



NEWSLETTER

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The Next Event – February 18 – 2pm – Meeting, show and tell: AMRA Hall

A “show and tell” and a mini market are the format for the day. Maybe choose the most “unusual” item from your collection and bring it along and speak for a few minutes on it. To assist in planning the day, please send an email to the President president@apcsociety.com.au to register the item. So far we will see an interesting horizontal enlarger from the dawn of photography, a look at some new acquisitions in the APCS Library and a pinhole version of a Sony A7S digital camera running at super-high ASA making pinhole snapshots a reality. As usual there will be light refreshments available.

A SPECIAL REQUEST

The APCS is managed by a committee that its members elect at the AGM. Recent circumstances, possibly led by COVID, have resulted in a small team with two of those members located interstate. The monthly events are managed by that small group but such has been the conflicting demands this year that about half of the events will have to be cancelled if we cannot find some more people to step up and take responsibility for running the show.

It is not essential that such people are on the committee, but that would help to create a more cohesive environment. When you attend meetings and auctions at Glen Iris, or the market at Box Hill you may observe individuals who are there in support, setting up, running the events and cleaning up – and those are the tasks that we are calling on members to assist with. New people coming in to run these events will have their own approaches and indeed it is to be expected that such changes are part of the development of the APCS.

It is hoped that new workers will become part of running the APCS entirely in the future and that is essential as the current local committee has been doing it for quite a few years now and it is time for change. A scan of the history of the APCS shows that committees last about a decade – and we are in just that situation for change now. We are now asking the younger members to offer and help run a few events in 2024 – you can see what is already planned in the schedule on the web page – and from that introduction to become part of the ongoing schedule for 2025 and beyond.

Feel free to approach any of the current committee to discuss the matter – the contact points for the executive are in the header of this newsletter – as we need help now and involvement as soon as next Sunday at the AMRA hall by way of observation at least would be a good start.

March 17 – Public market Box Hill Town Hall Table bookings are now full and further requests are subject to availability.

The traditional Box Hill markets are back, and the experience of last year shows that they are more popular than ever. The next public market is on March 17th at the Box Hill Town Hall and tables in the main hall are now fully booked. Applications for tables now are subject to sufficient numbers so that we can book the adjacent Whitehorse Room – we need about another 15 bookings to make that possible. If you have not booked and still wish to do so, please send an email to market@apcsociety.com.au and wait for confirmation before planning further.

April 21 – Noon – Members-only auction AMRA Hall

Inspections will be from 2pm on Saturday 20th and from 10am on the Sunday morning. All items will be photographed and you will be able to view them from the catalogue via on-line links. The auction will start at NOON on Sunday. A feature of this auction is a large collection of photographic light-meters.

There is still space for extra items at this auction. Please contact Paul on 0403 567544 and/or send him an email at auctions@apcsociety.com.au as soon as possible so that we can manage the catalogue etc. Full details and procedures are available from the APCS website. We are desperately in need of helpers to make this event happen – please contact Paul or the President if you can help to set up on the Saturday and to assist on the Sunday.

May 19 – 2pm – Members-only market at AMRA Hall

A now-traditional members-only market will be held at the AMRA Hall on 19th May from 2pm. Bring along your better items to sell to our collecting membership.

June 16 – 2pm – Meeting with Presentation at AMRA Hall

We are looking for a presenter and subject for the June meeting – any subject relevant to the collecting of cameras and photographic equipment. We do have a couple of subjects in reserve but would appreciate some new ideas.

July 21 – 2pm Annual General Meeting AMRA Hall

Our AGM is for the purpose of receiving reports, electing a committee for the next year and dealing with

specific items of business to be determined. The Annual Report will be in the pages of Back Focus which is planned to be in the mail to you before the end of June.

August 18 – Noon – Members-only auction AMRA Hall

An auction is planned for 18th August. Inspections will be from 2pm on Saturday 19th and from 10am on the Sunday morning. All items will be photographed and you will be able to view them from the catalogue via on-line links. The auction will start at NOON on Sunday.

September 15 – 9am – Public market at the Box Hill Town Hall

The traditional Box Hill markets are back, and the experience of last year shows that they are as active as ever. Details and booking procedures can be found at <https://www.apcsociety.com.au/market.html>

Register early as recent history shows that the tables are all booked very quickly.

October 20 – 2pm – Members-only market at AMRA Hall

A members-only market will be held at the AMRA Hall on 20th October from 2pm. Bring along your better items to sell to our collecting membership.

November 17 – Social Dinner

We are going to attempt another social dinner in 2024 but it will depend on interest – keep checking the newsletters.

Date to be determined – 9am Adelaide market – venue TBD

The Adelaide market is tentative at this time. The traditional Hungarian Club venue is being replaced at present and an alternative is needed. Details will be included in the APCS newsletters and on the website.

Back Focus

Back Focus No.119 will be published in June 2024 along the lines of the last few years. The theme for 2024 is “important images from photography”. Please consider writing a full article for Back Focus – a wide range of subjects can be included. This is also a way of making a bit of money from your hobby – we pay \$50 per page for articles if you ask for it. Submissions should be provided electronically and illustrations should be in colour if appropriate and at least at 300dpi.

Membership renewals for 2024

Thankyou to those who have paid in advance. Annual renewals are due on 31st May each year and the fee for 2024 is \$50. The envelope containing your copy of the January newsletter included your membership number and status on the front – and renewals can be made at any time by direct deposit into the bank account:

Account name: Australian Photographic Collectors' Society. BSB: 083166 – Account: 515315423 and be certain to put your name or membership number in the reference field.

Alternatively you can pay at any APCS event or you can send a cheque (made out to the Australian Photographic Collectors' Society), to the Treasurer to P.O.Box 126, KANGAROO GROUND, VIC 3097. If

you have changed any of your contact details – address, phone numbers, email address etc, please let us know by mail to the Treasurer or send an email to web@apcsociety.com.au. You can use the membership application form which you can download from <http://www.apcsociety.com.au/membership.html>

Industry News – the long awaited 8mm cine camera from Kodak

Nearly a decade ago Kodak teased our appetite with the announcement that 8 and 16mm Ektchrome etc were being re-released for cine buffs – and along with that was

a prototype hybrid film and digital device that would cost about \$700 and processing costs that were quite reasonable. Well at long last the first production cameras are appearing in 2024 but at an eye-watering cost of about A\$8,500 as a kit in an exotic case – with only a 6mm C-mount lens in the kit – if you want more then spend more money – or raid your old collection of C-mount lenses. Sure the new camera has lots of operating frills but it may well be that professionals will stick with their ARRI and Beaulieu kit and put up with having to actually operate the camera!



Classified Advertisements

This column is available to you to publicise what you wish to buy and sell. To place an ad, send an email including all the details to adverts@apcsociety.com.au with a JPG photo if you wish. Please try to keep the text down to under 50 words per item. We request that for successful sales you remit a fee of 3% of the sale value, with the fee capped at \$15 for items sold for \$500 and above. This is an honour system and you may electronically transfer such fees in the same way as for membership fees – just mark the reference with your membership number and the word “Sale”.

Wanted

Old Photographs - cartes de visite, cabinet photos, tintypes, glass plate negatives, photo postcards & street photos from all Australian states and New Zealand. Also 19th century family albums with photo contents. I am an avid collector who has conducted decades of research into 19th and early 20th century Australian and New Zealand photographers. Contact: Marcel Safier, Brisbane, msafier@ozemail.com.au 0411 238 612

For Sale

PHOTOGRAPHERS OF AUSTRALIA Dupain, Sievers and Moore covered In Film Australia production (1992) Narrated by Ruth Cracknell: DVD 43min new \$20.

Also, various surveys of Australian film history. Prices include postage. David Donaldson Ph 08 8267 5069 filmart@dodo.com.au

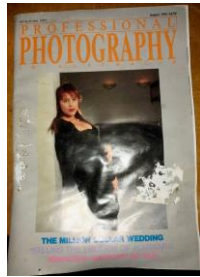
Photoshop and Lightroom Tuition

Do you need help furthering your understanding of Photoshop and Lightroom? I can visit your home or office. You are welcome to visit my Melbourne home

studio or we can do an online session if you are further out of town. Details at www.photoshoptutor.com.au or call and speak to me directly 0402562267 – Your personalised tutor David Ewing.

Wanted

Member Sandy Barrie is looking for a copy of the Australian Magazine "Professional Photographer" for August 1991 to replace his existing copy that has gone solid as a result of the February 2022 floods. You can contact Sandy at apbarrie52@dodo.com.au



For Sale SHANGHAI CAMERA - Mike McCaw

Written by APCS member and long time Chinese Camera collector Mike McCaw, Shanghai Camera is a definitive record of the cameras produced by the Shanghai Camera Factories between 1958 and 1986. The 76-page, hard cover book details 63 cameras from this period and contains 101 photographs. The book is priced at AUD\$65.00 plus postage. Contact Mike at mccaw@cbl.com.au or mobile 0407 774489



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A few copies of the British Journal Photographic Almanac are available at \$5 each. 1940, 1947, 1948, 1951, 1953, 1954 and 1955 – all in Yellow covers.

Email to president@apsociety.com.au or call Rod on 0408 173662.

Wanted

Copies of Leica News and Technique British from January 1933, LEICA TORPEDO Finders, and copies of the Morgan & Lester Leica Manuals with publication dates of December 1936, May 1942 & 1943, January and October 1944, July 1962 and 1963 and December 1973. Phone Steve on (03)94292152

For Sale

Yashica Super 40K Super 8 film CINECAMERA with case, remote control lead and instruction manual. In good condition and working, \$75 plus postage (Est. \$18).

Please contact Peter on robinsonpeter1929@gmail.com or phone 0491 483 959 anytime.

CATHs Cine Collectables Fair – 14th April

The CATH's Cine Collectables Fair will be held on 14th April 2024 in Seddon (W.Melbourne). This is the only market in Australia for to collectors of "reel" films and equipment (i.e. 8mm, Super-8, 9.5mm, 16mm and 35mm formats). It is a "must go" for anyone interested in movies, with people attending from Melbourne, Victoria and interstate.

Keep an eye on the webpage at <http://www.reeldeals.com.au/events/events.htm> as more details will be added in time.