



NEWSLETTER

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The APCS AGM – Special procedures for the meeting on Sunday 18th October at 2pm

There is still room for more on-line attendees for the ZOOM Annual General Meeting of the APCS, and of course proxy votes for those that cannot attend. We have extended the meeting registration date for the details of the ZOOM meeting to next Thursday 15th October. The procedures below have been modified accordingly. Please note that pre-registration is essential to allow your financial status to be checked and for the appropriate notifications to be done. It is likely to be the first such meeting for many members and your patience in the process will be appreciated...

The meeting will be conducted using ZOOM software. For you to participate you will need access to a computer with a conventional internet browser connected to the internet. For full involvement the computer will need to include a webcam, microphone and of course headphones or a loudspeaker. Registration will be by email, and after you register you will be sent a link to the meeting via return email at least 24 hours before the meeting. The Zoom log-in varies a bit from computer to computer and the updates from the Zoom organisation. Clicking on the link that will be sent to you will start a process that should place you in the "waiting room" for the meeting, and will also show us that you are waiting. We will then admit you at the beginning of the meeting, and you may have to click on a tab to confirm using your computer audio and video and confirm the passcode that will be sent to you in the details email. You will not need to install any additional applications, but if you have already installed the ZOOM application, we will send you the appropriate session log-in as well. Technically it is possible to join the meeting via phone but such has been the demand on phone attendances that the ZOOM congestion is common and success cannot be assumed. In any case, the ability to participate via a phone connection is limited. The timetable and procedures are as follows:

1. The APCS AGM will be run by the President as Chairman, and it is currently planned that the Vice-President will be present with the Chairman to assist in the administration of the ZOOM meeting.
2. Register NOW, and in any case before 8pm on next Thursday 15th October by sending an email to president@apcsociety.com.au stating your intention to attend. We will check your financial status and let you know if you need to renew.
3. Registrants will be sent the meeting codes and the joining link for attendees relying on a web browser at least 24 hours before the Sunday meeting in a

special email message. A full outline of the meeting instructions will be included in that message.

4. The meeting will be run strictly and will only deal with the essential business of the AGM (see the agenda in note 8 below).
5. The meeting will assume that both-way audio and video links exist. Audio muting will be done from the chair, and a simple hand signal will suffice to indicate a wish to speak. Attendees should ensure that their link description in the ZOOM window is their name to facilitate recording etc. Voting, when required, will be by indicating a "thumbs up" from the reaction icon in the ZOOM window of your computer.
6. The meeting will start at 2pm on the 18th October – Eastern Australian Standard Daylight Saving Time, and will finish before 2.40pm
7. Attendees should ensure that they have their copies of Back Focus No 115 available during the meeting. This contains the full annual report.
8. The Agenda for the meeting will be the establishment of a quorum, adoption of the minutes of the AGM for 2018-2019, (see www.apcsociety.com.au/AGM-Minutes-2019.pdf) the presentation and adoption of the Annual Report and Financial Statements, and the matter of nomination of the Executive and Committee, and either the appointment of the same or the process for an election. No other business is contemplated for this meeting.

PROXIES: Members who are unable for whatever reason to attend the meeting electronically may request Proxy representation with special instructions:

1. It is now considered too late to send a postal nomination of a proxy, but an email may be sent to secretary@apcsociety.com.au along the following lines: "I (name of member) being a full member of the Australian Photographic Collector's Society Inc appoint (name of another full member, OR, the chairman of the AGM) to act as my Proxy".
2. Such notification shall be received by 2pm on Saturday 17th October for validity, ie 24 hours before the commencement of the meeting.
3. Where another member is named as the Proxy, he/she should also be advised that the Proxy has been appointed and acquainted with any special instructions.
4. Unless there is further modification along specific conditions, the Chairman's proxy will include a vote for the Annual Report, and, if NO ELECTION is needed, the nominated Executive and Committee will be adopted.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE: Nominations for the Executive and Committee (being President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and ordinary members, the number of which will be determined by the meeting) may be sent to the Secretary as in point 1 above, and will be accepted at the meeting up to the declaration. There is no special form of nomination, and members may nominate themselves. Seconding is not required. Where there are more nominees than are required for the Executive and Committee, voting by email will be conducted, and those entitled to vote will be restricted to those registering to attend the meeting via ZOOM and those who have lodged PROXIES.

1. If necessary, notification that an election is required will be announced at the ZOOM meeting and by email to registrants and proxies.
2. The form of voting will be determined by what is required, and votes will be accepted by email or by Australia Post up until COB Tuesday 3rd November 2020.

The new “normal” mode continues

Changes in how the COVID era is being treated are happening all the time. Melbourne – the centre of APCS operations – is in stage-4 lockdown which means that we are all pretty much confined to our homes including night-time curfew. Exemptions for this are only for essential purposes, and visits to look at cameras etc are not considered essential.

The rest of Australia has various levels of restrictions – still not conducive to visits etc. Indications of when relaxation might happen are slipping month by month and there is no expectation that we will return to anything like normal for many months and some observers suggest even years.

It is increasingly the case that we have to look after ourselves, and isolation is probably the best policy. This is new territory and at least for the time being we are feeling our way through it.

Around the world the situation is similar, and a common theme is moving from meetings and distribution of magazines etc to being entirely on-line.

Back Focus

Back Focus can't exist without good articles. We are a collecting society... Write up your speciality and share your enthusiasm – you never can tell what might be hiding out there – it might bring you that elusive model or example that you have been chasing for years.

The next issue of Back Focus could be in December this year. Readers will recall that the meeting of February 2020 was written up as a series of “show and tell” short articles as the first item in the last issue No.115. We plan to do much the same again – take a photo of yourself with an interesting item from your collection, write a few words about it and send it to backfocus@apcsociety.com.au and we will format it for combination with others to make a major article.

The APCS does pay for full articles at a rate of \$30 a page, but the rate is currently being reconsidered by the committee in light of the new printing standards and the fact that the rate has not been revised for many years. There is also a thought that a higher rate might attract better articles.

Communication with members

A key issue in any communications with members that relies on electronic means is that we have electronic addresses for everyone. If your email address changes, please send an email to web@apcsociety.com.au including your name – so that we can communicate effectively.

We know that there are a few members who have not provided us with email addresses – we will be contacting them by phone from time to time as a way of keeping them informed. The newsletter (including back copies) are available electronically from the Members' page on the APCS website. If you feel nostalgic you might download a few and read them.

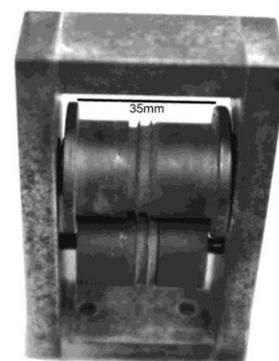
We have noted that many members are abandoning their landline-based phones and are relying on mobile phones. We want to ensure that we have your phone numbers in the database too – another means of communicating.

Mystery objects

Did you identify the mystery object from last month's newsletter? No-one sent us a correct answer. A give-away clue would have been that it was with a collection of photographic light meters, and a “critical dimension” is the 4 strips in the frame. It is a basic form of an “Actino lightmeter” and those strips were to hold strips of photo-sensitive paper sold by Ilford and others – picture included here. You can just see the ends of a couple of the sensitive strips in the side view of the picture of the device.

The mystery object for this month is a bit easier. It is fairly old and the critical clue is the measurement shown as “35mm” indicating that it is something to do with 35mm film – and a further clue is that the film in question was probably the now historical “type 35” which was like modern 35mm film but did not have sprocket holes. (Type 35 was available from 1916 but the modern double sprocket 135 cassettes were not introduced until 1934, Before readers get too excited about the 135 date of 1934, it is now largely forgotten that prior to that photographers had to load cassettes from cine-stock – probably the main reason why there are so many reloadable cassettes around for Leica and Contax cameras.

Send identification or guess to web@apcsociety.com.au and if you have another item that could be considered a mystery object – then send an image of it to the same address for future use. You don't have to know what the item is!



Membership renewals

Membership renewals for 2020-2021 are now overdue, and thank you to the members who have already renewed their membership for the next year.

You can also check the email message that was sent to you with the link to this newsletter – that contains information about your financial status – but note that the email process was generated automatically and could be out of date if you have renewed in a few days prior to the email date. The annual fee of \$30 can be paid by a 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.

Or you can send a cheque (made out to the Australian Photographic Collectors' Society) to the Treasurer P.O.Box126, KANGAROO GROUND, VIC 3097

If any of your details have changed please let us know. Download the membership form from the website <http://www.apcsociety.com.au/membership.html> and include it with your cheque, or email the changes to the Treasurer or to web@apcsociety.com.au

Magazine exchanges

The APCS has magazine exchange relationships with other societies of like nature and in the past, copies were usually located in the APCS library. Modern trends towards having such items on-line allows us to make those copies directly available to you from our website.

“Snap Shots” from the Photographic Historical Society of New England can be found at:

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSNE/2020-01_snap-shots_web.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSNE/2020-02_snap-shots_web.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSNE/2020-03_snap-shots_web.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSNE/2020-04_snap-shots_web.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSNE/2020-05_snap-shots_web.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSNE/2020-06_snap-shots_web.pdf

And news from the Photographic Historical Society of Canada:

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSC/NEWS_2020_04.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSC/NEWS_2020_05.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSC/NEWS_2020_06.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSC/NEWS_2020_09.pdf

And also from the Photographic Historical Society of Canada are web copies of their magazine “Photographic CANADIANA” – lots of very interesting material.

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSC/CANADIANA_SpV1No1_LanternsPartA.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSC/CANADIANA_SpV1No2_LanternsPartB.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSC/CANADIANA_SpV1No3_Shutters.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSC/CANADIANA_SpV1No4_PosingChairs.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSC/CANADIANA_V46No1_supp.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSC/CANADIANA_V46No2_ShowNTell.pdf

www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSC/CANADIANA_V46No3.pdf

Of course, we have permission from those societies to share their publications – just as they can share what we publish as well. The links have been checked and are virus free.

A Collecting Trend?

There is evidence that the world of buying and selling collectable cameras is changing – we have noted that our auctions and markets seem to have migrated from “collecting” to “trading” – and that is a sentiment that has been repeated around the world. However it has been observed and reported that interest in collecting Super-8 films and equipment, and possibly other sizes, may have increased significantly in recent times – clubs focussing on Super-8 are reported as doing well and some prices for Super-8 feature films – and in fact all feature films – on eBay etc are indicating a strong following.

Classified Advertisements

With the social effects of COVID forcing us to cancel markets and auctions for a while, this column is available to you to publicise what you wish to sell and what you want to find.

To place an ad, send an email including all the details to adverts@apcsociety.com.au with a JPG photo if you wish. Rather than include your name and contact details we can add an enquiry code and pass information on to you – then you can deal directly with the responders. At present there is no charge for this service. Please try to keep the text down to under 50 words per item.

For Sale

Member David Donaldson has for sale Australian photography DVDs new in wrap:

- GIRL IN A MIRROR (Carol Jerrems)
- WILDNESS (Truchanas, Dombrovskis)
- PHOTOGRAPHERS OF AUSTRALIA (Sievers, Dupain, Moore)

Each \$20 in plain envelope, \$30 padded. Details on request. Phone David on (08) 8267 5069.

Wanted

Member Sandy Barrie is looking for Kodak Sepia Toner and Selenium Toner. If you can help send him an email at apbarrie52@dodo.com.au

Wanted

11X14" film holders, lenses etc

My lockdown project is to go L-A-R-G-E and to this end I have just bought myself an 11X14" camera.

I need film holders (even Fidelity "medical" ones) and also interested in lenses, film (expired or good), a contact frame or anything else specific to 11X14.

Just email what you might have to John Corneille hifiexchange@hotmail.com Fair prices paid - I'm not looking for cheap.



Wanted

A reader needs a special carrying case that was sold as a VANGUARD X-Pedition model VGP-7625C – if you have one for sale (or know where one can be found) then Miles

milesrubae@gmail.com or phone 0421954218 would like to hear from you. These were sold as photo/video carrying cases a few years ago.



For Interest

The Save Old Slides project... Small collections of old slides and negatives copied for free... See: www.lenslook.net for details.

Free to a good home

A pile of a dozen lenses for which an APCS member has no further need – Sigma, Soligor, Vivitar, Makinon, Upsilon, Rokinon, Canon (FD), Hanimex, Astron, Panagor. Call Peter Robinson on (02)44763900 or send him an email: robinsonpeter1929@gmail.com – just pay the freight.

For Sale

Copies of the British Journal Photographic Almanac (BJPA) 1940, 1947 & 1948 in poor condition (\$6 each), and 1951, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1056 & 1958 in fair or better condition (\$10 each) plus postage. Phone Rod on 0408173662 or email rod-reynolds@outlook.com All these are the Yellow cover version.