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### Next Meeting

“Collecting Digital Cameras and Technology” may not be high on some of our priorities but it is now more than a quarter of a century ago that the first of the digital cameras emerged, more than 15 years that they became readily available, and already there are a great many items that “we should have collected when we could”. The digital image explosion has been spectacular. There are now more digital cameras of all kinds made every 25 days than the total number of film cameras that were EVER made, and there are now something like 11,000 manufacturers. Some of those digital cameras must be collectable, and now is the time to find them before the rarest ones become super rare or too costly. Bring along your rare oddity and talk about it – and Rod will bring along a selection of some early digitals that you may never have seen or even heard about. He will also show some oddities in digital storage that were used to store images as far back as 50 years ago. 2pm at the AMRA Hall on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August.

### Secretary Required

Throughout the 40 year history of the APCS we have relied on the postal service to deliver services to all members and particularly those who are unable to attend meetings and events. But the world now relies less and less on physical delivery – replaced by email and advanced social media which are cheaper and faster. Even as I write this, I note that within an hour or so you will read it from the APCS website – notified by an email that it is there from anywhere in the world – facilitated by your computer or smart phone on channels that were not even dreamed about when the APCS was established.

As the APCS moves into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century it is time to revise what we do and find people who can support it. A year or so ago we started this transition, facilitated by people who were IT specialists assisting those amongst us who were not familiar with the emerging techniques. Today you don't have to be a specialist but you do have to be familiar with the tools that are out there in communications, presentation of information, and all the user interfaces that are the practices of today. Things like Web pages, Facebook, Twitter and electronic publishing have to be second nature to us in the same way that the rest of the world has become. That also includes ensuring that our systems are reliable and that the records and data that we generate are safely stored.

We will all become familiar with the tools of the day, but there is one position on the Committee where familiarity with them is required right now. Margaret Mason has been President and Secretary for most of the history of the APCS and after so many years of dedicated service has decided to step back. We look for someone to take over a different set of Secretarial reins as we move forward. Expressions of interest are sought for a person to be appointed as Secretary in a role that now includes what used to be called the Public Officer (change of legislation). You will be familiar with editing web pages, compiling and releasing mass emails, advising members via Facebook and similar social media and storing electronic versions of what we do. All of this will almost certainly utilise Cloud Computing. As we move forward we will also have on-line auctions and buy and sell sites and release meeting presentations on-line to remote members. If you are interested in becoming the Secretary and have the right credentials, please send an email to the President [president@apcsociety.com.au](mailto:president@apcsociety.com.au)

## Auction – Sunday 17th July

Another successful auction has come and gone, and while this auction was one of the smallest in the number of lots it contained, the items on offer were of a very high quality, and included several rare cameras. One member commented to me after the auction he'd bought a camera he never expected the



opportunity to own (he'd only ever seen pictures of it in books).

Thanks again to Max Amos for



being auctioneer, and to all the members who helped in making the day the success it was.



The next auction on October 16<sup>th</sup> is only a couple of months away, and Margaret is now accepting lots for this auction.

## Leica Family Tree for sale

One unique lot at the next "Out Of The Ordinary" auction at Christie's in London is a Leica family tree – no, not a printed poster, but the actual Camera Tree that was on display at the Leica headquarters in Solms until



the factory moved back to Wetzlar. The cameras that were on the tree were transferred to the Leica Museum, and the "Stammbaum" (tree display stand) was sold to Richard and David Stephens, owners of the Leica Store in Manchester, who had the tree on display in their store complete with all models of Leica rangefinder and R series film cameras. Out of necessity there are 2 replica cameras on the tree (the Ur and Null series rangefinders) – all other 105 cameras are original Leica production cameras. The estimated price for this unique piece of Leica history? \$500,000US.

<http://www.christies.com/lotfinder/lot/leica-camera-family-tree-leitzleica-germany-20th-6014844-details.aspx?from=salesummary&intObjectID=6014844>

## Colouring photos

It's amazing how far computer technology has come, with some computer programmers from the University of California in Berkley have created a program where you upload a black and white photograph, and the program searches images on the internet, and uses the colour data found to colorize your photograph.



While the results need some tweaking in a photo editing program such as Photoshop, the results can be quite good.

You can find a video of how it works here -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUGDhEd1c7I>

And the website to colourize your photos can be found here - <http://demos.algorithmia.com/colorize-photos>

## Market at Box Hill Town

### Hall – Sunday 18th September

The next market is coming up, and market organiser Leigh Harris is now accepting table bookings. You can book your table via email: [market@apcsociety.com.au](mailto:market@apcsociety.com.au) or give him a call on 03 9898 0483.

We also need to let **as many people as possible** know about the market. If you have a Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr etc. account **please post the market details**, and if you can post a link to the clubs Market webpage - <http://www.apcsociety.com.au/market.html>

**Doors open 9AM, and entry is still only \$5.**

**The Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd Box Hill**