



MEETING NOTES – FEBRUARY 2026

To all DPI-SIG members and other interested parties:

A sincere welcome to THREE new members who recently joined DPI-SIG!

Kathryn DeCaro, Herbert Hogan & John Kreucher.

MONTHLY THEME SLIDESHOW

Christina Skibicki produced a slideshow with the theme *“THE COLOR RED”* for the General Meeting on February 12, 2026. The meeting was recorded and is posted on the website. A big thank you to Christina and the 25 members who submitted images. Participation in the Monthly Theme keeps this DPI-SIG enjoyable feature a favorite of the meeting.

March 2026 Theme:
“NUMBERS & LETTERS”

Deadline to submit images: 5 p.m., Sunday, March 8, 2026.

dpi-theme@naples.net

Please follow these guidelines to submit your monthly theme photos:

1. Size your photos between 1920 pixels wide by 1080 pixels high.
2. Save photos with your first name-last name-number, Example: **Christina-Skibicki-1**
3. Submit up to six images **as attachments** to your email. Send all images into one email.
4. Send photos to address: dpi-theme@naples.net

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...➡ If you missed the 233rd General Meeting on February 12th, it was recorded and is posted on the website.

- **Charles Flum** presented three more tips for Smartphone photography.
- **Richard Tindell & Sonny Saunders** reminded members about the **FCCC Conference** scheduled in Bradenton at the Manatee Technical College on March 27, 28, & 29, 2026. When you register as a DPI-SIG member, you will receive a \$29.00 discount, which the club will reimburse FCCC at the end of the conference. The web site will have all the information on the schedule and accommodations nearby.
<https://f3c.org>.
- **Ron Magill** from Zoo Miami presented “**The Power of Storytelling with Images.**” If you missed seeing him, make sure you watch the recording. He’s an outstanding speaker and kept the audience’s attention from start to finish.
- **Jim Robellard** showed a few images from members who attended a workshop on “**Mastering Focus Stacking**” at the Naples Botanical Garden on Saturday, January 10.
- **Mahlon Stacy** reminded members of the upcoming **DPI-SIG Winter Competition** of 2026. Images were being accepted until February 15th. Competition information:
<https://dpi-sig.org/competitions/>
- Preview of March meeting will be images of **Mahlon Stacy** and **Jim Robellard** from their travels to Africa and Europe.
- Many thanks to **Nancy Garrison** for supplying the treats and drinks for the February meeting.

...➡ **NOTICE:** DPI-SIG’s Beginner’s Workshop will start meeting again. Watch for email notice and schedule.

...➡ **Volunteers needed!!!**

- Would you like to be on the **Outing Committee**? This is your chance to keep this DPI-SIG activity a favorite of the club.

...➡ If you have a speaker you would like to see at one of our meetings, or a subject you would like to see presented, please let us know and we'll see if we can make it happen!
sonny@naples.net

...➡ Do you know that DPI-SIG has its own **FACEBOOK** page? Join in the fun of submitting your images, seen only by our members. It's also a good place to post DPI-SIG announcements. [DPI-SIG Naples Digital Photography Club | Facebook](#)

...➡ **UNWANTED PHOTO GEAR?** If you want to donate your unwanted, unused, or replaced photo equipment, contact **Sonny Saunders** at (239) 777-0053. He will either auction it to members, sell it online or place it in the DPI-SIG library with other usable equipment. All proceeds will go to DPI-SIG.

...➡ **SPECIAL OFFER** from our friends at **HITEK IMAGING, Naples Full Service Digital Printing Lab**: 4292 Corporate Square, Suite A, Naples FL 34104. (239) 307-2686. Many DPI-SIG members have had their images printed by HiTek for the art shows, etc. HITEK offers a special discount for DPI-SIG MEMBERS! Many members use HITEK to print and frame their images for Art Shows, Exhibits, etc. Stop in and see their showroom of ideas.
<https://www.hitekimaging.com/>

...➡ **SUPPORT HUNT'S PHOTO & VIDEO**, which subsidizes many of the Lecture Series with speakers all year. 100 Main St., Melrose, MA 02176. Mention you are a member of DPI-SIG! Call **Mason Barnard**, 781.462.2358, mbarnard@huntsphoto.com. **Support Hunt's as they support us!!!**

...➡ **RENEWING MEMBERSHIP DUES**: The membership dues are \$40.00 per year. **You will be notified automatically by email when your dues have expired and need to be renewed.** **To renew your dues, go to the DPI-SIG website <https://dpi-sig.org/>.**

RENEW DUES: You can pay your dues on the website via PayPal.

1. Click Login (if you forgot your password, click "Forgot Password" on the login page.)

2. Click "My Profile" (which appears after you login) then click "Pay My Dues"
3. Review your profile info, update if needed, then click "Update" at the bottom.
4. Pay using either a PayPal Account or Credit Card

(Dues must be current to be included in the privileges of DPI-SIG membership, such as: Outings, Special Interest Groups (Photoshop Users Group, Lightroom Users Group, Luminar Users Group, Lighting Workshop Group, Roundtable, A.I. Workshop, Photography Theater, Art Shows & Exhibits, Theme Pictures, DPI-SIG Competitions, FCCC Competitions, Photo Locations, special lectures & presentations, workshops, Zoom sessions, etc.)

...➡ **WITH NEW MEMBERS EACH YEAR, WE REALLY NEED TO SEE YOU! THEREFORE, YOUR PICTURE IS REQUESTED!!!** We strive to meet the needs of every member who participates in our successful camera club. Would you like to learn the names of other members, or maybe ask them a question about their camera or photo interest? We have a [Member Gallery](#) with a picture of each DPI-SIG member. Of course, submitting your photo is strictly voluntary, but it's an excellent way to get to know members, as well as have them recognize you.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are not in the gallery now, or need to change your picture, please check your profile. Members submit their own photos on their profile page. There is a drop area to upload a photo.

...➡ **MAC, IPHONE, IPAD, OR APPLE WATCH, APPLE TV USERS, ATTENTION:** Join Naples Mac User Group for free. This group has gone international and now has members worldwide! Meetings take place every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. ID: 864 4338 5675; PW NMUG.

...➡ **Don Beach** announces the **PCBUG, THE NAPLES TECHNOLOGY USERS GROUP**, Zoom meeting, **Thursday, February 19th at 5 p.m.**

Speaker: Rob Truman

Topic: Passkeys and Two Factor Authentication

As you probably have encountered, two-step authentication is being used by more online entities. Rob will de-obfuscate some of these concepts and provide some ways to manage them.

Overview of Passkeys and Two-Factor Authentication

1. Passkeys are a modern alternative to traditional passwords

2. They enhance security by using cryptographic keys instead of text-based passwords.
3. Passkeys are designed to be more user-friendly and resistant to phishing attacks.
1. Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) adds an extra layer of security.
2. It requires two forms of verification: something you know (like a password) and something you have (like a smartphone).
3. Common methods include SMS codes, authentication apps, or hardware tokens.

To receive the Zoom meeting link, email don@naplestechguy.com. **Please request on the link by email Wednesday, February 18th, the day before the meeting.** Download the latest Zoom version at www.zoom.us/download.

The PCBUG is a computer and technology club providing information and education on computers and mobile devices. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. Both novice and advanced users are encouraged to attend.

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 Don Beach, President PCBUG – The Naples Technology User Group, 239-455-1542

[DPI-SIG OUTINGS](#)

No DPI-SIG outings are scheduled for February, but there is plenty to photograph in and around Naples this time of year!

...➡ Do you have any suggestions for future outings? Especially ones where you are willing to lead members through the location? Outings are a great way to meet other members! Volunteer to be on the Outing Committee and have a hand in choosing the location for the next outing!

[SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY USERS GROUP](#)

The **SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY USERS GROUP** meets the **third Tuesday each month at the DPI-SIG Training Center, 5029 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, 34113.**

Charles Flum will be leading this Special Interest Group **for members** and is looking for someone who is acquainted with Android phones as he has and knows iPhone. if you can help, please contact Charles (239) 316-8611 (call or text) or cflum1@comcast.net.

Hope to see you at the Smartphone Photography Users Group!

DPI-SIG COMPETITION

Mahlon Stacy, DPI-SIG Competition Director, reported that the Winter DPI-SIG Competition is in the process of being judged. Categories are: Color, Monochrome, Creative, Plants & Flowers. <https://www.DPI-SIG.org>
>Competition

2026 COMPETITION SCHEDULES

DPI-SIG COMPETITION SCHEDULE– DIGITAL

Winter Competition	January 15 – February 15, 2026
Spring Competition	April 15 – May 15, 2026
Fall Competition	August 15 – September 15, 2026
Year End Competition	Winners from 2026 competitions are eligible

Competition information: <https://dpi-sig.org/member-competitions/>

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FCCC COMPETITION SCHEDULE – DIGITAL

1 st Tri-Annual Competition	April 8 – May 8, 2026
2 nd Tri-Annual Competition	July 15 – August 15, 2026
3 rd Tri-Annual Competition	October 19 – November 19, 2026
Year End Competition	Winners from 2026 competitions are eligible

FCCC COMPETITION SCHEDULE – PRINT

1 st Tri-Annual Competition	February 9 – March 9, 2026
2 nd Tri-Annual Competition	May 22 – June 22, 2026
3 rd Tri-Annual Competition	August 31 – September 30, 2026
Year End Competition	Winners from 2026 competitions are eligible

Competition information: <https://f3c.org>

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[DPI-SIG MAGAZINE](#)

An index of all former magazine articles is available on the website. The index provides topical access to all the articles, and links to open the magazines.

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[GLOSSARY TERMS](#)

[FEBRUARY – GLOSSARY TERM: MILC \(Mirrorless Interchangeable-Lens Camera\)](#): A digital camera that offers the ability to switch lenses, but it lacks the traditional mirror system found in DSLRs. Instead, MILCs typically use an electronic viewfinder (EVF) or the rear LCD screen to display the image.

[JANUARY – GLOSSARY TERM: ICM photography](#): Intentional Camera Movement, is a technique where the photographer deliberately moves the camera during a long exposure to create abstract, painterly images. This is achieved by using a slow shutter speed and moving the camera (or zooming the lens) in a controlled way, such as a horizontal, vertical, or circular motion, to blur the scene and emphasize aspects like lines, tones, and colors.

[PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS, EDUCATION & EVENTS](#)

[NAPLES DEPOT MUSEUM RETURNS](#)

After enduring years of closures due to Hurricane Ian, the wait is finally over. The Naples Depot Museum, a beloved landmark in Southwest Florida, located at 1051 Fifth Avenue South in Naples, has opened its doors to the public and welcomes you back to the railroading boom days of the Roaring Twenties!

The Naples Depot Museum demonstrates how generations of Southwest Floridians used technology and transportation to conquer a vast, seemingly impenetrable frontier. Feature exhibits include Seminole dugout canoes, a mule-drawn wagon, the antique swamp buggy “Tumble Bug”, and restored rail cars, including the Budd Observation Car built for the Seaboard Air Line railroad in 1947. The Naples Depot is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

“Historic buildings withstand the test of time for good reason,” said Museum Director Amanda Townsend. “Their aesthetics, durability, and community value see them through good times and tough times. Hurricane Ian dealt the Depot a blow, and we’ve longed to be

able to complete repairs and share its beauty and stories with the public once more. We're delighted that day has come."

About Collier County Museums: The Collier County Museums have five fascinating locations: Collier Museum at Government Center, Naples Depot Museum, Museum of the Everglades, Immokalee Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch, and the Marco Island Historical Museum.

The unique locations each provide a different glimpse into our past, where a diverse blend of old and new, history and legend, weaves its story across a glittering landscape of sun-warmed beaches, ancient cypress forests, and the sprawling grasslands of the Florida Everglades. Discover fierce saber cats and long-vanished civilizations, stunning archaeological finds and curious inventions, turn-of-the-century trading posts, cowmen, cattle ranches, and some of Florida's most adventurous and colorful characters. It's a story that's far too big to be told in just one visit — or one museum.

The museums are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. Visit the website for a full list of special exhibits and events: colliermuseums.com.

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ESSENTIALS OF DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY, UNDERSTANDING YOUR CAMERA

How to get the most out of your digital camera. This class will cover the essentials of your digital camera. You will learn how to use your camera's shutter, aperture, ISO control and the drive modes to create images with impact and creativity. No previous camera or photography experience is necessary, just a desire to learn. **Classroom learning material will be furnished.** Sonny Saunders has over 45 years of experience in photography and instruction and is renowned for his ability to communicate with a wide variety of students. **Class fee is \$55.00.**

Register on-line: <https://rookerybay.org/events/lectures-classes/>

Saturday, February 28	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 21	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

FOR SALE:

- DJI Mavic 3 Pro and RC Controller (screen part of RC)
- Fly More Combo
- 5 DJI Batteries – each having about 22 charging cycles out of expected 500 cycles. Batteries rated for 46 min of flight time
- 3 Hub high power battery charger
- DJI ND filters-8,16, 22 and 64
- 1 Nanuk Hard Case (Model 925) – Insert designed for the DJI Mavic 3 Pro and accessories
- 4 Pair Spare DJI props – Low Noise
- 3 Hasselblad lens: 24mm, 70mm and 166 mm
- Ruggard 44" Drone Landing Pad
- PRICE: \$1500

Contact Dennis Holt, daholt43@gmail.com (617) 407-0668

If interested in seeing this in action, you can meet Dennis at Veteran's Park off Immokalee Rd where he will demonstrate its capabilities.

Reason for selling? He bought a new DJI Mavic 4 Pro!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Zoom meetings unless otherwise indicated.

FEBRUARY 2026

~~Tuesday, February 3 – A.I. Workshop @ 7:00 p.m.~~

~~Sunday, February 8 – Deadline 5 p.m. to submit Monthly Theme Images *"The Color Red"*~~

~~Tuesday, February 10 – Luminar Users Group @ 4:00 p.m.~~

~~Thursday, February 12 – DPI SIG General Meeting @ FSW @ 7p.m.; live & YouTube~~

~~Tuesday, February 17 – Smartphone Photography Users Group, 7:00 p.m. @ Training Ctr~~

~~Wednesday, February 18 – Photoshop Users Group @ 7:00 p.m. canceled~~

~~Thursday, February 19 – Roundtable @ 6:00 p.m.~~

Sunday, February 22 – Lighting Workshop, Baker Park; \$15 model fee required; see email

Monday, February 23 – DPI-SIG Theater @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 26 – Lightroom Users Group @ 6:00 p.m.

MARCH 2026

Tuesday, March 3 – A.I. Workshop @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 8 – Deadline 5 p.m.-submit Monthly Theme images *“Numbers & Letters”*

Tuesday, March 10 – Luminar Users Workshop @ 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 12 – DPI-SIG General Meeting @ FSW – 7:00 p.m., live & YouTube

Monday, March 16 – Lighting Workshop @ 6:00 p.m., check email

Tuesday, March 17 – Smartphone Photography Users Group, 7:00 p.m. @ Training Ctr

Wednesday, March 18 – Photoshop Users Group @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 19 – Roundtable @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 26 – Lightroom Users Group @ 6:00 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, March 27 to 29: FCCC Conference, Bradenton, Florida: <https://f3c.org>

Monday, March 30 – DPI-SIG Theater @ 6:00 p.m.



Village Falls Professional Center, [DPI-SIG Training Center](#) - 5029 Tamiami Trail East, Naples FL 34113
Across from Publix & Bank of America; LOOK AT BACK LEFT CORNER OF COMPLEX – 2ND FLOOR.

**Watch for the meeting schedule of these Special Interest Groups,
Special Presentations & Lectures. These meetings are presented for
Members Only and require a current membership to attend.**

DPI-SIG & FCCC VOLUNTEERS 2026

Bob Baribeau: Drone Photography Users Group Director

Don Beach: Computer Consultant; Tech Team; Email Administrator

Jeff Bilyeau: Monthly Theme Slideshow Producer 2006 - 2022

David Bosworth: Meeting Signs & Floor Manager

Jennifer Brinkman: Competition Committee

Bob Brown: DPI-SIG Magazine Publisher/Editor (2014–2019); Lecture Brochure Designer

Joe Bucherer: Director of Photographers for Non-Profit Organizations; Publicity Committee

Joe Carmo: Auction Assistant; FCCC Conference Committee; DPI-SIG/FCCC Representative

Bill Coakley: Co-Founder; **IN MEMORIAM**

Ed Cohen: Competition Assistant

Don Columbus: Art Show Committee

Christine Cook: FCCC Digital Competition Director; Judges Training

Art David: A.I. Users Group Director

Marianne Dent: Social Committee

Charles Flum: Smartphone Photography Users Group Director

Nancy Garrison: Social Committee Director

Gwen Greenglass: FCCC Conference Committee

Tom Hurley: Computer Consultant; Tech Team

Sandy Labana: Monthly Theme Slideshow Producer 2022-2024

Mark McCulfor: Lighting Workshop Assistant

Dave McFarlane: Lighting Workshop Assistant

Priscilla McGuire: Art Show Director

Ken O'Renck: Mentor Program Director

Terry Palmer: Tech Team

Karen Regan: Lighting Workshop Director

Larry Richardson: Outing Committee; Competition Committee

Jim Robellard: Board of Directors; Outing Committee; Tech Committee; Vimeo Admin.; A.I. Workshop

Betty Saunders:

**Board of Directors-Secretary; Membership Registrar; Art Show Committee; Meeting Notes Editor;
Outing Committee; Facebook Administrator; FCCC Secretary; FCCC Conference Committee**

Burt Saunders: Legal Advisor

Sonny Saunders:

**Co-Founder; Board of Directors-President/Treasurer; Roundtable Coordinator; DPI-SIG & FCCC
Librarian; Art Show Committee; Competition Committee; Outing Committee; FCCC Vice President;
FCCC Conference Committee; Tech Team; Auction Coordinator; Theater Coordinator**

Michael Schleider: Lightroom Users Group; Luminar Users Group Director; Zoom Director; Tech Team

Marcel Seamples:

Board of Directors; Art Show Committee; Meeting MC; FCCC Treasurer; FCCC Conference Committee

Christina Skibicki: Meeting Assistant; Monthly Theme Slideshow Producer

Eduardo Sosa: Auction Assistant

Mahlon Stacy: Board of Directors; Competition Committee Advisor; Meeting Computer Operator;
Computer Consultant; Tech Team Director; DPI-SIG Programmer; Webmaster

Charles Stayton: Outing Committee; Social Committee

Eduardo Sosa: Auction Assistant

Angela Stone: Magazine Editor 2019-2023

Donna Sutton: Board of Directors

Cynthia Taft: Naples Art Institute Liaison

Richard Tindell:

Board of Directors-Vice President; Competition Committee; Photoshop Users Group Director; FCCC
President; FCCC Conference Committee; Judges Training

Jill Valesky: After-Meeting Assistant; Social Committee

Phil Wheat: Outing Committee; Competition Committee Assistant Director

Remember, our camera club is successful because of our volunteers. Please let us know what you are
willing to do to keep this camera club a very active, thriving, energetic and fun group of photographers!

<http://dpi-sig.org>

DPI-SIG Web site

<http://www.f3c.org>

FCCC Web site

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dpisig/>

DPI-SIG Facebook Page

Betty Saunders

Editor, Meeting Notes

DPI-SIG Naples Digital Photography Club is a 501(c)3 organization.

D P I - S I G: Digital Photography & Imaging – Special Interest Group

DPI-SIG Board of Directors:

**Jim Robellard, Marcel Seamples, Richard Tindell, Mahlon Stacy,
Donna Sutton, Sonny Saunders, Betty Saunders**

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NOTICE:

Each member should go to dpi-sig.org then click “LOGIN” on the top right-hand side of the home page. On the next screen, enter your email address and password to login. Once you login, pull down the right item in the navigation bar, “My Profile” and click “Edit My Info.” If you forgot your password, click “LOGIN” then “Forgot my password” in the login window.

...➔ If you are not receiving all the DPI-SIG Members’ email Messages:

1. Make sure you check the email address you registered for your DPI-SIG Membership. The club’s Mail Server sends messages to the email address you registered for your membership.
2. Check your Spam File or junk folder. If you find DPI-SIG messages there, it might help to place dpi-sig@naples.net in your email address book.
3. Check and make sure your ISP provider is not filtering your email messages at the server.
4. If none of these solutions help, please send a message to dpi-sig@naples.net and let us see if we can resolve the issue for you.