

Carson Valley Photo Club

Minutes June 9, 2026

Attendees:

Sherri McGee
Ginny/Mike Virdin
Kim Steed
Susie Roaldson
David Arstein
Fannie Sing
Gordon Stowe
Andi Parson
Scott Parson
Becky Cathey
David Morris
Joe DeLaTorre
Joe Clements
Tom Monti
Chuck Downing
Louise Walsh
Deb Lockett
Nancy Florence
Ed Freniere
Pam Bole
Joe Povolina
Glenn Palmer
Pamela Palmer
Wendy Wyatt

The meeting began with the welcome of guests.

The club went on an impromptu outing to Bodie. Kim and Andi announced on Facebook and 10 club members attended. The weather was great.

Andi posed the question on a nighttime photoshoot in Bodie. There would be a charge for the park and insurance requirements. Andi will look into this further.

We have been contacted by Carson Valley Cancer Center to provide artwork for the walls of their new facility, At this time, the Center is waiting on information.

Mike Miller has relocated the Prism Gallery to 4250 Cochise St, Suite 70 in Carson City. The best way to contact him would be through E-mail

Sherri McGee shared that she will be traveling to the Sierra Valley Nature Preserve near Beckworth, CA on July 12. Contact her for more information

The nomination committee has been started with Sherri McGee. Sheri will be contacting members to help serve on the committee. The open positions are:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Director of Contest Speakers and Judges, and Director of Field Trips/Special Events. Contact Sherri if interested.

Our speaker was Sheldon Grauberger, Chief Pilot for Lake Tahoe Ballons and Ballon Nevada. Sheldon shared information on ballooning in the Carson Valley and Lake Tahoe.

Lake Tahoe Balloons is the only balloon vendor that launches and lands on a boat making the Tahoe Flyer the smallest aircraft carrier in the world. The certification of the Tahoe Flyer was also a coordination challenge, including the Coast Guard and the FAA.

Sheldon flies over Lake Tahoe from May to October and in the Carson Valley in the fall and winter.

Flights over Tahoe can reach elevations of 10,000 ft with awesome views.

The burner for the balloon generates 18 million BTU's of heat. Enough to heat a small house in 3 seconds!

For flight scheduling at Lake Tahoe you can contact them at 530-544-1221. www.laketahoeballoons.com is their website for the lake and www.balloonnevada.com is for the Carson Valley. Cost is \$399 for Tahoe and \$349 for Carson.

Sheldon also offered for \$45 you can ride the boat around the lake while others fly the balloon. It's a great way to see a different perspective of Tahoe. Call the office and tell them you are from the photo club and Sheldon made the offer.

Photo Contest – Judged by Tom Monti

Subject is “Flowers/Plants/Gardens”

First Place goes to Rosebud for “Kimberly Burchiel”

Second Place goes to NJ Thompson for “Serenity at Asticou”

Third Place goes to Deb Lockett for “Hello There Miss Sunshine”

Honorable mention goes to Susie Roaldson for “Stunning Peony”

Honorable mention goes to Deb Lockett for “Bet You Just Want to Blow Me Off”