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Are Your Photos Yours?

You know that photo of your child you'd like to put on a T shirt as a gift? Or the picture of your pet you'd like to put on a mug? Just order it and enjoy it.

NOT!

At least that's what legislation in front of Congress would say. For over a decade lobbyists have been trying to run legislation through the House and Senate for some good causes, such as the Screen Actors' Guild to fight copyright infringements on pirate versions of movies, DVDs, etc. In their rush, however, your rights are again being repressed.

New laws being proposed would force you (and whoever you order the item through) to apply for and file a "notice of use" with the United States Copyright Office. Besides the financial cost you would have to bear, imagine how long this would take.

This course of events is built upon the laws that state that even though you own a photo, you don't own the rights to reproduce it for any reason whatsoever. The laws say that only the photographer that took the picture (or the studio he works for, if so contracted) owns those rights. Without a written copyright release no one is permitted to reproduce any image or face a major fine and extensive legal defense costs.

You now have an opportunity to tell Congress and their lobbyists that you've had enough of their meddling into your personal rights. Both houses of Congress have bills in front of them which, if passed as is, will impinge your rights regarding your photos.

Senate bill S.2913, introduced regarding orphan works, has had a new section 514(f) regarding the transfer of images to "useful articles". This lang-

uage was inserted by Senator Arlen Specter to protect our textile industry.

This legislation needs to have a "safe harbor" amendment to protect you (and us) from risk of lawsuits and fines regarding what you choose to do with your images. Please call your senators immediately as this Bill should be voted on in the next few days. This is a chance to defeat the lobbyists and stand up for our rights. As most newsletter readers reside in New Jersey, here's how to contact NJ senators:

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The House of Representatives has a similar bill, HR.5889, with similar language inserted into section 514(b)(3) by Rep. Coble. Once again, please contact your representative to vote against the language regarding creating an archive at the Copyright Office each and every time you want to do something with your images.

To get your local Representative's contact information, please visit the following URL:
<https://forms.house.gov/wyr/welcome.shtml>

Again, please do this immediately.



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A Change from Film Cameras

Looking back over several issues of this newsletter, there have been several discussions teaching why you should use a card reader instead of the inferior download cable supplied with cameras. Here's yet another reason...

Unlike film cameras, digital cameras can continue to evolve. The read only memory, or firmware, in your camera can be changed or updated at any time without having to be returned to the factory. As a camera owner, you may update your camera by yourself if you so choose. On subsequent pages is a list of camera updates available. Your camera may well be on the list.

Sometimes the updates are to improve the cameras' capabilities, but more frequently they are to correct inadequacies in the original workings of the cameras. Camera companies will not upgrade your camera for you, no matter the reason for the update.

In most updates, you download the new software from the camera maker's web site, transfer it to a memory card which you then insert in your camera. Turn the camera on, and either the camera updates itself or gives you instructions on the LCD panel. There is no way this can be done with the download USB cable. The process is not very difficult to do, but is time consuming and can be unnerving. If the update is not done correctly, you cannot go back to the original firmware version - it's gone.

If you go to your camera maker's web site and see how the update will improve your camera, you may decide to do the update or have us do it for you. One customer recently commented that he had been dissatisfied with the autofocus delay and shutter lag of his camera. After being updated, he is very pleased with how much faster his camera

performs. He had considered replacing it, but now is happy keeping it.

So far, our stores have performed updates for our customers. If you are interested, contact us. (Sorry, but we will not perform updates on Kodak or Polaroid cameras which were sold elsewhere.)

School is Out

This includes our photo school. Classes will resume in the fall. Please contact us soon if there is a topic you'd like to see covered as our syllabus has yet to be finalized.

That's it for this issue. Congratulation to any graduates among you and Happy Fathers' Day to all you dads. Have a great June, and enjoy taking pictures!

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Updates We Know About

CANON EOS DIGITAL REBEL
CANON EOS DIGITAL REBEL XT
CANON EOS DIGITAL REBEL XTi
CANON EOS 1D
CANON EOS 1D MARK II
CANON EOS 1D MARK IIN
CANON EOS 1D MARK III
CANON EOS 1Ds
CANON EOS 1Ds MARK II
CANON EOS 1Ds MARK III
CANON EOS 5D
CANON EOS 10D
CANON EOS 20D
CANON EOS 30D
CANON EOS 40D
CANON EOS 60D
CANON POWERSHOT S1 IS
CANON POWERSHOT A60
CANON POWERSHOT A75
CANON POWERSHOT G1
CANON POWERSHOT G2
CANON POWERSHOT G5
CANON POWERSHOT S110
CANON POWERSHOT SD430
CANON POWERSHOT SD400
CANON POWERSHOT SD500
CASIO EXILIM EX-P505
CASIO EXILIM EX-P600
CASIO EXILIM EX-P700
CASIO EXILIM EX-S500
CASIO EXILIM EX-S600
CASIO EXILIM EX-S770
CASIO EXILIM EX-S880
CASIO EXILIM EX-V7
CASIO EXILIM EX-V8
CASIO EXILIM EX-Z5
CASIO EXILIM EX-Z6
CASIO EXILIM EX-Z7
CASIO EXILIM EX-Z8
CASIO EXILIM EX-Z60
CASIO EXILIM EX-Z70
CASIO EXILIM EX-Z77
CASIO EXILIM EX-Z700
CASIO EXILIM EX-Z750
CASIO EXILIM EX-Z850
CASIO EXILIM EX-Z1000
CASIO EXILIM EX-Z1080

FUJI FINEPIX F10
FUJI FINEPIX F440
FUJI FINEPIX F450
FUJI FINEPIX IS PRO
FUJI FINEPIX S3 PRO
FUJI FINEPIX S5 PRO
FUJI FINEPIX S9000
FUJI FINEPIX S9500
FUJI FINEPIX Z10fd
FUJI FINEPIX Z100fd
KODAK DX6430
KODAK DX6440
KODAK CX6330
KODAK CX7430
KODAK DC4800
KODAK DX7590
KODAK LS443
KODAK LS743
KODAK P850
KODAK P880
KODAK P712
KODAK Z700
MOST KONICA MINOLTA COMPACTS & SLRs
NIKON COOLPIX P1
NIKON COOLPIX P2
NIKON COOLPIX L1
NIKON COOLPIX S6
NIKON COOLPIX8800
NIKON COOLPIX8700
NIKON COOLPIX8400
NIKON COOLPIX 7900
NIKON COOLPIX 5900
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NIKON COOLPIX 4500
NIKON COOLPIX 4300
NIKON COOLPIX 3700
NIKON COOLPIX 3200
NIKON COOLPIX 3100
NIKON COOLPIX 2500
NIKON COOLPIX 2100
NIKON COOLPIX SQ
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NIKON D2X
NIKON D2Xs
NIKON D2Hs
NIKON D2H



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NIKON D200
NIKON D100
NIKON D80
NIKON D70
NIKON D40
OLYMPUS C-7070
OLYMPUS C-8080
OLYMPUS C-70
OLYMPUS C-7000
OLYMPUS FE-350
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OLYMPUS FE-110
OLYMPUS FE-100
OLYMPUS SP-700
OLYMPUS SP560UZ
OLYMPUS SP-550UZ
OLYMPUS SP-350
OLYMPUS SP-320
OLYMPUS STYLUS 1030SW
OLYMPUS STYLUS STYLUS 1020
OLYMPUS STYLUS 1010
OLYMPUS STYLUS 850SW
OLYMPUS STYLUS 840
OLYMPUS STYLUS 810
OLYMPUS STYLUS 780
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OLYMPUS STYLUS 800
OLYMPUS STYLUS 600
OLYMPUS EVOLT E-300
OLYMPUS EVOLT E-330
OLYMPUS EVOLT E-500
OLYMPUS EVOLT E-3

OLYMPUS EVOLT E-410
OLYMPUS EVOLT E-510
PANASONIC DMC-FS20
PANASONIC DMC-FS3
PANASONIC DMC-FS5
PANASONIC DMC-FX33
PANASONIC DMC-FX35
PANASONIC DMC-FX36
PANASONIC DMC-FX55
PANASONIC DMC-FX500
PANASONIC DMC-FZ18
PANASONIC DMC-L1
PANASONIC DMC-L10
PANASONIC DMC-L-X025
PANASONIC DMC-LX8
PANASONIC DMC-LZ10
PENTAX K10D
PENTAX *IST DL
PENTAX *IST DL2
PENTAX *IST DS
PENTAX *IST DS2
PENTAX K100D
PENTAX K110D
PENTAX OPTIO S4i
PENTAX OPTIO S5i
PENTAX OPTIO S7
PENTAX OPTIO SV
PENTAX OPTIO 330
PENTAX OPTIO 450
PENTAX OPTIO A10
PENTAX OPTIO A20
PENTAX OPTIO E20
PENTAX OPTIO 750Z
PENTAX OPTIO WP
PENTAX OPTIO X
SAMSUNG GX-10
SAMSUNG GX-1L
SAMSUNG GX-1S
SAMSUNG i7
SAMSUNG L74
SONY ALPHA A100
SONY ALPHA A700
SONY DSC-F828
SONY DSC-H2
SONY DSC-R1
SONY DSC-T1
SONY DSC-T100