

Sunday, March 27. 2011

**2011.03.27: \$20?**

Hahah . . . how many of you are old enough to know what this is?

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 22:12

Monday, May 17. 2010

### **2010.05.17 Activating Colour Management in Google Chrome**

Google Chrome has been colour space aware since version 3 (I think) but a recent search for "Google Chrome colour management" on Google, ironically, did not yield instructions for how to activate it. For this reason, and for personal reference, I am posting the instructions here. I have only tested this functionality in Windows Vista but I am guessing that Windows XP w/ Windows Color Control Panel installed and Vista and beyond plus Mac OS should work similarly. In your shortcut to launch Google Chrome you'll need to add this switch after whatever you find in the "Target" box in the shortcut's properties:

--enable-monitor-profile

So it should look something like:

Now just make sure that you use the shortcut and not some other way to launch Chrome and you should be set. Hopefully Google will integrate colour management settings into a control panel similarly to how it is handled in Firefox.

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 13:30

Friday, March 6, 2009

### **2009.03.05: Klyment.com New Temporary Page**

After years of neglect it was time to replace the first Klyment.com with some content that wasn't from my first three months of my career in photography. Let me know what you think. The change is temporary; I will be getting this website professionally developed in the near future (if all goes well). It won't be another photographer's portfolio on the internet; the new Klyment.com will also be a resource for other photographers with a few innovative and ergonomic tools to help photographers communicate ideas about lighting and shoots.

Thank you to Ryan Shippelt who shot this photo of me. He came in to finish some canvas printing and I managed to con him (with little resistance) into spending a few hours with me getting this shot right. Lit with a Calumet Illuma Medium softbox with 40degree Lighttools Soft Egg Crate as key light from a very oblique angle and a Chimera Video Pro Plus Medium softbox with 20degree Lighttools Soft Egg Crate from back camera right for subtle soft rim light. Bowens Quad heads used and driven by two separate Bowens QuadX 3000 powerpacks. Nikon D3 with the 70-200/2.8 VR Nikkor.

Ryan thought it would be hilarious if we replaced the Zeiss Ikon/Zeiss Biogon 35/2 combo with his yellow smiley stressball. I'm wearing my new favourite suit - a three piece Sand from Derk's.

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 02:18

Monday, August 25, 2008

**2008.08.25: When 58 and 49 don't add up to 107**

From: Klyment Tan Sent: August-25-08 10:34 PM To: 'TXBelger@Subject: RE: New TrackingAttachments: KTX\_7934.jpg Jason, Sorry to bother you again about the missing roll of paper - everyone at this location forgot about the order and the request to reject the shipment but the paper actually arrived today. I'm trying to find an order number to help you figure out which order I'm talking about but I don't seem to have a record of it. The UPS tracking number: 1z531E596865076809. I attached a photo of what arrived and I hope that you find it as amusing as I did. I guess UPS missed the note about me ordering a 107" roll and not a 58" roll and a 49" roll with one deckled end each in addition to throwing on a few extra months of delivery time on an overnight shipment. =P Let me know how to proceed and if there is any other information you need from me to make a damage claim with UPS. I feel badly that you have to deal with this - I realize that it's a drop shipment from Superior and you had no direct hand in the ordeal that this has become. As a side note, I ended up printing a backdrop with the colour that I needed for that shoot and everything went well. Thanks again for your help. I'll give you a shout if I need anything else. =)-

K=====From: TXBelger@Sent: June-18-08 9:05 AM To: Klyment Tan Subject: Re: New Tracking I am so sorry; it looks like we let you down on all counts with this order. If the order shows up, just refuse delivery so it will be automatically rerouted to sender and we can file a damage claim with UPS to recoup the cost. We will credit your card for the full amount. Again, please accept our deepest apologies for all the troubles associated with this order - it is not the norm. Visit [www.BelgerPhotography.com](http://www.BelgerPhotography.com) for our best prices on digital, virtual, paper and muslin backdrops, lighting, props, books, track systems and studio equipment...you get combined shipping rates too! If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you, Jason Belger Photography Website: [www.BelgerPhotography.com](http://www.BelgerPhotography.com) 800-581-4676 Cell Phone and Houston callers phone: (281) 361-8328 fax: (281) 360-0816 Sorry for the lousy photo - the silver ruler (thanks Jonathan =) is 36" long. The roll of paper I ordered was 107" long. I'm pretty sure that this roll didn't leave the shipper in two pieces and I'm trying to figure out how an order for 2nd day express air shipment with UPS on June 10th, 2008 took until August 25th, 2008 to arrive. I think this beat my previous delayed shipment record by at least a month and a half.

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 23:34

Monday, April 28. 2008

**2008.04.28: Updating my equipment list page soon**

The equipment listing on my site is very out-of-date. I'll eventually move these items onto that page: Capture Equipment Nikon D2XD30017-55/2.8 DX Nikkor 70-200/2.8 VR Nikkor 135/2 Defocus Control Nikkor 60/2.8 Micro Nikkor 10.5/2.8 fisheye Nikkor 30/1.4 Sigma Rollei 6008 AF w/ Phase One P20 digital back Schneider 80/2.8 AF Xenotar PQS HFT Zeiss 150/4 Sonnar PQ HFT Zeiss 50/4 Distagon PQ HFT Horseman LE w/ Betterlight 6000-HS digital scan back Rodenstock Grandagon-N 75/4.5 Copal 0 Rodenstock Sironar-S 210/5.6 Copal 1 Fujinon-SW 150/5.6 Seiko 1/500s shutter Lighting Strobe 3 x Bowens Quad X 30007 x Bowens Quad head 2 x Bowens Esprit Gemini monolight Bowens Explorer 1500 battery-powered pack (can run two Quad heads and two Esprit Gemini's simultaneously off battery) Balcar Nexus S32002 x Balcar PowerZ Heads Broncolor Grafit A42 x Broncolor Pulso G2 Broncolor Hazylight Light modifiers 2 x Calumet Illuma Large (Plume Wafer 140 size) w/ 30 and 50 degree Lighttools Soft Egg Crates Calumet Illuma Medium (Plume Wafer 100 size) w/ 40 degree Lighttools Soft Egg Crate Chimera Video Pro Plus medium w/ 20 degree Lighttools Soft Egg Crate Chimera Video Pro Plus 22 x 84" strip w/ 40 degree Lighttools Soft Egg Crate Chimera 9 x 30" strip w/ 40 degree Lighttools Soft Egg Crate 2 x Bowens 7" grid reflectors with lots of grids + barn doors and snoots Bowens Softlight 15" reflector with opal diffuser w/ 7" spot grid centre 2 x Bowens Maxilite reflector Chimera and Redwing/Calumet quick release speed rings Westcott Scrim Jim 72 x 72" Continuous light 4 x Tungsten Fresnel theatrical spot lamps 2 x older Altman ellipsoidal reflector tungsten spot lamps ETC Source Four Jr. Zoom 2 x Flolight 200W (1000W tungsten equivalent?) dimmable, high frequency ballast fluorescent panel lights w/ grids Printing Epson Stylus Pro 9800 44" Ultrachrome K3 Epson Stylus Pro 9600 44" Nanochrome failed experiment (waiting for new ink set) Modified Epson Stylus Photo 1400 6 channel dye printer (quick proofing and mass production of headshots and album-display/short term wall display prints) Ergosoft Posterprint 12 Onyx Postershop 7Q image Gretag Macbeth Profile Maker Professional 5 Gretag Macbeth/X-rite Eye-one Pro UV cut Intelicoat canvases and signage materials Moab fine art papers Epson photo papers

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 06:25

Thursday, December 20, 2007

**2007.12.19: I'm still here . . . but busy!**

A photo of work in progress taken from inside my studio. As you can see there has been a lot of printing going on. On the floor, reproductions of works by Dean Eskdale, a local painter, and two composite with candid photos submitted to me for printing by Jonathan Puckrin. I'll confirm who actually shot the photos and did the layouts later. On the line on the wall and in the top right corner on the floor, some files submitted for print by Bert Crowfoot. The image of the tipis and the full moon on the leftmost position on the wall is a photo that he has shot and I believe I have printed for him before but previously only on paper. I have lots of new work to post but I have imposed a moratorium on public posting of the photographs until after my clients get to use their photos for the first time. There are also some personal projects in the mix which I will post with the others. Expect to see a pile of new content around January 14th, 2008. On the printing side, I have had success with Intelicoat's/Magiclee's newest canvas, Torino 21G (21mil glossy) on the Epson Stylus Pro 9800. It's a 100% cotton canvas with a high gloss finish. One of the reasons why I strayed away from Epson's/Premier Art's Water Resistant Canvas in the first place was because of it's glossy finish which was more of a semi-gloss to start. It had poor blacks and the texture made glare on this canvas pretty bad even if one were to try to matte down the glare or bring out the blacks with a dMax enhancing varnish. Torino 21G has worked very well when first coated with Lumina's Aquacryl Gloss liquid laminate, allowed to set for 24hours and then sprayed again with Lumina's Aquacryl Satin liquid laminate and then allowed to set for another 24 hours. The major product drawback to this process is that the canvas is far from fast drying - the prints are not smudge proof until after 48hours and only then should one spray coat them and roller and brush application of the veneer isn't an option. Each canvas takes four days from print to delivery but if you were to see the results you'd agree that it's worth it. Gamut charts will be posted soon discussing this.

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 01:29

Monday, September 3, 2007

### **2007.09.03: Klyment.com Maintenance**

Backed up Gallery 2 database  
Upgraded Gallery from version 2.1.1 to version 2.2.3  
Backed up Serendipity database (274megabytes!)  
Upgraded Serendipity from version 0.8.5 (September 29, 2005) to version 1.2 (August 26, 2007)  
Testing of all capture and lighting equipment  
Almost everything passed tests  
Bowens QuadX 3000 misbehaved on last shoot and arced in studio - will be returned for Calumet for service  
Installed the Adobe Creative Suite 3 Master Collection including Photoshop CS3 Extended, Dreamweaver, and Premiere Pro

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 09:40

Sunday, May 20, 2007

### **2007.05.20: Perpendicular recording for hard drives**

Leanna's 3year old Fujitsu convertible tablet PC's hard drive recently started showing symptoms of imminent failure so she requested that I order her a new hard drive. Her current hard drive is an older Toshiba 4200RPM 2.5" 40gigabyte hard drive. Her new drive will be one of the newer Seagate Momentus 5400.3 120gig HD's. I was hoping to find a quantitative comparison from a database of tests including her old drive and one of the 5400.3's but I came upon something a lot more interesting. In a highly-positive review of the 5400.3, I found a link to Hitachi's animation explaining perpendicular recording which is employed in Seagate HD's as well. I found the animation entertaining and educational and the amusement value of this musical animation is something even non-geeks can appreciate.

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 15:14

Friday, June 16. 2006

**2006.06.16: Honk if you love the . . . WTF?!**

Are you fucking kidding me?

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 14:01

Friday, May 12. 2006

**2006.05.11: Sigh . . .**

Well good morning to you, too, Epson 9800 . . .

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 03:16

Saturday, May 6, 2006

**2006.05.05: Actor or Conman?**

I've encountered this asshole three times this year. He asks for money for transportation to meet his son/wife/close relative and he's usually about \$40 short. He'll take whatever money that you have on you and even if you say you have no money he'll even suggest that you go to a bank machine to withdraw some for him. My previous encounter with him was documented in this blog entry. Looks like I did give him a bit of money. Thanks to Jonathan for pointing out the obvious to me. See his "anonymous" comment on the aforementioned entry. Scam artist working a prospective client. The next time you try to scam me I'm posting your headshot that I shot from across the street with the D2X and 70-200/2.8 VR. No charge! Not that I expect you to see this entry. All photos shot with the Fuji F10, ISO 1600, AWB, hand held, obviously.

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 04:27

Tuesday, January 17. 2006

## **2006 Canadian Federal Election**

[http://www.greenpeace.ca/e/feature/elections2006/Voting green doesn't necessarily mean voting for the Green Party candidate in your riding but some parties are certainly greener than others. Check out the link with questions and answers sent to each of the major political parties running in this year's election and compare them . . . some funny stuff comes up. As of this entry's publication the Conservatives have yet to submit a response. All four of the other parties questioned have already answered . . . the Bloc was the first to respond on December 7th. December 14th, 15th, and January 3rd, Liberals, Green Party, and NDP respond, respectively.](http://www.greenpeace.ca/e/feature/elections2006/Voting%20green%20doesn't%20necessarily%20mean%20voting%20for%20the%20Green%20Party%20candidate%20in%20your%20riding%20but%20some%20parties%20are%20certainly%20greener%20than%20others.%20Check%20out%20the%20link%20with%20questions%20and%20answers%20sent%20to%20each%20of%20the%20major%20political%20parties%20running%20in%20this%20year's%20election%20and%20compare%20them%20...%20some%20funny%20stuff%20comes%20up.%20As%20of%20this%20entry's%20publication%20the%20Conservatives%20have%20yet%20to%20submit%20a%20response.%20All%20four%20of%20the%20other%20parties%20questioned%20have%20already%20answered%20...%20the%20Bloc%20was%20the%20first%20to%20respond%20on%20December%207th.%20December%2014th,%2015th,%20and%20January%203rd,%20Liberals,%20Green%20Party,%20and%20NDP%20respond,%20respectively.)

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 20:28

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

### **2006.01.10: Tribute to signs, signage, and stuff like that**

Sign printing is one of the services I offer with my large format printing system. The ability for me to create signs gives me a false sense of authority in topics related to signage and signage printing and a perceived capacity to tell certain things about people who create signs or are otherwise involved in making them. Here is a collection of photos of stuff that I thought was interesting and related to this topic. Accompanying each photo is a little blurb to give some context around the photo and also my identification of a character trait or business skill related to the sign's owner. Sign in the window of Athabasca Books, a used book store which has been closed forever. Inability to adapt in the face of change. As a testament to the value of his bilingual Bachelor of Commerce marketing degree from the University of Alberta, Patrick is attempting to fit a 54" square sign into a 45" square sign box. Dude, it won't fit. Trust me. Persistence. I thought this sign was hilarious and I can't figure out why. If you know why, please e-mail me. Leadership and delegation of immigrant labour. This sticker was spotted on the back of a vehicle parked in front of Lighttools. BTW, this vehicle was for sale when I took this photo. I think it's a Ford Explorer. Merchant instinct. Paper and signage products that I consumed in December. There was more but I was too lazy to extract more rolls from their packages to make a such a photo. Poor inventory management. The Chinese text in the top left sign says "we eat white people." If read out loud in a different dialect and directly translated, it also apologizes for the owner's ability to pay to make the sign and not pay someone who can spell "store" to specify the text for the sign. Chinkiness. I always wondered what else people smoked with bong. Now I know. Resourcefulness and ingenuity.

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 03:16

Sunday, December 18, 2005

### **Reasons why I Hate Christmas**

I don't mean any disrespect to Christians or other people who share Christian beliefs but for me, "Christmas Time" is the most irritating and depressing time of year. Here's why. The snow: most Christmas' it's not all snowy or all warm and dry . . . there's usually this mix of ugly brown slush everywhere. I can't be the only person that thinks green looks hideous with red. My parents listen to EZ Rock 104.9 FM in the car and this station becomes "The Christmas Station" right after Halloween. I hate driving alone so I have to choose between two things that I don't really like. On the aforementioned radio station, Christian fundamentalists preach family values and give unsolicited advice for living your life . . . more often than they do at other times of the year. I know that everyone that I should be giving something to on special occasions wants a thoughtful gift but, as I'm sure you all know, I have way too many friends and too few brain cycles to share with everyone. These people should just accept a useful gift and shut up about it. Since CIBC's very public and very embarrassing involvement in the Enron and Worldcom scandals, The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce has enacted policies in that any bank worker can point to and use as excuses for adjusting fees or bending rules thus preventing legitimate business people from attaining financing for the purchase of highly liquid capital assets. However, there are no policies in place that prevent all four people who are responsible for your business bank accounts at CIBC from simultaneously taking four week vacations or forcing these bottom-feeders of the finance industry to resolve basic banking issues in a timely manner. There are a couple assholes that trespass through our acreage every year and top the nicest of our Colorado blue spruce. Little do these losers realize that I now have a firearms license, I can put five bullets into the area of a quarter of a dime at 250 feet without a scope (hey, I'm a photographer), and, best of all, Chinese people eat anything. Some (very clever and witty) motherfucker already beat me to the list. His reasons were written by a much more practiced hand he even has ten of them: <http://www.angelfire.com/movies/oc/tirades/xmas.html.5a>. When I do come up with a truly useful and thoughtful gift idea, no one wants me to give it. Like my idea to give the universally-loved Hello Kitty vibrating massager to everyone in Leanna's family. Hey, if your dad wears Hello Kitty slippers he may as well have a matching vibrator. Everything but #5 is more or less true. I actually don't have many friends and I believe that most of them are familiar with tradition and don't expect anything from me for Christmas. But if I do get/make them something, they are at least impressively adept at pretending to be grateful. Thanks, people.

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 23:35

Friday, December 16, 2005

### **2005.12.16 Cleaning out some old Outlook notes**

05/01/2003 10:44PM - Jon Kwanlet me tell you about the funniest dumb shitty thing i did for the past year with your power supply instead of having the second fan on the power supply facing downwards so it would suck air directly from inside the case, i had it facing upwards for the past year a whole year and i only noticed the other day lol  
08/01/2003 9:49PM - Jon Kwandammit it's off ebay now anyway what happened was some guy put up an auction that was titled "SOCK O QUARTERS" and basically what it was was a sock...full of some change, not even full, just got some change in there. He had pictures of him, with a paper bag with a face on it (it was a big paper bag) swinging it over his head, playing with his dog with it, and even him kinda sticking it in his groin area lol. "look at all the things you can do with sock o quarters!". sold for about 40 bucks last i checked what's even funnier is the paper bag was put up for auction too later, though i don't know how much that sold for, and it was signed by him haahaha.  
23/02/2003 11:24pm MST - Jordan Shawheh, the speedy 1x (CD-ROM Drive) bastards. Woo, try booting an OS off one of those. It's painful. | It's like trying to suck the ocean through a straw.  
24/02/2003 1:32AM MST - Jordan ShawHm, it's amazing how much weird shit you can buy in Japan. As opposed to the miles of weird shit you can buy here, but don't think about because it's normal. (In response to <http://sexylosers.keenspace.com/>) Akash Khokar - February 25, 2003 12:16am  
Klyment: I know you want one of those "Hello Kitty Vibrating Massagers". =PAkash: oh god, yes, so i can be gay and a fob at the same time sounds to me like smth to please most of the osa crowd  
K: ROFL!!!!!!!!!!!! HAHAH!! A: you know you're included, why are you laughing haha

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 11:40

Friday, December 2, 2005

### **Random stuff from the past couple of days**

Ahhh . . . Lexjet always has something fun for me to print on. I'm still not sure what I'll do with this stuff. My scrap pile. Most of the stuff is canvas or fine art paper with untouched back surfaces. If you need something just drop me a line. I also have a number of prints that didn't come out perfectly that I'll be giving away. Almost all are canvas . . . may have value as an ingredient for creating something else. A few design students used to ask me to hold on to these scraps and not recycle or discard them right away. They came semi-regularly to collect them. All of them have graduated or have moved away and no one comes around to collect the pieces. 600 square feet of polypropylene. This should allow me to fulfill my clients' short term signage needs for the next couple weeks. Kevin, actor, improviser, writer, comedian. We couldn't find an ideal font for something that he wanted to make and have printed for his girlfriend so he's writing on a scrap of fine art paper which later will be photographed and merged into another photo. Keri (sp?) and Jonathan near closing time at McBain Camera Kingsway. According to Keri, the level of attention she appears to be getting in this photo is characteristic of their relationship. If you were a printing junkie you'd probably find this label funny, too. Everyone managed to angle-park properly except for this guy. The driver was obviously Oriental. Or perhaps non-Oriental and knew someone like me would come around with a camera and find his or her parking job humourous. Whoever it was, it couldn't have been an Oriental person parking like this in anticipation for my passing; we orientals have no sense of humour. Canpar: The mark of a company that takes pride in getting packages to the recipient in one piece . . . well, perhaps in as few pieces as possible. This \$300 roll of fine art paper came with just a few fragments of the roll end spacers and upon removing all of the tape one can count three distinct card board pieces where there should have only been one. I guess I shouldn't take the tape-reassembly attempt for granted.

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 03:52

Friday, November 25. 2005

### **New toys for Leanna, new paper, my brother's stove**

My first purchase of Kodak media ever. This is just a coated bond paper for making test prints, quick, draft quality prints for engineers and design students, and to plus black ink from the Epson 9600 when changing between black inks. Kodak boxes look so cool, though. I've not been a big fan of Kodak products in the past but I hope that this and a new sample that I should be getting in shortly will change all of that. While I'm no baker or cook, that lasagna was harder than it should have been to bake probably because my brother's Maytag Advanced Cooking System range was a bit too advanced. WTF is convection bake? A shot that Leanna's middle sister Jessica took with the F10 of me playing with her new convertible tablet, the Fujitsu P-1510D. It's 2.2lbs, has 7hr battery life, touch screen, 1.2GHz Pentium-M ULV processor, wireless networking and a whole bunch of other stuff all in a sub-\$1900 package. More on this later. Leanna's mom's new 17" LCD display by AG Neovo. One of the most unique-looking displays I've ever seen. Everyone in their household seemed very happy with the new toys. Now everything is silver.

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 18:50

Saturday, March 5, 2005

**Free what?!**

Check out what just arrived in my inbox: In a way I'm kind of excited . . . but scared at the same time. Making this entry was almost as interesting as getting the e-mail:

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 01:57

Friday, January 28. 2005

### **Getting even: website thieves**

A few days ago I noticed hits on my server from a page on AsianAvenue.com. Thinking that I had a fan club going, I decided to check the site out. Turns out that the guy was directly linking to a background rotate script that I was using and was using my backgrounds and robbing me of bandwidth. Photos were of Leanna so I had Leanna kindly write him to change his background. No such luck. So I decided to resolve the issue myself by changing his background images for him since I wasn't using the background rotate script anymore. If you don't mind seeing shemales, gay porn, or animal sex, check out his new website, complete with professionally remodelled backgrounds! Link to some loser I don't know! I'll check his site daily to monitor his progression back to the path of integrity. While he has his background like this, I'll be taking suggestions and even direct submissions for alternative backgrounds for his website. Have a lot of fun.

Posted by Klyment Tan in General at 03:06