

Photo Kina- Professor Fritz Gruber

Professor Fritz Gruber, The founder of Photo kina, passed away on March 31, 2006 in Kohn, the German city where he was born 96 years earlier. Cologne, as the city is known in English, is the home of Photo kina, the famous photographic fair that Gruber founded 55 years ago, from the ravages of World War II. Held every year, the Photo Kina is the world's largest photographic show, with more than 1600 exhibitors from 45 countries in 11 huge pavilions. Gruber presented numbering some 300 by the time of his retirement in 1980.

Copyright Laws

In addition to the * symbol and your name, photographers must include the year it was shot. There's lots of copyright info at www.CopyRight.gov.

Moon Photography

If you're going after just the moon, with no earthy foreground, in shadowy foreground, use a split neutral-density filter to protect the moon from over exposing, as you set the longer shutter speeds required capturing darker foreground detail.

Digital View for Film & Digital SLR Cameras

Some photographers use an extra compact digital camera for people photography, because of its rotating LCD. These cameras let photographers take photos from the people, without shooting toward them. Zigview-R is a new product, which could be attached to the eyepiece of almost every DSLR and film SLR cameras (Nikon, Canon, Minolta, Pentax, Konika...), so the photographer does not need an extra compact. A rotating vertical to horizontal visor:

1- 2" screen, 1.3 mega pixels CMOS sensor, low resolution 39000 pixels, 1.6x1.3 inches size

2- It can zoom up to 2x magnification for critical look; B&W and negative look too
3- Built-in rechargeable lithium battery, which operates for 6 hours, after 3 hours charging (100-240 volts)

4- Some more options for nature photography

5- Screw, screw-driver, carrying paunch, AC charger and eyepiece connectors come with the Zigview-R; Price: Some US\$300

For more info, contact Argraph Corporation at www.ArGraph.com or 1-800-526-6290.

Mercury-vapor Lamps

Your photos would be red in such light conditions for photography. Set Custom White Balance, using a white or gray paper.

Panorama Photography

You can create panorama pictures by:

1. Adding some devices to the camera
 2. Software to montage several images into one.
 3. Using special lenses
 4. Hasselblad XP Camera (or those of Chinese ones)
 5. Usage of large format back on medium format camera (like 6x12 on 4x5)
 6. Adding a ring behind lens (it works as a shift does!)
- Adobe Photoshop CS2 'Lens Correction' filter can modify Chromatic Aberration, Vignette, Shift and Tilt.

If you intend to merge some images into one panorama picture, certainly use tripod!

Equipment Distributors for Panorama Photography; Panorama Tips

www.ArcSoft.com: Panorama Maker 3.0 photo stitching software

www.BogenImaging.us: Bogen (Manfrotto) & Gitzo tripods & accessories

www.bhPhotoVideo.com: Hama double spirit level & Kenko extension tubes

www.Zoerk.com: Zorkendorfer lens adapters & tilt-shift devices