## Ah, Sweet Mysteries of Life



Customers come into our studio all the time with little mysteries they want us to solve for them. It might be an unmarked VHS tape that they are unable to play; or a reel of audio tape from a long forgotten tape recorder the family used to own. They appear to be simple, innocuous objects but they could very well turn out to be a precious family treasure. If only there was a way to play them to find out.

Fortunately we specialize in that. And like I said, it happens all the time. But I never thought that it would happen to me. I had thought I converted all my families memories long ago. I was wrong. The last time I was visiting my mother I happened upon a small unmarked reel of Super 8 film. "What's this?" I asked her. "No idea," was the response.

Home Video Studio to the rescue. After we got through transferring the footage to a digital form, we were treated with a glimpse of our lives that took place in the late 1970s.

The movie opened with a neighborhood party that looks like it

was a combination of pot-luck and clam bake. Adults only and I only recognized a few. This was my parent's crowd and I'm sure will help my mom bring back some memories.



The scene then shifts to my younger sister, now in her 60s but back then fresh-faced and clad in her graduation cap and gown, patiently enduring the requisite photo op in the backyard.



The movie ends with a little puppy action. A cute terrier playing fetch with someone (we can only see the legs below the knees.) I don't think I ever met this pooch but I suspect it might have belonged at one time to my sister (the graduation girl).



These forgotten images of a life that seems so long ago are not particularly memorable... until they become so. Anything that helps connect us to our past is valuable. I can't wait to show them to my family to see what further memories they might trigger.

Michael Ondrasik and Home Video Studio specialize in the preservation of family memories through the digitalization of films, videotapes, audio recordings, photos, negatives, and slides. For more information, call 352-735-8550, visit our website, or stop by our studio now located at 930 N Donnelly St Mount Dora FL 32757.