

Access

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Digital Assets Management by Jerry Freeman

Last time we discussed an editing workflow to protect our precious digital files during processing. Now what? Just as we had shoe boxes full of unfilled prints and negatives, we now have drawers full of CD's with cryptic names that made perfect sense at the time, but somehow will not quickly yield the exact location of that red rose shot from Aunt Lucille's garden taken in August 2002, err...best I remember.

We must have an easily accessible database that provides the ability to search for images residing on removable media. Numerous software applications portend to easily provide this capability. Digital Asset Management software—the acronym always brings a smile—such as Canto's "Cumulus" are available. Any database application—FileMaker, Excel, SQL—could provide the resource to file this stuff, but there is a minor problem. Time. I generate thousands of images a year, and some of those are even worthy of editing! I prefer to take pictures and edit them instead of configuring databases, and it takes some "serious time" to develop an accessible database.

The original images from the camera or scan need to be saved, along with the edited files. I am continuously learning better techniques for editing images and new processes for printing them, so I must be able to return to that image original to reedit some time in the future. Lots of disk space. And don't forget, the duplicate disk, to store off site! Note: I only store originals off site.

What to do? To me, the easiest way to find an image is to "see that image". DSCN_19897.JPG tells me little about the red rose that lives there. After trying all the available software—and failing miserably—I have developed a simple digital/analog system for filing my images. It might work for you, particularly as a home user.

I file the original images and edits in a digital folder titled with the create date. This might be daily, weekly or monthly depending on how active I am. I burn the images to CD, then create a dated thumbnail proof sheet, sized to fit a jewell case cover, and make a high quality print. The print is inserted into the jewell case. I can visually see the date and CD contents. I then print a dated letter size proof sheet of the original CD images, three ring punch it, and file it in a tabbed three ringed binder. I stick the jewell case with organic double stick tape to tabbed divider. The CD and the Proof Sheet are together under the same tab. I create additional specific subject tabs or a job tab as necessary.

I've replaced the shoe boxes under the bed with databases and drawers of CD's, now I have replaced that technology with a shelf full of Binders—Albums. Isn't that progress? Now I can find a specific image within a reasonable time frame. Next time we will discuss fine art digital printing. Good shooting.

Upcoming Programs 7 P. M., Pitt Academy see map on page 2

February 24 Michael Steinmacher, MALS, MSLS, is the manager of the Fern Creek Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. In an age where information is more readily available than ever before, Internet users must be cautious about the information which they share online. This discussion will address the basics of Internet privacy and simple tips one can observe to help keep their information from falling into the wrong hands.

**Need suggestions for the rest of the year. Please tell us what you want; contact
harryjb@bellsouth.net.**

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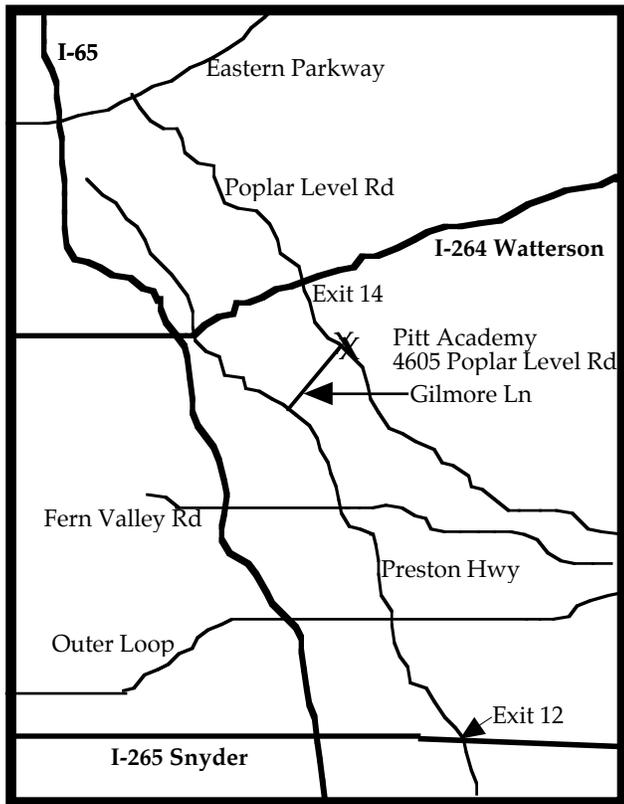
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Come to our monthly meetings

The Louisville Computer Society meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, 7-9 P.M. (except December) at Pitt Academy, 4605 Poplar Level Rd. (Poplar Level Rd. at Gilmore Lane), Louisville KY 40213 (see map below).

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OS X 10.2 vs OS X 10.2:

Important Jaguar Upgrade Disc Difference

The Mac OS X 10.2 upgrade disc (the \$20 upgrade from Apple that does not contain the Developers Tool disc) does not include the Archive and Install option—the option that allows you to archive a previous installation of Mac OS X before installing Jaguar.

Dell Computer catches up with Apple

Dell has decided to drop the floppy disk drive in its computers. A decision Apple made back in the 1900s.

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