



THE NEWSLETTER

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The next APCS event is the Members-only Auction 21st July

The auction scheduled for 21st July contains several standout items: A group of prewar Exakta VP models including a couple of quite rare black bodies, one of which is the rare “Junior” version which has a fixed lens, an Ensign Special Reflex, an early Kodak No.1 Panoramic, and some Contax range-finders. There are also quite a few rare Agfa, Kodak, Diax, and Bencini items, as well as makers that we don’t see very often – a total of 336 lots. About 60% of the lots are from the collection of the late Roger Burrows, and that suggests that there are some extended sets of variations.

The auction list contains some very desirable items. For example, Kodak Autographics are very very common. But in this auction there are no less than TWO exceptionally rare versions fitted with coupled rangefinders, both known as “Specials” one taking 122 film and the other 130 film, and the latter (a 2c Special – but not the one shown in Collectblend) is complete with its rather different stylus, and has an attractive art deco finish. When they were new, an ordinary autographic cost about US\$20 whereas one of these CRF versions cost US\$124 – that is \$2,250 in Australia today! No wonder that they are rare!

The auction will be conducted at the APCS club rooms at the AMRA Hall – 92 Wills Street Glen Iris. Viewing from 2-4pm on Saturday 20th July and from 10am on Sunday 21st. The auction starts at NOON. Light refreshments will be available on Auction day.

For members not familiar with APCS auctions, there is NO buyer’s premium – you pay only the price that you bid. However for absentee bids we will ask you to pay freight and postage where necessary. Please pay on the day by cash or cheque. At the moment we don’t have EFTPOS capability.

The catalogue is an interactive one and can be downloaded by clicking on:

<http://www.apcsociety.com.au/Catalogue0719.pdf>

About a quarter of the descriptions are underlined and will be in blue for most readers. Those items are linked to photographs that are stored on the internet, and can be viewed if the PDF file is read on any computer or smart phone that supports an Internet Browser, and of course when the computer is connected to the Internet. To view one of the photographs, simply click on the item (left click in the case of a Windows computer, or tap on a phone or touchscreen). To return to the catalogue simply close the image. Items that have been photographed are those that are more valuable, or are unusual. All other

items are either well known, or are of moderate value, or are such that physical examination is essential.

An additional copy of the catalogue, designed for printing, has also been put on line:

<http://www.apcsociety.com.au/CataloguePrint0719.pdf>

This version does not include the photo links and does not have the blue underlining. It can be printed out from any computer that supports PDF.

Items without condition comments either rely on the photos, or should be considered to be cosmetically good. Functional condition is by description or may be shown as FC1-5 where FC1 is seriously faulty and FC5 indicates that the item should be able to be used without evident fault. “AsIs” means that the item is probably faulty or simply has not been assessed and should be considered faulty.

Please note that only financial members may bid and purchase (for mainly legal reasons) and members may check on their status if they attend at the viewing times, and update if necessary.

Absentee bids may be sent by email to president@apcsociety.com.au indicating your MAXIMUM bid no later than THURSDAY 18th, and note that the auctioneer intends to start with bids from the floor. Phone bids will also be accepted but please notify the President by email president@apcsociety.com.au no later than THURSDAY 18th. We will call you just before the relevant item.

CAVEAT EMPTOR: Please note that it is up to you – the buyer – to inspect what you are bidding for. Even though a lot of effort has to go into preparing and running these auctions, the volunteers doing the work do not have the time and often the expertise to inspect, test and report on every item. Moreover, many of the items are frail and even testing them can cause damage that buyers don’t want to see.

If you are uncertain on matters of item performance, maybe bid assuming that there are faults. Some of these auction items were made in the Century before last and have not been stored under ideal conditions. Even items made 50 years ago may have lubricants that have dried out, and seals that have perished. As time passes we see more items that may be in perfect cosmetic condition but not operational, even though they may be “new in box”. In the case of electronic items, the design life of a lot of components is only 15 years and some of those cameras are now approaching 50 years old. We have to face the reality that such items cannot be made functional as replacements for what are sometimes bespoke components that have failed through age simply do not exist.

APCS AGM and Committee for 2019-2020

The APCS AGM was held in June and a PDF of the annual report can be viewed and downloaded from: <http://www.apcsociety.com.au/AnnualReport.pdf> .

The executive and committee for 2019-2020 is:

President: Rod Reynolds

Vice President: Ken Anderson

Treasurer: John Young

Secretary: Stephen Chung (Acting)

Committee: Ian Carron, Kevin Saunders, Leigh Harris, Matt Makinson, Stephen Chung, John Millar.

Note that the position of Secretary is now held by Stephen Chung in an acting capacity. If you feel that you can contribute to the APCS as Secretary please contact the President president@apcsociety.com.au

No Back Focus? – Membership lapsed?

Did you get a copy of Back Focus in June? If not it is probable that you did not renew your membership last year (we continue to send newsletters for a year after members become unfinancial).

Thankyou to the members who have already renewed their membership for 2019-20. The annual fee remains at \$30 can be paid by a direct deposit into the APCS 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. Or send a cheque to the Treasurer P.O.Box126, KANGAROO GROUND, VIC 3097

If any of your details have changed please let us know. Download the membership form from the website <http://www.apcsociety.com.au/membership.html> and include it with your cheque, or email the changes to the Treasurer or to web@apcsociety.com.au .

APCS communications with members

In today's environment things can happen quickly and it is becoming more important to ensure that you – the members – have access to the latest information as soon as possible.

Once upon a time, such information was stored up and when there was enough to talk about, a newsletter was written and sent out by mail. Today, the mail system is not only costly, but is much slower than previously.

With the rollout of digital communications through mobile phones, ADSL services, the NBN and several wireless digital communications services, information can be got to you nearly instantaneously and cheaply. The central location of information to do with the APCS is the APCS website: www.apcsociety.com.au but there are other methods that we use. In each month that includes an APCS event, an electronic newsletter (like this one) is produced that you can read from a link in an email that is sent to the email address that you give us in your membership details. If you choose not to do that you can still see the newsletter from the APCS webpage – just go to the "Newsletter" tab and click on the link. Make sure that you update the page or you may only see older information.

We also put information on social media – most notably FaceBook. Go to your own FaceBook page and

search on APCS. If you are not a FaceBook user, don't worry, the information is also on the APCS webpage.

Classified Advertisements

You can place classified advertisements in these pages. Send an email to adverts@apcsociety.com.au including 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 – your decision. At present there is no charge for this service. For the timebeing keep the text down to under 50 words per item.

For Sale: Photographic Books

A visitor to the Society has a number of photographic books available for sale. Interested members should contact Shane directly on 0413 806975

1. LEICA An Illustrated History Volume II-LENSES James L. Lager - 1994 Lager limited edition (Signed copy). In good condition \$300.
2. LEICA LITERATURE 1930 -1960 James L. Lager - 1980 MORGAN & MORGAN. In good condition \$20.
3. ROLLEI TLR. THE HISTORY (The complete book on the origins of twin-lens photography) by Ian Parker 1992. In good condition \$30.
4. COLLECTORS GUIDE TO ROLLEI CAMERAS - by Arthur Evans. 5th printing 1990 CENTENNIAL PHOTO SERVICES . In good condition \$10.
5. Excellence in photography - applied Leica technique by Gunter Osterloh 1st Ed 1984. In good condition \$5.
6. LEICA MANUAL - The complete book of 35mm photography. 15th Ed 1973 Morgan & Morgan. In fair condition \$5.

Books sold would have to be picked up from Shane's address in Eltham VIC - phone for details.

For Sale: Voigtlander Prominent Outfit

A Voigtlander Prominent outfit is available for sale at an exceptional value price of \$1,200 for the lot. The outfit which is believed to be in near-mint condition consists of:

- Prominent I (early) body s/n B29590
- Prominent I (late) body s/n B64619
- Lens Ultron 2/50 s/n 3613870
- Lens Skoparon 3.5/35 s/n 4567121
- Lens Dynaron 4.5/100 s/n 3629084
- Turnit 35&100mm viewfinder
- Kontur 35mm parallax corrected viewfinder
- Lens hood, 310/47 push-on
- UV filter 317/47, push-on + case
- G2 filter 302/47, push-on + case



- Focar 2 close-up lens 304/47, push-on
- Focar 1 close-up lens 303/47, push-on
- 2x Leather e/r cases + straps for the Prominents
- Leather filter or accessory belt case 90/093
- Leather case for 35mm lens
- Leather case for Kontur viewfinder
- Instruction books x 4
- Generic cable release
- Generic hard HDPE water/shockproof transport case

Except the cable release and HDPE case, all are Voigtlander items. They are located in NSW and you can email Andy at mccourt.andrew@gmail.com

