

**Lake County Camera Club (LCCC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 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: April 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

➤ **Roll Call:**

**Board Members:** Susan Baron, Jennifer Durot, Tony Roma, Jim Ross, Carl Stineman

**Committee Members:** ~~Mike Burquist~~

**Guests:** None

➤ **Approval of Minutes:**

1. February 2, 2026: Carl Stineman made a motion, seconded by Jim Ross, to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

➤ **Unfinished Business**

1. Vacancies: Excursion Chair, Program Chair, President-Elect, Vice President (General Operations), Facilities Coordinator – The Board discussed the vacancies.
2. Programs – See the list on pages 2–3; Need program for March and May. Jim Ross to do a presentation on AI in March. Tony Roma will ask Mike Trahan to do a presentation about birds in May.
3. Excursions – See the list on page 3; Pabst Mansion – Milwaukee 3/7. Jennifer Durot will write up a description. We need to poll the membership about excursions and programs.
4. Review Rules/Descriptions/Bylaws/Titles & Responsibilities: The Bylaws have been approved. There was discussion. We need to vote on revised Titles & Responsibilities. It was decided that our website will serve as the place to archive all documents. No club historian is needed.
5. MPB Sponsorship Possibility: The Board agreed to invite them to a meeting. We need to decide where on the website to put their link.

➤ **New Business**

1. Programs needed for March and May 2026: Jim Ross will do a presentation on AI in March. Tony Roma will ask Mike Trahan to do a presentation on birds in May.

➤ **President-Elect – **Vacancy** \* NOTE: The agenda needs revision to match the organizational chart.**

- **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**

Previous checking balance \$ 5648.13 [As of 3/2/2026]]

Income since last report \$ 91.00 (\$35 Membership, 56 mat boards)

Expenses since last report \$ 0 We recommend paying the church quarterly. Pay now through June.

Checking Balance \$ 5739.13

Savings balance \$ 1116.28

Cash Box - Other \$ 86.00 Move cash to checking account and delete this item.

CD 21 \$ 2121.66

CD 20 \$3198.52

Total \$ 12,261.59

Reimburse Sue Baron for mat boards \$216.00.

➤ **Membership – Sue Baron**

➤ **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 – Jim Ross on AI
    - May – Program Needed; ask Mike Trahan to do a presentation on birds.
    - June – Dinner and Awards

July – Social Event at Tacos El Norte, Gurnee

August – NO MEETING

**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:

<b>March 7, 2026</b>	<b>Pabst Mansion, Milwaukee, Wisconsin</b>
April 2026	Lion’s Den Gorge Nature Preserve, Grafton, Wisconsin (on your own)
<b>May 2026</b>	<b>Midwest Tulip Festival, Maple Park, Illinois (Date TBD)</b>
June 2026	Anderson Japanese Gardens, Rockford, Illinois (on your own)
<b>July 11, 2026</b>	<b>Harley Davidson Homecoming Festival, Milwaukee, Wisconsin</b>
August 2026	Nachusa Grasslands, The Nature Conservancy, Franklin Grove, Illinois (on your own)

➤ **Acting Past President – Susan Baron**

- **Continuing Education Coordinator – Jim Ross**
- **Small-Groups Coordinator – Sue Baron**

➤ **Upcoming Events – See Calendar for Details**

- Small Post-Processing Group, Lake Villa District Library, March 21, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
- **BIRTHDAYS:**
  - March 3      Kate Scott
  - March 30     Chris Washburn
  - April 29      Mike Trahan

➤ **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. **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/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](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](http://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>