



# NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS: AMRA Hall, 92 Wills St, Glen Iris, VIC  
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### November 19 – Event Change

We had a plan for a social event on November 19<sup>th</sup> but things did not pan out as we had wished. However we will be having a ZOOM meeting that anyone can join at 2 pm Eastern Australian Daylight Savings Time next Sunday (19<sup>th</sup>). Part of the original plan was to present a newly discovered set of photographs from 1880 from the Eastern European State of Bukovina which have not previously been available. That presentation will have to wait but some significant research on the life and conditions in some of those States is currently emerging where almost the totality of the source material is from contemporary photographs. As a theme for the ZOOM meeting, that presentation has been summarised and used as a discussion starting point on the general subject of “evidence from photographs”, and this will provide an opportunity to see a few of the Bukovina images. The links and data for the ZOOM meeting are:

Topic: APCS Zoom Meeting

Time: Nov 19, 2023 02:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83564333255?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83564333255?pwd=aBGij8lQIvVQzDtBzbVzeVdNa4O5cDi.1)

pwd=aBGij8lQIvVQzDtBzbVzeVdNa4O5cDi.1

Meeting ID: 835 6433 3255 Passcode: 436396

Just clicking on the link from your internet browser at 2pm EASDT on Sunday should give you immediate access.

### WARNING – SPAM EMAILS

The APCS has received reports that there have been Email messages sent to members demanding money and updates to Email details – purporting to come from members of the APCS committee and web administrators. Some of those messages look very authentic. Each one has been analysed and so far have not involved any recognised sources, but do appear to be the product of new Artificial Intelligence SPAM generators. Simply delete anything that looks at all suspicious. Should a matter need your personal attention, contact will be made by phone, at least in the first instance.

### Program for 2024

The meeting and event dates for the APCS program for 2024 are now on the APCS website – and follows much the same sequence as this year. More details will be in the January newsletter.

### The APCS Library

The APCS has a library that is held at the AMRA Hall and there is an interesting collection of magazines and

newsletters from other societies around the World, with whom we have exchange agreements. You can see these at <https://www.apcsociety.com.au/Library.html> . This is updated from time to time as new issues arrive.

Back copies of the APCS publications are also available on-line in PDF format. You can see Back Focus at <https://www.apcsociety.com.au/BackFocus> .

You can see current issues of Back Focus and the Newsletter at any time from the APCS website <https://www.apcsociety.com.au>

### Back Focus

We are always on the lookout for articles for Back Focus. Maybe start preparing an item for the next edition. There is a plan in place to make this a special edition around historical photographs. The new printing quality that can be achieved for Back Focus will allow the photos to be included at high resolution. If you have photographs or plates that have turned up of historical importance, let us know and we can help in the reproduction if that is necessary. We are NOT looking for images that are readily available or are encumbered by copyright, and there should be a story around them.

Please consider writing a full article for Back Focus – a wide range of subjects can be included. This is also a way of making a bit of money from your hobby – we pay \$50 per page for articles if you ask for it. Submissions should be provided electronically and illustrations should be in colour if appropriate and at a resolution that supports 300dpi when printed.

### Membership renewals for 2023-24 – Annual fee now \$50

Thankyou to those who have paid in advance. Annual renewals were due on 31<sup>st</sup> May each year and the fee is now \$50. If you are uncertain about your status, send an email to [web@apcsociety.com.au](mailto:web@apcsociety.com.au) – and renewals can be made at any time by 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.

Alternatively you can pay at any APCS event or you can send a cheque (made out to the Australian Photographic Collectors' Society), to the Treasurer to P.O.Box126, KANGAROO GROUND, VIC 3097. If you have changed any of your contact details – address, phone numbers, email address etc, please let us know by mail to the Treasurer or send an email to [web@apcsociety.com.au](mailto:web@apcsociety.com.au). You can use the membership application form which you can download from <http://www.apcsociety.com.au/membership.html>

## Classified Advertisements

This column is available to you to publicise what you wish to buy and sell. To place an ad, send an email including all the details to [adverts@apcsociety.com.au](mailto: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. Please try to keep the text down to under 50 words per item. At present there is no charge for placing an ad but it is now requested that for successful sales you remit a fee of 3% of the sale value, with the fee capped at \$15 for items sold for \$500 and above. This is an honour system and you may electronically transfer such fees in the same way as for membership fees – just mark the reference with your membership number and the word “Sale”.

### Wanted

Old photographs - cartes de visite, cabinet photos, tintypes and photo postcards from all Australian states and New Zealand. Also intact 19th century family albums with photo contents. I am avid collector and I have conducted decades of research into 19th and early 20th century Australian and New Zealand photographers. Contact: Marcel Safier, Brisbane, [msafier@ozemail.com.au](mailto:msafier@ozemail.com.au); 0411 238 612

### Wanted

Kodak hard rubber processing tanks, half gallon capacity, 5x4-as in photo. Need at least 3, more tanks OK. Also seeking 5x4 stainless steel film hangers in good condition and will consider any spare 3x4 (quarter plate) or 6x4 (half plate) sizes of hangers. John Fleming, Phone 03 9877-7754 Bus or email [oldercarrepairs@bigpond.com](mailto:oldercarrepairs@bigpond.com)



### For Sale

PHOTOGRAPHERS OF AUSTRALIA Dupain, Sievers and Moore covered In Film Australia production (1992) Narrated by Ruth Cracknell: DVD 43min new \$20.

Also, various surveys of Australian film history. Prices include postage. David Donaldson Ph 08 8267 5069 [filmart@dodo.com.au](mailto:filmart@dodo.com.au)

### Wanted

Member John Slater is restoring a Thornton Pickard Half-Plate “Amber” field camera similar to the more common “Ruby” and is looking for a set of bellows and a lens with its flange – probably marked “Thornton Pickard Beck” or similar. Individual items or even a camera that can be used for parts would be OK. John intends the restoration to be at a cosmetic rather than functional level so working condition is not essential. Phone John on 0414809948 or email him at [john@johnslater.com.au](mailto:john@johnslater.com.au)

### Wanted

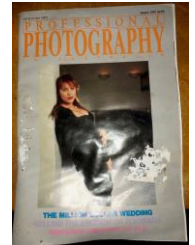
Information on Leica cameras. I am researching the history of the Leica camera in Australia and am particularly interested in any information on the importation, distribution arrangements, sales, and use and users of Leica cameras during the period 1925 to 1960. Brochures, manuals, & sales records. Early photos (1925-1930) taken with a Leica are especially wanted. Contact Bryan Kalms [leicahistory@icloud.com](mailto:leicahistory@icloud.com).

## Photoshop and Lightroom Tuition

Do you need help furthering your understanding of Photoshop and Lightroom? I can visit your home or office. You are welcome to visit my Melbourne home studio or we can do an online session if you are further out of town. Details at [www.photoshoptutor.com.au](http://www.photoshoptutor.com.au) or call and speak to me directly 0402562267 – Your personalised tutor David Ewing.

### Wanted

Member Sandy Barrie is looking for a copy of the Australian Magazine “Professional Photographer” for August 1991 to replace his existing copy that has gone solid as a result of the February 2022 floods. You can contact Sandy at [apbarrie52@dodo.com.au](mailto:apbarrie52@dodo.com.au)

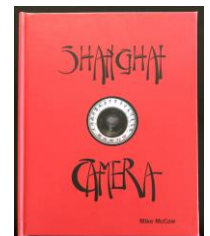


### For Sale SHANGHAI CAMERA - Mike McCaw

Written by APCS member and long time Chinese Camera collector Mike McCaw, Shanghai Camera is a definitive record of the cameras produced by the Shanghai Camera Factories between 1958 and 1986. This period encompassed both the Great Leap Forward (1956-1966) and the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976). The 76-page, hard cover book details 63 cameras from this period and contains 101 photographs. The book contains sections on ....

- The History of camera manufacture in Shanghai
- Twin Lens Reflex Cameras (1958-1986)
- Folding Cameras (1958-1986)
- Cameras of the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976)
- 35mm rangefinder and SLR cameras (1963-1986)
- Special Purpose Cameras (1968-1981)
- The Mike McCaw Collection in Shanghai

The cameras shown are all from the Mike McCaw Collection of over 200 items which was donated back to the Peoples Republic of China in 2010 and now resides in Shanghai. At the time this collection was the most comprehensive collection of Chinese home brand cameras in the world. The book is priced at AUD\$65.00 plus postage. Contact Mike at [mccaw@cbl.com.au](mailto:mccaw@cbl.com.au) or mobile 0407 774489.



### Wanted

Copies of Leica News and Technique British from January 1933, LEICA TORPEDO Finders, and copies of the Morgan & Lester Leica Manuals with publication dates of December 1936, May 1942 & 1943, January and October 1944, July 1962 and 1963 and December 1973. Phone Steve on (03)94292152

### Free

Member Ian Bock has a Bell and Howell 16mm projector type 652 which is also known as a TQ1 that is free to anyone that can pick it up from Mt Waverley (Eastern side of Melbourne). It will be going to eWaste if not ‘claimed’ by the end of November. – Give Ian a call on 0468 513222. These units have a couple of failure modes but this one was reported working perfectly when last run a while back.

## Coming Markets and Major Events

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