



Minoru Photo Club

In Focus

Club News

• An Occasional Newsletter

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Twelve significant photographs in any one year is a good crop.

Ansel Adams

We're looking forward to...

The 2023 Photoshop Virtual Summit

From October 30 to November 3, catch five days and 40 classes with free training from well-known Photoshop experts. The free pass provides unlimited access to the videos for 48 hours after broadcast, but a VIP pass is also available, which gives lifetime access, plus bonus videos and other benefits. Learn more about the Summit and register here: <https://www.pssummit.com/>. You'll also find the schedule, list of presenters and their bios on the site.

Artificial Intelligence

We recently enjoyed an intriguing Zoom presentation on the subject from Rick Hulbert, entitled, significantly, *AI: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*. If you missed it, you'll find it posted on the Club website. It's well worth watching or re-watching. For another point of view, with some examples, here's a video from Glyn Dewis demonstrating how AI can be useful in fixing hair and fur: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1i3Tp81tE7o>. Matt Kloskowski also shows some practical ways to use it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-EPmtC9Fzyk&t=499s> and even includes an e-book to download.

Whether or not you approve, AI is not going away and it will pervade every aspect of our lives for good or bad. The above videos deal only with how it can affect photography and editing but it's easy to find information on how it already is and will be affecting daily life in different ways. Here is an article from The Guardian, which discusses just that: [https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2023/sep/26/techscape-ai-images-elections-integrity-tiananmen-square?](https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2023/sep/26/techscape-ai-images-elections-integrity-tiananmen-square?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

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Getting to Know You



In the latest episode, Dorothy's charm offensive easily persuaded Klaas to "spill the beans" about his youth in a very different Richmond from the present, and also how the Minoru Photography Club came into being. In case you don't know it, Klaas is our oldest member. No, no—not in terms of age—he's only 39, (he says)—but in terms of membership in the Club. It was fun for all (most of all, for Klaas, we suspect). We'll be doing it again, at some point, and if you fancy being the next "Victim", you've only to let us know. The questions are entirely non-threatening, and you'll even get a copy in advance, with the opportunity to add or delete questions as you see fit. Thanks to Francis for the photo.

Strut your stuff!

Have you visited our mini-gallery yet? You'll find it in the corridor overlooking the cafeteria (around the corner from our meeting room). You are encouraged to bring in a print, 11" by 14", to be hung in our assigned space. Because we have a limited number of frames and mats available, and limited space, prints will be rotated regularly, so that every member has an opportunity to share their work. Each member also has a gallery on the Club website, <https://minoruphotoclub.com/>, and you are encouraged to submit images, for both the mini-gallery and the website.

[MPC DropBox - Personal Gallery](#)

Newsletter

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