

THE BELLOWS

21st GREAT YEAR

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Puget Sound Photographic Collector's Society, Inc.

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WHAT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF PSPCS

WHERE

DES MOINES MASONIC TEMPLE 2208 S. 223rd St. (Take Midway exit #149 west off I-5..go to first stop light west of Pacific Hwy S...turn right.)

WHEN

Thursday, January 20, 2000 7:30 till 10:00 p.m. (Doors open about 6:30 p.m.)

WHY

Short business meeting..auction (one item per member please)..door prize..Show & Tell.. member trade and sell tables (free to members, please cover table during business meeting).
Program: Bring a camera, or two, that you would like more information on and let other members help...using their vast knowledge built up over years of collecting.

TIME TO ORDER YOUR TABLES:

Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of their club and order their tables for our twentieth annual Camera and Photographica Sale, Swap & Show. As you can see from your brochure everything is the same this year..table cost, price, number of tables etc. Please note that we did include a space on the order form, for those of you ordering the maximum of three tables, to indicate if you would like to order additional tables...if any should be available. Also, please note that eventhough the show is on the 4th Saturday in April it is not on the LAST Saturday in April; due to this being a strange five Saturday April.

Please send in your table order as soon as possible. Members have a ten day head start over non-members for tables; but in the past we have sold out our 250 tables inside of six weeks. **DON'T GET LEFT OUT!** We are looking for our best show ever this year. Forms for members who would like to have a free display table will be included in the February Newsletter mailing.

CHARLES L. MERRILL DIES:

Robert Peters reports that long time member Colonel Merrill, as he was known, died on December 13, 1999 at the age of 81. He had been ill for some time and died of natural causes. The Colonel was a most valued members of P.S.P.C.S. and he will be missed!

PORTLAND PHOTOGRAPHERS' FORUM:

The 18th Annual Camera Swap Meet by Portland Photographers' Forum is scheduled for Saturday, March 18th from 10 AM to 4 PM (early entry \$15.00 at 8:30 AM) at the Collector's Market located at 8900 North Vancouver Ave. in Portland. This is all the information I have received. Hopefully, I will have more next month.

With thanks to the Photographic Historical Society here is:

This Month's Mystery Question(s)

Answers at end of Newsletter.

While every reference we checked differed slightly in the figures, take a stab at these questions and see how close your answers are to those at the end of the newsletter.

1. In 1888, the Kodak camera was introduced. How many were sold?
2. In 1901, the #1 Kodak Brownie was introduced. How many were sold?
3. In 1963, the Kodak Instamatic Camera was introduced. How many were sold?

BACKSIDE INFORMATION

Meeting came to order at 7:40 p.m. A nice turnout of members and wives were in attendance. Minutes of November meeting were approved as read. Treasurer reported club had enough funds to continue but dues would be welcome. President, Dave Studebaker, reminded those who attend without paying their owed dues that they really should pay the clubs' \$10.00 yearly dues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Gary reported the Show Committee was working. Darrel Womack is Registration Chairman this year. The Committee will meet monthly until the Show on April 22. Club members will be needed to help at the door, etc. Gary was asked if we were going to push the 20th year for our show. He said yes.

There was no New Business. Four members brought interesting items for Show & Tell. Several items were brought to auction...one did not sell!

After the excellent spread of food brought by Shirley and John had been devoured..the meeting had been quickly finished..Jolly Ole St. Nick joined us for the present exchange. A good time was had by all and the sparkling cider was again a tasty treat. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. as Santa departed for other pressing duties.

CAMERA COLLECTOR'S SHOW:

The Collector's Market, Inc. is holding a Camera Show Saturday, January 22 from 9am to 4pm at their store located at 8900 N. Vancouver Avenue Portland, Oregon 97217 (503) 283-2940. Earlybird is \$10.00 General admission is \$3.00. Table cost are: 1 for \$25.00..2 for \$40.00 and 3 for \$50.00. This has been a very small show in the past but they seem to be doing a bit more advertizing this year.



Gary Sivertsen is attending a camera/antique show in Japan during February. He would like to buy about 150 collectable 35..rangefinder..modern 35 cameras to take with him If you have some for sale contact Gary at. (253) 564-3782 before February first.

Non-member Wilfried Baatz, (206) 367-7274, is looking for a Fokos Range Finder for a 1F Leica. This is the post WWII chrome model with no shoe and no swivel made between 1961 to 1965.



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The P.S.P.C.S. internet address is: <http://www.geocities.com/eureka/park/3740/>

Dues are \$10.00 per year and should be sent to Secretary/Treasurer Shirley Sparrow, 300 Pease Road, Cle Elum, WA 98922 (509) 674-1916. P.S.P.C.S. members receive first notification of our last Saturday in April yearly show.

PRESIDENT: DAVE STUDEBAKER, (253) 582-4878

CANON ACCESSORIES NEEDED:

Some time ago non-member Gary L. Smith..PO Box 681..Grayland, WA 98547..(360) 267-6044 wrote asking if any P.S.P.C.S. member had the following items for sale for a Canon T-90 SLR. If you do, contact him and see if he is still in need. Gary is looking for: Macro Ringlight ML-2...Eye Cup-T...Focusing Screen B or C...Canon 450 Close-Up lens 52MM...New FD 300MM F-4...Data Memory Back...Lens Hoods BS-52 and BT-52. Thanks. Ed.

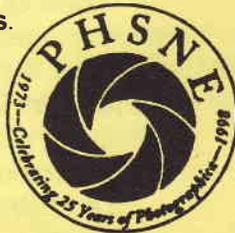
UNEARTHED! The First Single-Use Camera!

PHSNE honorary life member Eaton Lothrop, Jr. was recently in Popular Photography magazine talking about one of his many photo interests.



When was the first disposable (a.k.a. single-use) camera created? Some readers may recall the Kodak Fling, the 110-cartridge disposable introduced in 1987. Others may note that this was the same year Fuji introduced its 35mm Quick-Snap—and that Fuji had brought out a 110 disposable a year earlier.

So who was first? Neither. In fact, the origin of this type of camera predates the trademarks "Kodak" and "Fuji"—going back 112 years.



Reprinted from snap shots, the PHSNE newsletter

In March, 1886, one Alexander Pope Whittell, of San Francisco, applied for a patent for his "Photographic Apparatus," of which "each sensitized plate has its portable folding camera attached." The camera was to be made of "paper or other suitable material." Instead of a lens, the camera had a "minute central aperture...of about one-hundredth of an inch in diameter." In other words, this was a paper-bellowed pinhole camera. As such, it required no focusing and thus no mechanism for fixing the position of the bellows extension.

As the sensitized dry plate was permanently attached to the camera, "the removal of said plate necessitates the destruction of the entire apparatus." This made it the first disposable, or single-use, or one-time-use, or whatever-you-want-to-call-it camera.

While many patents never result in the production of the actual item, this one did. Even before the patent's issue in 1887, *Anthony's Photographic Bulletin* carried an ad for Whittell's camera under the name "The Ready Fotografer" (sic). The 3-1/4x4-1/4-inch dry-plate camera was "for sale by all dealers" at 25 cents, which nowadays seems a bargain - but bear in mind that at that time the average weekly paycheck in the U.S. was \$8.88.

With its fragile glass and paper construction, there can't be many of these still around. In fact, only one is known to exist, and it resides in the Smithsonian Institution. □

MOST DRAMATIC OF APRIL PHOTO AUCTIONS SHATTERS ALL RECORDS

A collector whose name was literally unknown even to most avid collectors of 19th c. was Harold Feigenbaum [1917-1998]. He was a son of the owner of Boston's Tremont Camera Exchange, described in *The New York Times* as a "store for the carriage trade." He managed the store for a few years after the death of his father, and then worked as an X-ray technologist at Boston University. He began to collect, filling "every inch of his two-story house in Marblehead" with books, guns, model boats, war items, Scottish Bibles - and the photography of early Boston daguerreotypists Southworth & Hawes and others. 240 daguerreotypes were found of which 70 were full plates. The auction of this extraordinary trove to a packed house was knocked down for an unprecedented \$3.3-million, noted Sotheby's Denise Bethel. A single image of two women went for \$387,500 (pre-auction est, at \$100- \$250,000); "A Cloud Study" went for \$354,500 (est. \$100-\$150,000). 111 of 112 lots offered were sold.

E-MAIL FROM BOB PETERS:

Tonight, an EMPTY Nikon SP box "mint", sold for \$685.00 on e-Bay. You'd think these were hand-made! Will these range finder boxes break the \$ 1 K barrier? Stay tuned. (Remember, thats plus shipping charges! Ed.)

Interesting Web Sites for Rainy Days

adamsgallery.com

Michael Frey does a unique cactus picture

agfaphoto.com

lots of great stuff from Agfa

azstarnet.com

Byron Dreher s home Page

butaman.ne.jp:8000/~divad

David Culton images

cameraworld.com

Camera World of Portland online

celebritymorgue.com

absolutely gruesome -autopsy photos

designshed.com

lots of fun pictures

digitalimaging.com

Home of Prolab Professional photo lab

epson.com

the world of Epson products

f45.com

Rolfe Horn web site

glazerscamera.com

Glazers Camera Store online

halcyon.com/rkarp

Photography of Seattle photographer Rein Karp

harrington.com

Roy Harrington 4x5 B&W photography

imagesbyjim.8m.com

amatuer photographer web page

journale.com

Kodak viewing room and stuff

johnnyolsen.com

fashion, headshots, beauty, fine art

kurz.com

all teenager digital snap shots

mountainlight.com

Galen Rowell's website with gallery & articles

nasa.gov

NASA site, astronomy pictures

nationalgeographic .com

National Geographic Society

negia.com/~karekin

Karekin Goekjian night photography

pentimentl.com

Philadelphia art and photo gallery

phaseone.com

digital photo library

photochannel.com

full specctrum photography site

photoflex.com

great online photo classes

photography.com

photographers resource information

photographymuseum.com

American Museum of Photography

photogs.com/bwworld/index.html

Black & White World-A Celebration of Photography

photohighway.com

digital photography newsletter

photo-pro.com

Local photo internet magazine

psa-photo.org

Photographic Society of America

qpimages.com

Qatar Photographic Society

rainierphoto.com

Rainier Photo online info and catalog

sandiegozoo.org

A view of the baby Panda

sfxphotography.com

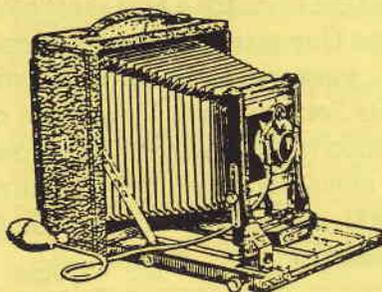
special effects photography

wildlight.com

electronic journal of outdoor photography

Answers to This Month's Mystery Question(s)

1. In 1888, the Kodak camera was introduced. a little over 5000 were sold.
2. In 1901, the No. 1 Kodak Brownie was introduced. About 500,000 were sold.
3. In 1936, the Kodak Instamatic Camera was introduced. An estimated 70 million sold. Thousands more were sold by unlicensed manufacturers.



Every effort has been made to give accurate web site locations. Web sites are like phone numbers where they frequently change. One thing is for certain, you will never be able to go to every photography web site. Happy hunting!

Thanks to Roger Grinolds of Seattle Photographic Society for providing most of these sites.