

Tuesday, July 28. 2009

2009.07.11: Leanna North of Bon Accord

Jason Hafso had an iPhone pic of an abandoned house north Bon Accord he cleverly captioned "Wanna buy a house? LOL" When I saw the photo I immediately asked him for details of its location and after doing his headshot he quickly mapped out approximately where this site was and some nearby landmarks. As usual, I scouted the location with Leanna and I kept some lighting and camera equipment in the car in case it was a suitable shoot location. I shot three new rolls of business cards and several large format frames. Below are a couple favourites.

I scouted out the basement while Leanna changed in the car. There was a window that opened up to waist high grass outside that I immediately wanted to work with so I set up a Calumet Illuma Medium/Plume Wafer 100 softbox with 40degree Lighttools Soft Egg Crate to minimize spillage off the 7foot ceiling. Shot with the Sinar X and the Calumet Caltar-S II 300/5.6 at F/8, 1/125s on Fujichrome Velvia 100F. The lens yielded extremely shallow depth of field which I couldn't achieve on small format on which I shot some of the new business cards.

This is the third of the three buildings on this abandoned homestead. The building the fence in front of it is elegantly decayed and this area backs onto a rolling canola field and it's all framed by poplar forests. I wanted to take in as much of the location as possible without it distracting from the real subject. Shooting 4x5 I was able to use the ultra wide 75/4.5 Calumet Caltar-N/Rodenstock Grandagon lens at F/4.5 and 1/125s and without any tilt or swing maintain very shallow depth of field without anything more than perspective distortion.

As always, thank you to Leanna for being so available to test new equipment and locations.

Posted by Klyment Tan in Shoots at 02:53

Hey Klyment! I've been reading and following your blog for a little while. I love your work!

Where is this location?! It looks sooo cool here!
Anonymous on Aug 17 2009, 12:23

Hi, Justin. =) Thanks for the kind comments. The location is north of Bon Accord on Range Road 240 north of Township Road 564. It appears as though the roof over the veranda of the main house has collapsed so be careful. There was also a large wasp colony in the walls of the back of the building the second time I was there but the grassy area around it was very useful.
Anonymous on Sep 13 2009, 23:58

Thanks Klement for getting back to me! I really appreciate the info! I'm very interested in finding abandoned buildings lately. Keep up your good work!
Anonymous on Mar 1 2010, 16:03