



Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

Welcome:

Frank called the meeting to order and welcomed new members and visitors.

Announcements:

- The Clock Tower 5K is August 19 and they now have enough photographers.
- Fall Shootout will be on September 23. Discussion about whether to hold it at the Palladium or another location. And whether we want the Palladium to do lunch or bring our own. Possibility to have a taco bar instead of hamburgers. Susan will check to see if the Well at WRBC is available and let Frank and Lorrie know.
- Coosa Valley Fair will be October 3-8. At our September meeting, members can bring photos they are considering for submission to be critiqued.

Outings and Trips:

- Milky Way outing on Big Texas Valley Road on September 15 with October 14 as a rain date. These are the best dates for the new moon.
- Fall Foliage Day Trip to Ft. Mountain State Park on October 28 or November 4 as a rain date.
- Bob mentioned the Solar Eclipse coming up next spring for members to consider.
- Next big club trip will be fall of 2024 to Asheville, NC. We will have opportunities for nighttime cityscapes, landscapes, nature, and historic photos. We are getting a travel agent to find a house to stay in.

Financial:

Joann reported that we have \$1611.34 and 41 members. She sent flowers to Cory from the club as a condolence on the loss of his mother.

Vacant Positions:

Frank emphasized the need for filling the following positions for the club:

- Social event coordinator, primarily for final Fridays outings in Rome
- Social media coordinator—Becky McAllister will fill this role
- Tech coordinator
- Vice President

Cell Phone Photography:

Next month's challenge will be a photo taken with a cell phone. Frank did a presentation on how to improve our cell phone photography. Then we broke into groups according to type of phones, to explore how to do the settings for photos.

October: There will be no photos submitted for the club meeting.

Challenge Winners:

Congratulations to "Can you guess what it is" Challenge Winners:

Junior: no entries

	Judges:	Club:
Beginner:	Richard	Richard
Intermediate:	Susan	Susan
Advanced:	Mary Jane	Mary Jane
Master:	Ernie	Ernie



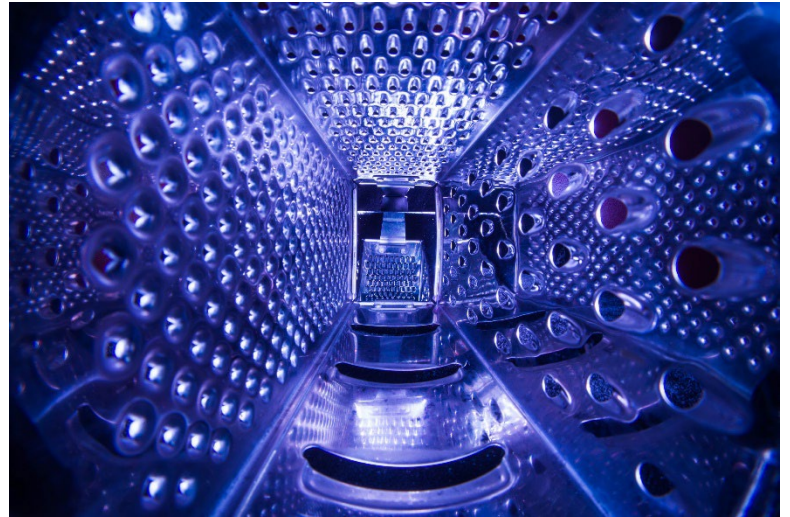
Richard: Cathedral ceiling



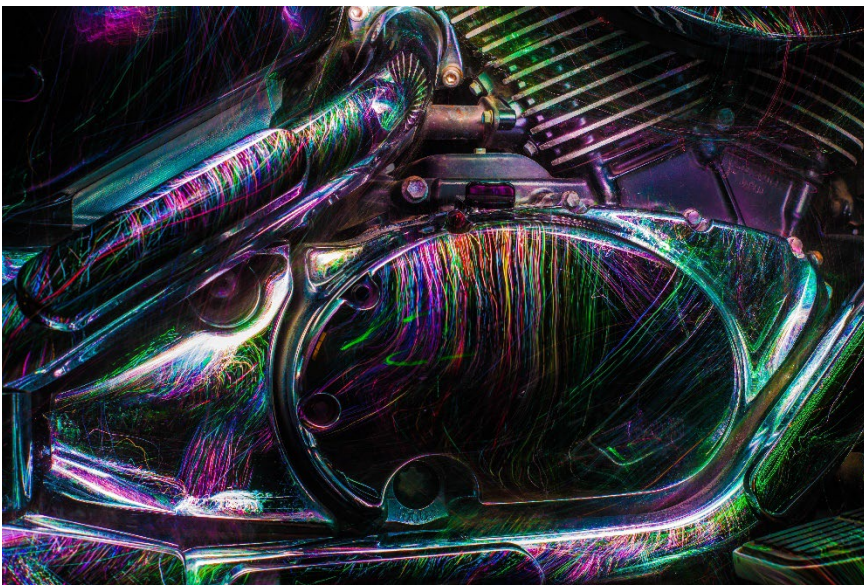
Susan: Close up of a sweetgum ball



Mary Jane: Close up of a picnic table



Ernie (judge's pick): Inside of a cheese grater



Ernie: (club pick): Motorcycle engine

Monthly Challenge Themes for 2023

	Club	Online	
Jan	Anything Goes (last 30 days)	Letter of the Month	Jan
Feb	Abstract	Letter of the Month	Feb
Mar	Product Photography	Letter of the Month	Mar
Apr	Morning	Letter of the Month	Apr
May	Toys	Letter of the Month	May
Jun	Farm Life	Letter of the Month	Jun
Jul	Red, White and Blue	Letter of the Month	Jul
Aug	Can You Guess What It Is	Letter of the Month	Aug
Sep	Taken with Cellphone	Letter of the Month	Sep
Oct	Surprise Topic	Letter of the Month	Oct
Nov	Cemetery	Letter of the Month	Nov
Dec	Year End Function	Letter of the Month	Dec
	Submit up to 2 images	Submit only 1 image	

What you are judged on according to the group that you are in:

When you look at your image, keep the following table in mind. If you are a beginner, look at the points that are important as a beginner to make the best decision on what image to enter for the competition.

<p>Junior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct Exposure • Photo is in Focus • Elements of Composition • Picture is Clean and Well Presented
<p>Beginner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct Exposure • Photo is in Focus • Elements of Composition • Picture is Clean and Well Presented • Some Level of Impact • Some Knowledge of When/How to Crop Properly
<p>Intermediate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct Exposure • Photo is in Focus • Elements of Composition • Picture is Clean and Well Presented • Strong Impact • Full Knowledge of When/How to Crop Properly

Advanced

- Should Have Full Knowledge of all Above Principals
- Shows Work and Improvement Through Competition

Master

- Is able to demonstrate competent knowledge and use of all photographic elements listed in other groups from Junior to Advanced.
- Is able to teach and instruct other photographers on specific aspects of photography
- Is willing and able to lead workshops or lessons at club meetings as needed (not required)

Club Monthly Photo Challenge

Please be sure to follow the instructions below for your photo entries:

- Make sure your images are large enough for presenting but less than 5MB in size.
- Name your images before emailing them. Here is the naming convention needed:
 - Beginners = B1 First Last Name, B2 First Last Name
 - Example: B1 John Smith B2 John Smith
 - Juniors, name your pictures beginning with J1 First Last Name
 - Intermediate, name your pictures beginning with I1 First Last Name
 - Advanced, name your pictures beginning with A1 First Last Name
 - Masters, name your pictures beginning M1 First Last Name
- Mail images to RomeGAPhotoClub@gmail.com
 - Put Monthly Club Challenge or Facebook Challenge in the subject line
- Send in photos no later than 8:00 PM on the Sunday before the club meeting
- Images **MUST BE 5MB OR SMALLER AND NAMED CORRECTLY** or they will be sent back to you. See video on Members Only Facebook page for how to resize your images.

Club Monthly Facebook Challenge

Don't forget to go to the club's Members Only page and vote for the monthly Facebook photo contest. To enter the Facebook contest each month, please follow the instructions below:

- Email entries to RomeGAPhotoClub@gmail.com (mailto:Romegaphotoclub@gmail.com).
- Resize and rename your entry according to the naming convention above.
- Submission deadline will be 8:00 PM on the 28th day of each month (25th day in February).
- A number will be added in the corner of each entry and you will be able to vote by number.
- Voting will take place on the last 2 days of the month via a poll post on the members only Facebook page.

Monthly FB Challenge photos can be emailed to RomeGAPhotoClub@gmail.com starting the first day of the month and will be accepted until 8pm on the 28th day of each month (25th day in February).

Voting will end at 9 pm on the last day of the month. This gives the Vice President time to screenshot the poll and post the winner on Facebook. In the event of a tie, the Vice President will cast the winning vote.