

Newsletter #2

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Hello and welcome to the first edition of this newsletter. Every Sunday morning, I intend to send an update or insight to things that I find interesting from the previous week, just like your Sunday morning newspaper. It is entirely possible that you may find it appealing as well. If you have something to share based on what you've compared to reading here, certainly, comment and share.

1. It has been one week since I returned from the road and turned in my notice to end my career, so I am in limbo. When people ask what I have been doing, the response is always "keeping busy." For some reason, a quote from the excellent novel and movie *The Shawshank Redemption* is percolating in my brain lately: "Get busy livin' or get busy dyin'." I prefer the former, of course.
 - 1.2 I miss the idea of creating and hosting small photography conferences in several cities – RIP PhotoCamp. The same goes for photography clubs such as the Texas Shooters (I love seeing it grow larger after I left Houston, knowing it is in good hands) and also Shots here in Tulsa. Photowalks with friends where we just walk, talk and shoot. I learned so much from those people. So when someone asked me what my dream job would be? Owning a small studio/office space for me and with a community photo lab for analog & digital photo labs. With space for individuals to

sit and work on their projects surrounded by fellow creatives, a meeting room, maybe even have a space carved out for a small café during the day and a mini bar in the evenings. I'd call it "The Dark Room", naming it after the film photo labs where the images are developed in darkness and the smell of developer chemicals are in the air.

- 1.3 Expired: book clubs. Tired: coffee and book clubs. Wired: Content Club. Where people gather to discuss things of interest that they have discovered such as a book or articles they are reading, the podcast they have been binging, even something they have seen and found share-worthy. The idea being someone from the group could be inspired to read/listen/watch what was shared. The ongoing goal being natural, organic growth in the group and not from an algorithm on a social platform.
- 1.4 "There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self."— Ernest Hemingway. Do you want to save the world and resolve problems? Start with yourself.
- 1.5 "Is this good? Maybe great," a PDF from the Serving Library where two friends walk, talk and create art together. <https://www.servinglibrary.org/journal/17/block-by-block>

And that is it for the edition #2 of the newsletter. Each week I will share something of interest, well, things that I find interesting in hopes that you discover something interesting as well. I will also, in the future, share photographic stories. Hopefully, to your enjoyment.

Until next week...

Chris