

Lake County Camera Club (LCCC)
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2025
7:00 p.m.

ZOOM @ 7:00 p.m.

Officer and Committee Reports

➤ **President– Tony Roma**

Call Meeting to Order at 7:03 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: September 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

➤ **Roll Call:**

Board Members: Jennifer Durot, Tony Roma, ~~Jim Ross~~, Carl Stineman, ~~Bill Sullivan~~

Committee Members: Susan Baron, ~~Mike Burquist~~

Guests:

➤ **Approval of Minutes:**

1. July 28, 2025: Tony Roma made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Carl Stineman. All in favor; motion carried.

➤ **Unfinished Business**

1. Members' Choice Awards: See below.
2. Vacancies: Excursion Chair, Program Chair, President-Elect, Community Involvement and Publicity Chair, Long-Range Planning Coordinator. These positions are still vacant.
3. Programs – See the list on pages 2–3
4. Excursions – See the list on page 3
5. Review Organizational Charts and Rules/Descriptions: Tabled until the next meeting.

➤ **New Business**

1. Appoint CACCA Representative: Mary Ellen Rescek – Jennifer Durot made a motion, seconded by Tony Roma, to approve the appointment of Mary Ellen Rescek as CACCA Representative. All in favor; motion carried. Everyone expressed their appreciation for all of the work Linda Kruzic (and Bob Kruzic) has (have) done for the group over the years.
2. Amend Competition Rules Re: Member's Choice Award: Carl Stineman proposed an amendment stating that members need not be present to enter. Jennifer Durot made a motion, seconded by Carl Stineman, to approve the rules as amended. All in favor; motion carried.
3. Dinner and Awards September 4th – We have 17 people who plan to attend.
4. January – Postcard Presentation Possibility: Jennifer Durot will speak with Marie and Joe Racozy about doing this via Zoom or hybrid.

5. Summer Meetings – Cancel July and August Meetings? The Board decided that the July meeting will be a social event at Tacos El Norte in Gurnee (Milwaukee Avenue). We will not meet in August. The new season starts in September.

➤ **President-Elect – Vacancy**

- **Long Range Planning Coordinator – Vacancy**
- **Competition Chair – Mike Burquist**
- **Competition Assistant – Carl Stineman**
- **Judge Procurer – Harold Hauser**
- **CACCA Representative – Linda Kruzic (Mary Ellen Rescek takes over September 1)**
- **PSA Representative – Jim Ross**
 - **PSA: Travel – Cristina McGill**
 - **PSA: Photojournalism – Marc Huntley**
 - **PSA: Nature – Sheri Sparks**
 - **PSA: Projected Image – Mike Trahan**
 - **Recent PSA Results**

➤ **Treasurer – Jim Ross (Tony Roma is helping temporarily.)**

Opening checking balance \$ 4499.38

Income since last report \$ 0

Expenses since last report \$80

Closing Checking Balance \$ 4419.38

Savings balance \$ 1115.90

Cash Box - Other \$ 86

CD 18 \$2079.43

CD 20 \$3129.69

Total \$ 10,830.40

Are we up to date with the donations to the Church? We did not meet there in August.

➤ **Membership – Sue Baron** Sue Baron will send an email about dues being due. People must pay their dues before they can enter the competitions.

➤ **Secretary – Jennifer Durot**

- **Webmasters – Sue and John Baron**
- **Challenges – Mike Ludtke** No themes. Send in your favorite images taken each month.
- **Payment Center on Website – Sue Baron**

- **Event Communication – Jennifer Durot and Susan Baron**

➤ **VP of Internal Operations – Bill Sullivan**

- **Program Chair –Vacancy**
 - Plans for Programs/Calendar Updates
 - September – Dinner and Awards
 - November – Carl Deal: Iceland, Egypt, and Photoshop (Confirmed)
 - January – Postcard Presentation?
 - March –
 - May –
 - June –
 - Need Program Chair ASAP
- **Facilities Coordinator – Bill Sullivan**
- **Hospitality Desk Coordinator – Sue Matsunaga**
- **New Member folder – Sue Baron**

➤ **External Operations**

- **Excursion Chair – Vacancy**
 - 2025 Excursions/Calendar Updates:
 - August 2025– Chicago Air Show On Your Own

September 6, 2025	Northern Illinois Air Show, Waukegan, Illinois
October 2025	Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, Bayside, Wisconsin (on your own)
November 22, 2025	Shalom Wildlife Zoo, West Bend, Wisconsin
December 2025	Minnesota for Owls (on your own)
January 24, 2026	Lock and Dam No. 14 for Eagles
February 2026	Madison Wisconsin Capitol Building (on your own)
March 7, 2026	Pabst Mansion, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 2026	Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve, Grafton, Wisconsin (on your own)
May 2026	Midwest Tulip Festival, Maple Park, Illinois (Date TBD)
June 2026	Anderson Japanese Gardens, Rockford, Illinois (on your own)
July 11, 2026	Harley Davidson Homecoming Festival, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 2026	Nachusa Grasslands, The Nature Conservancy, Franklin Grove, Illinois (on your own)

- **Community Involvement and Publicity Coordinator – Vacancy**

- **Past President (and Current President) – Tony Roma**
 - Continuing Education Coordinator – Jim Ross
 - Small-Groups Coordinator – Sue Baron
- **Upcoming Events – See Calendar for Details**
 - Small Post-Processing Group, Lake Villa District Library, September 20th at **10:00 a.m.** (3rd Saturday) **10:00 AM**
 - **BIRTHDAYS:**
 - August 4 Cristina McGill
 - August 14 Linda Kruzic
 - September 18 Mike Kukulski
 - September 25 Mary Ellen Rescek
 - September 30 Sue Matsunaga
- **Other:**
 - We need to apply for Lake Villa District Library Display Space for a 2026 Photography Exhibit.
 - A question arose about how active CLC's photography group is. Can someone find out?
- **Adjourn:** Jennifer Durot made a motion, seconded by Tony Roma, to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Durot, Secretary

Excursion Ideas:

1. **Starved Rock State Park (Oglesby, IL)**
 - Scenic canyons, waterfalls, and hiking trails, especially stunning during fall.
2. **Anderson Japanese Gardens (Rockford, IL)**
 - A serene, 12-acre Japanese garden with koi ponds, waterfalls, and beautiful seasonal plants.
3. **Illinois Railway Museum (Union, IL)**
 - A vast collection of historic railway equipment, great for capturing vintage transportation.
4. **Morton Arboretum (Lisle, IL)**
5. **Devil's Lake State Park (Baraboo, WI)**
 - Dramatic quartzite bluffs and stunning lake views, ideal for landscape and nature photography.
6. **Door County**
 - Picturesque towns, lighthouses, and beautiful shoreline along Lake Michigan.
7. **Olbrich Botanical Gardens (Madison, WI)**
 - 16 acres of outdoor gardens, including a Thai pavilion and tropical conservatory.
8. **Madison Capitol Building at Night**
9. **Geneva Lake Shore Path (Lake Geneva, WI)**
 - A scenic walk with views of historic estates, the lake, and beautiful gardens.
10. **Milwaukee Art Museum (Milwaukee, WI)**
 - Iconic architecture, including the Quadracci Pavilion with its stunning wing-like brise soleil.
11. **Sailing Races/Regattas on Lake Michigan**
12. **Old World Wisconsin**
13. **Michigan City Lighthouses and Ice on Lakefront in Winter**
14. **Indiana Dunes National Park**
15. **Pabst Mansion – Wisconsin**
16. **Milwaukee Domes (no tripods)**
17. **Houses on Lakefront at South End of Kenosha**
18. **Kenosha Lighthouses and Waterfront**
19. **American Family Field with the train tracks in front**
20. **Reenactment in Hainesville**
21. **Schlitz Audubon Nature Center**
22. **Shalom Wildlife Zoo**
23. **Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve**
24. **Fall Colors in Cedarburg, Wisconsin**
25. **Snowy Owls in Upper Peninsula**
26. **Chicago Air Show (August 10-11)**
27. **Apple River and Galena (waterfall and riverfront along Rock River)**
28. **Chicago Botanic Garden**
29. **Marseilles, Illinois**
30. **Mideast Conflicts War Memorial, Grundy County**
31. **Chicago Riverwalk and Buildings at Night**
32. **Milwaukee Riverwalk and Buildings at Night**
33. **Harleyfest**
34. **EEA AirVenture Oshkosh 2024**

https://www.eaa.org/airventure/aaa-airventure-tickets?utm_source=google_paid&utm_medium=paid_search&utm_campaign=av_tickets_2024&utm_term=familie_sv1&utm_content=link&gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwyo60BhBiEiwAHmVLJc0zLyrAVuooeFV2AOZx-EloXwmH-C1vaxx_eroYdAhk3VQ1-HTQVRoC6Z8QAvD_BwE

35. Midwest Tulip Festival at Maple Park. April-May (Dates based on Blooms)
Kuipers 7 acres Family Farm in Maple Park
Visit: kuiperersfamilyfarm.com 1N318 Watson Road Maple Park, IL 60151
(815) 827-5200 1h 24m drive Hwy 95 to Hwy 88