

McLean County Museum of History

KodaRoamers Camera Club Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 Boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	1946-2015
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	See also

Brief History

The KodaRoamers was formed organized in September 1944 by Lorena Medbery and sixteen charter members. The aim of this photography group, according to Mike Lux's Highlights, was "to create interest in color photography – both movies and still photography - and promote better pictures and travel after World War II." The group joined the Photographic Society of America (PSA) in 1944. KodaRoamers joined the Central Illinois Camera Club Association in 1964.

In addition to club contests, KodaRoamers mount exhibitions and hold workshops on aspects of photography and technology. In 2003, the club transitioned to the new digital format in lieu of slides. Their first digital projector was purchased in 2004, and competitions had both a digital and a slide division. KodaRoamers transitioned to all-digital in 2012.

Meetings, programs, and salons are held annually. Exhibitions, such as the 2014 "Film Noir" exhibit at the McLean County Arts Center, are organized by KodaRoamers. The club began its 70th year in September 2014 with 79 members. "Highlights of the Past Decade" by Mike Lux found in Box 2, folder 1, provides descriptions of club memberships, locations for meetings, and other details.

Scope

The collection includes yearly membership directories from 1950 through 2015 (a few years missing); minutes from club meetings; information about salons and lists of winners; descriptions of various club trips; newspaper clippings regarding members photographic activities and awards, obituaries, and noteworthy club events.

Box and Folder Inventory

Box 1:

Box 1 contains black 3-ring notebooks/binders (7" x 9") containing minutes (most handwritten) of meetings of the KodaRoamers Club. Some pages include newspaper clippings and ephemera (not itemized in this finding aid) related to the club or to club members. Minutes are organized by academic year. Note: Minutes covering 1994-2015 apparently were integrated into individual scrapbooks (see list below).

Individual minutes notebooks cover the following years:

Sept 1944 – June 1955	Jan 1975 – June 1980
Sept 1955 – June 1959	Sept 1980 – Apr 1985
Sept 1959 – June 1965	May 1985 – Mar 1993
Sept 1965 – June 1969	
(missing Sept 1969 – Dec 1974)	

Box 1 also contains three large scrapbooks. Individual scrapbooks cover the following years:

Oct 1994 – Nov 2005
Jan 2006 – Sept 2010 overlaps with
June 2010 – May 2015

Each scrapbook, described below, integrates meeting minutes, press clippings, programs and other ephemera related to the club or to club members. Items in individual scrapbooks are indicated below.

Oct 1994 – Nov 2005 – scrapbook with image of sailboats on front, 12” x 14” with items pasted or taped onto paper leaves. Items include meeting minutes; invitation cards to meetings; copies of CICCAs Courier newsletter; salon listings; miscellaneous *Pantagraph* newspaper clippings regarding club activities and members activities and obituaries; some members’ funeral programs; group photos dated May 2004 and April 2005.

Of special interest in this scrapbook are the following items:

- *The Story of the Koda Roamers Camera Club* by Dave Haake, October 1994, 11 pp, pasted inside front cover
- Photographic Society of American, Inc., Certificate of Recognition, Oct. 8, 1994
- Lists of 50th Anniversary dinner and slide show
- List of deceased members 1994-2004
- *60th Anniversary Celebration* by Dave Haake, October 2004, 12 pp
- Yearbooks/Directories for 1995-96 through 2004-05

Jan 2006 – Sept 2010 – light blue scrapbook, floral image on front, 12.5” x 14.5” with ephemera pasted or taped to paper leaves. Items include meeting minutes from March 2006 through May 2010; invitation cards to meetings; copies of CICCAs Courier newsletter; salon listings; miscellaneous *Pantagraph* newspaper clippings regarding club activities and members activities and obituaries; some members’ funeral programs; group photo dated September 2008.

June 2010 – May 2015 –3-ring binder, black cloth boards, 12.5” x 15” with ephemera encased in plastic sleeves. Items include meeting minutes from September 2010 through May 2011, when apparently minutes were discontinued; invitation cards to dinner meetings; copies of notes/emails; copies of CICCAs Courier newsletter; miscellaneous *Pantagraph* newspaper clippings regarding club activities and members activities and obituaries; and club bylaws c.2015.

Box 2:

Folder 1: History and Miscellaneous

- 2.1.1 KodaRoamers highlights, 1944-89 (2 copies)
- 2.1.2 “Highlights of the Past Decade” by Mike Lux is an update of the aforementioned document bringing the history of highlights to 2015; 4pp and list of Best of Show winners
- 2.1.3 Program schedules for 1946-47, 1947-48, 1948-49, 1949-50
- 2.1.4 Letter to “Rudelle” from Lorena R. Medbery, c.1972
- 2.1.5 2010 Board meeting agenda (2 copies) and copy of letter regarding costs of club banquet

Folder 2: Yearbooks/Directories 1950-1970

Yearbooks/directories were published by academic year beginning 1953

1950	1960-61 (2 copies)
1951	1961-62 (2 copies)
1952	1962-63
1953-54	1963-64
1954-55	1964-65 (2 copies)
(Missing 1955-1957)	1965-66 (2 copies)
1957-58	1966-67 (2 copies)
1958-59	1967-68 (2 copies)
1959-60	1968-69 (2 copies)
	1969-70

Folder 3: Yearbooks/Directories 1970-1982

1970-71 (2 copies)	1976-77
1971-72 (2 copies)	1977-78 (2 copies)
1972-73 (2 copies)	1978-79 (2 copies)
1973-74 (2 copies)	1979-80 (2 copies)
1974-75	1980-81 (2 copies)
1975-76 (2 copies)	1981-82 (2 copies)

Folder 4: Yearbooks/Directories 1982-1990, 2007-2015

1982-83 (2 copies)	1989-90 (2 copies)
1983-84 (2 copies)	1995-96--2004-05 pasted in 1994-2005 scrapbook
1984-85 (2 copies)	2007-2008
1985-86 (2 copies)	2008-2009
1986-87	2010-2011
1987-88	2012-2013
1988-89 (2 copies)	2013-14 (2 copies)
	2014-15