

Lake County Camera Club (LCCC)
Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2025

ZOOM @ 6:30 p.m.

Officer and Committee Reports

➤ **President– Tony Roma**

Call Meeting to Order at 6:40 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: January 26, 2026

➤ **Roll Call:**

Board Members: Jennifer Durot, Tony Roma, Jim Ross, Carl Stineman (after roll call), **Vacancy**

Committee Members: Susan Baron, Mike Burgquist

Guests: None

➤ **Approval of Minutes:**

1. October 27, 2025 Tony Roma made a motion, seconded by Carl Stineman, to approve the minutes.
All in favor; motion carried.

➤ **Unfinished Business**

1. Vacancies: Excursion Chair, Program Chair, President-Elect, Vice President (Internal Operations), Facilities Coordinator Jennifer Durot will call the Pastor of the church, Alex Molozaiy, to let him know of Bill Sullivan’s passing and to provide alternate contact info. Bill Balmer in church office may be reached at 847-566-4000.
2. Programs – See the list on pages 2–3 We have a hybrid presentation (Zoom and In-Person) by Marie and Joe Racoszy on January 8th about creating postcards.
3. Excursions – See the list on page 3; Shalom Wildlife Zoo 11/22
4. Lake Villa District Library Photo Competition (Carl Stineman, Mike Trahan, and Jim Ross were judges)
5. Review Rules/Descriptions/Bylaws/Titles & Responsibilities: Tony Roma recommended that a committee meet to work out the details to propose to the board. Sue Baron and Carl Stineman will do this.

➤ **New Business**

1. Bill Sullivan’s passing and the vacancy it creates (See correspondence) The Board talked about the void Bill’s passing creates. He will truly be missed!
2. MPB Sponsorship Possibility: It was suggested that we contact them directly to get the details. Sue Baron agreed to call to verify its legitimacy.
3. January meeting date change to January 8th due to New Year’s Day.

4. Programs needed for March and May 2026. It was suggested that we have a critique night in May. It was suggested that we ask Don DeDenato to do a presentation on Zoom. We need to canvas the membership regarding programs they'd like to have. We need to find external presenters. There is a list on the CACCA website.
5. Club History: We talked about documenting the club history and placing the minutes and the Excel spreadsheet of annual awards on our website.
6. Website/Webmaster/WordPress Future Transition: The Board discussed having someone apprentice with Sue and John Baron so that if and when a transition is needed, we are ready. Carl Stineman offered to do this. We need a job description for the apprenticeship. It will be an active, not passive, role.
7. Record of birthdays for all new (and old) members

➤ **President-Elect – Vacancy**

- **Competition Chair – Mike Burquist**
- **Competition Assistant – Carl Stineman**
- **Judge Procurer – Harold Hauser**
- **CACCA Representative – Mary Ellen Rescek**
- **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**

Month's checking balance \$ 5626.41

Income since last report \$ 197.04 (dues)

Expenses since last report \$ 0

Checking Balance \$ 5822.45

Savings balance \$ 1116.10

Cash Box - Other \$ 86.00

CD 18 \$2107.94 (Due on 12/17/2026. Tony will stop in and check rates and make a decision.)

CD 20 \$3169.60 (Due 3/24/2026)

Total \$ 12,302.12

The Board thanked Jim Ross for his efforts.

- **Membership – Sue Baron** Jennifer Durot made a motion to approve the 2 new members, Lynn Wolfe and Mike Cruz. Tony Roma seconded it. All in favor; motion carried. There are 43 members. We need to ask them (and all members) for their birthdates. We discussed keeping a database of the membership from year to year. Jennifer Durot offered to help Sue Baron with this. It will be a members-only archive
- **Secretary – Jennifer Durot**
 - **Webmasters – Sue and John Baron** We discussed having a Resource Page and potentially including sponsorships on this page.
 - **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 – Vacancy**
 - **Program Chair –Vacancy**
 - Plans for Programs/Calendar Updates
 - November – Carl Deal: Iceland, Egypt, and Photoshop (Confirmed)
 - January – Postcard Presentation – January 8th
 - March – Program Needed
 - May – Program Needed
 - June – Dinner and Awards
 - July – NO MEETING
 - August – Social Event at Tacos El Norte in Gurnee
 - Need Program Chair ASAP
 - **Facilities Coordinator – Vacancy**
 - **Hospitality Desk Coordinator – Sue Matsunaga**
 - **New Member folder – Sue Baron**
- **External Operations**
 - **Excursion Chair – Vacancy**
 - 2025 –2026 Excursions/Calendar Updates:

December 2025	Minnesota for Owls (on your own)
January 24, 2026	Lock and Dam No. 14 for Eagles Riverwoods is going Jan. 24-25.
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)

- **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, December 20, 2025.
 - **BIRTHDAYS:**
 - November 7 Mike Burgquist
 - November 24 Jennifer Durot
 - November 30 John Williams
 - December 6 Sue Baron
 - December 26 Karolyn Berkiel
- **Other:**
- **Adjourn:**

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. Midwest 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-
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](https://www.eaa.org/airventure/eea-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
36. EEA Airventure Oshkosh link: <https://www.eaa.org/airventure>