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January 20th 2013 Club outing to Scienceworks Museum in Spotswood

You only have a few days left to confirm your attendance for our next club outing at Scienceworks on January 20.

Scienceworks, located at 2 Booker St Spotswood (Victoria), is housed in an old Victorian era pumping station, and has a range of interesting old buildings to explore – not to mention the various exhibits of interest to those both young and old.

Of particular interest to photographers is the exhibition “Winning Sky Photos – The David Malin Awards 2012”, an exhibition of astronomical photographs covering all aspects of astronomical photography from photographs of nebulae in deep space to a photograph of a jet crossing in front of the moon.



Entry to Scienceworks is free for concession card holders and children, and only \$10 for Adults. This gives you access all areas of the complex (except for the Planetarium Show and Lighting Show (an electrical extravaganza of man- made lightning bolts) – entry to either of these events

is \$6 Adults/\$4.50 Children/\$5 concession.

If you are planning to come along please give Bob Showers a call before Friday 18th of January 2013 and he will confirm the time and meeting place. You can call him on 0418 536 562, or email him at president@apcsociety.com.au

Before coming to Scienceworks you could visit Williamstown for a coffee, or have a wander around the craft market that runs near the pier under the trees in the middle of town.

Don't forget the Next Photographic Market – Box Hill Town Hall March 10th, 2013

It's time to book your table for the next Photographic Market. It's easy – just give Kevin the Market Organiser a call on 9808 8692, or email him at market@apcsociety.com.au

A reminder from Margaret Mason

Margaret wishes to remind members that **if they have any items** they submitted to a previous auctions and haven't claimed yet (such as items that may have been passed in, or were unable to be put into an auction for example) can they please contact her ASAP on 03 9836 3719, or via email – secretary@apcsociety.com.au
BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY 2013.

Next Meeting February 17th

Will not be an auction as usual, but will be a clearance sale of items Margaret Mason has on hand – items that were donated to the club, or were “left over” from previous auctions.

The next Auction will be in July 2013.

The committee are currently revamping the entire auction process, so that it will be easier to get an accurate description of each lot entered, and to make it easier for members to submit lots to the auction.

A standard entry list (to be filled out by all club members entering lots into an auction) is being prepared, and we hope to be able to update you shortly on the progress being made in building a dedicated auction website.

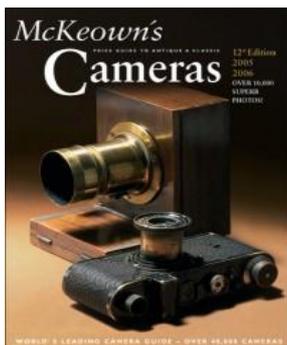
Member Geoff Schirmer to have a photographic exhibition in May

Geoff Schirmer, who gave an excellent talk on Exakta cameras last year, will be holding an exhibition of his photography at the Barossa Regional Gallery, 3 Basedow Road, Tanunda SA between the 9th of May and the 9th of June 2013.

Geoff is an excellent landscape photographer, and also a master black and white printer (of the old school), shooting mostly in large format.

As Molly used to say on Countdown – “do yourself a favour” and see it if you can – you won't be disappointed.

NEW McKeown's Price Guide – Definitive news



There has been some confusion as to when the next issue of McKeown's Price Guide is going to be released. Lyle Curr, who is one of the expert contributors to the Guide, sent Jim McKeon an email asking when it was due for publication – Jim's reply is published below in its entirety:

Lyle,
Glad to hear you are still alive and hopefully on the road to recovery. I've attached a belated Christmas greeting. In addition to the Price Guide, I'm working on a documentary film about bald eagles. This means that both projects are limited to a maximum of half-speed, since I am working alone. Also, I wanted to sell the remaining copies of the last edition so I don't get into the production of the next one with a negative financial start.

Don't believe any of the rumors. There is no imminent release. No date has ever been set. We are still working on a greatly expanded edition (8 years of work since the last one was published) which will likely be 3 volumes the size of the current 12th edition.

But we have to look at the market potential for a large and thus expensive edition. In any case it should be the last, since I am past retirement age and my assistant editor is older than I am.

At any time that you ask for a publication date, my response will be

"at least two years from now" because whenever we pull the plug on new editorial material, it will take two years to do the layout, pricing updates, and production. For reference, the current edition has about 10,000 photos. We now have over 75,000 photos to select from, and many of them will need preparation for printing (masking, levels, curves, etc.) before we can go to press.

So eventually, if we all live long enough, there will be another edition, and by far the best ever. None of this is secret. You can pass it on and make it part of the rumor mill if you wish. It is probably more accurate than the other rumors, because I am close to the source.

Take care of yourself,

Jim

So there you have it – there will be a new price guide...just don't ask when! Thanks Lyle..

SLR Compendium – An Evolutionary History & Guide – The Single Lens Reflex Camera from Agfa to Zunow – a book by member Andrew Fildes...

Member Andrew Fildes has just published, via Blurb (an online book publisher) a very interesting, large (at 430 pages) and comprehensive book on the history and evolution of the SLR camera.

The first chapter discusses the origins of the reflex camera, and its evolution from wooden sheet film cameras through to modern 35mm SLR's. The next few chapters discuss how various parts of SLR cameras evolved – the different types of viewfinders that have been used, the different kinds of shutters used, and what types of lenses have been used – how they were constructed, and the evolution on both camera manufacturer's lenses and the designs of independent lens manufacturers.

Also listed under various manufacturers are a range of codes

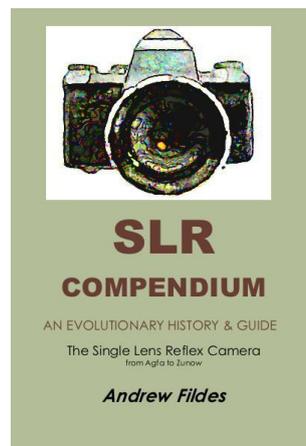
and abbreviations used by them (I knew what SSC stood for on a Canon lens, but had no idea what DSA stood for on an Olympus lens)...

Following chapters discuss various lens mounts – how to identify different mounts, and the evolution on independent interchangeable mount lenses (did you know that Hanimex sold pre-set lenses camera in both T and H mounts?).

After discussing the ins and outs of buying cameras for use we come to the cameras, which not surprisingly begin with the A's – Agfa and Aries, and finish with Zeiss and Zunow.

But that's not really the finish, as Andrew also covers 120 cameras, "bridge" cameras, miniature SLR's (APS, 126, 110, 1/2 frame), and even the pretend SLR's of the 1980's...

Inspired by his membership of the APCS and its members, the book is available for the bargain price of \$45 + postage (softcover) from blurb via <http://au.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/3732813> or if you aren't on the internet you can call him on 0404 33 00 75 and he can arrange a copy for you.



Upcoming club events

February 17th – Clearance Sale at AMRA Hall – starting 1PM

March 10th – Flea Market at Box Hill Town Hall (Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill Vic). Doors from 9 am

April 21st – meeting at the AMRA Hall starting at 1PM

May 19th – Field trip – details to follow

June 16th – Annual General Meeting of the Club at the ARMA Hall – 1PM

July 21 – Auction at the AMRA Hall Viewing from 10am – Auction starts 12 Noon. Entries will be taken in May – more details shortly.