Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

Ernie opened the meeting.

July Birthdays:

Lindsay

Business:

- We have $1,801.90 in the treasury.

Updates:

- Clock Tower Race: Gail Johnson gave an update on her husband, which sounds promising. She needs several volunteers for the race. Send her a message on the members page if you can volunteer. The race will be on August 16, and you will get a cool T-shirt.
- Coosa Valley Fair: Opening date will be Sept 30. 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. She will need volunteers to help hang photos and go around the Midway taking photos.
- Fall Shootout is Saturday, September 27, in Marietta. We plan on going as a group for a practice day.
- NG3C in Marietta is Saturday, November 1.
- Old Car City outing on Saturday, December 13
- August competition will be “Creative”. Facebook Challenge this month is ”Hobby”.
- Next year’s long weekend will possibly be in April in Chattanooga.

Presentation:

Ernie had stations set up with different lighting to practice being creative.

- **Club competition club favorite winners:**

Intermediate:	Anita
Advanced:	Aaron
Master:	Lorrie



Intermediate: Anita



Advanced: Aaron



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.