

You'd Better Read Me News

Pre December 2015

The past few days have been quite difficult for everyone. Here in America and throughout the free world. Like almost everyone here in California, we are pretty much glued to our TV sets to find a morsel of information to perhaps gives us a clue why the shootings in Paris, San Bernardino. The easy answer is Terrorism. The harder answer is how do we, as a people, put a stop to it?

Rather than pontificate about a situation over which neither I or you, the reader, have any immediate control, let's think about something over which we all can have some control. Two weeks from today, on Saturday, the 19th of December we all meet at the [Burns Community Center](#) for the annual ATX Year End Extravaganza.

Our speaker will be [Colin Smith](#) the founder of Photoshop CAFE and regular columnist for several photoshop centric magazines and the current force behind [Software Cinema](#). They deliver training programs regarding photography, photoshop and design training programs.

Colin has spoken at ATX several times and after last year's ATX December meeting, he immediately accepted our invitation to speak at this year's event. Seating will be limited so late arrivals may have to accept SRO. We have already had requests from some people to make sure we have seating reserved for them. Unfortunately we still do not reserve seating for regular attendees. We do accept reservations for the special guests of our speakers, however those are only accepted from the speaker, ahead of time.

The year's raffle prizes are going to be quite a few. Here is a general idea, without getting too

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the raffle prizes so when the names are drawn, you can check off what has already been won.

G-Tech Hard Drives - plural, Photography items such as camera traveling bags, shooting bags, El Niño gear, T-shirts, writing booklets, did we mention G-Tech hard drives, tripods, and a whole raft of other items that we will detail with the list we hand out at the meeting. If you have never attended an ATX year end extravaganza, *let me give you some ideas of what we raffled in the past.* a \$1,700 Westcott lighting system, Canon 50D camera with all the necessary toys, including a 24 - 105 lens, several iPads, several iPods, several professional printers, lots of professional grade DVDs from people like Colin Smith, Russell Preston Brown and others, lots of camera bags and camera accessories, tripods, terabytes of hard drives, accessories for the designers, photographers and did we mention coffee cups.

We will open the doors at 8:45 AM. Yes, coffee will be served. Yes, we will have some water in water bottles.

Did I mention that we meet at the [Burns Community Center](#)

Arrive early as seats are limited and the fire marshal limit may be close.

Regards and God bless.

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