



PhotoLog
GPS Field Camera
User Manual

A BESTAPP Digital Product

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Welcome to PhotoLog

PhotoLog was built to solve a simple, familiar problem: you spot something interesting — a barn find, a classic vehicle, a piece of history sitting in a field — and by the time you're home, you can't remember exactly where it was. PhotoLog tags every photo with its GPS location the moment you take it, so the memory and the map never come apart.

This manual covers the core features of the app: capturing photos, tagging and organizing them, searching your collection, and managing your subscription.

Getting Started

When you first launch PhotoLog, you'll be asked to sign in or create an account. This keeps your photo collection tied to you and lets your subscription status sync correctly across sessions.

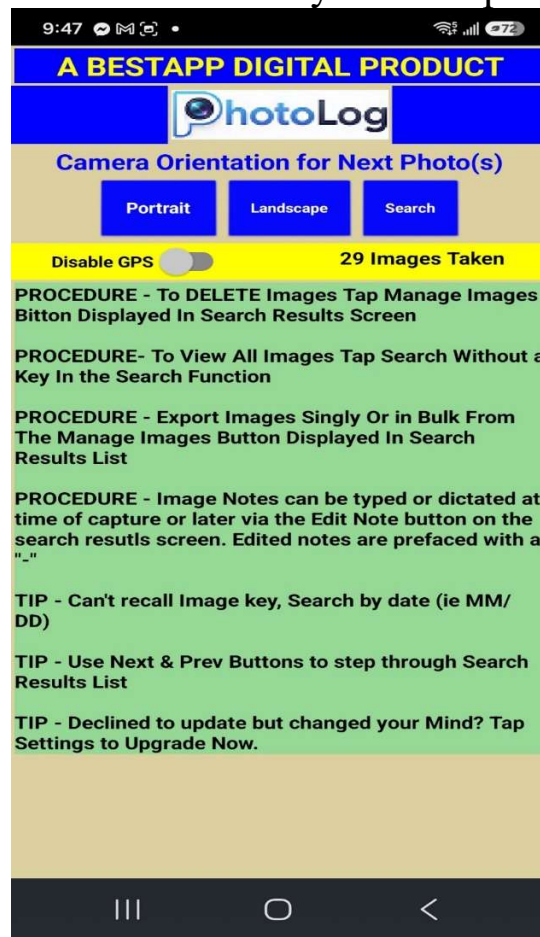
On the main menu, you'll see your core navigation options:



- Capture Photos — take a new GPS-tagged photo
- Search Photos — find and review photos you've already captured
- Manage Images — share, bulk export or delete captured photos
- PhotoSnapSets — Tag photos in your phones picture library making them searchable in photolog.
- Manual & Settings — this manual, plus app preferences and subscription management

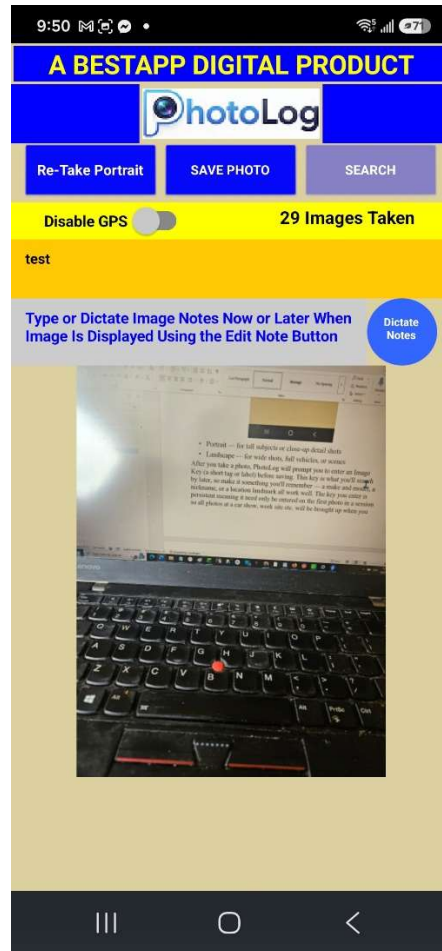
Taking A Photo

Tap Capture Photos from the main menu. You'll be asked to choose the camera orientation for your next photo(s):



- Portrait — for tall subjects or close-up detail shots
- Landscape — for wide shots, full vehicles, or scenes

After you take a photo, PhotoLog will prompt you to enter an Image Key (a short tag or label) before saving. (test in the image below)



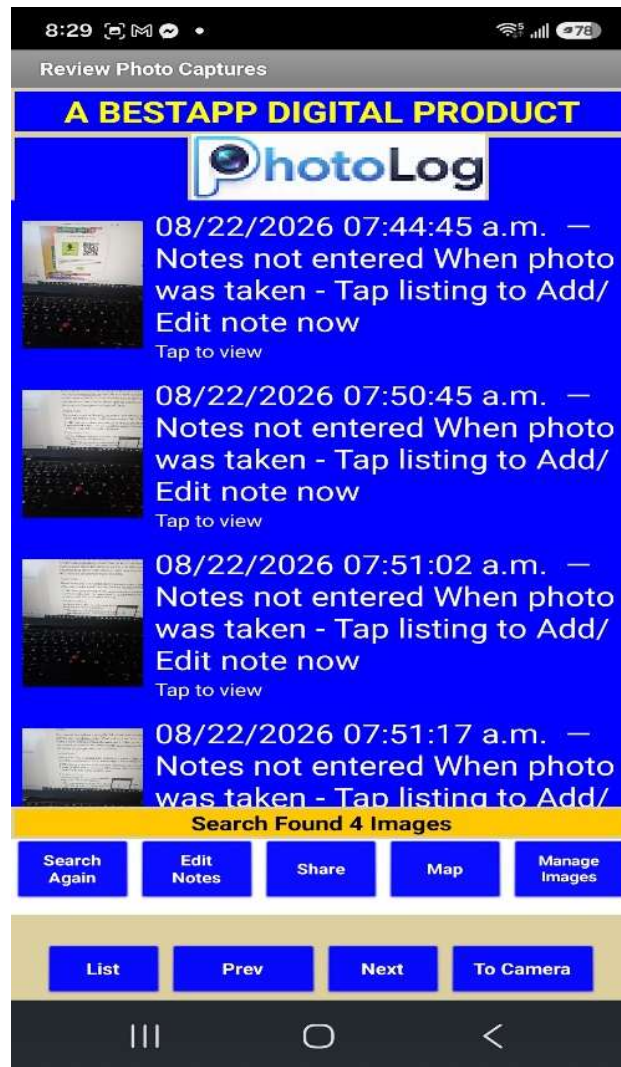
This key is what you'll search by later, so make it something you'll remember — a make and model, a nickname, or a location landmark all work well. The key you enter is persistent meaning it need only be entered on the first photo in a session so all photos at a car show, work site etc. will be brought up when you search that key later. The key remains in place until you change it or close the App session. To continue in a new session simply enter the same tag as used previously.

TIP: Can't think of a memorable key? You can also search by date later (see Finding Your Photos), so don't overthink it in the moment.

If GPS is available at the time of capture, your photo's location is saved automatically. You can disable GPS tagging at any time using the Disable GPS toggle if you'd rather not record location for a particular session.

Once a photo is saved, you can tap Re-Take if you want another shot with the same orientation, or Save Photo to keep it and move on.

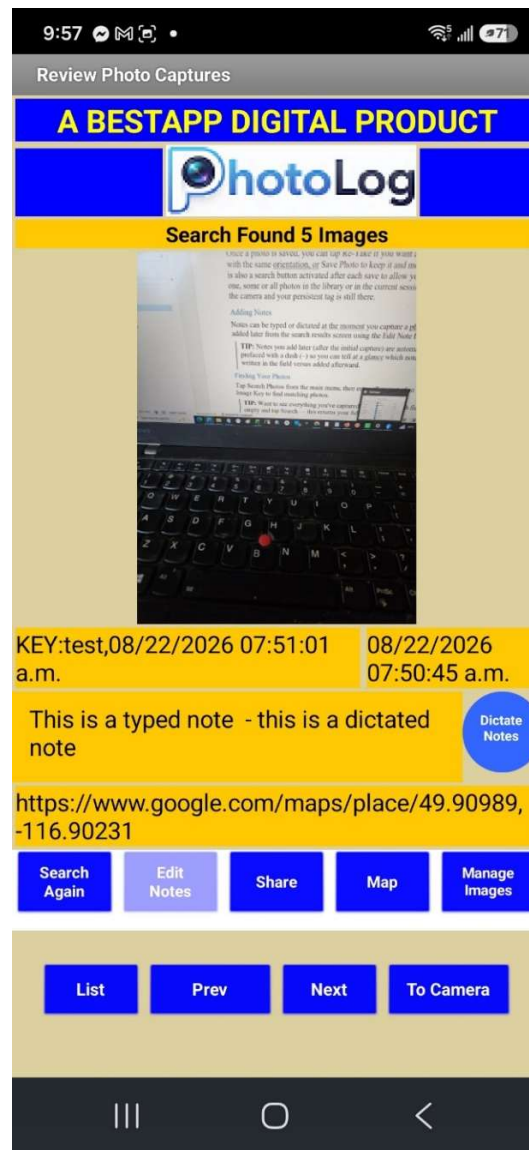
There is also a search button activated after each save to allow you to review one, some or all photos taken with the current Tag or all photos in the PhotoLog library. (See Image Below) Return to the cameras using the “To Camera” button and the persistent tag is still in place.



Adding Notes

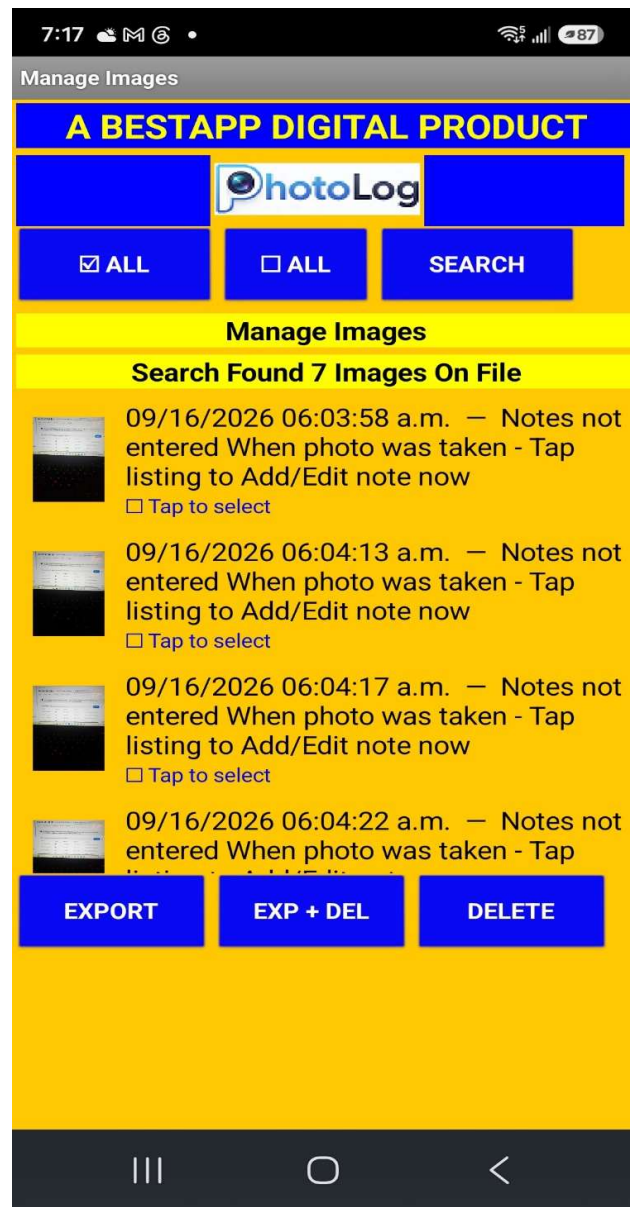
Notes can be typed or dictated at the moment you capture a photo, or added later from the search results screen, using the Edit Note button when you have displayed an image in the list.

TIP: Dictated notes you add later (after the initial capture) are automatically prefaced with a dash (–) so you can tell at a glance which notes were written in the field versus added afterward.



Manage Images

Manage Images page is where you preform image management functions including Export, Export and Delete, or Delete.

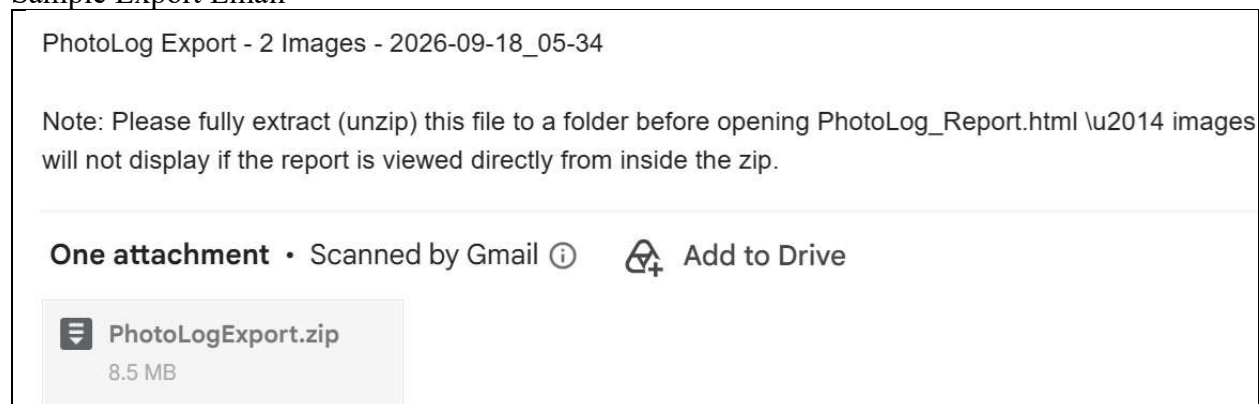


In order to perform any of the export or delete functions you need to select images you wish to work with either individual selection using the “Tap to Select” box under each listed image or the Check All button at the top of the screen. To Unselect use the Unselect All button.

Delete functions will provide a pop up message warning that you are about to delete the selected images. Once deleted images are not recoverable.

Export buttons create a package that contains the following, selected images in their Native format, A formatted field report containing a large format thumbnail and all recorded Exif data for the image with each selected image with it's Exif data on a single page and an Excel data sheet with all relevant data for each image including a link to the original image. The entire package is bundled into a Zip file and sent to the recipient via email.

Sample Export Email



Unzipped Export Contents



Sample Formatted Field Report

PhotoLog Field Report

2 Images

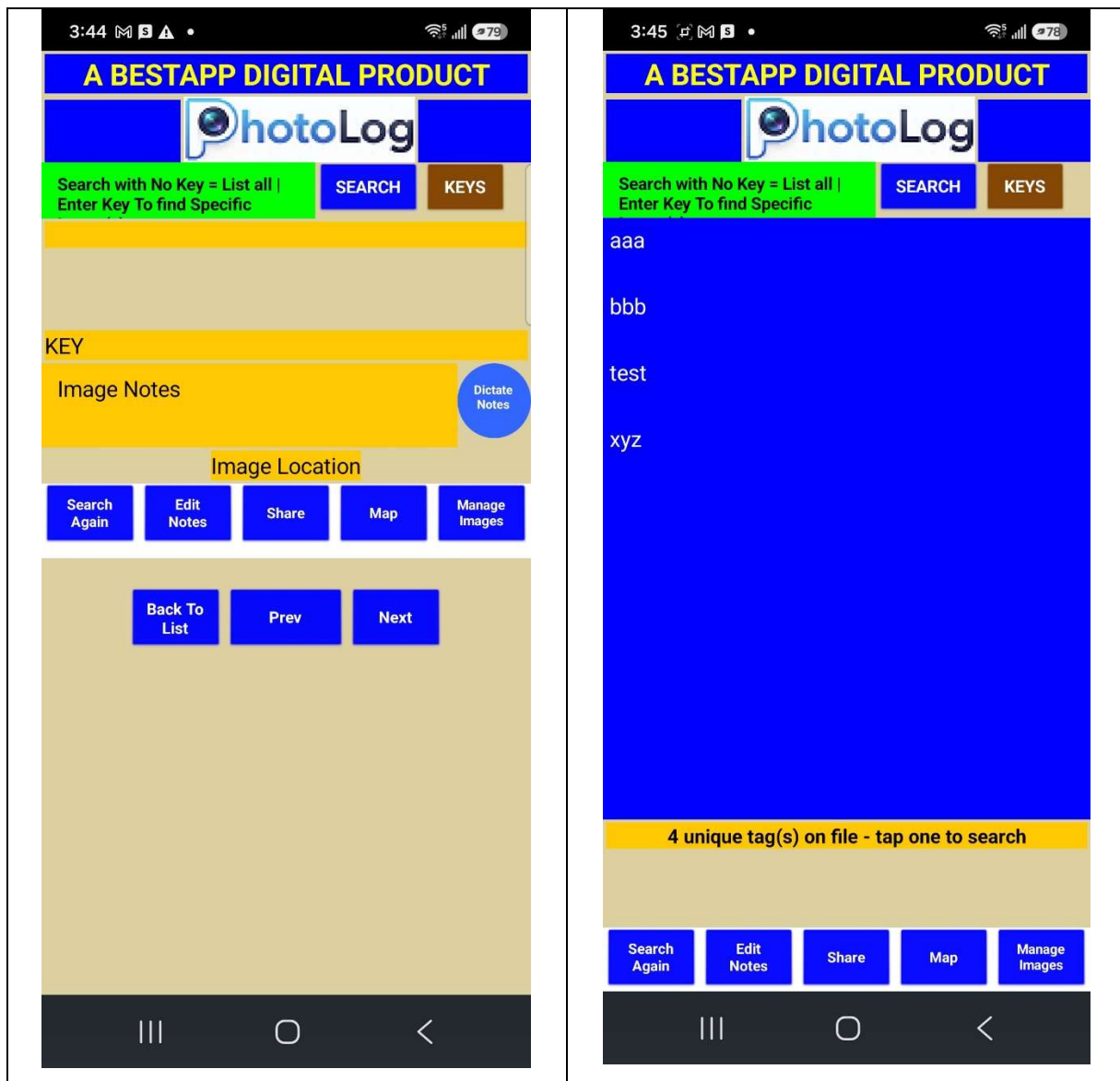


Key: nelson S&S
Date: 09/18/2026 05:34:11 a.m.-1
Notes: Nelson S&S Sept 12
GPS: [View on Google Maps ↗](#)

Finding Your Photos

Tap Search Photos from the main menu, then enter all or part of an Image Key to find matching photos. To see all photos currently in the PhotoLog Image file simply tap search without having entered a key.

Can't find the image(s) your looking for and Can't recall the KEY you used to file it/them? Tap the Keys button to produce a list of all keys currently on file in alphabetical order. Tap any key in the keys list to bring up all images saved under that key.



TIP: Want to see everything you've captured? Leave the search field empty and tap Search — this returns your full photo library.

TIP: Forgotten your image key? Search by date or Tap Keys button to list all keys. Date format is MM/DD (for example, 08/21).

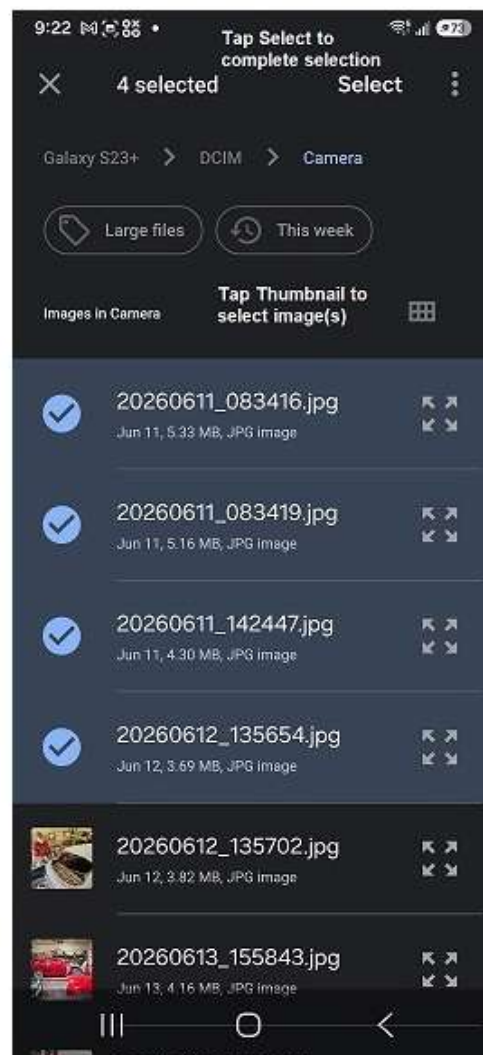
Once you have a list of results, use the Prev and Next buttons to step through them one at a time, viewing the photo, its notes, and its GPS location together.

From the search results screen, tap Manage Images to export photos (singly or in bulk) or to delete them from your collection.

Photo Snap Sets

Already have photos on your phone from your phone's native camera?

Photo Snap Sets lets you bring existing photos into the PhotoLog searchable library, without needing to have taken them through the app's camera.



Tap PhotoSnapSets from the main menu, the initial screen allows for single image selection, Tap the list icon on the top right of the images display to select multiple images, then select the photos you'd like to import from PhotoLog's photo library.

You can choose how to tag your imported photos:

- Batch mode — apply the same Image Key, notes, and GPS location to every photo in the set at once, ideal when the whole group belongs together (for example, photos all taken at the same Event, Location, Holiday etc.)
- Individual review — step through each imported photo one at a time, giving each its own key and notes

TIP: Where available, PhotoLog reads the original capture date directly from each photo's own file information, so imported photos keep their real timestamp rather than the date you happened to import them.

Once imported and tagged, these photos become fully searchable alongside everything captured directly through PhotoLog — they'll appear in your search results exactly like any other entry in your library.

Free Tier and Subscriptions

PhotoLog is free to start, with a generous number of photo captures included at no cost. As you approach the 24 free image limit, you'll see prompts offering a Monthly or Annual subscription for unlimited captures — the Annual plan saves you money over paying monthly.

Note. If you only use PhotoLog to make photos from your phone's native camera library searchable within PhotoLog, the App will remain free – forever. Charges are only applicable if you are taking images with PhotoLog.

If you're on the Monthly plan and later decide the Annual plan makes more sense for you, you can switch directly:

- Open Manual & Settings from the main menu
- If you're currently on the Monthly plan, you'll see a Subscribe Annually button.
- Tap it to switch — Your Annual Billing date will be the day after your monthly subscription Ends.

TIP: The upgrade option only appears if you've visited the Capture Photos screen at least once since opening the app in that session — this lets PhotoLog confirm your current plan with Google Play before showing the option.

You can cancel your subscription at any time from the Manual & Settings page. Your access continues until the end of your current billing period, even after cancelling.

Settings & Preferences

From the Manual & Settings page, you can also:



- Correct photo orientation if images are displaying sideways or upside down, using the Change Orientation settings
- Review your current settings for both Portrait and Landscape capture
- **Note** Upgrade, & Cancel Subscription buttons are user status dependent
- Manage your subscription, as described above.

TIP: Declined an upgrade earlier but changed your mind? You can always come back to Manual & Settings to upgrade whenever you're ready.

Tips & Troubleshooting

- If a photo's GPS location wasn't available at the time of capture, PhotoLog will note this rather than show an incorrect location — you can still save and tag the photo normally.
- If images are appearing rotated incorrectly, use the Change Orientation settings on the Manual & Settings page to correct future captures.
- If The Photolog Camera keeps coming up with the front camera on (selfie mode) go to your phones native camera app switch to the back camera and shut down the camera. Native camera remembers what mode it was in when shut down.
- If you run into an issue that isn't covered here, please reach out through the support contact listed on the app's Play Store page — we're actively improving PhotoLog based on real feedback from users like you.

Thank You

PhotoLog started as a personal solution to a personal problem — losing track of interesting finds in the field.

Thank you for being part of the PhotoLog Community as it grows. Your feedback directly shapes where this app goes next. If you have comments suggestions or observations please send a note to admin@photolog.ca