

# APCS NEWS

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Meetings & Auctions are held at the  
Australian Model Railway Hall  
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## FEBUARY AUCTION.

A reminder from Margaret ...

***I am only taking goods for the Febuary Auction from Jauary the 2nd to Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, so get them to me ASAP!***

***And please don't forget - NO darkroom stuff, trays or enlargers, no anonymous lenses, anonymous junk or converters, NO slide projectorsor cheap 8mm movie Cameras. Simply cannot sell them.***

***Don't forget – ALL goods need to be listed with the sellers name, address and phone number.***



## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

January – there will be NO club outing in January. Our next club outing will be in May – details to follow.

February 23rd – Auction at AMRA hall in Glen Iris.

16th of March - Photography Market at the Box Hill Town Hall. Doors open 9AM. Entry \$5

April – please note there will be NO meeting in April.

## PHOTOGRAPHY MARKET

Table bookings are now being taken for the Market – contact Kevin Saunders on 03 98088692, or email [market@apcsociety.com.au](mailto:market@apcsociety.com.au)

Kevin would also be pleased to hear from you if you are interested in taking over the position of Market Co-ordinator. Full training will be provided, and it only involves a couple of hours a week of your time.

## COLLECTOR ARRESTED FOR OWNING VINTAGE CAMERA

Ukrainian photographer and camera collector Alex Komarov has been arrested for possessing 2 vintage cold war era 1950's "spy" cameras.



Photo – Holger Schult

Although these cameras – USSR made F-21 spring wind sub miniature cameras made between the 1950's and 1990's have long been "de-classified" by Russia (and are in fact for sale from several sources on the web including the Lomography Society) they are still considered as "illegal contraband and a means of espionage" under the Ukrainian Criminal Code.

Arrested in September 2013, he was due to face court on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December, but the case was adjourned when his lawyer failed to turn up! The case is due to be heard in mid-January.

This is a ridiculous situation, especially when you consider that anyone with a current model phone has the means to not only photograph anything they want, but send the results immediately to anyone anywhere in the world.

So why has Alex been charged?

Upon hearing of the case Perth resident Michael Ward started an on line petition asking for all charges to be dropped. For more info, and to sign the petition visit <http://tinyurl.com/peu4n8c>

## WARNING!

I received the email below from member Peter Collens:

*I would like to bring to your attention a scam on ebay.*

*I recently purchased a book titled "Sony Mavica" it promised 160 pages and the blurb on the back cover succinctly described the Mavica (Magnetic Video Camera) launched in 1981 leading to the professional MVC-5000 and MVC-7000 and the Hi-Band models.*

*Unfortunately this is where it started and finished as the content of 160 pages was just a dump of text from Wikipedia on Sony generally without any reference to the Mavica cameras*

*after the introduction. They were clearly out to deceive.*

*In Australia we are lucky because the book was distributed by Bookworld in Scoresby (Melbourne) and they gave me a full refund without question.*

As we often say – “buyer beware”!

## INTERESTING LENS

Having worked in the photographic industry for the last 30 years you tend to become a bit blasé when someone tells you about a “new and amazing” lens. This one, however, is nothing short of amazing.

Sigma have released a new “standard” zoom lens for photographers who use an APSC (non full-frame) digital camera – a 18-35mm DC HSM zoom lens (say a 28-55mm in 35mm film camera terms).

Not exciting? Oh – I forgot to mention the maximum aperture - it’s a constant f1.8!



That got my attention. Then I read the reviews. It’s good – very, very good.

How good? I’ll leave it up to you to read the reviews, but let’s say it compares very favourable to Canon L series lenses.

And the price? RRP is \$799 (and you will get one for much less if you shop around – with full Australian warranty).

## FUJI ANNOUNCES NEW INSTANT FILM PRINTER

Fuji have just announced a new printer that takes Instax Mini instant film and produces prints directly via Wi-Fi from your phone or tablet (or even your android powered camera?).



Powered by two CR-2 batteries. Pricing and availability TBA.

## SPEAKING OF AMAZING LENSES...

According to the patent in the link below Canon may be planning to bring out a compact camera with a MEGA zoom. How big? In 35mm terms 20-1900mm! Now that’s what I call a superzoom!

<http://egami.blog.sonet.ne.jp/2013-12-20>

## LOOK WHAT SANTA BOUGHT ME FOR CHRISTMAS...

