Suisitna River Bridge
Slide 589
August 1968
August 2007
Picture of the bridge where the George Parks highway from Anchorage to Denali and then to Fairbanks crosses the Suisitna river.

The alignment of the bridge with the distant hills allows fairly close camera positioning. Interestingly, the bridge girders have been replaced in the interval between August 1968 and August 2007 but the piers are the same. Presumably, the bridge is now carrying a heavier load. In the 39 year interval. Vegetation has grown up in the river bed.

The camera position is N62.17048 W150.18291.

This photograph was the first retake of the Alaska trip 2007.
Kashwitna River Bridge
Slide 356

May 1967
August 2007
Kashwinta River bridge in June 1967 and July 2007. The George Parks highway from Anchorage to Denali Park and then to Fairbanks crosses the Kashwitna River at one point. This picture was taken of the North end of the bridge from the West side (N61.92402 W150.07243).

The 1967 picture is of Helaine holding a log. Upon returning in 2007, we find that the area is private property and that the bridge has a pedestrian underpass. The pedestrian underpass is part of a “bike trail” leading from Anchorage to Denali. Other photos show the private property and the photographic team.
Private Property
Eklutna Lake
Slide 359

May 1967
August 2007
Picture from the bank of Eklutna Lake, the original from May 1967. Eklutna Glacier feeds Eklutna Lake, which has a power station and is a source of water for Anchorage. An access road 26 miles north of Anchorage leads to the downstream end of a 7 mile lake, which is fed several miles beyond the lake by the glacier.

In May 1967 the Army Corps of Engineers was reconstructing the road. The Keiner camper was stopped several times by construction crews. The camper was delayed in crossing an unnamed creek by a construction crew and the family got out of the camper and walked around -- taking the picture in 1967. This was before crossing the creek. Erik and Erika hiked 3 miles along the lake in 2007 because the road along the lake and to the glacier has been closed to everything but pedestrians, bicycles, and ATVs.

In retaking the picture in 2007, Erik and Erika first went across the creek (not recalling the original story) and discovered a cabin on the far side of the creek. We did a retake at (N61.39035 W149.06208). Upon careful inspection of the background we figured out that the far side of the creek was in the wrong position and repeated the picture on the near side of the Creek (N61.39010 W149.06398).
The Cabin Across the Creek
Analyzing Pictures
Second Spot
Second Spot
Portage Glacier 1968? and August 2007. The visitor center has been replaced and the parking lot has been redone. In the 2007 photo, we parked the camper at the lake side of the parking lot and adjusted the camera position to make the camper about the same size. Notice of course that the glacier has retreated. The visitor center contains a display documenting the glacier's retreat (a photo of which is included). Camera location is (N60.78363 W148.84160).
New Visitor Center
Portage Glacier

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Primrose Campground
Slide 280

May 1967
August 2007
This photo was taken at Primrose Campground, 17 miles north of Seward Alaska (N60.34041 W149.36789).

The original from May 1967 is from the top of the boat ramp facing North and showing the Keiner camper. Hildegard is sitting on a bench with Mach, Lance, and Erik in front of her. The retake taken August 2007 is from very nearly the same spot with a camper of similar style. The bench seat Hildegard was sitting on is gone but the posts holding up the seat are still in the ground. Beverly is sitting on the original post in a similar pose as Hildegard.

In the intervening 40 years, deciduous trees have appeared, cluttering the view. However, some of the evergreen trees in the area have barely changed. The other pictures show the photographic spot and close-ups with Erik, Erika, and Beverly.

Primrose Campground had sites on both sides of the road in 1967, but the sites on the creek side of the road are now closed apparently due to shift of the creek bed. There are only 10 sites now.
Photographic Scene
Primrose Campground
Slide 278

May 1967
August 2007
Primrose Campground is 17 miles north of Seward, Alaska. The camper is in the same position as in slide 280, but the picture is taken from the back of the camper rather than the front (N60.34129 W149.36874).

The 1967 picture includes Lance being cold and Hildegard looking to her right. To construct the 2007 retake, the camper was first driven to its location in slide 280. We then went behind the camper and viewed landmarks (notice the camper barely visible through the trees). The streambed had moved, but in the process of composing the picture we found older streambeds. Beverly is posing on the opposite side of what is believed to be the streambed from 1967. Aside from the moving streambed, the predominate change is the emergence of new trees. Erika and Beverly studied the 1967 picture and are trying to pose in copies of Lance's and Hildegard's positions.

After more examination, it seems we missed the photographic spot. It should be ahead of us by 50 feet.
Lower Skilak Lake
Slide 445

September 1967
August 2007
View from Lower Skilak Lake Campground. The original from September 1967 was on a rainy day. The retake in August 2007 was on a rainy day. The posing is not exact. In the 2007 picture, there is in fact a water well to the left of the picture. This tends to confirm the location. Maybe the hills in the background can be lined up? The camera position is (N60.47166 W150.47020).
Water Well
Homer – Bull Kelp
Slide 434

September 1967
August 2007
Bull Kelp near Land's End restaurant on Homer Spit. The original slide 434 from September 1967 included the Land's End restaurant on the far left side. By 2007 a condominium had been constructed that would have blocked the view. So, the 2007 retake was done somewhat closer to the water. The Land's End restaurant would be visible slightly beyond the left edge of the camera. The Bull Kelp seems to be present in equal quantity. The camera position in 2007 was N59.59972 W151.41256.
Lots of Bull Kelp
Condominiums
Land's End restaurant and resort on Homer Spit. Between 1967 and 2007, the facility expanded. However, some of the original structure is visible. The camera position is N59.60026 W151.41156.
Dinner in the Restaurant
Ninilchik
Slide 427
1968
August 2007
Ninilchik is a small village on the water with a Russian church. The original picture spot is overgrown and the retake was taken perhaps 100’ from the original spot. There has been quite a lot of rebuilding in the intervening 40 years. Camera position is (N60.04746 W151.66326).
Picture of Keni river from an access point on the North section of Cooper Creek campground.

In the August 1968 photo, the river level was low and the cameraman was standing on the river bed. In the August 2007 retake, the river was higher and the camera position was on the bank. The distant mountain is lined up, but the other side of the river is not.

The camera position is N60.48497 W149.88763.
Earthquake Park
Slides 2x2-656 and 2x2-657

Late 1960s
August 2007
Earthquake Park is a memorial to the Alaska earthquake in 1964. When the Keiner family lived in Anchorage in the late 1960s, Earthquake Park featured mud structures that were the result of the fracturing of the ground during the earthquake.

When we hiked down the hill in 2007, we found irregular ground that was apparently the result of 40 years of plant growth on the mud structures along with some moderation of the contours. We never found the exact structures shown in slide 656.

The subject in one 2007 picture is N61.19831 W149.97941
Lake Otis Elementary Slides 334 and 638

May 1967
August 2007
In the 1960s, Erik, Helaine, and Mach attended Lake Otis Elementary school near home.

Lake Otis Boulevard has gone from a two-lane street to a four lane road with much more traffic. The crossing guard has been replaced with a pedestrian overcrossing.

The school is still there, but the regular yellow rectangle style has been updated to irregular rectangles of more subdued colors.

The ice rink and “recreation hill” are still present, with the ice rink being covered now. In the 1960s, the janitor would flood the ice rink at the beginning of winter to create a nice ice skating surface. Back then, the surface was unusable after a few snows. The roof should be a considerable improvement.
Lake Otis Elementary Ice Rink
Slides 639-642

January 1969
August 2007
In the 1960s, Erik, Helaine, and Mach attended Lake Otis Elementary school near home. The Elementary school had an ice rink for recess and after-school activities.

In January 1969, we have slides 639-642 with Erik, Erik, Helaine, and Ned skating in the rink with Wendler Junior High in the background.

In August 2007, we find the rink still there, but covered now. In the 1960s, the janitor would flood the ice rink at the beginning of winter to create a nice ice skating surface. Back then, the surface was unusable after a few snows. The roof should be a considerable improvement.
The Keiners bought the house at 2957 Yale Drive in May 1967, living in it for two years.

When purchased in 1967, the concrete block wall had broken in several places. One major break in the wall was to the left of the house (oriented as in these pictures). The Keiner family used this break in the wall to create a ramp for the camper. In 2007, the vacant lot to the left is occupied by a house, a big tree has appeared in the front yard, and the concrete block wall continues to be broken in places.

The house was repainted.

The patio area appears to be enclosed in some way.
Goose Lake
Slide 306

May 1967
August 2007
Goose Lake is a park nearby the Lake Otis house.

Slide 306 shows the family on the swing set with the bath house in the distance. The swing set went away over 40 years and was replaced by a plastic sailing ship structure. The bath house is virtually unchanged.

Slide 383 shows swimming in the summer in the 1960s. The swimming situation seems unchanged in 2007.
Nancy Lake
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Portage Glacier

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Chugach National Forest
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Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*) on a spruce branch (*Picea glauca*)
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