

Videographers' Forum – January 5, 2016

Hi All, here are some notes from the discussions at our open forum. We had a large group to start the new year.

Q: An attendee showed the group a video he had produced. (Brave soul that he is - ☺).

D: The group decided that on the whole the video was good but could be improved. The group members suggested the following: The music was a bit monotonous and should have varied a bit more; more close ups of people's faces would have improved the overall effect; perhaps including some interviews of people; add in some background noise/conversations of the event mixed with the music would give more "atmosphere"; changing the camera angle – low looking up and/or off-angle shots. One attendee suggested looking into royalty free music from <http://www.smartsound.com> which offers a program to edit music (Sonicfire Pro).

Q: One attendee was considering buying a camcorder and asked the group what might be best.

D: Several members discussed the pro and con of their camcorders. What came of the discussion was that the camera should have a "standard" shoe to mount a shotgun microphone and not a mini shoe that would require an adapter. Also, the price range should be about \$1,000 to get a good quality HD unit. One member suggested that if the unit used both internal and external memory, that the external memory cards should be used instead of the internal. This attendee had experienced camera induced noise when using the internal memory.

Q: Attendees discussed what editing systems to use.

D: It was agreed that Adobe® Premier Pro was the best to use at the present time. Though others were using iMovie on the Mac and Windows Movie on the PC. Final Cut Pro for the Mac appears to be in the decline due to poor performance and software issues.

Q: One attendee showed a slide show that he had produced using an off-the-shelf product.

D: The group thought the slide show product produced good results. The product can be found at <https://animoto.com>.

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