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PER GLENSIDE Library (Masks are optional)

Confirmed  
meeting dates

2025

**Oct 25**

**Dec 6**

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Hybrid  
Board Room  
in person  
OR Zoom

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Check  
website for  
dates and  
meeting info

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**Mailing**  
**address:**

**CAEUG**  
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**South Elgin,**  
**IL 60177**

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INFORMATION for Saturday October 25 start time in person at  
Library Board Room is 9:30am or at home Zoom is 10:00am.  
There will be a meeting invitation e-mail Thursday evening  
before the Saturday meeting.

Our October presentation  
We will have various videos

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***low \$20.00 dues for 2025!***  
***Your support helps pay for our***  
***APCUG membership and CAEUG website***

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## Members Helpline

Any member can volunteer to be on the Members Helpline.

Hardware problems, Win 7, Win 10, Linux and Virus Removal

- John Spizzirri



## Lamp Post 284 October 2025 by John Spizzirri

Some of the brown bear cams are still live ( **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6** ). The fishing in Brooks River is all but finished. Very few bears are still fishing. The days are getting shorter. Connect soon because the bears are preparing for hibernation. There are highlight videos of bears fishing and feeding in the river.

- 1) <https://is.gd/5XSkeR>
- 2) <https://is.gd/8qsdz0>
- 3) <https://is.gd/BYn1NE>
- 4) <https://is.gd/5RsMdk> Highlight
- 5) <https://is.gd/c7jg58> Highlight
- 6) <https://is.gd/ERw674> Highlight

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month ( **1** ). Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency ( **2** ) offers a Free Cybersecurity Tool & Services ( **3, 4** ). In other supported sites there are lists of Windows vulnerabilities by version number and update ( **5** ). Some definitions of the three letter acronyms are here ( **6, 7** ).

- 1) <https://is.gd/lrzVaA>
- 2) <https://www.cisa.gov/>
- 3) <https://is.gd/os881g>
- 4) <https://is.gd/QoiAwZ>
- 5) <https://is.gd/MOmbXz>

- 6) <https://is.gd/wpoafi>
- 7) <https://is.gd/y7W1sW>

Microsoft ( **MS 1** ) has rewritten Windows 11 ( **2** ) around CoPilot AI ( **3** ) in the end of support for Windows 10 ( **4** ) on October 14th. Wired Magazine has the full story ( **5** ) how MS is recreating the Windows experience using AI and voice command. Yusuf Mehdi, Consumer Chief Marketing Officer at MS, was quoted extensively about how this rewrite works. To call it up you must say 'Hey, Copilot' then ask a question or start dictating. You must have MS Office ( **6** ) to have your Voice ( **7** ) turned into text. It does much more than what I have described. Of course, it costs money for that functionality.

- 1) <https://www.microsoft.com/>
- 2) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows\\_11](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_11)
- 3) <https://copilot.microsoft.com/>
- 4) <https://is.gd/34sFbb>
- 5) <https://is.gd/B6Jyus>
- 6) <https://www.office.com/>
- 7) <https://is.gd/zYHAOh>

Did you see the movie F1: The Movie ( **1** )? It is the highest grossing sports movie of all time which has sparked an interest in the sport of F1 racing, Apple TV ( **2** ) has purchased the exclusive rights to broadcast F1 streaming ( **3** ). If you have watched it on ESPN in the past, you are out of luck unless you have Apple TV.

- 1) <https://is.gd/FKLzaA>
- 2) <https://tv.apple.com/>
- 3) <https://is.gd/LzWVgX>

Ring Doorbell ( **1** ) went from nothing in 2013 to \$1 billion in 2018. The Shark Tank ( **2** ) investor's passed on the invention but Amazon ( **3** ) bought it. Now Ring is in a 'partnership' with Flock Safety ( **4** ) that spells trouble for your privacy. Flock makes license plate readers and other intrusive devices. It 'cooperates' with law enforcement locally and federally. Now door bells in your neighborhood will collect data on when and where you go for the White House ( **5** ).

- 1) <https://ring.com/>
- 2) <https://is.gd/o2tGvG>
- 3) <https://www.amazon.com/>
- 4) <https://www.flocksafety.com/>
- 5) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/>

*Between you, me and the LampPost, that's all for now.*

## **Getting ready for winter photography!**

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While winter photography might take a bit more prep time regarding what to wear, it is well worth the effort to take advantage of a completely different environment from summer. I thoroughly enjoy taking photos during (if safe) and after a snow/ice storm and rivers, just as they are freezing or breaking apart.

There are some advantages to winter shooting, especially in the Ottawa area. We get many crisp sunny days with pristine snow and little slush. The sun is low throughout the day, so you don't have to avoid noon-hour photography. If you do want to catch the sunrise, it is later than in the summer months (no mosquitos!), and the sunset might well be before dinner!

You may want to consider additional items for your kit to make winter photography easier. For instance, I use gloves that have fabric only halfway up my fingers for easy button pushing, but they also have a Velcro flap to go over all the fingers to keep them warm when I don't need the dexterity.

If you are standing around waiting for the sunrise or long exposures, your feet can get cold, so I recommend heavy socks with a high wool content. I save them for photography as wool does not wear as well as synthetic fibers, and at around \$20-\$30 a pair, I don't want to buy them often. Any winter photographer would welcome these as a Christmas gift!

In terms of camera gear, I recommend a lens hood to prevent flares and to keep falling snowflakes off your lens. You may wish to get special feet for your tripod to better grip on ice and snow. Also, a polarizing filter can help with the intense glare/reflection of the sun on white snow.

When shooting a mostly snowy scene, your camera will assume it is an overly bright object and may try to underexpose it. If your camera has a Snow scene mode, use that setting by all means (don't forget to take it off afterward). I prefer to ensure the camera is not on Auto and then choose P, A, Tv/S, or M. I can slightly overexpose my image with the EV adjust in any of these shooting modes. It usually is a button with two triangles on the back of the camera. Set the scale to +1 over the baseline of zero.



If you are shooting a scene with many trees or other objects along with the



snow, your camera may meter on those, and you will find your snow over-exposed. In this instance, set your EV adjustment to -1. If it appears a bit too dark when viewing on your computer, you can lighten it with photo editing software (<https://opcug.ca/Photography/UsingMasksInPhotoEditingSoftware.pdf>).

When you are done for the day, you may have to modify your summertime routine to protect your camera. Let your camera come to room temperature in the bag before unloading images, recharging the battery, cleaning the lens, etc. This will prevent condensation from forming and entering the interior of your camera.

