

Monday, July 7, 2008

### **2008.07.07: I am the most bitter person you'll meet**

Instead of complaining that my mail carrier pools our mail and brings it to the mailbox every two or three days as opposed to daily and that she'd rather put "you're not in" notices on my door without ringing the doorbell for parcels even though there are clearly people home because it means that she doesn't need to pack the boxes into her van, I should be grateful that she comes at all. Instead of fighting the parking ticket that a parking patrol officer claimed to have been issued at 3:10pm when I found it on my windshield at 2:58pm according to a radio-synchronized watch for parking in a peak hour (3pm to 6pm) parking zone, I should be grateful that my tax dollars are going to these upstanding members of society to help keep me honest and to open my eyes to imaginative new ways of telling time. My uh . . . trusted male makeup artist/hairstylist photographs better with my girlfriend than I do. (Cheers, Nikolas I should be grateful that there are people to borrow more photographic equipment from me than what most photographers will ever own in their entire lifetime. This way, if my studio gets broken into, I can call up these people and get my gear back. Come to think of it, it's time to collect. And who has my fog machine? Thanks for the Vistek Edmonton employees who took my "4600word essay", forwarded it to their sympathizers/friends and twisted my words in the face of others in an attempt to mislead them into believing that I am trying to get a whole store of workers fired. Your actions have put me in my place and I am now a much humbler, quieter, and happier customer of your store. Of course, inquisitive photographers will be interested in what this 4600 word e-mail contained along with some related correspondences with current and former employees of Vistek. You can CONTACT ME and get a SNEAK PEEK before I publish all of these words right here!! I'm surrounded by incompetent people. Photographers, printers, computer hardware people, graphic artists, web developers, and sales people. Not that all of these people do lousy work all of the time. Rather, most of these people will fail you whenever you give them something important to do. But I should be thankful for these people as well; competition is an efficient motivator for progress therefore I have lots of motivation if I ever decide to partake in a race to the bottom.

Posted by Klyment Tan in Personal at 03:25

Bitter doesn't quite yet describe what you're laying down here. I'd use words like: Jaded (aka, realistic), sour, sarcastic. But hey if life weren't like that there would be no market for anti-depressants. What would Pfizer do?

Anonymous on Jul 30 2008, 22:24

Rather than bitter, I'd say "experienced".

Your level of appreciation for exactly how mediocre everyone is has developed faster than others'.

Congratulations!

Anonymous on Jul 31 2008, 00:52

No worries, however; I don't appreciate mediocrity, I, like you have learned to recognize it early and not stick around for the inevitable results. Appreciation is for things like, good photos, movies, sports, women and wine.

Anonymous on Jul 31 2008, 10:25

Hi, all. I think I'd add "disappointed" to your list of adjectives. I had sincere hopes that a meeting with a certain Vistek west rep could turn around my view of the the store. This person was really hopeful over e-mail and he was responsive. Even if he didn't know the answer, it was only a short time away. I wanted to see an Arca Swiss catalogue to part together a medium format view camera and I couldn't find anything online and he had a catalogue in my inbox the same day. But in person, while I believe that he's trying his best to do his job, his product knowledge and his misguided attempts to promote a certain line of products left a very poor impression on me. I have some notes that I can forward about that upon request. I don't plan on putting them in this blog at this time. Also, you realize that "bitter" and "sour" are at opposite ends of the pH scale . . . I must have failed miserably in my self-assessment.

Anonymous on Aug 13 2008, 00:58