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Hi y'all (brother and sisters),

When I was home for Aunt Janice's funeral, Mom and Dad said their TV Photo Viewer was working fine. Laura had bought them a power strip so they don't have to unplug the VCR to plug in the Photo Viewer and found a way to hook it up the Photo Viewer so they don't have to unhook it to watch regular TV.

You can create diskette albums to play on Mom and Dad's TV Photo Viewer. All you need is digital pictures on your PC and the TV Photo Viewer software. You can install the software from the CD at Mom and Dad's (if you can find it) or you can download it free from Microsoft:

<http://www.microsoft.com/tvphotoviewer/>

I just bought myself a \$500 film scanner (over the Internet - it hasn't been delivered yet). I'm still thinking about scanning slides as a business. On the Internet, I found a guy out in Massachusetts who does it part time and claims he makes \$20-30 an hour (I called him). His web address is:

<http://www.saugus.net/Photos/scanning.shtml>

In all my Internet browsing and researching the idea of showing digital photos on TV, I've seen no mention of "digitizing" old slide collections so they can be viewed on TV. There may be a big opportunity for self-employment here.

Steve