

Chapter 1 : All American DJ & Photo - Oshkosh, WI

The first art promoter to use the photobooth, Andy Warhol made the images part of the American artistic lexicon. But for those of us who ever posed with a friend, inserted a quarter and received a strip of four pictures, this book is a reminder of simpler days.

History A photo booth in a public building in Germany The patent for the first automated photography machine was filed in by William Pope and Edward Poole of Baltimore. The first known really working photographic machine was a product of the French inventor T. The German-born photographer Mathew Steffens from Chicago filed a patent for such a machine in May These early machines were not reliable enough to be self-sufficient. The first commercially successful automatic photographic apparatus was the "Bosco" from inventor Conrad Bernitt of Hamburg patented July 16, All of these early machines produced ferrotypes. The first photographic automate with negative and positive process was invented by Carl Sasse of Germany. The modern concept of photo booth with later a curtain originated with Anatol Josepho previously Josephowitz , who had arrived in the U. For 25 cents, the booth took, developed and printed 8 photos, a process taking roughly 10 minutes. In the first six months after the booth was erected, it was used by , people. The Photomaton Company was created to place booths nationwide. They are coin-operated automated machines that are designed to print photo in specific format that meets the passport photo requirements. Multiple copies can be printed so users can save some for future uses. Traditionally, photo booths contain a seat or bench designed to seat the one or two patrons being photographed. The seat is typically surrounded by a curtain of some sort to allow for some privacy and help avoid outside interference during the photo session. Once the payment is made, the photo booth will take a series of photographs, although most modern booths may only take a single photograph and print out a series of identical pictures. After the last photograph in the series typically between 3 and 8 has been taken, the photo booth begins developing the film "a process that used to take several minutes in the old "wet chemistry" booths, but is now typically accomplished in about 30 seconds with digital technology. The prints are then delivered to the customer. Typical dimensions of these prints vary. Both black and white and colour photo booths are common in the US, however in Europe the colour photo booth has almost entirely replaced black and white booths. However, newer digital booths now offer the customer the option of whether to print in colour or in black and white. Most modern photo booths use video or digital cameras instead of film cameras, and are under computer control. Some booths can also produce stickers, postcards, or other items with the photographs on them, rather or as well as simply a strip of pictures. These often include an option of novelty decorative borders around the photos. Photo sticker booths Photo sticker booths or photo sticker machines originated from Japan, are a special type of photo booth that produce photo stickers. They have also been imported to Australia. Some have also begun appearing in the United States and Canada although they failed to make any impression in Europe when introduced in the mid s. The term derives from the English print club. Jointly developed by Atlus and Sega , the first purikura machines were sold in July Some common options include the ability to alter lighting and backdrops while the newest versions offer features such as cameras from a variety of angles, fans, seats, and blue screen effects. Some establishments even offer costumes and wigs for customers to borrow. Once the pictures have been taken, the customers select the pictures that they wish to keep and customize them using a touch screen or pen-sensitive screen. The touch screen then displays a vast array of options such as virtual stamps, pictures, clip art, colorful backdrops, borders, and pens that can be superimposed on the photographs. An open-plan photo booth in Lot 10 Shopping Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Features that can be found in some sticker machines are customizing the beauty of the customers such as brightening the pictures, making the eyes sparkle more, changing the hair, bringing a more reddish color to the lips, and fixing any blemishes by having them blurred. Other features include cutting out the original background and replacing it with a different background. Certain backgrounds may be chosen so when the machine prints out the picture, the final sticker will be shiny with sparkles. Other photo places have a scanner and laptop at the cashiers desk for customers to scan and copy their original picture before they cut and divide the pictures amongst their group. Photo booths

for parties Photo booth rental companies allow a person to rent a photo booth for a short period of time usually in hours for a fee. Photo booth rentals have become popular in the United States primarily for wedding receptions , sweet sixteen parties, Bar and Bat Mitzvah parties, along with a growing number of other public and private events. In addition to the photo booth and the printing of unlimited photo strips, rental companies usually include a photo booth attendant to service the photo booth and to help guests construct the guest book of photo strips. Online image hosting, compact disks containing the images and related merchandise are readily available. Celebrities are frequent users of photo booths in parties, [6] [7] A photo printed from a Chanel event in Singapore in Apart from traditional photo printing, modern photo booths may also include the following new functions:

Chapter 2 : Portable Photo Booths For Sale (View All) - Photo Booth International®

A fascinating history of an American institution that includes an extraordinary collection of photobooth images. "That a perceptive, dedicated, and sensitive artist like Nakki Goranin has rescued from oblivion so many amazing self-portraits created by amateurs confronting themselves in the fleeting.

This history of the photobooth can be divided into three sections. The first period, up to the mids, includes many different innovations and concepts in both mechanics and photography that laid the groundwork for the photobooth as we know it today. These innovators, including many in France, are the true fathers of the genre. The second chunk of history revolves around a specific person, Anatol Marco Josepho and his Photomaton. Josepho is often credited as the father of the Photobooth because he solved so many of the issues surrounding its popularization and got paid a million dollars to do so. The middle history, which was centered in New York and lasted through World War II, centers on him, his invention and the New York City company he created to promote it as well as the Mutoscope Company that eventually bought his patent. This period also spawned many imitators. This third period moved the center of gravity to Southern California and then back to Europe where it began, and then finally around the world to an international audience still eager to embrace it. After that third section, a very brief survey of photobooth art subjects concludes this history. Photobooth History also has a history. Artists from the Surrealists to Andy Warhol to mail artists [1] have loved the device and two photobooth artists deserve special credit. Bern was an excellent photographer who took amazing pictures of road kill, which may or may not have begun when he was diagnosed with AIDS. His photobooth work was directly related to that diagnosis which eventually took his life. Eventually she traveled from her native Vermont on a nine-year odyssey that uncovered many new details about the undocumented chronology emerging from her questions into the elusive origins of coin-operated automated self-portrait photography. Without her hard work, this survey would not be possible. I encourage you to buy and read her book from which much of this history is gratefully lifted. The Pioneers Despite the independent discoveries, inventions and ground-breaking schemes of this era, it often seems to me that the same invention was repeatedly attempted over and over with nothing really sticking. Every invention seems so close but obviously failed or we would have heard of it before now. For many products, sales people became unnecessary and by vending became a craze, and machines, which dispensed everything from postcards to seltzer, sprang up across America and Europe. In tintypes began to democratize the process, reaching the height of their popularity between and threatening the expensive, elitist daguerreotype, the previous artistic standard, which were made from copper, silver, mercury and gold. Developed in Gambier and Lancaster, Ohio, it involved reproducing a photographic image on very thin sheets of iron instead of glass and multiple tintypes could be produced at one time from a single sheet of iron. The tintype process was faster, simpler, cheaper, and more durable and thus became the first medium of mass portraiture photos, spreading like wildfire when entrepreneurs set up studios in every downtown and at every attraction, fair ground and Main Street in the USA. A skilled or experienced operator was barely needed. Operators traveled from town to town. But despite breakthroughs, little came of the many tintype patents and demonstrations of the earliest automated photography machines because most were not really self-operative and needed frequent chemical changes and repairs [5]. According to undocumented accounts often repeated on the Internet [6], the first patent for an automated photography machine was filed on January 9, by William Pope and Edward Poole of Baltimore. In four minutes your portrait will come out of the bottom of the device. It premiered at the First International Exposition of Amateur Photography at the Hamburg Kunsthalle in and delivered a ferrotype in 3 minutes, developed and fixed in a small tin dish, which also served as a frame and had some advertising on the backside. Furthermore, the photographic product these machines produced was considered second-rate compared to the more desirable albumin and platinum prints which were costly and required the services of a professional photographer and studio. These tintypes were stiff and awkward in addition to being difficult to view in many lighting situations. Nevertheless thousands upon thousands were produced. Tintypes were cheap and easy portraits of the masses. Producing tintypes for use as souvenirs, ID s and tokens of affection, this

type of machine proliferated. He drove to California through the South, creating, en route, assisted small portraits of local subjects in department stores and local storefronts. Speedtype had a good run for an assisted process but went out of business after WWII. The Success Story The ultimate sweepstakes winner in the photobooth story is Anatol Josepho, born in deepest Russia in and who died wealthy in southern California in . In , Josepho shortened from Josephowitz patented the Photomaton that made him a millionaire overnight, an impressive achievement for a Serbian Jew with ancestors who had once literally been banished to his native Siberia. Born to a prosperous jeweler and his wife in the industrial but isolated town of Omsk, his mother soon died and by age 15, dreaming of the American Wild West, he told his father it was time for him to explore the world and with his blessing traveled alone to Berlin to seek his fortune. Nine years after Eastman Kodak introduced its Brownie camera in , he managed, with one in hand, to land a photo studio job. He repeated that feat in Hungary but failed to find work in New York so he returned home in to find Omsk pillaged by the Red Army. By September he opened the Photomaton Studio at Broadway and 51st Street and with attendants at three booths and with attendants at three booths , attracted as many as 7, people a day leading to , customers in the first 6 months. The Broadway store was open till 4 a. Within 20 years there were more than 30, booths in the United States alone, due largely to World War II soldiers exchanging photos with their loved ones. But first Anatol, who was romancing his future wife, a beautiful silent film actress named Ganna, was contacted by Henry Morgenthau, the former American ambassador to Turkey and an American Red Cross founder, whose team bought the Photomaton machines and the U. Plans commenced to open studios in Atlantic City and Coney Island to be followed by 70 across the country that would then double in number. Less than a month after the Times front page, the April 4, issue of Time magazine announced the deal and that Governor of New York Al Smith had sat for a picture with his wife at the Broadway location. By the end of , a British investor group purchased rights to distribute it in Europe and Canada. The Photomaton Parent Corporation became an unfortunate symbol of a sharply overvalued company with Hatry serving nine years for fraud. Nonetheless, on both sides of the Atlantic, innovations followed. A year could be printed on the back of the photos, as could the location, advertisements and other references that still survive. Enlargements, framing, wallet-sized shots and hand-coloring were available. Images could be printed on mirrors. Finally, mail artists would have enjoyed the custom envelopes later sold on site so the one-off images in metal frames could be mailed on the spot. In France and Belgium, machines required a quarter shaped coin tokens were created. One source has revealed that for the booths in France, it was only in "40 years later" that they could be operated alone. Prior to that the lens would be adjusted and poses were suggested. Imitators popped up within the year. In a Canadian David Mc Cowan created the Phototera using photodiscs, not long strips, making him able to reduce the size of the machines. He tried to sell the idea in the U. One of the most interesting competitors emerged from within the company. Farther down Broadway, between 47th and 48th Streets, John Anton Slack eventually opened a studio, so popular that he kept a large extended family employed there through the Depression. The units previously needed a water supply that he eliminated. He speeded up the process and invented innovations such as the creation of silhouettes. Finally in he divorced his wife, quit his job as the assistant production manager and married the secretary to the president so they could open their own store. He bought equipment from other competitors and imitators and created the American Portraiture Corporation. He also invented the Biograph projector for 70 mm film. Mutoscope created films for Mary Pickford and D. Griffith, the film pioneers who later started United Artists with Charlie Chaplin. In the s, Casler fell in love with the photobooth and saw its Ferrotype-based chemistry as something with great potential, and created the Photo-See Model , a home technology that was too messy for children to whom it was incorrectly marketed. Selling on every continent with booths available in any color, the Mutoscope Photomatic eventually became the Deluxe Photomat with 4 images on strips in the form popularized today. In the s the self-proclaimed Arcade King Rick Munves bought the business and created a page catalogue of photobooths and other arcade games. Photo Me Today the Photomatic machines are hard to find because they were beaten in competition with the better distribution of the Auto-Photo Co. Baker for different ways of running the paper through the chemicals and altering the guts of the machine. Floodlights were replaced by a strobe but most importantly, their business model was different. A factory in LA cranked out thousands of the

lbs. Eventually Floodlights were replaced by a strobe. Furthermore, the design called the Model 11 became more art deco with a curved side. In the late s, Auto-Photo even marketed Model 11A for police and prison mug shots. Stripped of any decoration or curtain, its numbered strip could be held or inserted on the photo. In , the Auto-Photo introduced its last black and white machine, the Model Eventually the corporation was bought by Photo-Me, a British-based company based in Bookham, Surrey, operating internationally. In the s color strips became big sellers. The American part of the business was shrinking. Chemical photobooths were phased out. In the s, Photo-Me promoted lightweight digital color photobooths using a computer and printout paper that made prints at a much faster rate. But people continue to covet the old black-and-white chemical booths until photo sticker booths became a craze. In Japan, purikura, derived from the English print club, refers to sticker booths and their output, first sold in July They failed to make any impression in Europe when introduced. Some have begun appearing in North America. Today, photobooths are mostly used to create identification for passports and driving licenses, with the UK, Japan, and France the strongest in photobooth use, followed by Germany, Italy and Spain with Benelux countries, Scandinavia and Australia markets all on the rise. Three or four times as many photobooths are in the UK than there are in the whole of the U. He married the actress Ganna and the couple had two sons and seven grandchildren. After selling the patent rights for the photobooth, he moved to Los Angeles where he patented several other inventions including a one-knob shower handle. He also bought and developed real estate in California. Determined to give away at least half of his fortune, his philanthropic activities included the largest single donation in Boy Scout history: He died from complications of a stroke in late Finally, before his death in , Josepho was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Science in Technology by the Technion, the important Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa which also named a building in his honor because of his generosity towards them. Curiously, there is no record of any meeting or contact ever between these two men who both happened to have run the same company in different eras. It is not clear if they even knew each other.

Chapter 3 : Insurance | The Photobooth Association

Complementing this history is a powerful collection of heartbreaking, funny, and absolutely beautiful photobooth images. These often solitary figuresâ€”seeking freedom, confession, a thrillâ€”are evocative of a lost time and place.

Chapter 4 : American Photobooth by Nakki Goranin

Beginning of a dialog window, including tabbed navigation to register an account or sign in to an existing account. Both registration and sign in support using google and facebook.

Chapter 5 : PhotoBooth â€” American Mobile Music

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Chapter 6 : Photo booth - Wikipedia

The author documents the invention, technological evolution, and commercial history of the photobooth with illustrations culled from 25 years of collecting.

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