

Video Klips!

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Hello everyone, well Alvin is over and what a great night it was, with some predictable outcomes and also some surprises. A big thank you to Neal Reville for being one of the judges and also coming down to the Gold Coast to present the prizes. It was quite a chilly night and we do thank George and Eunice Way from the Brisbane Club for making the effort to come down to the Coast; we are always pleased to see our friends from Brisbane. I hope you all enjoyed the night and the supper that followed, thanks to the ladies of the club for the special effort they make every time we have a function.



Peter Johnson won Alvin with a wonderful video called "That's Nature", such patience he has and it was a well deserved first place.

Val Leftwich came second with her take on "Exposition" taken in Shanghai under adverse conditions, battling with the camera and 560,000 Chinese each day!!

Joe Davies came third with his video entitled "Where the little things count in the National Capital" - a great look at what interesting sights there are in Canberra.

I want to take the opportunity to thank my Secretary Glenda Threlfall for the wonderful job she did in organizing Alvin, as usual there were no problems.

As most of you know I will be leaving the country for a while, summer in Europe is the attraction. Col Lutz the Vice President will take over my position whilst I am out of the country. I promise to do some videoing whilst away as I have my own camera now; Val brought a new one. We are going to do the other half of the river cruise that we started last year, this year its Amsterdam to Switzerland so that should make for some good videos; all this will happen after Val has helped to run the World Inline Hockey Championships in Italy.

I have included in this edition of Klips photos of the Alvin evening, I hope you enjoy them.

Keep those cameras rolling and remember Nature Night is not that far away.

See you all in September, take care.

Harry Leftwich.



Secretary's Report

Another Alvin over – I hope everyone enjoyed it. Harry has told you all about our night, but I must congratulate Peter Johnson, who took Alvin home again this year, along with the Audience Choice Award. Indeed I must congratulate everyone – not just the various winners – but everyone who entered. That's what it is all about – having a go and sharing your videos. Our newest member joined the Club one week and immediately responded to our pleas for more entries and put two entries in to Alvin – now that's enthusiasm!

We have had some good videos shown at Club lately – but some nights we have had to dig in to the archives a bit to fill up the night – let's hope when some of our travellers return we will have their holiday videos to enjoy. Attendance on Club nights has fallen a bit too – and probably with more people taking off on trips in the coming months, that will continue to be the case – the stay-at-homes will have to make an extra effort to bring along something to show.

I thought judge Neal Reville's remarks at our Alvin Night were timely, too. There seems to be a bit of a tendency to forget the importance of telling a story in a video, the old rule of "A beginning, a middle and an end" – doesn't matter what the video is about – a competition video or a two minute assignment – this still applies! Don't forget that assignment list if you are looking for an idea – get your imaginations working and see what you can come up with – it's attached to the Klips again this month in case you have mislaid it – and you don't have to stick to the suggested month, you can go back and do an earlier one.

Last month again we had some sad news to pass on to members – Dennis Howard lost his wife Ailsa – our thoughts have been with him at this sad time, and we hope that Dennis may be back among us before too long.

Our Club project "The Fabulous Gold Coast" is progressing – we had a good workshop last month and put some voice-overs on, so we will continue with it next time.

There seems to be a bit of a swing towards the "Mac" side of editing, with a couple of PC users changing over, and some of our new members owning Macs. We will have to think about having more "Mac editing workshops", although some workshops of course are applicable to both systems.

We haven't managed to fit in another Club outing as yet – really the weather has not been reliable – just where has our beautiful sunshine gone to? We don't seem to get more than one or two days at a time.

A decision on what to do about our "Juke Box" which the Club purchased at the end of last year will have to be made. We have had repeated attempts to get our money back, even approaching Consumer Affairs, as it just did not prove to be reliable, not playing some mpg files, for no apparent reason. However, we have been told Divico cannot find any fault with it, and it is not looking too hopeful. The model we have now has been great, and there was no reason to think the updated model would not be as good, but this does not appear to be the case, as borne out by comments in Video magazines. Your committee will keep you informed of the outcome. Happy Videoing - Glenda

Assignments

Suggested Subjects for Assignment Videos

This is a list of suggested subjects which you can use to make a short video - three suggestions for each month. It does make it interesting to see the different ideas people come up with, based on the same subject - so try to bring your video along on the month it is set down, but no hard and fast rule – you can still show your video if you bring it in a bit later in the year – sometimes it just isn't possible to get a video finished in a certain time!

If you cannot find any inspiration in these subjects, you are free to bring a video of your own choice. These assignment videos are meant as a training exercise, and will be shown at the meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month

The aim is to try to tell a little story in a concise way, with a beginning, middle and end. While there is no time restriction, the idea is to keep the videos very short, from about 2 – 5 mins. This allows more videos to be shown on the night, as well as being a valuable lesson in making your videos not too long and to the point.

It would be good if everyone could have a go at making an Edit to Music clip, as the fitting of phrasing of music into any video is an important part of the flow of a video. This is one time where perhaps you could be excused for not telling a story, but it should still have flow, with a definite beginning, middle and end.

The idea is to have “feed-back” from members on these videos, so we all learn - but that is entirely up to you if you feel comfortable with that.

Suggested Assignment Titles for the remainder of 2011

Jun	Headlands	Parks	Wildlife
Jul	Wetlands	Machinery	Hobbies
Aug	Sunset/Sunrise	Edit to Music	Fashions – Today or Yesterday
Sep	Morning Walk	Deserts/Outback	Cooking
Oct	Boating	Gardens	Electronic Gizmos
Nov	Water	An Interview	Rivers



ALVIN 2011

1ST PLACE—PETER JOHNSON

“THAT’S NATURE”

2ND PLACE—VALERIE LEFTWICH

“EXPOSITION”

3RD PLACE—JOE DAVIES

*“WHERE THE LITTLE THINGS COUNT IN THE NATIONAL
CAPITAL”*



Harry, Neal & Peter Johnson—Alvin



Harry, Neal & Col Lutz—AV Lorraine Lutz



Harry & Peter Johnson—Alvin Winner



Harry & Valerie Leftwich—Alvin 2nd Place



Harry & Joe Davies—Alvin 3rd Place



Harry & Ian Paper—Presidents Trophy



Garth & Glenda Threlfall—Creative Trophy



Val & Lorraine Lutz—Most Improved Award FAMM

Raffle Winners



A reminder for your diary—it's a long way away but it will soon come around.

NATURE NIGHT—Proposed for the 9th November, 2011.

We welcome entries from other Clubs, it will be another good night.