Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

Ernie opened the meeting, welcoming visitors. Jakenzie is in 9th grade and won Best in Show at the Coosa Valley Fair. We also welcomed Bene and Lynn Shaw.

March Birthdays:

Cathy Campbell 21

Lisa Hewitt 23

Ken Bramlette 26

Lily Mae Champion 31

Business:

- We have $2649.14 in the treasury, which includes the Savannah trip payment due in March.
- Members: 38
- Reminder that dues are due in January, no later than end of March. $36 for the year or $12 for juniors
- Memorials: We voted to donate to the college fund for Bob's granddaughter and to Operation Smile for Patrick Richardson.

Updates:

- Ernie said the individual scores will be updated every month so members can know where they stand
- Ernie talked about the club long weekend April 24-27, 2025, to Savannah. If you haven't signed up but are interested in going, let Ernie know. There is room for 1 or 2 women in the rented house or other options nearby. After the April meeting, those who are going will meet for details about the trip.
- Volunteers are wanted to be greeters to meet any new members who come. They will set up new members with a mentor who can help them with club questions such as competition, as well as photography skills. New members will be asked to submit 10 images from five topics to the mentor to help decide what level they should be. New members will be given a welcoming page with info about the club and the mentors.

- Ernie will hold a beginner's class on March 22 to teach the exposure triangle and using manual mode. He will also teach about equipment and techniques. There are seven people signed up so it is now full. There will be others later.
- Several members went to Atlanta on February 22 for street photography, Krog Street, the cemetery, and sunset at Jackson Street Bridge. They enjoyed the trip and got some great images.
- Ernie will price feathers to use as signs to indicate where the meeting is held.
- We spent quite a bit of time going through the photo submissions and critiquing them.
- Next month's competition will be "Portrait". Facebook Challenge this month is "silhouette".

Presentation:

Three of our members showed us what they carry in their bags and what accessories are helpful for them. Other members added ideas and asked questions. It was helpful to get some great ideas we may not have thought of before!

Club competition club favorite winners:

Junior:	No submissions
Beginner:	Lisa Hewitt
Intermediate:	Ken Bramlette and Sharon Miller—tie
Advanced:	Susan Tappan and Joseph Brock—tie
Master:	Jason Blalock



Beginner: Lisa Hewitt



Intermediate: Sharon Miller



Intermediate: Ken Bramlette



Advanced: Susan Tappan



Advanced: Joseph Brock



Master: Jason Blalock

2025	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.