



## Monthly Newsletter

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### Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

**Opening:** Ernie was out , so Ken led the meeting. He welcomed our new member, Melissa.

**May Birthdays:** 7 Andy, Becky 24, Clayton 29

#### **Business:**

- **Financial:** We have \$2725.66 in the treasury, with 34 members. Non-paying members have been removed from the members only FB page.

#### **Updates:**

- **Facebook Challenge** this month is "Letters". Club challenge for June will be Scenic/Scapes.
- **NG3C shootout** will take place October 17 this year in Dallas. Ernie and Ken will begin attending planning meetings for this. There is a sign-up sheet for those planning to attend.
- **Possible Outings:** Rocky Mountain, Tate House at Christmas, and waterfalls
- **Images from Chattanooga:** The members who went on the Chattanooga trip submitted their top five images and we viewed them. If the member was present, they were able to tell us a little bit about it.
- **St. Augustine Trip:** Dates were discussed, probably April 22-25 or April 15-18, 2027. Members who are familiar with the area did some brainstorming about possible places to visit and photograph there. A Facebook page will be started to share ideas.
- **Bring camera and tripod to the June meeting!!!**

#### **Club Challenge:**

**Images** were shown with the topic of "Animals/Pets".

Club Favorite Winners:	Junior	Eric Jones
	Beginner	Lisa Hewitt
	Intermediate	Mary Jane Gross
	Advanced	Nick Zelinsky
	Master	Jason Blalock



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Topics for 2026: Submit images to [RomeGaPhotoClub@gmail.com](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> of the month, 25<sup>th</sup> for February.

Sizing and naming described below.

	<b>Club Topic submit up to two images</b>	<b>Facebook submit one image</b>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>Month</b>
<b>January</b>	Scenic/Scapes	Black & White	Jan
<b>February</b>	Still Life/Creative	Unappreciated Beauty	Feb
<b>March</b>	Action/Motion	Old Wood	Mar
<b>April</b>	People/Portrait	Churches	Apr
<b>May</b>	Animals/Pets	Letters	May
<b>June</b>	Scenic/Scapes	Street View	June
<b>July</b>	Still Life/Creative	From a Distance	July
<b>August</b>	Action/Motion	Bokeh	Aug
<b>September</b>	People/Portrait	Minimalism	Sep
<b>October</b>	Animals/Pets	Curves	Oct
<b>November</b>	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](mailto: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.

<p><b>Junior</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Correct Exposure</li><li>● Photo is in Focus</li><li>● Elements of Composition</li><li>● Picture is Clean and Well Presented</li></ul>
<p><b>Beginner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Correct Exposure</li><li>● Photo is in Focus</li><li>● Elements of Composition</li><li>● Picture is Clean and Well Presented</li><li>● Some Level of Impact</li><li>● Some Knowledge of When/How to Crop Properly</li></ul>
<p><b>Intermediate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Correct Exposure</li><li>● Photo is in Focus</li><li>● Elements of Composition</li><li>● Picture is Clean and Well Presented</li><li>● Strong Impact</li><li>● Full Knowledge of When/How to Crop Properly</li><li>●</li></ul>
<p><b>Advanced</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Should Have Full Knowledge of all Above Principals</li><li>● Shows Work and Improvement Through Competition</li></ul>
<p><b>Master</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Is able to demonstrate competent knowledge and use of all photographic elements listed in other groups from Junior to Advanced.</li><li>● Is able to teach and instruct other photographers on specific aspects of photography</li><li>● Is willing and o lead workshops or lessons at club meetings as needed (not required)</li></ul>

# 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:RomegGaPhotoClub@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 28<sup>th</sup> of the month (25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.