



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The APCS AGM – New Committee

The annual general meeting of the APCS for the year 2019-2020 was held on-line using ZOOM software with a dozen members attending via audio/video links. A quorum was achieved with the assistance of 7 proxies.

The annual report as printed with Back Focus No.115 was adopted without change, and a new committee was appointed as follows:

President: Rod Reynolds

Vice-president: Ken Anderson

Secretary: Kevin Saunders

Treasurer: John Young

Ordinary members: Leigh Harris, Andrew Korlaki, Matt Makinson, John Millar, Ray Schatz.

One position of ordinary member remains vacant. Contact us if you feel that you can contribute to the running of the society in this way.

November meeting – ZOOM

Holding a meeting via ZOOM proved to be a success for the AGM so we are trying the idea of having a general meeting next week (15th November 2pm) also using ZOOM. It will be a bit of an experiment in the form of a members-only market. Choose a couple of items to sell and show the rest of the attendees what you have. If you are interested in buying then an email to web@apcsociety.com.au will get you contact details. If no-one is in a buying mood then the meeting will become a show and tell.

To join the ZOOM meeting, you will need some details and instructions. These will be sent to financial members of the APCS in a special email a few days before the meeting. For practical reasons, only computer links will be possible and for full involvement your computer should have a webcam and microphone. Any computer running a recent operating system with an internet browser will be adequate.

The new “normal” mode continues

Changes in how the COVID era is being treated are happening all the time. Melbourne has performed very well in managing the infection rates and there is an expectation that more freedom will be possible in 2021. Whether that extends to markets and auctions is yet to be seen – we live in hope...

It is increasingly the case that we have to look after ourselves, and continued 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 deteriorating, and a common theme is moving from meetings and distribution of magazines etc to being entirely on-line.

Vale – passing members

We regret that we have to inform you of the passing of members in recent times:

Geoff Clarke passed away in July – he had been a member since 1993

Alan Elliott passed away in October – a member since 1990.

Our condolences are extended to their families and indeed to all who associated with them.

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. It was in fact a film splitter capable of producing two strips each 16mm wide from 35mm stock. It is likely that it was used with type-35 film which was like our modern 35mm film (type 135) but without sprocket holes. Just which camera it was designed to support will have to remain a mystery. In this photo of the unit cutting some 35mm film, you can see the two 16mm strips and the waste 3mm.

The mystery for this month is to identify the article in this photo, and to get close you might have to think laterally. Send identification or guess to web@apcsociety.com.au and if you have an 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
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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
www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSC/NEWS_2020_10.pdf

And also from the Photographic Historical Society of Canada are web copies of their magazine "Photographic CANADIANA" – lots of very interesting material. The "Special Volume" items below are particularly interesting – originally appearing in the journal of the Western Photographic Collectors Association (WPCA) in 1995. That organisation was affiliated with the university of California Museum of Photography. The journal ceased publication in 1996 and the WPCA went into dissolution in 2001. There are 5 sections listed here and there are another two issues promised covering the subject of enlargers.

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
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www.apcsociety.com.au/PHSC/CANADIANA_SpV1No5_FlashLamps.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.

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.



For Sale

Copies of the British Journal Photographic Almanac (BJPA) 1940, 1947 & 1948 in poor condition (\$6 each), and 1951, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956 & 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.

For Interest

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

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.