

Prints of Pride "Renegade" Photography

Non-Technical Tips

Think of these tips as an investment of your time. If used properly, the return on investment will be great photographs that will be precious to you and your family.

Put some thought into how best to capture this specific photograph, don't just shoot.

Know your basic 8 emphasis techniques: placement, size, framing, lighting, converging lines, focus, repetition and motion.

Know your camera. Understand the relationship of shutter speed, aperture and film speed.

Know your lenses and the results of using them. Know how they relate to your flash limits.

Know your flash and its range. Use it effectively, incorporating fill flash when necessary.

Use a tripod or monopod whenever possible. Learn the Hand-Held rule.

Whenever possible, use the sun to light your subjects. Golden hours are sunrise and sunset.

Consider angles other than traditional... know the effects of change.

If available, thoroughly understand use of the various modes of your camera.

Study! If sports, know the sport and best poses. If portraits, know best poses and lighting.

Invest in a few copies of the trade magazines to see what pros do and learn from them.

Create tear-out albums. If you see a photograph you really like in a magazine or newspaper, save it, and practice duplicating it yourself. Do not rely on your memory to recall it.

Traditional posed pictures can be nice and say one thing. Candid photographs can be fantastic and can say many things. Consider being a renegade.

Know what you can control, and what you can't control. Make adjustments accordingly.

In my opinion, there are two kinds of still images, a picture or a photograph. A picture shows you something. A picture could show two people walking on a beach holding hands. A photograph instills emotion. A photograph could capture that they are in love. Which do you want? Think about it, practice, experiment, and have fun!