

Lake County Camera Club (LCCC)

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2026

ZOOM @ 6:30 p.m.

Officer and Committee Reports

➤ **President– Tony Roma**

Call Meeting to Order at 6:35 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: 3/2/2026 Tentatively

➤ **Roll Call:**

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

Committee Members: Susan Baron, ~~Mike Burquist~~, Mary Ellen Rescek

Guests:

➤ **Approval of Minutes:**

1. December 1, 2025 Carl Stineman made a motion, seconded by Jim Ross, to approve the minutes as presented; all aye, 1 absent, 1 vacancy; Motion carried.

➤ **Unfinished Business**

1. Vacancies: Excursion Chair, Program Chair, President-Elect, Vice President (General Operations), Facilities Coordinator: There was discussion about the board vacancies. Sue Baron was nominated by Jennifer Durot, and seconded by Tony Roma, to serve as Acting Past President. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Programs – See the list on pages 2–3. Programs are needed for March and May.
3. Excursions – See the list on page 3; the board discussed the excursion to Lock and Dam No. 14 on February 7.
4. Review Rules/Descriptions/Bylaws/Titles & Responsibilities – The board reviewed the bylaws section by section and made some changes to recommend.
5. MPB Sponsorship Possibility – Tabled until the next meeting.

➤ **New Business**

1. Programs needed for March and May 2026. We need to poll the membership.
2. April meeting date change to April 9th because of Easter week and church availability. It is a competition meeting, so the judges will have to be notified and confirmed as to their availability on the new date.
3. Nominating committee – Tony Roma and Jim Ross will serve as the nominating committee.

➤ **President-Elect – **Vacancy****

- **Intramural Competition Chair – Mike Burquist**

- **Vice President of Competition Operations and DPI Chair – Carl Stineman**
- **Judge Procurer – Harold Hauser**
- **CACCA Representative – Mary Ellen Rescek** Mary Ellen Rescek gave her report. She noted that the etiquette for inviting judges is on the CACCA website, as is information regarding eligibility of submissions. Our club rules also has information regarding eligibility of submissions. We need a mission statement and contact information for the CACCA website.
- **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**

Previous checking balance \$ 5822.45

Income since last report \$33.68 (membership dues)

Expenses since last report \$ 208.00 (\$60 gift cards, \$148 State Farm Insurance)

Checking Balance \$5648.13 as of 2/2/26

Savings balance \$ 1116.25 as of 2/2/26

Cash Box - Other \$ 86.00

CD 21 \$2116.85 (Jim Ross restarted this CD; it comes due 5/2/27, 16 months)

CD 20 \$3189.49 (Comes due 3/24)

Total \$ 12,156.71

- **Membership – Sue Baron** We have 44 members. Jennifer Durot made a motion, seconded by Carl Stineman, to approve the membership of Adrian Steinberg; all in favor, motion carried. Membership dues collected this year equal \$1403.20.

➤ **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 – Vacancy**

- **Program Chair –Vacancy**
 - Plans for Programs/Calendar Updates

March – Program Needed; Tony Roma suggested a critique night. We need to review the Bylaws, remind members of the April date change, and talk about the May elections.

May – Program Needed

June – Dinner and Awards

July – NO MEETING

August – Social Event at Tacos El Norte, Gurnee

Need Program Chair ASAP

- **Facilities Coordinator – Vacancy**
- **Hospitality Desk Coordinator – Sue Matsunaga**
- **New Member folder – Sue Baron**

➤ **External Operations**

- **Excursion Chair – Vacancy**
 - 2026 Excursions/Calendar Updates:

February 7, 2026	Lock and Dam No. 14 for Eagles (January date was too cold)
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, February 21, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
- **BIRTHDAYS:**
 - February 8 Mike Ludtke
 - February 24 Egon Schein
 - March 3 Kate Scott
 - March 30 Chris Washburn

➤ **Other:**

➤ **Adjourn:** 9:18 p.m.

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/eea-airventure-tickets?utm_source=google_paid&utm_medium=paid_search&utm_campaign=av_tickets_2024&utm_term=familie

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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>