Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

Ernie opened the meeting and welcomed visitors Tarra and Eric.

August Birthdays:

11 Darren	22 Rick
13 Jason	26 Joey
19 Cory	29 Cathy

Business:

- We have $1623.95 in the treasury.

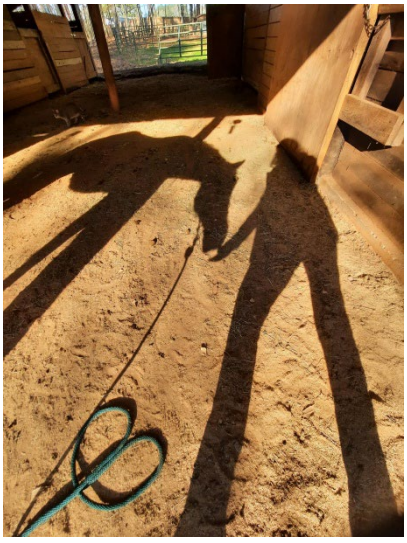
Updates:

- We viewed images and voted for club favorite early in the meeting since Ernie had to leave early.
- Coosa Valley Fair will be Sept 30-Oct 4. We may be able to fill out entry forms online this year. If so, we will have tags with our information that can be attached to the back of our photo entries. They must be cropped 8x10 and matted 11x14. At September meeting, you can bring the images you are thinking about entering, either printed or digitally. The club can help you decide which ones they think will do best.
- Fall Shootout is Saturday, September 27 in Marietta. Meet at the square probably at 9:00 and we will shoot until 12:00. Then we can get lunch together. This will be a practice for the NG3C shootout. We can scope out the area and practice naming the images the way they do it.
- NG3C Shootout in Marietta is Saturday, November 1. We came in third last year and have a goal of at least second place this year! It will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 189 Church Street. There is a meeting on October 15 at the church to get more info, and Jay volunteered to attend that. Sign up by October 26 if you plan on participating. You will need to bring a laptop, if possible, to edit and name your images.
- Old Car City outing will be Saturday, December 13. Lorrie is leading this outing. There is an entrance fee and Lorrie will check on this.

- Lorrie talked about the spring trip to Chattanooga. Tentative dates are April 23-26. This will give some people the option to attend part of it and not spend the night if they need to come home. We need a committee of about 4 people to plan this and know the details when we get there. There are lots of options for photos in the city and surrounding areas. If you have ideas, let Lorrie know.
- September competition will be “Portrait”. Facebook Challenge this month is “Triangles”.
- We did not have a presentation this month but instead spent extra time critiquing images.

Club competition favorite winners for “creative”:

Junior:	No entries
Beginner:	Lisa
Intermediate:	Lynn
Advanced:	Joann
Master:	Lorrie



Beginner: Lisa



Intermediate: Lynn



Advanced: Joann



Master: Lorrie

	Club Topic submit up to two images	Facebook submit one image
January	Scenic	Low angle
February	Still Life	With love
March	Creative	Silhouette
April	Portrait	Movement
May	Wildlife	A relaxing place
June	Scenic	Architecture
July	Still Life	A Hobby
August	Creative	Triangles
September	Portrait	Through a Window
October	Wildlife	Brown
November	OPEN	Leading Lines
December	None	Books

How you are judged 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.

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 and o 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.
- 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: Portrait: 1068X1600 Landscape: 2400X1600

- 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.

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.