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Alan,

Looking for scanning services on the Web, I found a guy who specializes in scanning mounted slides. His web address is

www.saugus.net/Photos/scanning.shtml

He does 2710 ppi slides for \$1.40 per slide. I called him today and asked him how he can make money at that rate. He says it takes about 90 seconds to scan a slide, so he can make \$20-30 an hour. He uses a \$500 Canon 2710 film scanner, and he feeds the slides one at a time. He prefers slides because the scan is faster and he doesn't have to mess with figuring out which frame on the negative strip the customer wants.

I forgot to ask him about cleaning slides.

He does it as a hobby. He also has a full time job. He is in a little town in Massachusetts called Saugus.

He gave me some tips on Web sites, too. He said it helps if you can get other sites to link to yours. And he said the Web site title you provide when you register your site is important.

Steve