Scott M. Knowles , Oct 17, 2007; 07:05 p.m.

I appreciate Photo.net, and I hope things won't change much as you say. However, to be honest, I won't count my blessings until I hear the other shoe fall. This often takes awhile as new owners implement new policies and rules. My only immediate advice is, if it hasn't been done already, to have a faq on the acquistion and plans, so people if they want to opt out, meaning transfer their images, they can, because that, and the forum, are my interests.

I say this because the press release I read doesn't sound that hopeful to me as photography.com looks to much like a ad space t with some photography filler, and if the goal would be to merge the two Websites, it doesn't look good. The two are far differen

Damn, I just renewed my dues too.

Josh Root , Oct 17, 2007; 07:20 p.m.

It is important to remember that the press release was not aimed at photo.net members. It was aimed at news organizations, investors, and business media outlets.

The press release makes it sound like photo.net is being added or merged somehow into the photography.com system. And that is **absolutely** not the case.

Photo.net is the **far** more important of the two sites in NameMedia's eyes. Photography.com is not the example of what photo. net is to become, it is much more accurate to say that photography.com needs to be more like photo.net.

As for leaving the site, just as it has always been, users are free to remove their images at any time and mark their account as deleted. As per the Terms of Use, site submissions (forum posts, critiques, ratings, etc) stay on the site as part of our mission to create a lasting database of photographic knowledge. While you cannot remove these contributions, I am happy to help you change your display name if you wish to distance yourself from the account you created here. Just contact me via the "contact" photo.net" form below.

Subscribers will get everything they were told they would when they subscribed. In fact, if I were a betting man, I would wager that in a few months, the subscriber benefits package will have become significantly more valuable due to the new programming and marketing resources that Namemedia has given us.