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Posted by crystalcross - 09 Jan 2012 02:58

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Re: Photo and Video Commenting System

Posted by Steven Matrix - 09 Jan 2012 03:21

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You know me CC; I'm not incredibly computer ejamacated. That being said, I'll ask some questions to see if it's possible that you can tweak the program a certain way:

1) I was playing with my photo albums today and doing some house cleaning/organizing and my photos ended up on the discussion forum. The folks have seen my photos many times and I don't want people to get sick of seeing them on the forum. They have the chance to look at them in my albums. Is it possible for me [after site tweak] to upload my photos into an album without people seeing it on the discussion forum? Or can there be an option where we upload a photo and have an option button to click that sends it to the discussion forum if we so choose?

2) For those who post multiple photos, is there a way to tweak the system where all of the photos go into one album [already doing that I think] and there is only one post for all photos in the discussion forum? I for one don't like multiple photos being uploaded as it generates separate discussion threads. This can take up an entire page or more for multiple photos which, in most cases, are more of an investigative/location shot that we could have the choice of viewing in an album if we so desire rather than searching for content in the forum that we feel is of more interest.

Just wondering.

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Re: Photo and Video Commenting System

Posted by crystalcross - 09 Jan 2012 03:43

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OK, I get it. We don't want the comments to be lost. I move that we start a new forum entitled "Take My Orbs Please". Lol.

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Re: Photo and Video Commenting System

Posted by crystalcross - 09 Jan 2012 03:51

I'll look into a partial re-write to allow you to enable or disable comments on a per album or per image

level.

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Re: Photo and Video Commenting System
Posted by crystalcross - 09 Jan 2012 04:01

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So if I do that, the photo won't go in the discussion forum?

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Re: Photo and Video Commenting System
Posted by crystalcross - 09 Jan 2012 04:13

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In theory, thats correct.

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