

Kodak Camera Collection

- I was born in 1957 and started in the 60s. I went to many garage sales, farm sales, church sales, flea markets, and auctions over the years.
- I have always had room to collect many different things like banks, hats, McDonalds Happy Meal toys, and 3M. I no longer collect, but am looking to downsize now.
- I never bought to make money, I bought because I like the items, they were inexpensive, the thrill of the hunt, had the room, etc.
- Times have changed today with eBay where you can get anything, but you can still find bargains at sales if you look.
- Worked at the American Cancer Society World Largest Garage Sale for 15 years till 2005.
- Cameras are rarely put in the trash, so most are stored in an attic or closet. Everyone has them.
- I started collecting all cameras and after about 5 years scaled back to mostly Kodak. 4 out of 5 vintage cameras are Kodak.

1st Kodak Camera 1888

- Introduced by George Eastman it placed the power of photography in the hands of anyone who could press a button and afford the \$25 to buy it.
- Unlike earlier cameras that used a glass-plate negative for each exposure, the Kodak came preloaded with a 100-exposure roll of flexible film that produced circular images 2 5/8" in diameter.
- The shutter was set by pulling up a string on top of the camera and operated by pushing a button on the side.
- After taking a photograph, a key on top of the camera was used to wind the film onto the next frame.
- No viewfinder, instead two V shaped lines on the top of the camera leather.
- After taking 100 pictures, the entire camera was returned to the Kodak factory for developing and printing at a cost of \$10. The camera, loaded with a fresh roll of film was returned with the negatives and mounted prints.
- \$25 in 1888 is equivalent to \$800 in 2023 with the \$10 film and prints equal to \$320. Very Expensive.
- Camera Basics - Lens – Focus image, Shutter – Control light in, Film – Capture image, Light - Sunlight/Flash.

Show & Tell

1. Brownie Box camera 1900-1935 \$2 120. Low cost for the masses. No Flash.
 2. No 3 Folding Brownie 1902-1915 \$12 122 Work of art and design.
 3. Vest Pocket 1920-1934 \$18 127 Small, all steel and autographic.
 4. Duaflex IV 1947-1960 \$25 620 Flash, viewfinder, many models
 5. Tourist 1948-1958 \$100 620 more pro Full control of aperture and timer
 6. StarFlash 1957-1965 \$8.50 127 film Low cost with flash
 7. Motomatic 1960-1967 \$119 135 film Rangefinder
 8. Instamatic X-15 1963-1978 \$20 126 cartg Flash evolved from needing battery to magic cubes
 9. 110 Camera 1973-1980 \$20 110 small film, flash bars, no battery needed, many models
 10. Colorburst Instant camera 1979-1986 \$45 Short period. Sued by Polaroid, I made \$3,000 in lawsuit
 11. Disk camera 1982-1990 \$40 Disk small and size, many models.
 12. Star 435 1990-1996 \$50 135 back to 35mm for better quality photos in small size with built in flash
 13. AdvantiX 1996-2004 \$100 240 film with built in battery. Negatives returned in cartg
 14. Single use cameras flash, under water 1990-2023 \$10-\$30
 15. Digital DC3200 2000-2006 \$250 1 MegaPixel
 16. Digital MX1063 2008-2012 \$120 10.3 MegaPixel with 3X zoom
- Kodak filed for chapter 11 in 2012 and stopped selling most cameras and consumer films. Still produces motion picture film and other professional special films.
 - Film changes: sheets, 116, 120, 620, 126, 135, 110, disk, and lastly digital
 - Kids react to old camera: www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDtWxURLIPk

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