

November Field Trip**94th Lake Goldsmith Steam & Vintage Rally**

I left the city at 7:00 an uneventful trip until the Pentland Hills where I had to grope my way through the worst pea souper fog I had seen for years. It was a long way to Lake Goldsmith but the trip was worth it. The atmosphere was like a carnival with a cheerful colourful noisy crowd punctuated by the gasps, pops screams squeals and explosions of easily a hundred steam engines of all sizes

*Some of our members... see below.*

shapes and purposes and all working. We had arranged to meet at the Food Hall on the hour but you know all about the best laid plans. A phone call to Alan (thank goodness for mobile phones) found that he had lost his way, in fact most of the day was spent looking for everyone and losing them again. One woman had the right idea She had her two children on leashes. It was the only way. If Australia rose to prosperity on the sheep's back then it was these beautiful behemoths that opened the country and displaced the horse drawn plough and the back breaking toil of manual ploughing. The day was spent wandering around them and avoiding very small steam engines expertly driven by enthusiastic boys. At 2:15 we were treated to the steam rally where the engines were paraded and their place in history explained. Most had a top speed of 25 metres per hour. I passed Alan a couple of times looking for his party but I managed to get some together for a group shot then lost them again. Another tour found Alan still searching for his party. There were many opportunities for photos but it is with deep shame that I have to report that only Alan had film cameras. A good fun day all round and another successful field trip.

Apart from Ian and Jean, Brian and Pat, self, Alan and Ian McKenzie above, Ian's partner took the pic while Greg Branson & family, John Gregg and wife and Alan's partner and dog Caddie were elsewhere on the 38 acres.

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**Social Outing - November 22**

Don't forget our annual Social, this year at Holger Schult's home. A unique opportunity to look at his museum; if you have not seen it, this is a must! Together with the Spit Roast, don't forget to bring along your Swap & Sell box and bring along photos and cameras from our field trips. Many people will not have had a chance to look at them. Be there! Margaret 03 9836 3719

Diary Entries**November 22**

Annual Social Gathering
at Holger's - 12:00 noon
Inspect his large collection
Buy, Swap & Sell
Pit Roast

Exhibit Results of Field Days
Bookings Essential!
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January 17

Field Day
Loch, Korumburra, Coal Creek
Great Southern Railway
Society Bus 9:30 Dandenong
Andrew Korlaki 0400 081738
andrew@korlaki.com

February 21

Auction at AMRA Hall
View 10:00am till 12:00 noon
Gen Meeting 12:15pm
Auction starts 12:30pm
Entries close end December
Catalogue available in January
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March ???

Market Location
T.B.A.
Times to be defined
Details & Bookings
Alan King 03 52412404
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April 18

Meeting at AMRA Hall - 12:00
Buy, Swap & Sell Tables
Speaker - Gerhard Liedtke
"The History of Flash"
More From Field Trips
Movie Show
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Meetings & Auctions

Australian Model Railway Hall
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Relative Values

Hello Margaret, I thought that I should honour my pledge and submit an article for the newsletter. I recently came into possession of the book "Manual of the Miniature Camera" circa 1938. It is an excellent book with much of interest to the collector, but I found the most interesting thing being the publishing of the prices of the cameras for sale in that period. I started to think it would be nice to put things in context so I looked up a site on the internet that gave me the wage structure in England, it was an English book, for 1938 and using the trades I was familiar with ie plumbing carpentry and motor mechanic I came up with the following. In England a tradesman earned three pounds six shillings and sixpence per 48 hour week, it was 10 quid in 1963 where I worked. In Australia it was three pounds nineteen per week for a 44 hour week. Now let us look at the prices quoted, an Ensign Midget was 1 pound 2 shillings one third of a weeks wage. Purma specials were 2 pounds 12 shillings and 6 pence two thirds of a weeks wage and an Ensign Double 8 Spounds 2 shillings and sixpence a weeks wage. Now if we fast forward to 2009 money it makes the Midget \$330.00 the Purma about \$660 and the Double 8 \$1000. Whew! Now if we go into the rarified levels of a Kodak Retina 11 with the Xenon f2 lens it cost 30 pounds or 7.5 weeks wages or in 2009s money \$7500 . Now if you wish to go stratapheric with prices a Contax 111 started at 53 pounds and a Contaflex tlr. was 64 pounds 12shillings and 6 pence that is equivalent to \$19500 today.

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On that note when I bought my first printer a HP it cost over 900 dollars. This was back in the 80's. I recently bought another HP for \$19 after a cash back of \$20 Notice how the price of digitals has come down My first was a 1.5 Fuji \$550 and my second a 4 Mp Kodak was \$850 reduced from nearly one thousand.. My third is an 8MP Kodak for \$350. I don't think that these will appreciate much over the next century. MEM

Field Trip - January 17

We are heading to the cool climate in the foothills of the Strzlecki ranges; Korumburra and Coal Creek. For train travellers and those in good voice, a Society bus will start from Dandenong station at 9:30, pick up along the way as required and head to Loch with its Antique and Bric-a-Brac shops. The South Gippsland Tourist Railway is an option to travel on to Korumburra for lunch, then to Coal Creek. The rail track winds through the hills with spectacular views and steep inclines, while Korumburra station is on the heritage list. Coal Creek is a musuem dedicated to the history of coal and dates back to 1872. The photo opportunities on this day are boundless. Register your interest with Andrew on 0400 081738 or andrew@korlaki.com by January 10th so we can make the necessary arrangements.

Auctions 2009

2009 saw three auctions with a wide variety of goods changing hands and some extremely interesting cameras added to collections. Most of these came from one deceased estate and from out side vendors. One deceased estate formed a large part of both the July and the October auctions There were many bargains but on the whole prices were good, particularly interesting was a the fact that SLRs seem to be retaining value.. Probably the star item from the October Auction was the Hare full plate field camera that could be converted to stereo. A lovely piece. Then there was the Thompson Land camera which was pretty rare as only five hundred were made and the 1A Folding Pocket Kodak c1899 which I was happy to add to my collection. I continue to get many enquiries from people wishing to dispose of inherited gear and I am happy to oblige. Hopefully we will have some interesting auctions in 2010.

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Help!



Geoff Harrison needs the base end cap for the Canon Flash Model Y shown above. This is the unit that slides into the side connector shoe of the Canon IV series rangefinder camera bodies. Contact Geoff on 03 62345036 or gharriss@bigpond.net.au.

More Help!

I would love to hear from members with news items or paragraphs, seeking items as above or Buy, Swap, Sell for the newsletter.

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Welcome...

To our new and returning members
JAMES ONO, CREMORNE NSW
MILAN RUPA, ST.ALBANS VIC
FRANK CHANG, CAMBERWELL VIC
HANS KRAINZ, DINGLEY VIC
CAMERAHOLICS, QUEENSLAND
KAREN ROBINSON, SOUTH YARRA VIC
REGINALD EASDALE, CASTLEMAINE VIC
EDWARD NICIELNIK, GENROY VIC