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Colourful lives: salvaged snapshots from the Kodachrome era - in pictures

The Anonymous Project's mission is to rescue collections of slide photography from flea markets and house clearances to digitise them before the chemicals degrade. Here is a selection of their favourite salvaged transparencies - photographers and (almost) all subjects unknown

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United States of America, early 1960s

'Sometimes we are blown away by the incredible quality and colours of an image. These kids look like they could have come out of a painting by Norman Rockwell'. All photographs: @anonymoussnapshotproject



USA, 1972

'This formidable couple sharing their 50th wedding anniversary is one of our best technical slides in terms of quality. Behind his cheeky smile and her intense stare, we can sense that amazing shared life journey'



USA, mid-1970s

'We received 15 slides of bodybuilders on Venice Beach, L.A. from the mid-70s. One of our Facebook followers recognised the one on the left as Serge Nubret, a French bodybuilding champion and film actor'



USA, 1970

'This is from a very strong set of slides, following a young, clean-cut kid growing up, rebelling, turning into a hippy and heading out on the road. This slide captures a last moment as he stands looking out over the Grand Canyon'



USA, early 1960s

'Girls just want to have fun! Drinking and smoking and sharing a joke, this photographer captured the moment perfectly'



USA, early 1960s

'This stunning Ektachrome is really just one of kind. Photographing the photographer is a common theme that we find throughout the collection. It gives us a closer look at the techniques and the materials that were often used'





France or Switzerland, early 1950s

'This is from our oldest French lot, dating from the early 50s - a family on holiday in France and Switzerland'



USA, 1984

'This image always makes me smile. It's become one of our favourites purely because the couple are so cool and funny. There is a total freedom about them that I love, not to mention the killer vintage 80s California look.'



USA, early 1960s

'Decadent and fun, this couple are caught in the throes of a passionate kiss. The graphic style and decor in this slide add to the electric atmosphere'



USA, mid-1960s

'In the middle of a box we found a few slides of this sublime Texan lady. Often in simple close-up portraits from different periods, she oozes class and originality. Always immaculate and perfectly posed, here we see her with her beau for the first time'





USA, 1971

'Freestyle diving in California in the 70s. This slide came from one of largest complete lots, which traced a family from the 50s to the late 70s. Diving is one of the major themes'



USA, 1977

'Some of the slides we find feel like scenes from a film. Often emotional and touching, we wonder what the story is behind them. A couple embracing? A father and a daughter? A reconciliation? Or is it just saying hello or goodbye?'



Wedding, late 1960

'Marriage is a common theme in our slides, but this shows a less formal side of the occasion to the photos we often see. I love the pure lack of inhibition and silliness of this fun-loving couple. These crazy cats were made for each other'

