

THE BELLOWS

27th 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. South...Turn right.)
WHEN	Thursday, March 16th 7:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. (doors open about 6:00 p.m.)
WHY	A short business meeting..auction (one item lot per member please)..door prize..Show & Tell..Member's trade and sell tables (free to members, please cover during business meeting.) <u>Program:</u> Bring your favorite and/or your most interesting hard plastic or bakelite camera to share with the membership.

WELCOME BACK:

To all of you who just renewed your P.S.P.C.S. MEMBERSHIP for 2006 (our 27th great year)..or had done so back in September..THANK YOU! It is very nice that you have decided to join us once again as we enjoy together the thrill of the hunt and the sharing of our photographic finds...in our never ending quest to enlighten and inform society about the, "Cameras That Photographed Their Past". We look forward to seeing many of you at our monthly meetings and urge you to take part in Show & Tell, our auction and other club activities and functions.

AND SPEAKING OF CLUB FUNCTIONS:

Our 26th Camera and Photographic Sale, Swap & Show is less than six weeks away. Your Show Committee is hard at work, tables are being sold (including several to seller/buyers from Japan) , over one hundred press releases have been mailed and almost five thousand post cards to past attendees are ready to mail. HOWEVER, each of you can be a big help in getting the word out by spreading around some of the five thousand flyers that will be at the club meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting just give me a shout and I will mail some to you. Anything and everything you can do to help promote your club's Show will be a big help and most appreciated. Thank you.

THIS MONTH'S MYSTERY QUESTION:

Answer at end of Newsletter

With thanks to the Western Photographic Historical Society:

What was the name of the small plastic half-frame camera made in 1972 which came unassembled?

****BACKSIDE INFORMATION****

The February meeting of the Puget Sound Photographic Collectors Society came to order at 7:04 p.m. There were 26 members and guests in attendance. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as read. Our Treasurer, Shirley Sparrow, was unable to attend but President Darrel said we were still running in the black. With Shirley gone Ms. Maxine Nagel took the minutes of the meeting in a most able manner. President Darrel even brought the nummies Shirley always brings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bill Kimber gave a Show report. There will be 170 8 foot tables available at our April 29th Show. He will bring flyers to the March meeting for the members to take and spread throughout the Puget Sound area and beyond. Tables are selling and Bill urged sellers to get their table requests to Darrel. He reminded us that there will be a new table layout this year and table assignments will be made on a first come first placed bases. Only three display tables have been requested so far and Bill reminded us that any paid-up member may have a FREE display table if it is requested in time. As always there will be a paid "gofer" to help out. Mike Immel only needs two more ticket takers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Kimber passed out information about a large camera auction in Germany. Gary Sivertson said he and Bob Kelly were still planning to attend the March 26th Tucson, AZ Camera Show.

SHOW AND TELL:

Three members has interesting Show & Tell items to share with their fellow members. Thank you. President Darrel urged members to bring more Show & Tell items to future meetings.

PROGRAM:

The evenings program was figurines, or dolls, with cameras. Several members brought figures and/or dolls to show. Bill Kimber brought about seven items to talk about. (Too bad Shirly missed this one!)

AUCTION:

Four items were up for sale. Three of them sold for a total of \$39.00. Then, instead of giving away a book on nude photography as the door prize, it was decided by the members that the book should be auctioned off with the proceeds going to the Club. After some heavy breathing and spirited bidding it was auctioned off for \$29.00 to Gene Raddatz.

The meeting adjourned of more selling and nummie munching at 7:54 p.m.



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Dues are \$20.00 per year and should be sent to Secretary/Treasurer Shirley Sparrow, 300 Pease Road, Cle Elum, WA 98922 (509) 674-1916, seshsparrow9@msn.com P.S.P.C.S. members receive first notification of our 4th Saturday in April yearly show.

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SHOW EXPERIENCE WEEKEND SPEAKER:

This year our Show Committee was pleased to announce, last month, that they had been able to secure the well known Nikon collector, Mr. Mike H. Symons of Victoria, B.C. as our speaker for our special April 27th, Thursday evening, meeting which begins our 2006 Show Experience Weekend. Mike has been attending our Show for many years and the Committee was thrilled to have him agree to speak.

The questions you may now have are, "Just who the heck is Mike Symons and just how much of a Nikon expert is he?" Here, to respond to those questions in the third person, is Mr. Symons:

Mr. Symons, a collector from Victoria, B.C. Canada, first began camera collecting in about 1980. He initially did not collect Nikons but rather Leica screw-mount equipment. After buying a tiny Nippon Kogaku black Bright-Line viewfinder in its leather "barrel case" at a local camera swap meet out of a "\$2.00" box, Mike quickly realized how beautifully constructed this small accessory was and decided to change horses. In 1984 he sold all his Leica gear and began a quest for Nikon Rangefinder equipment. From that point on he became a very serious collector of Nikon equipment.

One of the reasons for this switch was the fact that Nippon Kogaku (Nikon Inc.) manufactured their early cameras, lenses and accessories with great precision; but in very small numbers. Thus, his chances of building a substantial "Nikon" collection was a lot more attainable than trying to collect the many "Leicas" on the market.

The timing for this move was fortuitous as prices for Nikon Rangefinder equipment was still very affordable, and had yet to "explode" onto the market...as it did a few years later. By attending many of the camera shows throughout the Pacific Northwest Mike began to amass many of the wonderful Nikon rangefinder items now in his still growing collection. He is a long-standing member of the Nikon Historical Society (NHS).

Mike has since expanded his collection to include early Nippon Kogaku original literature, repair manuals, dealer display material, Nippon Kogaku (NIKKO) WWII military optical equipment, Nikor binoculars, opera glasses and microscopes.

Writing about Nippon Kogaku, and its early equipment, is another of Mike's passions. He has produced at least 15 articles for the NHS Journal and was a monthly contributing writer for the now discontinued "Cascade" publication from Portland, Oregon. He has also given presentations at several of the semi-annual Nikon Historical Society conventions, held around the world.

Mike is always seeking new items for his collection. He can be reached at: (250) 383-6456 or msymons645@telus.net

OTHER SHOWS OF INTEREST:

The Western Photographic Historical Society (WPHS) is holding it's Spring 2006 Camera Show Sunday, March 26th in Tucson, Arizona. I know PSPCS club member Gary Sivertsen is planning to attend and Bill Adams may be there as well. Even though your Bellows Editors "dog" seems to have eaten the information about the Show you can call 520-299-9117 or sinuoso@aol.com for more detailed information. Also, the Clubs' web site is: wphsociety.org

Siggi's Spring Show is Sunday April 9, 2006 at the Cameron Rec. Centre..9523 Cameron at Lougheed Mall, Burnaby B.C. Canada. There are 100+ tables available at \$40.00. The Show runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with admission \$4.00. You can get in at 9 am for \$15.00. Parking is free This has been an interesting fun show in the past and it is in a great location for a "get away" weekend to Vancouver B.C. For all the info. call or fax Siggi at: 604 941-0300 or E-mail: www.whistlerinns.com/camerashow

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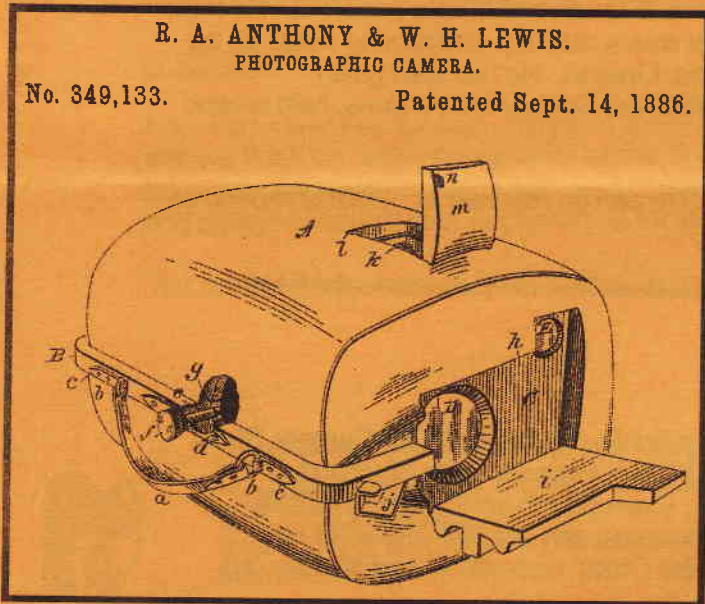


Adventures in Patent Land

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The United States Patent and Trademark Office* has an Internet accessible database of patents dating from 1790. One can search the database using a classification system that attempts to identify the type of device or process patented. Unfortunately the classification system attempts to be all things for all people (ATFAP) and as such is extremely complex. Since 1976 the text of all patents were stored electronically and if you know the name of the inventor or the patent number you can easily find the document. Earlier patents, of which there are more than 4 million, may also be found by the patent number but not the inventor. These earlier patents can be searched using the classification system. Images can be viewed on line (Quicktime) and also downloaded in a PDF format for \$3 each. The actual search can be quite time consuming but is much preferable to a trip to D.C. The camera shown below looks surprisingly modern. Could this have inspired some of the Polaroid designs? I wonder if any were ever built.

* <www.uspto.gov>



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So What was the name of the small plastic

half-frame camera made in 1972 but came unassembled?

Answer: The Camera Kit, Wonderful Camera made by Multiple

Toymakers, New York City. It came mounted on a blister pack card with five main parts and some smaller ones. Once assembled it had an f8 lens and a 1/50 shutter. A kit in the original pack is listed at \$20 to \$30. (Assembled \$10)



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