



Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

November Birthdays:

28 Lorrie Smith

29 Anita Osborn

Business:

- We have \$1909.95 in the treasury and 39 members, most of whom are active!

Updates:

- **Old Car City** outing will be Saturday, December 13. Lorrie is leading this outing. There is an entrance fee. There is a sign-up sheet. In case of rain, it will be moved to the Savoy.
- **Facebook Challenge** this month is "Leading Lines". No club challenge for December.
- **Christmas Party** will be held at the Well at West Rome Baptist Church, 914 Shorter Avenue. There is a sign-up sheet for how many will be coming with you and another sheet for what side to bring. The club will provide the meat.
- **Images** were shown and voted on for club favorite.
- **Monthly challenges for next year** will be slightly different to include more possibilities. The five genres will be: Scenic/scapes, Still life/Creative, Action/Motion, People/Portraits, Animals/Pets
- **NG3C discussion:** We were all very excited that the club was able to get FIRST PLACE!! Jason pointed out that while Frank put us over the top with points, even without his points other members scored the same number of points as second place. All who went brainstormed what went well and what could have been better, so we can make it even smoother for next year.

What went well:

- Getting back to the church at 11:00 and turning in images to club by 12:30
- Having 5 topic leads to pick out the top 10 images for that topic
- Starting in different areas of the county
- Practice in the area ahead of time

- Everyone going over all the images together for each topic and switching out a few after the lead has made the first choice of ten

What could improve:

- Everyone being able to resize and name their own images, so others don't have to spend their time helping
- Topic leads starting to choose the top ten but not finalizing them until the cut-off time when all are in. Give everyone a chance to finish until the cut-off time.
- Don't plan on reliable wifi. Possibly use your phone as a hot spot.
- When you are done, sit quietly, leave the room, or quietly help someone who needs it. Keep the room quiet so others can concentrate on finishing up.
- Choose the topic leads ahead of time and have them sit in order at a table.
- Practice naming and sizing images in this way all year

- **Election of Lead Team for Next Year:**

The Club voted for these positions to remain the same:

President: Ernie Glover

Treasurer: Joann Marvin

Secretary: Susan Tappan

Facebook challenges and Website: Becky McAllister

Ken Bramlette was nominated for and voted in as the new Vice President since Lorrie Smith is stepping down. Ernie and Lorrie will help mentor Ken for this position.

- **Winners of Club Competition:**

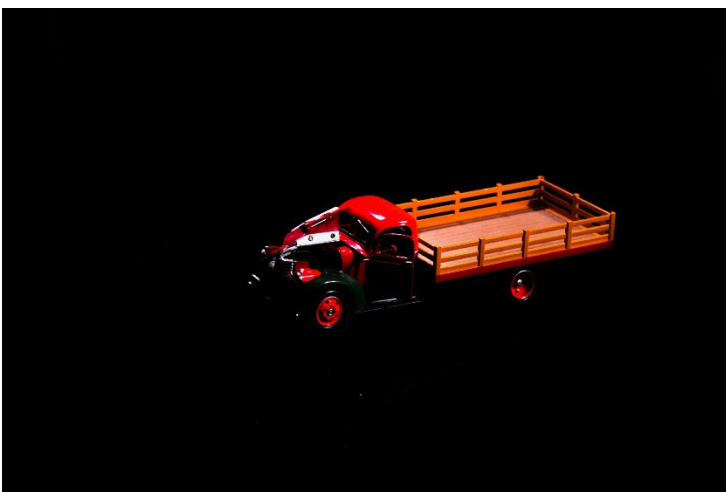
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Beginner: Lisa Hewitt

Intermediate: Lynn Roberts

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- Topics for 2026: Submit images to RomeGaPhotoClub@gmail.com

Club images must be submitted by 8:00 p.m. Friday night before club meeting.

Facebook images must be submitted by 8:00 p.m. on the 28th of the month, 25th for February.

Sizing and naming described below.

	Club Topic submit up to two images	Facebook submit one image	
Month	Club	Online	Month
January	Scenic/Scapes	Black & White	Jan
February	Still Life/Creative	Unappreciated Beauty	Feb
March	Action/Motion	Old Wood	Mar
April	People/Portrait	Churches	Apr
May	Animals/Pets	Letters	May
June	Scenic/Scapes	Street View	June
July	Still Life/Creative	From a Distance	July
August	Action/Motion	Bokeh	Aug
September	People/Portrait	Minimalism	Sep
October	Animals/Pets	Curves	Oct
November	OPEN	Transportation	Nov
	End of Year Function	Occupation	Dec

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.
- 2025 Naming conventions:

Month	Image#	Member#	Level
01-January	01	201-Ernie	Junior
02-February	02	202-Lorrie	Beginner
03-March	FB (Facebook)	203-Joann	Intermediate
04-April		204-	Advanced
05-May		205	Master

Examples: 01-01-201-Master (Ernie January) OR 04-02-203-Intermediate (Joann April)

File Sizes: 2400 on long edge

- 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 FRIDAY 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. If you size them by pixels as above, they will automatically be less than 5 MB.

How you are judged according to your level:

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.

Junior ● Correct Exposure ● Photo is in Focus ● Elements of Composition ● Picture is Clean and Well Presented
Beginner ● 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
Intermediate ● 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 o lead workshops or lessons at club meetings as needed (not required)

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 RomegGaPhotoClub@gmail.com ([mailto:Romegaphotoclub@gmail.com](mailto:RomegGaPhotoClub@gmail.com)).
- Resize and rename your entry according to the naming convention above.
Example: 02-FB-201-Master (Ernie February)
- Submission deadline will be **8:00 PM on the 28th of the month (25th for 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 RomegGaPhotoClub@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.