

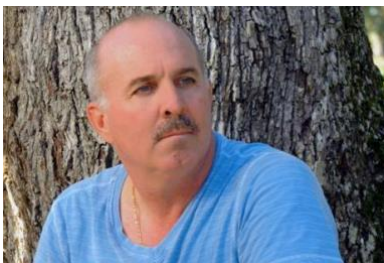


Photo by Mike Stewart

Indian River Photo Club

February 2020 Newsletter

Message from the Billy Ocker, President



The club had a great showing for the January meeting. We had Dick Robertson as our speaker. He talked about the ins and outs of what to see to create a great photo. He talked about the rules of thirds and what many professional judges look for when they are judging. "Great program. Thank you, Dick!"

Joe Semkow will be our February speaker. He will be talking about how he uses photography and video as a business. Joe really has some great photos and some of you may have seen them. You will enjoy. Also, if you know of anyone that might be good as a speaker, please let me know.

This month's slideshow subject is "Feathers & Fur" and you can send submissions to Bill Conway at billcnwy@yahoo.com. This is an opportunity for members to show their recent work without making prints or entering a contest. All photos are accepted. The February contest theme is "**Spring**" and submissions are made at the meeting with matted prints. Contest rules are on the web site: <http://www.indianriverphotoclub.org>.

Just a reminder that your member dues are due. Please make sure you're paid up. Dues are still only \$30. Be a volunteer and lend a helping hand throughout the year at events and monthly meetings. This is your club; make it the best it can be. The Board of Directors still only has four members and we're looking for at least one more to help with the duties of managing the club.

Keep your camera ready, your flash cards clean, and your batteries charged. The next great photo is waiting for you.

Billy Ocker
President IRPC

Photography and Video as a Business

Joe Semkow, Speaker



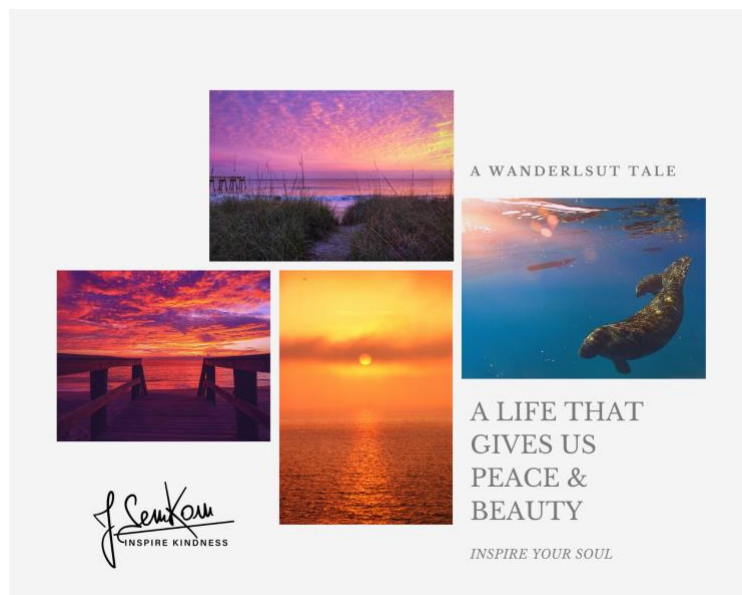
A Floridian through and through, Joe was born in Hollywood, Fla., and has lived in the Vero Beach community for the past eight years. When he graduated high school in 2005, he knew he wanted to serve his country first and foremost, and so that's exactly what he did. Not surprisingly, he joined the United States Coast Guard and was stationed in New York City.

“Serving in the military teaches you the definition of being an American, as well as honor, integrity, and devotion to duty,” Semkow explained. He's proud to have served and values the experiences he had while on active duty.

“I don't see life as a career or life as working a job,” Semkow said. “The moment we are born is the moment we slowly begin dying. I learned that life is a gift and that we must find and do what we truly love.”

Joe's love for life and the work that he does is evident in his demeanor, his humbleness, and his willingness to offer the visions of beauty that he is able to capture in a photograph and brighten up anyone's life. He finds the joy in all of his surroundings.

“I am a man who loves to help others and bring people hope as well as a sense of serenity,” Semkow said. “My photography is to remind people that life is our own story and we write our own book. Nothing is more rewarding than having people reach out to me and let me know that every day they wake up, they look for that motivation to help them get through another day.”



Activities and Important Dates

- February 23 Slide Show submissions due to [Bill Conway](#). "*Fur/Feathers!*"
- February 27 IRPC Monthly Meeting, Theme "**Spring**"
- February 23 Submission Deadline, Pelican Island Wildlife Photography Contest. Flyer Attached.
- March 1-31 Florida Camera Club Council accepts digital submissions for Third Triannual Competition. [Get details here.](#)
- March 6-8 FCCC Annual Conference, Fort Myers. [Get Details Here.](#)
- March 26 IRPC Monthly Meeting, Theme "**Open**"



2020 Monthly Contest Themes

March.....	OPEN
April.....	Little Things
May.....	Statues
June	OPEN
July.....	Patriotic
August.....	Mail Box(es)
September.....	Spooky
October.....	OPEN

Photo Opportunities

Here are some special events where you might want to take your camera. I'm not great at scouting these kinds of things out, but send me an [email](#) and I'll include all ideas.

- February 8, 2020 Annual Motorcar Exhibition, McKee Gardens. [Get Details Here.](#)
- February 19-22 Antique Tractor Show, Ft. Meade. [Get Details here.](#)
- April 26-27 Vero Beach Air Show. [Get Details Here.](#)

Slideshow Needs Slides!!!

Our monthly slideshows are a way of getting inspiration and having fun.

Do this:

1. Think about something furry or feather-y.
2. Create an interesting image. It can be good, not-so-good, fun, provocative, creative, subtle, color, monochrome, etc.
3. Send a JPEG to [Bill Conway](#) on or before **February 23**.
4. See your work in the monthly slideshow.
5. Bill will send a copy of the show to anyone who asks.



Banner Year

Did you see Mike Stewart's photo of Barber Bridge on page one of the newsletter? We'd like to see your photo displayed there this year...something interesting or good that you'd like to show off. Perhaps you have something too old for the monthly competition! Aspect Ratio 1:4, 1:6 or somewhere in between.

Send a JPEG to [Bill Capie](#). Thanks.



2020 Pelican Island Wildlife Festival Photography Contest



WWW.FIRSTREFUGE.ORG/PHOTO-CONTEST



Pelican Island
CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Deadline for entries is Feb 23, 2020.

Winners will be announced
at the Pelican Island Wildlife Festival
on March 7, 2020.

For rules and information - visit www.firstrefuge.org/photo-contest

Awards for January Competition, "In Motion"

Class A Color

Lou Lower, "Twirling in the Hood," 1st place
Kim Hunt, "Swish," 2nd Place
Kathie Phillips, "Tree Lights in Motion,"
3rd Place
Greg McIntosh, "Ghosts of the Night," HM
George F. Bollis, Jr., "You Crack Me Up" HM



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Susan Grube, "Princess Dancer," HM



Class A Special Techniques

Susan Grube, "Ring of Fire," 1st Place
Tom Doyle, "Fly Me to the Moon," 2nd Place
Bill Capie, "Making Something
from Nothing," 3rd Place
Michele Loftus-Trzcinski, "Run, Santa, Run,"
HM



Awards for January Competition, "In Motion"

Class B Color

Cheri Baldwin, "Up in the Air," 1st Place
Don Schuster, "Sharp Landing," 2nd Place
Karen Schuster, "Privacy Please," 3rd Place



Class B Monochrome

Cheri Baldwin, "Speed Demon," 1st Place
Rene Donars, "They're Off," 2nd Place



Class B Special Techniques

Rene Donars, "Let's Go Gators," 1st Place



Winning Pictures: Class A Color

(Clockwise from right)

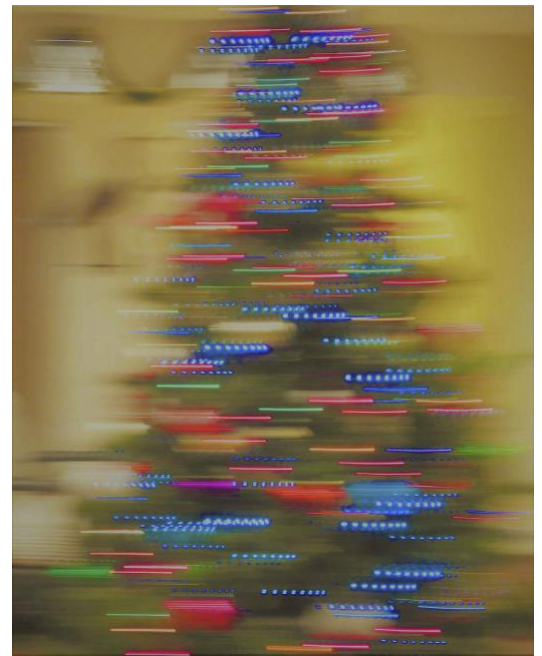
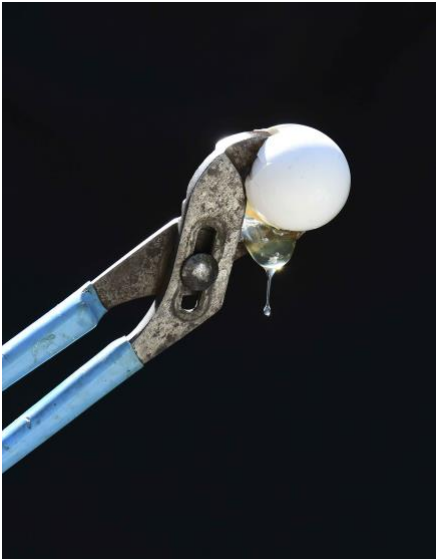
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