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Meetings & Auctions are held at the
Australian Model Railway Hall
 92 Wills Street
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Photographic Market – Box Hill Town Hall Sunday 18th September



Over 100 people were waiting when the doors opened help make this one of our most successful markets ever. Buyers seemed to take their time to go around the tables, making 2 or 3 runs through the hall. The photos here show just how busy the day became with no drop-off until closing time.



We really did seem to have almost anything related to photography for sale, a couple of vintage framed photographs, some very nice



collectable items from a rare Rectaflex Junior and a Black Canon VT rangefinder to more unusual items like a homemade stereo camera rig. And there were many digital cameras for sale ranging from professional SLRs to “classic” compact digital cameras – some are already collectable!



Several sellers commented on a lively interest in film equipment among young photographers who had grown up with digital photography.



Congratulations to Leigh Harris for arranging a great day, and we all look forward to the next Market in March 2017.



The next event – members-only auction next Sunday 16th October – AMRA Hall viewing from 10am – auction at noon

The final auction for the year includes nearly 200 lots and the catalogue is included with the current Back Focus, or you can download it from the website:
<http://www.apcsociety.com.au/auction-oct2016.pdf>

Remember that you need to be a financial member to bid and purchase. The cover sheet on your Back Focus shows your current financial status from the database a couple of weeks ago. If you have renewed very recently it may not be showing correctly – sorry about that. If you do need to pay on Sunday then someone will be able to help you on the stage at the hall. As usual John Millar will be providing light refreshments. Suggested prices and condition reports were provided by the vendors – caveat emptor – check for yourself,

Is a camera owned by a famous photographer worth more?

Yes – at least based on some recent auctions. A Leica camera body owned by Cuban photographer Alberto Korda recently sold for US \$20,340. While you may not recognise the name – you will recognise one of the photographs taken with this camera, as it is one of the most recognised photographs ever taken – that of Argentine Marxist revolutionary Che Guevara



The camera was being sold by Korda's son Dante, who included not only a letter stating that his father actively used this camera during the 50's and 60's, but also a photograph of his father with a Leica camera around his neck standing

next to another famous revolutionary...

<http://leicamors.com/2016/10/05/alberto-kordas-leica-sold-for-20340.aspx/>



It makes me wonder how much this Arca Swiss large format camera from the 1960's is worth as it was once owned by Ansel Adams? The camera, complete with 3 lenses was gifted to Belgian photographer Liliane de Cock in 1968. The outfit has an opening bid of US \$35,000, and

an estimated selling price of US \$80-100,000

<https://fineart.ha.com/itm/ansel-adams-arca-swiss-4x5-view-camera-outfit-used-from-1964-to-1968comprising-a-4x5-arca-swiss-monorail-camera-extra-ba-total-2-items-/a/5272-73065.s>

Interesting new products announced at Photokina

Among a range of new products there were a few surprises including a new Fuji mirrorless medium format digital camera – the GFX50S

<http://www.theverge.com/circuitbreaker/2016/9/21/12971628/fujifilm-gfx-50s-medium-format-hands-on>

(it will be very interesting to see what medium format lenses can be used on the camera with an adapter)

Leica bought out a new film camera – that takes Fuji Instax Film!:

<https://en.leica-camera.com/Photography/Leica-Sofort>



Lensbaby announced a unique 28mm lens for mirrorless digital cameras which has a built in 3 lens turret giving 3 unique looks

<https://lensbaby.com/product/trio-28/>

And Chinese lens manufacturer Handevision Iberit showed a range of 5 lenses which will be available to suit both mirrorless digital cameras and Leica M mount cameras (with rangefinder coupling)

<http://www.photographyblog.com/news/handevision-iberit-lenses-hands-on-photos/>

Ferrania film news

It's been a little over 12 months without any major news, but Ferrania have just taken their last major step towards film manufacture, having test coated film!

<http://www.filmferrania.it/news/2016/green-means-go>

Hopefully they will produce their first black and white film soon!

New 5x4 developing tank

An interesting new developing tank allows you to process 4 sheets of 5x4 film in only 475ml of developer.

<https://shop.stearmanpress.com/products/sp-445-compact-4x5-film-processing-system>



The tank was recently reviewed by well-known Victoria pinhole photographer David Tatnall on the excellent Large Format Blog website -

<https://thelargeformatblog.com/2016/09/05/sp-445-compact-4-x-5-developing-tank-review>

(thanks to John Fleming for the above 2 tips).