

Meeting Agenda

April 5, 2023

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- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Monthly assignment slideshow
- ❖ November Photo Exhibition
- ❖ DPReview Demise
- ❖ Full Frame vs Crop Sensor Cameras
- ❖ Is the iPhone better than a Full Frame Camera
- ❖ Balancing Highlights, Shadows & Midtones in Lightroom
- ❖ Avoiding Composition Mistakes
- ❖ Monthly Assignment

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Announcement

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- ❖ Today I would like to announce that, for personal reasons, I have decided to relinquish the Club chairmanship position by the Summer of this year.
- ❖ While I plan to continue to be involved in the Club activities, unfortunately I don't think that, moving forward, I will have the time to manage the Club.
- ❖ I truly appreciated, over more than 14 years, your support and attention and I think it is now time for someone else to continue the stewardship of this great Club.
- ❖ I will send out a general announcement and I am looking forward to welcoming my successor.

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Monthly Assignment Slideshow



View slideshow at
<https://youtu.be/Qrno3zSLcPs>

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November Photo Exhibition

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November Photo Exhibition

- ❖ As you know we have scheduled a Photo Exhibition for the whole month of November 2023 at the Ridgewood Library (Main Hall).
- ❖ The entire summer and early fall offer great opportunities for creative new pictures.
- ❖ Everyone can show two photos if we all keep our maximum frame size 18" X 20"
- ❖ A 27" X 20" or 30" X 24" photo is needed for exhibit's entrance. Have something "attention getting"?
- ❖ Need 3 volunteers on 11-01 and 11-30 for setup and take down.
- ❖ Send participation intent, suggestions, and questions to lkarcher@optonline.net

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DPR Review Demise

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DPRReview Demise

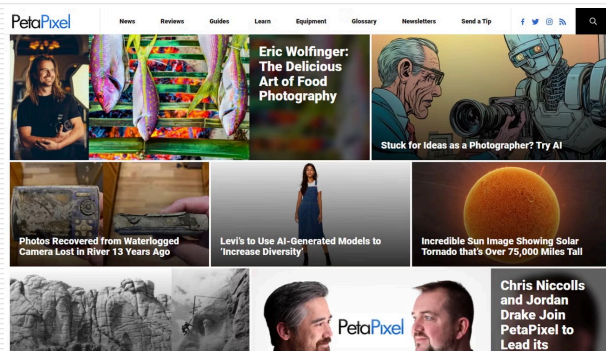
- ❖ As you might know, DPRReview has been my go-to web site for Camera info, reviews & forums.
- ❖ Unfortunately DPRReview, one of the most trusted camera reviews and resources online, is closing its page on April 10, 2023.
This is a massive disappointment among its fans, especially as the page has been around for nearly 25 years.
- ❖ Unfortunately, it's a victim of Amazon's downsizing, which acquired the webpage in 2007. So, if you're looking for an alternative to this venerable website, here are the eight best camera reviews sites and pages you should check out.

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DPRReview Alternatives

PetaPixel

PetaPixel started in May 2009 and is one of the leading online publications on photography. They have reviews, buying guides, equipment news, and even photography lessons. Although they don't have a database structure similar to DPRReview, where it's easy to find and compare camera models, they have an extensive lineup of reviews of the latest camera gear.



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DPRReview Alternatives

Imaging Resource

Imaging Resource was launched in 1998—the same year DPRReview did. This website has several in-depth reviews for cameras, lenses, and printers. They also have photography news, photo of the day competitions, and more.

The publication also has its own YouTube channel called @imagingresourcereviews.

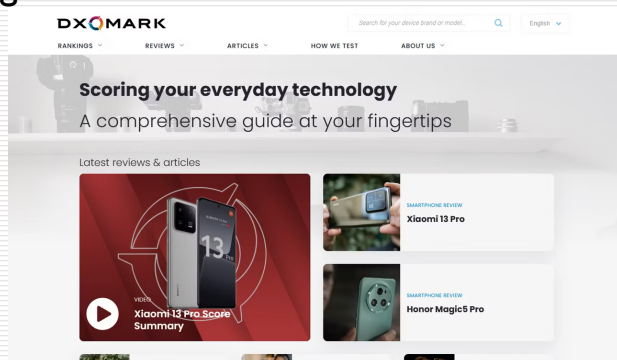


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DPRReview Alternatives

DXOMARK

DXOMARK started as an image-quality evaluation laboratory in 2008 under DxO Labs. But in 2017, it was spun off as a private enterprise that reviews camera sensors, camera lenses, and smartphone cameras. It has since expanded to include smartphone audio, smartphone displays, wireless speaker, and battery testing.



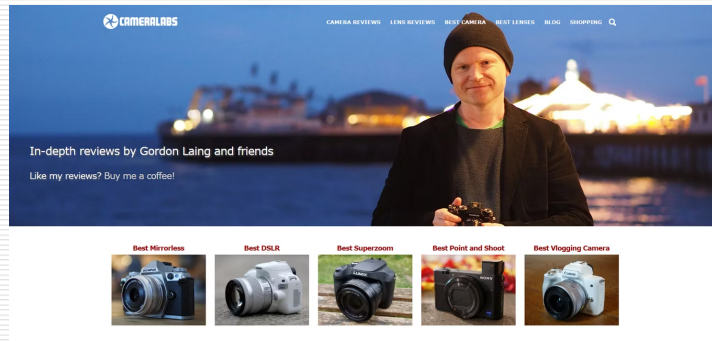
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Cameralabs

Cameralabs was launched and is still run by its editor-in-chief, Gordon Laing.

Aside from the Laing, Cameralabs also has a team that creates long, detailed reviews for cameras and lenses. You can even browse reviews by camera brand, making it easier to find a review for a specific model.



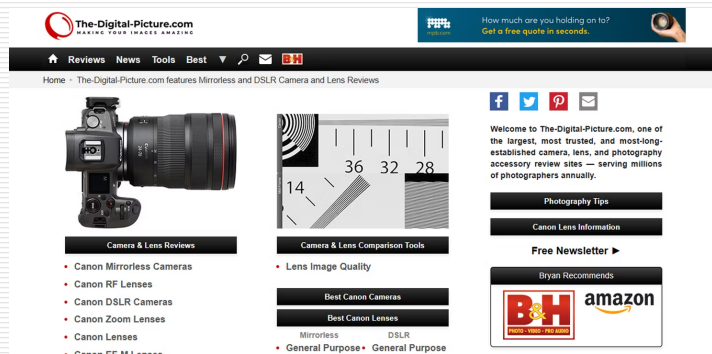
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DPRReview Alternatives

The-Digital-Picture.com

Bryan Carnathan originally created this page to sell his stock photos.

Today, you can find a ton of reviews on cameras and camera lenses, both from popular manufacturers and reputable third-party brands. The website also has in-depth lens comparisons for specific brands.



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DPRreview Alternatives

- ❖ Other sites worth considering are
 - ▶ RTINGS.com Camera Reviews
 - ▶ PCMag Camera Reviews
 - ▶ Ken Rockwell
- ❖ Of course another major source of camera reviews, info and tutorials is **YouTube**.
- ❖ I strongly suggest all of you to check these sites and choose the one that might seem the best for you.

Full Frame vs Crop Sensor

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- ❖ I am sure that you are aware of the debate in the photography community about the advantages/disadvantages of Full Frame vs Crop Sensor Cameras.
- ❖ Even the professional community is divided (like on many other photography topics) on this subject and it will be nice to shed some light on what is behind this debate.
- ❖ I think that the following video could provide some additional info, especially if you are considering buying a new digital camera.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bfh6TRiHWzo&t=11s>

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iPhone vs Full Frame Camera

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iPhone vs. Full Frame Camera

- ❖ Of course, another way to solve the Full Frame vs Crop Sensor debate is to use more and more your smartphone as your primary digital camera.
- ❖ As I keep saying, the camera capabilities of our phone (Apple, Google or Samsung) are getting better and better and this, associated with some third party camera apps can make the phone a very powerful digital camera.
- ❖ The following video presents when an iPhone camera is better than a Full Frame camera.

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Photo Editing with Lightroom

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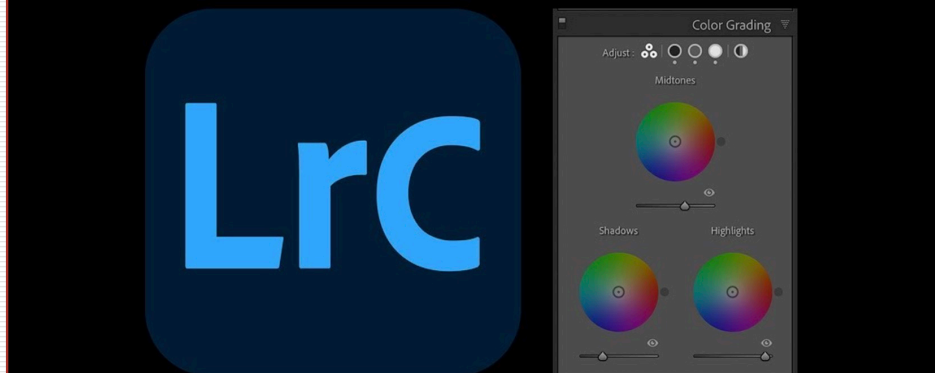
Photo editing with Lightroom

- ❖ We all know that most image processing programs have sliders to adjust the highlights and shadows of a photo but they don't have a slider to control the appearance of mid tones.
- ❖ A lesser know technique to achieve a better balanced photo is to use the Color Grading Tool in Lightroom.
- ❖ The following video explains this technique .

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Lightroom Classic Tutorial

Balancing Highlights, Midtones, and Shadows with Lightroom Classic's Color Grading Tool



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezYRBUaKdY&t=9s>

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Calendar

Wednesday May 3, 2023
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