



Camera Club of Oak Ridge Newsletter for March 2021

Picture by Yvonne Dalschen

*Our next Zoom Meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 9th, 2021**. We will meet at 7:30 PM, just like always, but members and guests are most welcome to join the zoom meeting at 7:00 PM for informal fellowship. I will pass along the zoom meeting link in a few days by email.*

- Since the CCOR fiscal year runs January 1- December 31, membership dues are due on January 1 for current members; new members may pay upon joining at any time of year. If you aren't sure if yours was renewed, please check with me. Individual Membership is \$20 and Family Membership is \$30. Membership is free for Full Time Students. You can renew your membership online at:

<https://oakridgecameraclub.org/join-us/join-us.shtml>

Meetings

- **March 2021 meeting:** The March meeting on **Tuesday, March 9th** will be a program meeting. **Tennessee Rick Elliott** will talk about **Sports, Snapshots, Shoeboxes, and Award-Winning Images**. You may not consider yourself a portrait photographer, but Tennessee Rick will discuss very basic principles behind capturing meaningful images of family members, strangers on the street, action sports ... and anything else **that** might come up.



This is not a “how to” where we focus on settings, equipment, or things you can see on YouTube. Instead it’s a discussion of the “why’s” behind portraiture . . . , a philosophy of photography, if you will. No level of expertise is required; Rick hopes it is a program everyone can take something away from. Knowing Tennessee Rick, he is going to show a few photos, tell a few stories, and maybe sneak in a little useful information now and then.

Tennessee Rick Elliott is a retired school teacher and basketball coach, storyteller, and a VERY amateur photographer, currently shooting action sports for area high schools and colleges. He is been interested in photography since 1995 when he inherited the job of high school yearbook sponsor. You can take a look at his portfolio at www.TNrick.photos, his Instagram feed at [@TNrick](https://www.instagram.com/TNrick), and his sports work at www.TNrick.org. He is also a member of the [Smoky Mountain Storytellers](#), his presentation isn't what you're used to from most photography courses. Come out and join the fun!

Having bought and tried loads of gadgets that promised that this was truly the item that would make him an amazing photographer, he finally realized what Ansel Adams said was indeed true: “The single most important component of a camera is the twelve inches behind it.” He is going to start with a little bit about why you bought your camera in the first place, and then move on to how you might use it now to have a lot of fun and to create some lasting and inspiring images.

Certainly, he will mention a little bit about the “how’s” of portraiture, but it’s going to be a lot more on the “why’s” of creating someone’s image. That sounds all artsy and philosophical, but keep in mind Tennessee claims to have all the originality and creative insight of dry white toast - it’s nothing more than a hillbilly farm kid’s view of photography. The good news is that he is not going to suggest you buy anything new, but instead use whatever you have already. Should you come to this program? Well . . . , it’s free. Take a chance on ol’ Tennessee. We hope you can share your Tuesday night, March 9th with us.

- **February 2021 meeting:** In case you missed our last meeting, the February meeting was a contest dedicated to the topic of “**Power of Nature (in color)**”. In this contest, the color photos had to emphasize the power of nature and Thomas Morgan was our guest judge discussing the photos. Our members interpreted the topic very differently and you can view the submitted photos in our gallery

<https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-GHH567/>

First and third place went to David Hardin and 2nd place to Pat Postma. There was lots of variety and great images – we all enjoyed viewing them.

- **April 2021 meeting:** The April 2021 meeting will be a club contest dedicated to the topic of “**Flowers**”. Flowers are colorful, bright and readily available, so it's no wonder they are a popular subject for photographers; especially in spring, which offers huge potential for those looking to shoot gorgeous plant and flower portraits. Whether in your garden, by the side of the road or in the Great Smokey Mountains National Park among the spring wildflowers, this is an excellent subject for your nature lovers.

- **June 2021 meeting:** The June 2021 meeting will be a club contest dedicated to the topic of “**Nature Retakes Control**”. Nature is the most powerful force on the planet, despite millennia of humans trying to tame it. If we all disappeared tomorrow, it would take no time at all before our cities, roadways and intricate infrastructures were crawling with plants and animals. You can see this on a small scale in abandoned lots and derelict buildings. Give us your own example of ‘Nature Retakes Control’ for this contest.

CCOR Facebook Competition

The topic of the last Facebook competition was “winter” and Yvonne Dalschen was the winner. Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who participated! The winning picture can be seen in the header of the newsletter. Yvonne has chosen [#red](#) for our February Facebook competition.

There are a few days left to post your entries (one per photographer) by February 28, and be sure to include [#red](#). We limit each winner to only winning one monthly competition per calendar year, so everyone has a chance. We also have a gallery on Smugmug to see the monthly winners at:

<https://ccor.smugmug.com/2021/Facebook-Photos/>

Looking forward to virtually meeting you,

Secretary-Treasurer
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