

# 10 Tips for Photographing a Restart Party

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1. Ask for permission. Most people will be ok with you snapping away but it puts them at ease.
2. Be friendly and smile (a lot). Candid shots need relaxed subjects so try to make the people you are photographing at ease. Don't spend all your time photographing but talk to people, this will help in guiding your images and illustrating individual stories.
3. Get nice and close to the action, macro shots of repairs are great.
4. Spend longer than a few seconds with each repair, the interactions between repairer and owner add context to the images.
5. Make sure your images add a narrative to the Restart Party. Think of it as a story you are illustrating.
6. Take a variety of shots including groups, close-ups and anything that catches your eye.
7. Be nimble on your feet! Be ready to run over to a suddenly functional Hoover at a moment's notice.
8. Be prepared for a variety of lighting conditions, you never know how your location will affect your images (try not to use direct flash on faces).
9. Restart Parties are all about community and outreach so illustrate that. Think of a few key themes that you want to focus on.
10. Finally have fun, you are part of something brilliant!

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