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April Meeting now May, Field trip now June

A slight mishap, disaster, other expressions might apply. The AMRA made a mistake and forgot to check their own calendar before moving their Open Day weekend from August to April. It was as simple as that. The person responsible has been banished to the Guard's Van for ever and is unlikely to forget that day.

We contacted as many as we could of the more distant members and Margaret went down to head off those who actually arrived. Once again, our sincere apology to those who did make the journey



Taken in January V-Line to Geelong, 1963 Canon 7 19mm f3.5

in vain. It had the promise of being a great meeting, the first of our expanded format, with Ray Strong speaking about using our vintage cameras and a workshop session after to check cameras.

Mark down May 17 for the new date for that meeting and move the Field Trip to June 14, rain, hail or

shine. To add to the social aspect of that day, we have arranged a bus to collect travellers, train & car, from the Geelong Station at about 11:00am (depart Southern Cross at 10:00am).

A scenic route will take us to the Dog Rocks Hotel at Batesford for lunch at about 12:00noon. Then on to Dog

Rocks to explore this oddity, back into Geelong via Fyansford to the station for the 4:30pm train back to Southern Cross. Car travellers can either leave their car in the station car park and join the fun on the bus, or meet us at the Hotel. I need numbers for the hotel and the size of bus. It sounds like a fun day! *Alan King*

Bushfire Appeal

The Society donated \$1000 to the Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal.

Found tiny Thornton Pickard

Yes, a 127 film sized folding roll film Thornton Pickard camera. Same size as a VPK. TP did make a few rollfilm cameras, but never seen anything this small. Has the unfinished look of a prototype. Could it be ????

More details to follow after extensive research. *Lyle Curr*



Diary Entries



May 17

Meeting at AMRA Hall
 Buy, Swap & Sell Tables
 Results from January Field Trip
 Speaker - Ray Strong

"Using your vintage cameras"
 Workshop session

(Check your gear for the June field trip)
 Margaret Mason 03 9836 3719

May 24

Market in Adelaide
 Frank Lutz 0411 390402

Note: New location... call Frank

June 14

Field trip to Dog Rocks (Geelong)
 led by Geoff Schirmer

"Use your vintage cameras"
 Meet for Lunch at Dog Rocks Pub
 12:00 noon (bookings essential)
 Society Bus to/from Geelong
 Call Alan King 0409 330852
 market@apcs.asn.au

June 21

AGM at AMRA Hall
 Buy, Swap & Sell Tables
 AGM 1:00pm

Results from Geelong Field Trip
 Cameras from the Field Trip
 Movie

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July 19

Auction at AMRA Hall
 View 10:00am till 12:00 noon
 Gen Meeting 12:15pm
 Auction starts 12:30pm

July Auction items accepted May
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Meetings & Auctions

Australian Model Railway Hall
 92 Wills Street, Glen Iris (Melway 59 H7)

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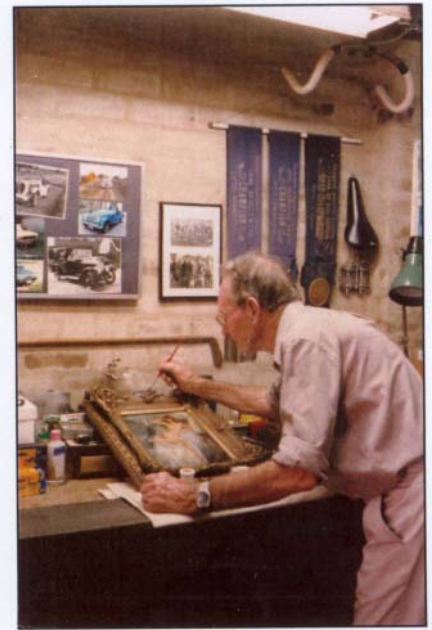
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CHARLES HOUEN 1927-2009

Chas was born in Melbourne on the 18th November 1927. His mother Alice was widowed at a very young age, so he was placed in foster care for his first three years, then went to live in Western Australia with his mother. Another time he shared rooms with a friend George Smith and in their early twenties both Chas and George went to work at Rocklands Dam up Horsham way and then in the early fifties they transferred to small town near Warragul called Jindivik. Chas was then working as a young electrical foreman with the State Rivers Project. It was there that he met and married Nance Hutchison at a dance in the local hall. Chas would help many of the immigrants from the Baltic States to speak English.

After the completion of the Project Chas decided to do a diploma course in electronics at RMIT. They bought a half acre of land at Boronia and with Nance as builder's labourer, built a house. After completion of the house Chas worked at British Nylon Spinners then later for Fieldon Electronics and spent his last twenty three working years at the Gas and Fuel as technical officer. They decided to move closer

to the city and relocated to Canterbury where they could pursue their interest in the MTC, music and opera. Chas and Nance loved travel and visited Europe most years, Chas with two cameras one for colour and one for black and white. Chas was on the committee of Croydon Film Society and loved to attend the Film Festivals. He had also been a gifted road cyclist and before the onset of Rheumatoid arthritis played golf. Chas was a keen member of APCS and drove vintage cars, a Morgan and an Austin 7 Meteor. He loved to collect art, especially women artists of the 20's and 30's. In 1980 a photo he took of Dubrovnik was bought by the National Gallery in Canberra for the Phillip Morris collection and later published in a book about notable Australian photographers. He has held



exhibitions of his photographs. He loved music and reading and after he retired gardening. Chas died suddenly aged 81.

Margaret Mason

Lost Property

I do not think that there has ever been a function, market, auction or meeting where I have not had to gather up armfuls of property that have been left behind. Clothing, hats, lunch boxes, cameras, glasses, sunglasses and once a pouch of money. I would then wait for the inevitable phone call. "Have you seen...did I leave such and such?"

The last Market was no exception. Some one left a new SCSI CARD on one of the tables and some one else a David Jones bag filled with goodies. So if you hear of some one walking around lamenting their sad loss please direct them to me your ever diligent secretary. MM



Charles Houen and Peter Perry, Director of the Catlemaine State Festival, November 1996 - Joyce Evans - Thanks to NLA for permission.

Web Site Update

Check out the updated web site...

www.apcs.asn.au

More to come soon!

New Members

Welcome to the following...

- B. Coughlan Sale
- E. McGill Seville
- G. Branson Blackburn South
- J. Coxall Lake Gardens
- L. Cottle Alfredton
- J. Metenkovich Hamlyn Heights

McKeowns Price Guide

I have recently received a number of enquiries about the next Price Guide so I emailed Century Books. According to Jim McKeown the next publication will be late 2010 or early 2011. Register your interest with me so that when I get word I will be ready to make a bulk order. Hopefully the dollar will be up.

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