Cyclopital3D

News





The Status of Cyclopital3D in 2017

This June marks 8 years since Ken and I founded Cyclopital3D. It also marks the anniversary of my first NSA Convention in Mesa, Arizona, where I met many of you who would become my dear friends. Some of us have created memories in both near and far away lands that I will cherish forever and enjoy revisiting in the 3D images we captured along with way.

What's up now? With the slow-down in the 3D imaging industry in 2014, we weren't able to support ourselves any longer. While Cyclopital3D does still exist, it no longer employs anyone full time. Many of our products have been discontinued because we ran out of the custom made mirrors that required a large investment to reproduce. We don't know how much longer the rest of the product will be available. So if you want something we still offer, we recommend ordering it soon— and you should expect a long delivery time because we all have full time jobs aside from Cyclopital3D. But we will always follow through!

What are we doing personally? For all of you receiving this newsletter, you understand that Cyclopital3D only existed because of advancements in 3D printing technologies that allowed us to deliver small volume products without needing to hold inventory. Ken decided to leverage his 5 years (now 8) of experience in 3D printing and evolve into a service business— CY3D Printing, of which he is the sole owner. The new advanced printer makes parts out of a tough nylon material and allows for fine detail in the final product that couldn't be achieved before. Ken couldn't operate that business without his son in-law, Mike, who is committed to delivering what is promised. Mike also manufactures all of the products that Ken designed for Cyclopital3D in addition to managing the day to day operations of CY3D Printing. To keep food on his table, Ken designs new products for a local high-tech company he's been working with for more than 20 years.

As of today, Ken is planning to attend the NSA/ISU conference in Irvine, CA August 8-14. He will NOT have products to sell aside from doing remote shutter release mods on the Fuji W3 in his hotel room. But, If you're on the fence about attending, it might change your mind to know that he is in the design phase in the creation of a new 3D camera system! So go to Irvine to hear the latest details! (cont)

As for me... I was offered an upper level management position in a locally owned homebuilding company as the Financial Controller and Director of Human Resources, with the corporate office located about 45 minutes from home. I frequently work long days, but I love the work and the daily challenges - and they appreciate my contributions and the diverse industry experience I bring with me. I can now take care of my sons and help them finish up with college without the financial fears and struggles of self employment. I still manage the Cyclopital3D website, customer communications and accounting on the evenings and weekends. I won't be able to attend the convention this year, but hope to be in Cleveland next summer to visit with everyone and get caught up on the 3D happenings! Thank for the cherished memories and experiences. Much love to you,

- Tanya

ViewVaster—HD3D Stereoscope

If your audience doesn't say, "It's like I'm there!" Then you need a better

Ken considers the ViewVaster to be one of the greatest inventions of his life. It is a true stereoscope. And with the release of the Sony Z5 cellphone, many people are saying that the HD view is as amazing as anything you can see in a medium format slide viewer.



There is a saying, "replication is the greatest form of flattery." There are some VR companies trying to copy the ViewVaster concept by using a cell phone display, but do not be fooled. The lens quality and product features of the ViewVaster are far superior than anything else on the market. We have a limited supply of the custom cut lenses and we're not sure if we will have the funds available to invest in a new run when they are gone. If you've never seen the view through one and can't make it to the convention, (where there will be many), then send us a note and we will ask permission of an owner that lives near you to share their contact information.

New Auxiliary Lens Adapter is a lot Tougher!

If you don't yet own the nylon version of Fuji W3 Auxiliary Lens Adapter (ALA), we highly recommend it. The new nylon material is lightweight and durable. It's been our all-time best selling product! Some of the benefits of using the ALA with your Fuji:

- 37mm lens rings for attaching wide-angle, fish-eye lenses, lens hoods or filters
- Optional Hot shoe mount & trigger for external flash and studio flash systems
- Tripod mount
- Neck strap anchors accepts 3/8"/10mm width
- Convenient hand grip is easy to hold
- Optional PC flash connector





For more information or to place an order for a new ALA in nylon, please go to our webpage: http://cyclopital3d.homestead.com/Fuji-W3-Auxiliary-Lens-Adapter.html? =1411168117947