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LHSCG Tour Photography Guide

The purpose of this article is to provide recommended guidelines for taking and submitting photographs of our tours and social events.

As of January 2010, every LHSCG tour and most social events are represented in the <http://lhsportscars.com/PhotoGallery.htm>. That is over 100 sets of photographs. We have these because of our official Photographer/Historians, originally Don Belval, now Vigil Berry and other contributors that have taken pictures at our events.

Tour and social event photographs from everyone are appreciated. These guidelines will help in putting together photo albums on the Website.

These are guidelines, not hard fast rules. Exceptions will be made for exceptional pictures.

Send pictures to the Photographer/Historian, not the webmaster. The 2010 Photographer/Historian is Virgil Berry.

1. **Please set the clock in your camera.** Often several people take pictures on a tour. If your camera clocks are set correctly, the Webmaster can automatically sort the pictures by the time they were taken and they will all flow together in a logical order. This only refers to the internal clock in your camera, please don't cause the time or date to show in the picture.
2. **Take pictures of at least 4 megapixels resolution if you can** (that's about 2262x1696 pixels) and don't reduce the file size below 4 megapixels if you do reduce the file size. In any case, please don't submit pictures smaller than 1600x1200 pixels (2MP).
3. **Try to take your picture with good lighting, sun at your back, etc.** Don't let that stop you from grabbing a picture you really like. A worthwhile picture can often be pulled out of the murk with Photoshop by the Webmaster but that shouldn't be the norm.
4. **Pick subjects that will be of interest later.** Pictures that show group members and/or their cars on the tour by some recognizable landmark, building, in a restaurant or at a scenic spot are usually good. A building or park sign, a restaurant menu or winery wine list are all good ways to document where we were and they help make sense of the other photographs. That said, if a scene grabs you, grab it.
5. **Please don't enhance the pictures with Photoshop or other software.** Feel free to crop pictures if you want to concentrate on part of the picture, but no other processing please. When the pictures are processed for the website, they are handled a little differently than normal, so if you have already optimized them for your monitor and reduced them to final size, they will look worse on the website.
6. **Only submit your best pictures, try to limit them to no more than 12 and don't feel a need to send that many.** "Best" is subjective, you decide which are your best.
7. **Don't let lack of experience stop you.** Everyone who has ever sent in tour or social event pictures has sent some good looking pictures that have been used on the Website.