"FOCUS"

Newsletter of the Oklahoma Camera Club, Inc.

(Founded Oct. 1931)

November 2026

Location: Cole Community Center, OKC

The club conducts meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. See website at www.oklahomacameraclub.com.

November 10, 7:00 pm

One meeting in November & December

Judging: Projected Images and Prints

For the one meeting in November, club will judge both Projected and *Prints*.

Judges for November:

Charles Taylor

Tom McDonough

Jean Kidd

Workshops:

Jan and Wally Lee

***Beginning Image Workshop*:**

Friday Night, November 13 ,7:00 pm. (Friday following first meeting of the month.) You may like to bring images to discuss. Please call or text for directions (405-326- 4324).

Melanie and Shawn Roberts

Nature Workshop:

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

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

No workshop this month.

Club Board Meeting:

The **Board of Directors** will meet at our home, Wednesday November 18, at

7:00 pm. Please call or text if you have questions (405-760-1827).
Jan Lee, President

Preparing for the Holidays:

The club celebrates the holiday months of *November* and *December* by meeting *only on the second Tuesday of each month..* The first meeting in Novermber (November 10) we *judge both Projected and Prints.* Our *Holiday Dinner Celebration* is scheduled for the second Tuesday in December, (December 8). Competition will *not* be conducted in December.

Thoughts from Mark Smith, (Submitted by *Piers Blackett*) (MARK SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY) *a leading nature photographer:*

One of the most frequent questions I get asked is, "What camera and lens do you use?" Forget camera models, lenses, settings. Study your subject. Learn what they eat, where they sleep, where they travel, and why. Become a silent stalker, watching their every move from a safe distance. Study their food and its food and its food and its food, …. Spend time with them in the wild as you can, and you will be rewarded with wisdom you will not find in any book. Sit with them through their celebrated triumphs, necessary failures, and personal losses. You will quickly see that they are all emotional beings, and when you become emotionally invested in them, a new world will present itself to you and your camera. I cannot stress this enough. This is the single most important thing you can do to improve your experiences with the wild world and your camera of choice.

With the fall foliage, an enjoyable time of the year to hit the road!!!

Places to consider:

- **Beaver Bend State Park** - Broken Bow, OK
- **Talamini National Scenic Byway – Broken Bow, OK**
- **Sequah Wildlife Refuge –Vian, OK**
- **Mountain Fork River, Ouachita Mountains – Talihina & Antlers, OK**
- **Wichita Mountains – Lawton, OK**
- **Tallgrass Prairie Preserve - Pawhuska, OK**

Oklahoma Today

The "***Good Bye**", final Issue of Oklahoma Today* contains pictures of Oklahoma sunsets in addition to the pictures and articles featuring actitieves of various locations around the state. I am sure you are always looking for ideas for photography. *Sunsets* and *sunrise* are always a fun challenge.

Assigned Subject

The assigned subject this year: **"Route 66", images must be taken by December 31, 2026, and submitted for the February competition. Allowable subjects are anything visible from Route 66 in Oklahoma. The assigned subjects are for *color and monochrome, digital and print sections only.* Ward Conaway**

Ideas for Assigned Subject

Northeast & Tulsa

- **Blue Whale of Catoosa:** A famous hand-built concrete landmark and former swim/picnic spot. [1, 2]
- **Ed Galloway's Totem Pole Park:** Located near Chelsea, featuring a massive 90-foot concrete totem pole. [1, 2]
- **Tulsa:** Features twenty-eight miles of the Mother Road, including the **Meadow Gold District**, **Mother Road Market**, and **Route 66 Rising** sculpture. [1]
- **Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum:** Located in Sapulpa, home to a giant vintage gas pump. [1, 2]

Central Oklahoma & Oklahoma City

- **Arcadia Round Barn:** Built in 1898 from native burr oak.
- **Pops 66 Soda Ranch:** A modern neon-lit stop in Arcadia featuring a 66-foot-tall glowing soda bottle.
- **Oklahoma City Districts & Landmarks:** Highlights include the **Britton District**, **Milk Bottle Grocery**, **Gold Dome**, **Tower Theatre**, and Lake **Overholser Truss Bridge**. Explore city-specific maps and details on the City of OKC Route 66 Page.
- **Rock Cafe:** Located in Stroud, a historic diner operating continuously since 1939. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

Western Oklahoma

- **Oklahoma Route 66 Museum:** Located in Clinton, chronicling the history, Dust Bowl migration, and diner culture of the highway.
- **Lucille's Historic Highway Gas Station:** Located near Hydro, a classic 1929 station run for decades by Lucille Hammonds.
- **National Route 66 Museum Complex:** Located in Elk City, offering immersive displays of transportation history. [1, 2, 3, 4]

Name Tags:

If you do not have a club name tag, please notify **Jaci Finch** at *jkfinchok@gmail.com.*

Photo Opportunities:

Club members are always looking for opportunities for photography. Forward information regarding events and other photo opportunities. Informative and instructional articles are always welcome. Would you like to organize a field trip, we can help, email request to *dmfinchok@gmail.com*.

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