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Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

Opening: Ernie welcomed everyone.

October Birthdays :

4 Susan Tappan
6 Lynn Roberts
15 Eric Jones

Business:

- **Financial**: We have $2104.84 in the treasury.

Updates:

- **Facebook Challenge** this month is “Curves”. Club challenge for November is open to catch up if you need points in any area.
- **NG3C shootout** will be October 17 in Dallas. A lot of time was spent going through the rules and planning for the shootout. Participants can start shooting anywhere in Paulding County after the 5 topics are sent through the text group.
- **Coosa Valley Fair:** Our club did really well this year and Jason will discuss in more detail in November
- **Outings and dates:**
  - Nov 14: Mountain Springs Church and Cemetery (Not Friday, Nov. 13th)
  - Nov 21?? Old Car City
  - Dec 1 Rome Christmas Parade 7 pm
  - Dec 5, Tate House 11:45 Cost $68 which includes lunch. Give Joann money by Oct 31 if you are going.
  - Dec 14 Christmas Party
- **Election of officers** for 2027 will take place in November

Club Challenge: Images were shown with the topic of “Animals/Pets”.

Club Favorite Winners:	Junior	December Champion
	Advanced	Nick Zelinsky Jr
	Master	Jason Blalock



Junior: December Champion



Advanced: Nick Zelinsky Jr



Master: Jason Blalock

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
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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 to 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).
- 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 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.