



Hello everyone

This is the first issue of your new newsletter. Back Focus will still be issued four times per year but this newsletter will be issued several times when needed.

This is your forum for all hypes, gripes and swipes, news and reviews. Got an anecdote to share? Found a Leica 1 in a box of junk for one dollar? Share the moment. Paid big bucks for a gold Leica only to find that it was a brass Fed. Share the misery. Tell everyone about those recent finds or the ones that got away. All articles published under subscriber number unless otherwise requested.

Want to sell, buy or swap? Put your requirements in the newsletter. Need information about a camera? Send me the details. Somebody out there is sure to be able to help

We want to email this newsletter out as much as possible. If you intend to get an email address please do so sooner rather than latter. Hot off the press has a new meaning.

Auction July 2007

This Auction was much smaller than previous July Auctions having just 300 lots instead of the usual 400 plus as in previous years but there were some choice offerings as well as the usual suspects. Don't we all love our boxes of goodies. →

Committee Meeting July 13

So you thought your Committee met, sat around the table discussing the price of Kodaks while waiting for supper to be served **WRONG!**

Your Committee hammers out the big issues sometimes coming close to blows before shaking hands and staggering off into the small hours, after supper of course.

High on the list of topics is the question of updating the web site. We have a long list of pipe dreams that will remain on the back burner for a long time. First on the list is improving the Back Focus page so that we can upload articles together with their illustrations. At the moment we are limited to text only which doesn't make for riveting reading.

Next came the question of the Markets. Boroondara requires the date in March that we would normally hold our market on so we now have a date in February for the Market and our first meeting/auction will move to March 16.

Diary Entries



September 16

Mario's love affair with Film Meeting - MRA Hall

October 14

Market 20th Birthday Camberwell Centre

October 21

Sydney Camera Market Emmanuel (02) 9668 1549

October 28

Perth Photographic Market Bob (08) 9364 5905

October 28

Canberra Photographic Fiesta Sylvana 0404 152 052

November 18

Our Social Meeting Geelong

February 10

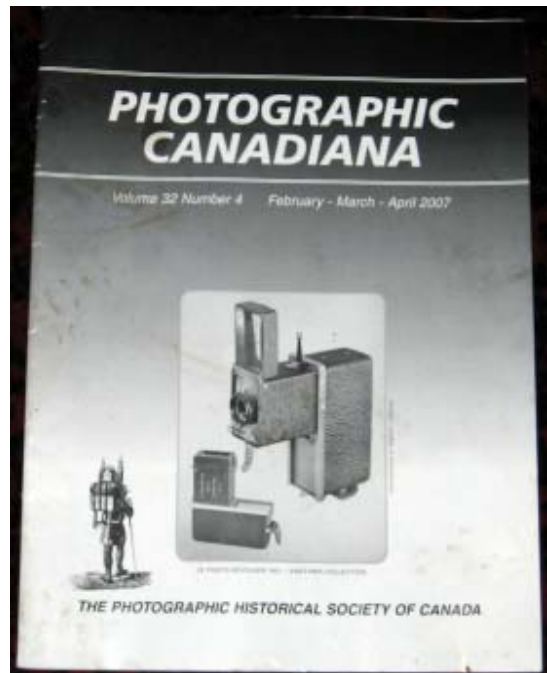
APCS Market Camberwell Centre

March 16

NEXT AUCTION

I will be accepting goods from January 2.





From Our Exchanges

We exchange magazines with two other societies THE EXACTA CIRCLE which issues THE EXAKTA TIMES which is devoted exclusively to all things EXACTA Issue No 67. If you are

into Exaktas and Exas then this magazine is a must-read.

The other publication to lob into my letter box is the journal of The Photographic Society of Canada *Photographica Canadiana* which is issued quarterly. Though slanted toward Canadian cameras it is full of interesting information and Back Focus frequently receives

favourable reviews in this publication. The leading article in issue Volume 32 No 4 is about Le Photo-Revolver 1921 (McKeowns \$2000 to \$2500) plus articles about the designers of more common cameras such as the Kodak Starmatic of 1959. All magazines are available for loan from our library.

AUCTION (continued)

You had to be hardy to bid for the Watch Pocket Ticka Box Lot 153. There must be many owners of Tickas minus their boxes. It has gone to a happy owner in Tasmania who also scored the Tin Type camera and the Minolta Miniflex. Both went for high prices. Then there was a lovely Sanderson, a Voigtlander Vertus and a most unusual double album.

We had thirteen outside vendors this time all coming from deceased estates or from people who have old cameras they want to sell. Often they get in touch and want donate cameras to a good home. I never accept this. If saleable, I put them in the auction or if it is a box brownie with no lens or shutter I gently direct them to the rubbish bin.

Member Stories

Member 209 writes.....

Be nice to elderly aunties.

Well she wasn't really an auntie. She was one of those people families sort of adopted and called auntie.back in the forties and fifties. Anyway she made contact after many years and came to visit. After the usual chatter we ventured to the camera room. She was quite

impressed and exclaimed, "I have a couple of old cameras at home. I'll send them up to you." And she did. One was an Ensign Midget 33 and the other was an Ensign Double-8. They had been her late husbands. They were an English migrant couple and our families met through The Good Neighbour Council in Tasmania back in '46 or 47.

Survey Results

Current Membership	189		
Questionnaire Replies	119		
Newsletter	Print 82	Email	37
Auction Cat	Print 90	Email	29
Participate Internal List	80		