

“FOCUS”

Newsletter of the Oklahoma Camera Club, Inc.

(Founded Oct. 1931)

July 2026

Location: Cole Community Center, OKC

The club conducts meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. For club information see website at:

www.oklahomacameraclub.com.

July 14, 7:00 pm*

Competition – Projected Image

Discussion of pictures

July 28, 7:00 pm

Competition – Prints

Program:

Charles Taylor

“It’s me again Margret”

(aka)

“Artificial Intelligence Imaging”

Judges:

Jaci Finch

Doug Finch

Bryan Hapke

**Club begins the annual year of competition with the first meeting, July 14.*

Workshops:

Beginning Image Workshop:

Jan and Wally Lee

Beginning Image Workshop will meet on Friday, July 17, 7:00 pm. Encourage you to attend. Fun opportunities to share ideas and discuss your work with others. For directions and other information call **Wally at 405-326-4324**.

Nature Workshop:

Melanie and Shawn Roberts

Melanie 405-514-0468, mjroberts021@gmail.com

Shawn 405-249-1825, sroberts1519@gmail.com

Workshop not scheduled for July.

Norman Art Walk <https://www.2ndfridaynorman.com/>

Bryan Hapke: "Oklahoma Camera Club" will be participating in the second Friday Norman Art Walk in July. We will be displaying photos at ***Main Street Photo and Video, 131 N Porter Ave, Norman, OK 73069*** on July 10th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. We have a total of 65 photos submitted. I believe we will be able to hang about 40 on the display and will put the remainder in a display box on the counter for people to flip through. Photos will be on display for a month, replaced on Wednesday or Thursday before the next Art Walk.

Suggestions for Programs, Workshops & Field Trips:

Club always welcomes ideas and suggestions for all club activities.

Workshops and Field Trips may be a single event or monthly, both work.

Together we can tackle the wildest ideas, do not be afraid of submitting yours. Please forward these to our new program VP for the next club year,

Jaci Finch, jkfinchok@gmail.com.

Club Business Cards:

We have club business cards. These are for members to pass along to others who may have an interest in the club. Cards are available from **Jaci Finch jkfinchok@gmail.com.**

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Assigned Competition:

"Route 66" is our next assigned competition. Images can be taken anytime during the **2026 Calendar Year**. **Images must be of things that can be seen from Route 66.** The Judging will be conducted in February 2027.

The assigned subject must be the obvious subject of Pictorial Projected and Print competitions; assigned subject does not apply to the other divisions.

Photo Opportunities:

The expected photo opportunities in **July** are the **firework displays**. This year many have added **Drones** making incredible shows.

4th Events – OKC

Fourth of July Metro Standouts Liberty Fest – Edmond

One of the largest and most renowned Independence Day celebrations in the nation, point your compass toward the Oklahoma City suburb of **Edmond** and attend this year's Liberty Fest celebration. Recognized by CNN and USA Today as one of the top ten July 4th festivals in the nation featuring Oklahoma's largest hometown 4th of July parade, the largest fireworks displays in the Oklahoma City metro area, and Oklahoma's most patriotic July Fourth parade.

A Celebration in the Heartland – Moore

Gather up the whole family and head to this year's [A Celebration in the Heartland](#) in [Moore](#) for a top-notch 4th of July bash. Kids will love the inflatables, children's tents and helicopter rides, while the adults will enjoy live music and shopping from various vendor booths set up throughout the park. Savor tasty bites and drinks from local food trucks, breweries and wineries before fireworks light up the night sky along to music.

Freedom Fest – Yukon

Start your Fourth of July off right with a visit to the Yukon City Park for a children's parade, crafts, free swim and plenty of games perfect for the little ones. [Freedom Fest](#) in [Yukon](#) kicks into gear in the evening with free watermelon, free ice cream and live music throughout the city's popular Chisholm Trail Park. Stick around until after the sun sets for spectacular fireworks and a special patriotic performance by the Oklahoma City Philharmonic orchestra.

Fourth Fest - Norman

[Norman's Fourth Fest](#) is one of the city's most beloved Independence Day traditions, and in 2026 it's being expanded to mark the **250th anniversary of the United States**, Reaves Park, City of Norman, OK.

Main July 4 Celebration – Fourth Fest at Reaves Park

- **Starts:** 5:00 p.m. with live music by **Logan Mac**, followed by **Tyler Halverson** at 6:45 p.m., and headlined by **Cody Canada** (Cross Canadian Ragweed) at 8:15 p.m. City of Norman, OK
- **Activities:** Bouncy houses, local vendors, food trucks, pony rides, petting zoo, crawling contest, and more City of Norman, OK+1
- **Fireworks:** 9:45 p.m. City of Norman, OK

Bricktown Canal Fest @ Bricktown - Oklahoma City

Bricktown will celebrate Independence Day and America's 250th birthday with the inaugural Bricktown Canal Fest, a five-day event (July 1 – 5) featuring a patriotic boat parade, live entertainment, family activities and fireworks.

The festival features the inaugural Bricktown Canal Boat Parade on July 1, OKC Comets games, fireworks on July 3 and 4, live entertainment, family activities and specials participating in Bricktown businesses.

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Rapids whitewater center been selected as the site for the **2026 International Canoe Federation (ICF) Canoe Slalom World Championships**. It will be the first time for the event to be held in North America in more than a decade.

“Aside from the Olympic Games, this is the most significant event in any given year for the sport,” said Mike Knopp, executive director for RIVERSPORT. “**Oklahoma City invested in a world-class whitewater rapids center** and now, we’re seeing recognition from around the world. It’s a great moment for our city and state.”

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Schedule of Events:

2026 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships – Oklahoma City Schedule

The **2026 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships** will take place **July 20–25, 2026** at **RIVERSPORT Whitewater Center** in the OKC Boathouse District [ICF - Planet Canoe+1](#). This will be the first time the event is held in North America in over a decade and will feature competition for world titles in **Canoe Slalom (C1)**, **Kayak Slalom (K1)**, and **Kayak Cross** [okc2026.com+1](#).

Key Dates & Events

Saturday, July 18, 2026 – Open Ceremony (free) [okc2026.com](#)

Monday, July 20, 2026 – Kayak Cross competition, plus World

Festival, Route 66 Classics Car Show [okc2026.com](#)

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 – Kayak Slalom competition, plus World

Festival, Route 66 Classics Car Show [okc2026.com](#)

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 – Canoe Slalom competition, plus World

Festival, Route 66 Classics Car Show [okc2026.com](#)

Thursday, July 23, 2026 – Kayak Slalom competition, plus World

Festival, Route 66 Classics Car Show [okc2026.com](#)

Friday, July 24, 2026 – Canoe Slalom Olympic Experience, plus World

Festival, Route 66 Classics Car Show [okc2026.com](#)

Saturday, July 25, 2026 – Kayak Cross Olympic Experience, plus World

Festival, Route 66 Classics Car Show [okc2026.com](#)

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