \$45 for all five sections. So, five sections in three salons; that's 15 chances to receive recognition and patronage. While the last date to submit images to the circuit is April 30, don't delay. Submit your images now. For more information and to participate, see our exhibition website at <https://www.s4c-ex.org/>.

## [Photographic Society of America Worldwide \(PSA\) Corner](#)

- **Alert for individual members of PSA!!** The SoCal Chapter of PSA, previously known as the Southern California Roundup Chapter, is planning a special event in May 2026. The Photographic Society of America Worldwide (PSA), Southern California Chapter provides Exclusive Photography Experiences for PSA members. These Exclusive Experiences will not be available to area clubs or other photography groups for at least a year, and, in many cases, they will never be offered again except as a SoCal Chapter Exclusive Experience. The third SoCal Chapter Exclusive Photography Experience will be held on Monday, May 18, 2026. Arrangements have been made with [Sandy Zelasko](#) to lead a nature photography tour to the Pismo Beach and Morro Bay areas for the opportunity to photograph coastal landscapes, sand dunes, harbor and marine life.

A [description](#) of the Pismo Beach-Morro Bay Tour is available for your reference. [Online Registration](#) and [Payment](#) are required and are available now. You need to be a PSA member with membership through May 2026 for your registration to be confirmed. The **Early Bird Registration fee is \$159** and after **February 28 the fee will be \$175**.

- Join PSA now at now <https://psaphotoworldwide.org/>! Membership rates go UP on March 1st, 2026. Currently only \$45 for a digital membership and \$65 for a Print membership. This membership includes online access to the website, as well as a printed copy of the journal mailed directly to your address. Either way, list Emily Sandersfeld as your referring member and she will give you your first printed copy of the PSA Journal.
- Discover the benefits of joining PSA!!
  - International and US Photo Gatherings and Festivals: The next gathering will be in Vietnam, April 23-30, 2026. This extraordinary journey will take you through Ninh Binh – Bac Giang – Thai Nguyen – Hanoi, where heritage, culture, and light merge into unforgettable frames. There will also be an extension tour from April 30-May 5<sup>th</sup>. Check out <https://vietnam.psa-photogathering.com/> for more information. The next US photo festival will be held in Las Vegas September 13-29, 2026
  - Mentors offer expertise in Black & White, Cell Phone, HDR, Wildlife, Underwater Photography, and more!
  - Special note: Like SBCC, they've updated their website address. The new address is [www.psaphotoworldwide.org](http://www.psaphotoworldwide.org).

## Club Event Schedule

<b>Schedule of upcoming club events</b>			
Feb 2	7 pm	Beginners Group	Over Zoom - link to be distributed
Feb 9	7 pm	Digital Critique	Critiquer Bill Megalos
Feb 11	9:30 am	Coffee Klatch	Come to Klatch Coffee and join us for our discussion of whatever comes up (possibly photography even)
Feb 16	7 pm	Board Meeting	Over Zoom – Attend and help decide what we do for the rest of the year
Feb 23	7 pm	Presentation Meeting	Julian Elliot, Travel Architecture
March 2	7 pm	Beginners Group	Over Zoom - link to be distributed
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## SBCC Speaker Schedule

January	12	John Post	Print
	26	Justin Tedford	Route 66
February	9	Digital	Bill Megalos
	23	Julian Elliot	Travel Architecture travel
March	9	Print	Don Goss
	23	Kevin Gilligan	Portraiture or landscape
April	13	Digital	Travis Silva
	27	Ming Hu	Underwater photography
May	11	Scavenger Hunt	Judging
	25	Member	How I did it
June	8	Officer Election + Member Photo Sharing	
	22	Members Banquet	