Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

October Birthdays:

4 Susan Tappan

4 Tarra Harper

6 Lynn Roberts

15 Erik Jones

Business:

- We have $1909.95 in the treasury and 39 members, most of whom are active!

Updates:

- **Coosa Valley Fair**:
  The club represented very well at the Coosa Valley Fair. Jason reported that club members won 81 of the 143 ribbons, which is 42%, with winnings totaling $760. 60% of the Best in Class was won by members. Fifteen people placed. Next year the club will partner with the fair to make some changes and hopefully participants will be able to register digitally. Also, hoping to be more organized with taking in the photos to be placed in the correct level.
- **NG3C Shootout in Marietta** will be 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. Sign up by October 26 if you plan on participating. You will need to bring a laptop, charging cord, and flash drive to edit, name, and submit your images. Make sure your camera is set to the correct date and time!! If possible, know how to use your phone as a hotspot in case the Wi-Fi is slow. And know how to do quick editing and how to name and size the images. Topics will be given out at 8:00, begin shooting at probably 8:15ish. We will turn in up to three individual images for each topic to the club maybe at 11:00, so leaders will have time to choose the ones to submit for the contest, which must be in by 2:00. Some members may be able to begin in different sections of Cobb County and Ernie will text out the topics. Then we can work our way back toward the church. Bottled water is allowed at the church, but no food. Make sure you eject your flash drive correctly. Ernie will have five flash drives, one for each

topic, and there will be five leaders to accept the entries. Try to think outside the box and take unique photos that will stand out—long exposure, black and white, different views, panning, reflections, leading lines, double exposure, macro, angles, shadows/light, etc. They will need to have titles, preferably cute or unique, so think about that as you are taking shots, maybe jot down ideas, instead of waiting until time to name them. Ernie will email info to the members who are signed up.

- **Old Car City** outing will be Saturday, December 13. Lorrie is leading this outing. There is an entrance fee. Lorrie will give more information closer to the time.
- November competition will be open. Ernie will send out current point scores to see which topic you need to catch up on. Facebook Challenge this month is "brown".

Club competition favorite winners for "Wildlife":

Junior:	Eric Jones
Beginner:	Lisa Hewitt
Intermediate:	Sam Jones
Advanced:	Nick Zelinsky
Master:	Lorrie Smith



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	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.