Workshop Camera Club Inc. Introduction to Workflow and Backup

Before Import

Decide on a place to store your images and the file structure you wish to use

- use an HDD in the range 1 2 TB
- set up a base folder called IMAGES
- consider various options for folder structure within IMAGES

Import

Get images from camera

- decide whether to launch Lightroom automatically or not
- use Lightroom to import the images
 - o choose the destination folder possibly create a new folder
 - make a preliminary choice of images
 - o add copyright notice
 - o add keywords
 - consider making a second copy
 - decide whether to put all the files into a single destination folder or make extra folders based on date

Immediately after import

- Review images in the Library using Loupe view and use X to mark images for deletion
- It may be helpful to classify your images with star ratings

Develop

- straighten, correct perspective (if relevant) and crop
- correct white balance if necessary
- adjust tonal range
- adjust presence
- adjust sharpening and noise reduction and lens corrections
- where possible copy and paste adjustments to similar images

Advanced development

- local adjustments (gradient, spot removal, red-eye)
- exporting for projection

Backup

- Types of disaster
 - Software damage (files corrupted or overwritten)
 - Physical damage to disk (head crash)
 - o theft (loss of computer but perhaps not loss of a backup disk)
 - fire (total loss)
- Types of backup
 - o ask yourself what and how much am I prepared to lose?
 - o full system backup
 - o data only backup
 - o incremental backup
 - o recovery disk
 - o where to store your backup
 - o time to do a backup
- Backup software
 - Windows backup
 - o Software supplied by HDD makers
 - Third party
- Traps
 - Complacency
 - o It'll never happen
 - Software changes
 - o Relying on a RAID array
 - Not testing