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[Carey Hess](#)
[Photography](#)
Posts: 104

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Photographer
[Brandon Vincent](#)
Posts: 627

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[Carey Hess](#)
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Photographer
[DBVE Imaging](#)

Posts: 318

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Photographer
[Vector 38](#)

Posts: 3,679

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undeniably the contemporary approach to marketing is undergoing an evolution that's hard to keep up with; the type [complaints] you write of can be found said of almost anything tied into the "social networking" movement, people often losing sight of their true place in the system and only later realizing they were never really in the "upper-hand" position ...

scroll around or search through the forum threads (<http://search.plasticpuppet.com/>) here at the Mayhem to see how many people start 'Goodbye Mayhem' threads for many of your same reasons ...

g'luck!

~ fr

Jul 10 08 10:44 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)

Model
[Fitness101](#)

Posts: 76

I just canceled my OMP account too. Site was way too complicated. And I was not getting that many offers on there.

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Brandon Vincent wrote:

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Not sure why they charge so much if they are not so good...



Photographer
[Alexander Image](#)
 Posts: 57

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Photographer
[Lord-ent](#)
 Posts: 214

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[TwilightArms](#)
 Posts: 112

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exactly ... but then again, we are the tools & they've simply been using us to make their business! how many, awarded higher status or buying special privileges, think they are any different from the rest of the working bees ... ?

~ fr

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Photographer
[Greg Cobb](#)
[Photography](#)
 Posts: 3,674

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I thought the same. It was too busy, complicated to navigate around and the attitudes of the people are worse than almost anyone here. I had the Plat. membership and I got one reply to my email, never a request.

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[Myopic Earache](#)
 Posts: 470

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Haha..nice! 😊

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Model
[Jmonroe](#)
 Posts: 282

cancelled mine a while ago too...my offers were pretty much all porn related and the few photographers that wanted to set something up,pretty much flaked!

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[Lord-ent](#)
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Jul 10 08 10:58 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Model
[hella noella](#)
 Posts: 255

i pretty much have only gotten porn offers. oh, and once an audition for a "reality" tv show about four women who run a matchmaking service. lame.

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So they probably have to real interest in modelling, only making money.

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[Carey Hess](#)
[Photography](#)
 Posts: 104

It's interesting to read this when thinking they were a standard a few years ago.

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Photographer
[GM Photography](#)
 Posts: 552

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Photographer
[Stedman](#)
[Photography](#)
 Posts: 136

Exactly the same experience!

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I totally agree. This site is great and worth the small fees.

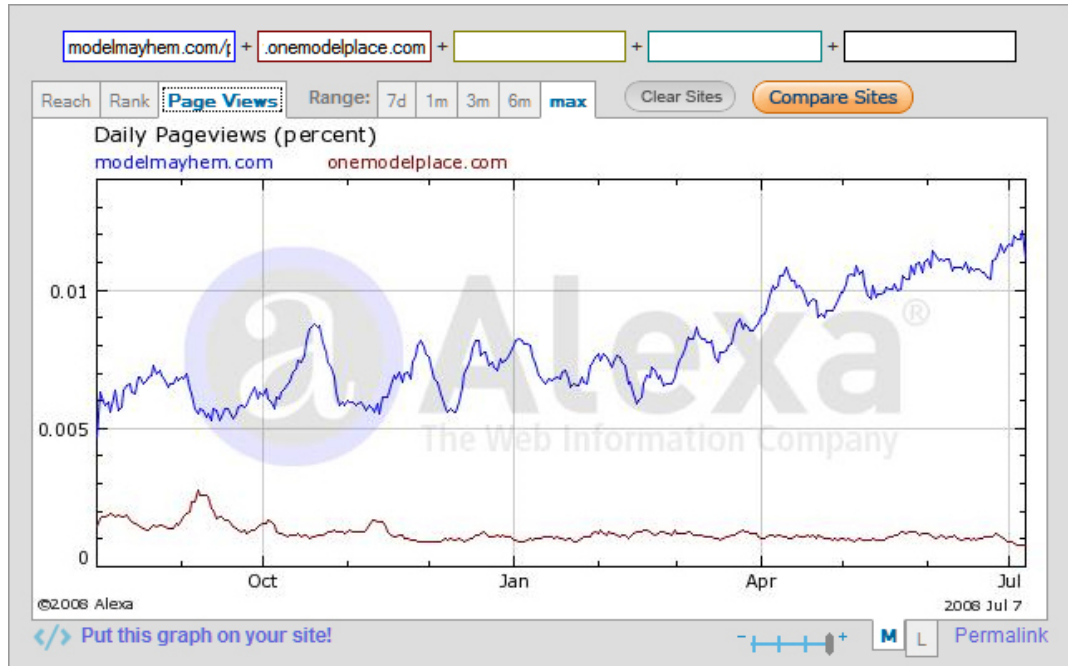
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Photographer
[Joe Koz](#)
 Posts: 1,500

Carey Hess Photography wrote:
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Check with Alexa:



Jul 10 08 11:05 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer
[San Francisco Nudes](#)

Posts: 1,812

I dropped it some time ago - just wasn't worth my time, let alone money. They do have some features that are nice but bottom line I just wasn't finding quality models.

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Photographer
[Scott Lawrence
Smith](#)

Posts: 118

(not just kissing ass) MM seriously has it's act together. I do think the ease of use is key... some people may be wonderful at taking photos or striking poses etc.... but most don't have the "OMP Navigation" talent. 🤔

Jul 10 08 11:06 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer
[Leo Avery III](#)

Posts: 49

I was a member at OMP for 7 years and I look back and ask myself what I really gained there. I had to call them a few times about being overlooked on some issues. It's so much favoritism there it's not even funny. If they like you then you are going to get tons of showcases and become a featured member for the next 4 years but if not then you are not going to get anything. That's just the way it is with them and yes a lot of good photographers including myself are leaving.

Jul 10 08 11:07 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer
[Leo Avery III](#)

Posts: 49

MM is 10 times better then OMP.

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Photographer
[Ragnar](#)

Posts: 342

I have had lots of issues and so have others

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The only thing O.M.P. is good for these days is the travel & new model notices....I have



Photographer
[PTBphotography](#)
 Posts: 88

heard that there is a new Beta version of O.M.P. that is similar to MM. Easier to navigate and more interaction available between members (like Tags ,comments). But seriously its not worth the money for a platinum membership...You think they could do something cool like a discount to members that have been there for a long time. X amount off for the amount of time as a member or something...but instead they try to sell you stuff like booty shorts ,t-shirts ,or over priced workshops(O.M.P. spam). I don't foresee O.M.P. being the front runner in Web Model/Photographer sites any longer...

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Model
[heavenlydevil](#)
 Posts: 7

i was a member for two years and in that two years i got 5 offers 3 for porn and two for nude work none of which i do. the site was a joke to me. i get swamped with emails and offers from here so i will stay right here. as long as i can thank you mm and i feel sorry for all the people that got took by omp. again i am not bashing omp just they were not good for me and others seem to have had the same experience.

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Photographer
[Chi - Rue99](#)
[Photography](#)
 Posts: 1,578

I was on the verge of dumping OMP, then got a great model to shoot with that made me reconsider. But for the money, MM is tons better for trades.

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Photographer
[Juan E Rivera](#)
 Posts: 11

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I was being sarcastic.

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[Brandon Vincent](#)
Posts: 627

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...OMP rocks.

Model
[Natalie B.](#)
Posts: 706

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This thread just makes me smile.

(and stop with the PMs, no, I won't tell you why)

Photographer
[Sophistocles](#)
Posts: 11,677

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Photographer
[Merlyn Magic Photo](#)
Posts: 1,211

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I don't know, pay for placement is/was the standard in radio play, supermarkets, and Google until the masses complained and the change was made either voluntarily or through legislation. Now it is just moved to under the table and not talked about. Price fixing is another "unfair" example that occurs with a wink wink, nudge nudge.

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Hmmm...where does all that money go then...ha...ha...wait pay \$500 plus to shoot the same models ,settings ,lighting etc. as everyone there ,so you all kind of have similar picture's...then owe the model prints etc. as well...? I've never even considered going to one of those functions...I didn't know the models did it TF...thats crazy!

Jul 10 08 11:24 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer
[BSCS Art Photography](#)
 Posts: 250

I get more paid work from OMP, but overall shoot more models through MM.

I'm not sure what that means.

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Photographer
[RDPhoto - Ric](#)
 Posts: 370

I was member #531, and nothing was done to keep me on the site. It kept getting worse daily, then they started charging and changing everything so I could not even contact people without complications. Give up after paying for one year and came here.

Love it.

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Photographer
[Lucas Chapman](#)
 Posts: 3,334

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Photographer
[Sophistocles](#)
 Posts: 11,678

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[John Jebbia](#)
Posts: 13,466

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[Myopic Earache](#)
Posts: 470

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Photographer
[Jim Mack](#)
Posts: 9

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Photographer
[rp_photo](#)
Posts: 17,626

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OMP has no spunk or personality whatsoever, with a feedback and messaging system that is 1997 state of the art.

Jul 10 08 11:51 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)

I bailed out of OMP on the page that asked for my money, over a year ago.



Photographer
[Paul Bryson](#)
[Photography](#)
 Posts: 6,115

I like MM cause you can be here at no charge, then if it does well enough for you, the option of VIP is available but not required. Oh, and it's loaded with lots of top quality models. 😊

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Model
[KatieR](#)
 Posts: 60

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I agree they are spending an increasing amount more on marketing OMP, OMP products, and OMP workshops. I still hang on to my site though. I get equal work from both places and have found the people running OMP to be available and friendly for my questions and concerns, I can't knock it, they've been a great tool for me. Unfortunately I have heard mixed feelings from most photogs I work with.

Jul 10 08 11:56 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer
[DaveDavis](#)
 Posts: 356

I never had any luck with that site and I feel their agenda and quality really when down hill, I left 4 years ago and haven't regretted it one bit. MM is far more personable, MM Rocks!!

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Photographer
[Tom Taylor](#)
 Posts: 105

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Photographer
[Deacon Blues](#)
 Posts: 10,560

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I think that models can join for free.

Jul 11 08 12:00 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer
[Andrew Kaiser](#)
 Posts: 269

At one time OMP was an absolute necessity for me. As it stands, I haven't booked a model from OMP in over two years. It just sort of sucks now...

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Question for the OMP haters... If MM ceased to exist, would you go back? There are a lot of clones, and a few that I thought had potential.... paidmodels.com for example has the best features of any of them, by far... but they all lack the community.

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The site at one time used to be worthwhile. & in some ways it is still very useful over sites like, like if you travel it allows you to fire off notices statewide, same w/ casting call responses.

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Reading your bio.. scotch eh? I just began a years long journey with Ardmores... Ever had it? Tastes like a naturalist bbq... (what a conundrum). I just finished a journey with Longmorn...quite delicious, is great to saute with fresh shrimp in the last 30 seconds.

sorry to derail the convo, seems MM had this one before... long, long before... in a land .. etc, etc.

on with the scotch.

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Shhhh. Clearly, Tyler has no interest in that. I know of, as of last week, four sites in the works with all of the best features of all existing sites, plus more. And one of them has some pretty unique ideas that might just cause a small revolution in this and a couple related industries.

So let OMP flounder. Let MM stagnate. Let MB be too confusing to use. Let MR be dark and slow. There's an opportunity and, frankly, I'm actually enjoying being on the sidelines right now watching the battlefield be partitioned.

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Yep. Improve that, and they're back in business. I had a long chat with Brett about 2 months ago and I brought this up and told him THAT'S why people left in droves. He seemed to be listening. Time will tell.

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Photographer
[Magic Image Photography](#)
 Posts: 859

OMP models are very tackful if your account does not have at least 5 showcase pics or if your account isnt a platinum or Gold they will not waist their time on you. It is a world wide site like MM but it has been around for years, My membership number was 232. I had a free be for the longest time and they use to let you post 40 images for free then they changed it to 20 and the to 10 and then you could have 5 images but you had to pay 10 bucks for the year. Now i tell you who wants to pay to show case just 5 images. I ordered some busines cards spent 50 bucks so i could get that OMP logo they never sent me shit and still charged me the 10 bucks fees all they did was give me a showcase image that i posted as a mistake and i laughted at that my worst image got showcased. Any ways enjoy the ride on MM one day or an other Tyler will move to the Dark side and fees will be asked

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Photographer
[Michael Rothman](#)
 Posts: 341

I was wondering what to do with my OMP silver membership. Been there 5 years have 7 Showcases and NO ONE answers ANY of my contact messages. NO ONE. All the models I've shot with these past few years have been through MM or friends of models on MM. It's nice to know others are having similar issues. I want to quit but don't want to loose the Showcases.

Quick related question. Are the view numbers there real. I get views but no one ever contacts me or leaves a 'tracking' comment.

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Model
[Chyna N](#)
 Posts: 353

I just tried to register for OMP last week and got confused and haven't logged on since. MM 4 Life.

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OMP has been pretty useless for me too. I have the \$10 Bronze deal but haven't received an acknowledgment since Nov. of 07 & my personal page views quit counting years ago. Would someone check my page 6647 and send me an acknowledgment so I can tell if it even works? Thanks. I think it's time to drop it.

Photographer
[Throneburg Photography](#)
 Posts: 44

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 Posts: 6,115

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At least we already know MM is a good site for networking, and is worth a few bucks a month. 😊

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Photographer
[Tom Taylor](#)
 Posts: 105

I will remain with MM until they begin to charge for the features that I am now getting for free. Although it has been in the past, photographer is not my current profession. So, I can't see putting anymore money into it than I do.

Hopefully, MM will stay free of charge. OMP lost me the second they started charging.

Jul 11 08 12:31 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer
[ArtiztikFoto](#)
 Posts: 177

OMP photographers pay a minimum of \$10/year for 5 small images, models get 5 images for free. Consequently you will find tons of model accounts that have been inactive for 2 or 3 years...I found OMP models almost never respond to messages and so many of them just post 5 cell phone self-portraits, list they only accept paid work, and ignore any email. I am gone when my bronze account dies.

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Photographer
[Skyy McKendry](#)
 Posts: 68

I cancelled my membership too. ModelMayhem is where it's at! I really love this site because of the emotional support from other members. There's nothing else like it on the web.

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Jul 11 08 12:44 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)**Model**[Janos -](#)

Posts: 709

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by far... MM is the best... and it is free!!

Jul 11 08 12:45 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)**Photographer**[Dan Hood](#)

Posts: 3,853

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Jul 11 08 12:48 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)**Photographer**[ArtiztikFoto](#)

Posts: 177

Throneburg Photography wrote:

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I just logged in to OMP and searched #6647 and got the pop-up that you do not exist. They must be monitoring our discontented posts here.

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I love MM!

Jul 11 08 12:50 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer
[Greg Cobb](#)
[Photography](#)
 Posts: 3,674

Maybe it's the same guy from there who got on here bashing MM and trying to recruit new members.

Jul 11 08 12:55 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer
[Sixty4Graphics](#)
 Posts: 26

I haven't left OMP yet but I think about it all the time. I have only found two good models there in two years.

I have never once had anyone contact me from there and actual fallow through.

I think the site is little more than a T&A outfit anyway. I will shoot the occasional nude but if it's not T&A it goes completely unnoticed there and that makes me sick.

Jul 11 08 12:59 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer
[Webspinner](#)
 Posts: 4,575

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Photographer
[\(ANT \) Mgaphoto](#)
 Posts: 2,138

If you are an adult model or looking exclusively for these types OMP is great... otherwise it is really not worth it in my opinion.

Ant 🤔

Jul 11 08 01:06 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer
[Irakly Shnidze](#)

Posts: 701

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Jul 11 08 01:13 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Model

[London Andrews](#)

Posts: 952

I love Modelmayhem... I always tell everyone it is my home. Haha... all my friends live here. God, I am such a total loser.... ha

Jul 11 08 01:15 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer
[Doctor E](#)

Posts: 523

As a hobbyist, I probably can't make much of a contribution to this thread....

But I have been Platinum+ on OMP, have downgraded to Gold and will likely go to a minimum account after that.

Why?

In the last three years 95% of the models that I've worked with have been through MM. And 100% of the interaction that I have with models and photographers has been on MM. (The 5% was a model that is on both sites.... And I would have gotten that shoot on a Bronze account.)

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If I were a pro photographer, I'm sure I would find more value in OMP - and would likely be using OMP and many other sites as well.

For my needs, MM is fantastic and I'm glad to pay for a VIP membership.

Edited to add: The model that replied above me (London) is the 5%. So it was totally worth it. Book her before she's done with modeling at the end of the year.

Jul 11 08 01:17 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)

Carey Hess Photography wrote:

Well I agree that being platinum and not the plus did hinder me in the search. But I



Photographer
[Michael R Kihn Studios](#)
 Posts: 2,161

also found that is that really fair? I was a paying customer and I should have not be pushed to page 7 of a search from day one.

Gee I was always number one all the time in my area

Jul 11 08 01:20 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer
[Must See Studios](#)
 Posts: 52

As someone mentioned OMP was nice at one time. I canceled my 5 yr membership last year when MB came along. If you don't know what that is look on my profile here. There are many other sites that are coming up as referenced above with much more features. As of now though MB tops OMP by far because it has all of its features including travel notices etc and all the networking of myspace/mm and many members who have come from OMP. It actually has many more features. The platinum fee was ridiculous and didn't really get that many referrals. Other sites are topping them such as 105 slot portfolio starting on MB and they aren't liking it too much(I know that for a fact). So I don't miss OMP at all, not that its bad, just too expensive for what you can get elsewhere for free or less cost.

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Photographer
[Silver Crossroads](#)
 Posts: 43

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[Michael R Kihn Studios](#)
Posts: 2,161

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Model
[Colin R](#)
Posts: 6,315

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Photographer [Studio 925](#)
Posts: 5,228

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Photographer [Michael R Kihn Studios](#)
Posts: 2,161

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Forums - Travel notices

Jul 11 08 01:37 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer [Carey Hess Photography](#)
Posts: 104

Studio 925 wrote:

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Haha...really am not. I have nothing against the site if it works or did work for people. I had many showcase images and felt success from that but just not enough business to continue.

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Photographer
[JM Dean](#)
 Posts: 5,379

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Believe me, I know. I lived in Illinois for 7 years. 😊

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And if MB can get it up in a couple months I'm sure MM can too.

Jul 11 08 01:46 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer
PashaPhoto
Posts: 318

omp is pricey... and may have it's issues... but it's still a player, and a major one...

i plan to setup an account there... eventually...

so far have been very happy with mm 😊

Jul 11 08 01:47 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer
J C
KUNSTFOTOGRAFIE
Posts: 1,430

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Photographer

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[Philippe](#)

Posts: 1,766

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Jul 11 08 01:57 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)

Photographer
[Farenell Photography](#)
 Posts: 6,678

John Jebbia wrote:

Yep. Improve that, and they're back in business. I had a long chat with Brett about 2 months ago and I brought this up and told him THAT'S why people left in droves. He seemed to be listening. Time will tell.

Well, it was that & the price at least for me. \$80 for the lowest paid membership for any networking community that I barely got anything out of it. Not saying others aren't making good use out of it, it just wasn't cost effective.

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How do you know that? I've seen plenty of accounts on here and other places that are supposed to be ran by the model but the "BF" or someone else is actually replying. You can deny it all you want but it happens.

Jul 11 08 01:59 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer
[Merlyn Magic Photo](#)
 Posts: 1,211

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LOL

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DRP PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographer
[DRP Photography](#)
Posts: 121

OMP has been a great resource for me! (photographer #74055).

I've shot close to 100 "models" from the site and I've enjoyed the site...

I do see a major decline in views to my page and I'm very tired of all the advertisements on a paid site! That's just not cool in my opinion.

I have been waiting for them to rebuild their site, which they are in the midst of doing. They will have image comments, along w/ other tools like being able to view who's been looking at your page... It's been a long time coming. They gotta step up.

I do like MM better- and the price is right! 😊

Cheers.

Dave Preston | DRP Photography
MM 79994 | OMP 74055

Jul 11 08 02:11 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)

Photographer
[Shutterbug5269](#)
Posts: 1,058

Jmonroe wrote:

and the few photographers that wanted to set something up, pretty much flaked!

I've had the SAME problem on the photographer side of things.

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Does that mean we can bash MM? 😊

Edit: Damn, the fancy superhero stuff disappeared when I quoted you...Drats on you

Batman!

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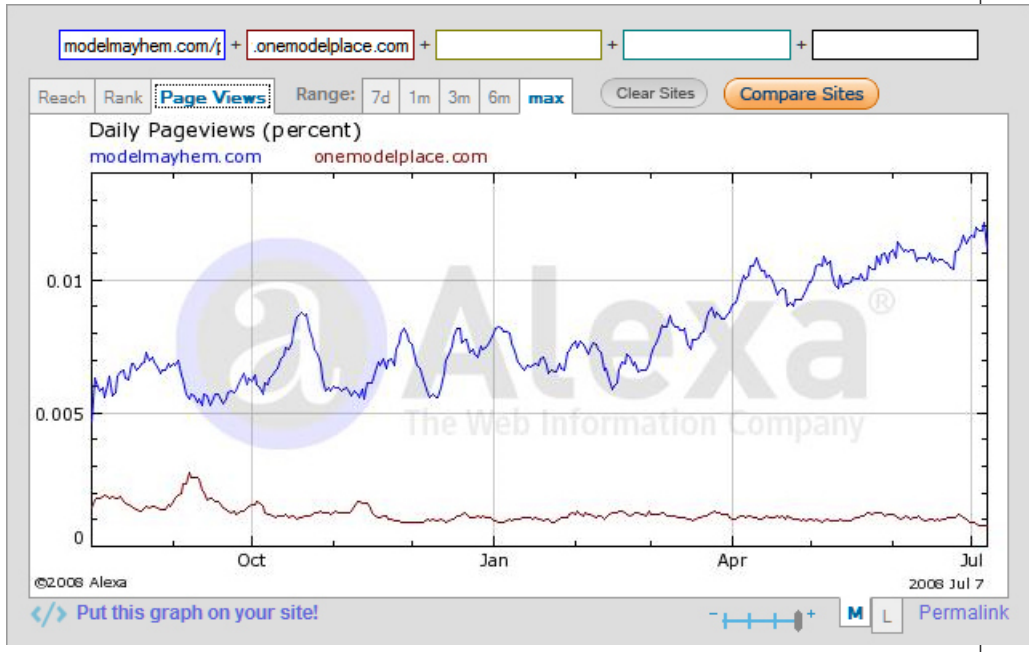


Photographer
[Lund](#)
[Photography](#)

Posts: 592

Joe Koz wrote:

Check with Alexa:



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Finally someone understands...

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probably not, I don't think the @ hid to much either.

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 I said, "See Ya" to them along time ago!

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Model  
[Virginia G](#)  
 Posts: 78

I'm on OMP, and I've actually gotten all my paid work through them. Granted, it was spokesmodel jobs, but I've gotten quite a number of those assignments through OMP. I also worked TFP with a couple of photographers who found me on there, and they both do excellent work!

It's probably because I'm so new to MM, but I've only done 1 TF shoot through this site, and no paid job offers. I'm sure given time, it'll happen on here too tho. I agree with the others who have mentioned OMP is difficult to navigate. MM is very user-friendly! 😊 I also really like that MM has the various forums. It's another great networking tool, and a great place to get advice or learn more about industry-related topics.

I plan on keeping my OMP, but I definitely prefer this site.

Jul 11 08 02:51 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



**Photographer**  
[Twan Imagery](#)  
Posts: 248

i really like how they charge the photographers 500 dollars & the models 25 to do TF at one location with the same backdrop & lights. that's really innovative. I wonder who's getting the ferrari? i got that from aqua teen hunger force

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Photographer  
[Leroy Dickson](#)  
Posts: 1,588

**Philippe wrote:**  
I never been on OMP

You haven't missed a thing.

Jul 11 08 03:14 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Stephen Fletcher](#)  
Posts: 2,707

I broke my promise and did renew my Silver membership at the last minute only because I met two really talented models on there at last.

Next year may be a different story.

Jul 11 08 09:44 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Frank McAdam](#)  
Posts: 716

I cancelled OMP over a year ago, because there were too many wannabe models with no pics and I got tired of paying to wade through them all. But I did find an awful lot of models to work with while I was there.

Jul 11 08 09:47 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Katja Kruppe](#)

I have an account there that is pretty much the lowest level of membership. A friend insisted I be on that site and bought me the membership earlier this year.

I have not gotten a single shoot out of it. Models I contacted don't reply and the only actual direct inquiry by a model was just a fluke as well.

Posts: 307

I barely go on there and find it hard to navigate.

Jul 11 08 09:53 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)

Photographer  
[Bob Pomeroy](#)  
Posts: 24

**Lord-ent wrote:**

OMP was a great place. But they have gone away from the Model/Photographer idea. They seem more interested now in selling their stuff, than in making the site a useful tool. Too many adds, too many emails inviting me to workshops too far away. 😞 I know this is my last year on that site. Too bad, I used to get most of my models from there. A lot of them even paid!

I have to decide if I want to renew this week. I've only had one referral from OMP in the last 12 months and she didn't follow up. There doesn't seem to be any reason to stay there.

Jul 11 08 09:58 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)

**THE  
RULES  
DON'T  
APPLY  
TO ME!**

Photographer  
[John Jebbia](#)  
Posts: 13,466

**Tom Taylor wrote:**

I will remain with MM until they begin to charge for the features that I am now getting for free. Although it has been in the past, photographer is not my current profession. So, I can't see putting anymore money into it than I do.

Hopefully, MM will stay free of charge. OMP lost me the second they started charging.

I have no problem with paying for something that holds value.

Jul 11 08 10:04 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)

Photographer  
[DJHphoto](#)  
Posts: 193

I dropped down to a Bronze at OMP this renewal year. Way toooooo sloooooow for my dial-up ISP (my only option other than satellite).

MM is more friendly and has a "community" feel to it.

Jul 11 08 10:10 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)

Model  
[JoJo Suicide](#)  
Posts: 1,838

I find OMP navigation needlessly complicated and confusing. It would appear that OMP has purposely gone out of their way to make everything as inconvenient and as slow as possible. Under 'how not to set up a modeling site' in the dictionary it says 'See OMP'.

In defense of OMP I will say that I receive about 30 to 40 paid shoots every month through my OMP port, so I will continue with my membership.

Jul 11 08 10:19 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[SMPphotography](#)  
 Posts: 11

I have no experience with OMP and have only recently joined MM. That being said I was looking into the possibility of becoming a paid member there as a way to gain more exposure, get more bookings and progress in my craft but after readin alot of the opinions of people in this thread I think I may reconsider that....

Jul 11 08 11:38 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Leo Avery III](#)  
 Posts: 49

**Myopic Earache wrote:**

Right, the plebs might be watching.

Let them watch and learn.

Jul 11 08 04:39 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Leo Avery III](#)  
 Posts: 49

I think that OMP should take more pride in there photographers and models that have been with them for years. These people are overlooked and that was one of my problems. Just because some photographs has friends at OMP does not mean they should get all of the benefits. Keeping the same photographers as featured members for 4 years is not a good ideal. What about the other photographs that are really good. Don't they get a chance too?? I have been with MM for over 2 years compared to my 7 years at OMP. I have worked with more models here in 2 years than I have in 7 years at OMP. The flow here is a lot better. You don't feel left out. You feel like you are part of the site and that is really a plus.

Jul 11 08 04:56 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[OwenImages](#)  
 Posts: 1,687

I said Goodbye about 2 months ago when my 1 year silver membership was up I and have never looked back. I got 1 paid gig from that site. Pathetic.

Jul 11 08 04:59 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer

I tried it twice a friend of mine has had good experiences there, me it just seemed like a complicated and worthless mess. No real communication just profiles.

[Eric Paul Owens](#)

Posts: 1,713

Jul 11 08 04:59 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Sophistocles](#)  
Posts: 11,678

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As in one a day?!

Seriously?!

Jul 11 08 05:02 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Model  
[JoJo Suicide](#)  
Posts: 1,838

**Sophistocles wrote:**

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Yes - I usually do 2 to 3 shoots per day.

Jul 11 08 05:05 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[FlirtynFun](#)  
[Photography](#)  
Posts: 2,370

Why isn't this thread locked? I thought we were done with these stupid assed bash OMP/other site threads. If you don't like them, don't go there but there are plenty of us who are just as successful using OMP and many other modeling sites as we are using MM. They're tools for marketing people. Most of you bashers wouldn't make it as mechanics. I can see it now- "wrenches suck...I'm only going to use a hammer from now on!"

Jul 11 08 05:05 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Sophistocles](#)  
Posts: 11,678

**JoJo Suicide wrote:**

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No kidding? You're doing 2-to-3 paid shoots per day, every day?

Wow.

Jul 11 08 05:07 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



**Artist/Painter**  
[Erotic Pin-ups](#)  
 Posts: 901

Last year at Glamourcon Chicago, OMP was shooting a promo video. When they came over to my table, I asked if they were shooting interviews with all fo the OMP members there. "Oh," the director says, " are you an OMP member?" uh, yeah.

Best story, thoughm was that the owner/operator of OMP didn't even recognize one of OMP's most famous and successful models, until someone pointed out who she was. hmmmmm

While I am still with OMP, I went down to Gold a few months ago for the same reasons--I get no work, very few offers for work. The site is tough to navigate, but the greater number of portfolio pics is nice. And I met my favorite subject through OMP

But MM people are more accessible, more fun with whom to network--its fun here!

Jul 11 08 05:09 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



**Photographer**  
[BronxTies](#)  
 Posts: 73

Wish I saw this thread yesterday, I would have responded quicker!

I have been a member for almost 2 years and I only sent messages to models that indicated Erotic/Fetish, since that is what I do. Do you know how many models I have booked? Exactly 3! And do you know how many messages went unanswered? About 90%!

I don't know if there is a breakdown with the way OMP delivers messages of the models are just rude, but whatever the reason, it's not a dependable place. I plan on keeping it for a while, but that's only because of the travel notices. When I get one for a model I am interested in, I will go to MM to see if they have a port and contact them here.

While I wish MM would couple some thing from OMP, this place is 1,000 times better!

Jul 11 08 05:12 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



**Photographer**  
[Lewis Photography](#)  
 Posts: 29

I left OMP after nearly four years just this week.

Jul 11 08 05:17 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



**Model**  
[Model Sarah](#)  
 Posts: 17,972

**( ANT ) Mgaphoto wrote:**

If you are an adult model or looking exclusively for these types OMP is great... otherwise it is really not worth it in my opinion.

Ant 🙄

Actually i'm a professional **art** model and I get most of my work there.

Jul 11 08 05:18 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)

**Webspinner wrote:**

i have had great success on omp as both a model and photographer. The travel notices are great and all the models I get and host are from that site. I come here for one reason, to find



**Model**  
[Model Sarah](#)  
 Posts: 17,972

the occasional photographer with amazing work and try to network with them. I do that on omp too. You get out of a site what you put into it. OMP is harder to navigate, but they have been able to reach much more easily than tyler, and I am only a member of omp...I was a MODERATOR here...They (OMP) have listened to more of my suggestions and issues and done more about it then mm ever has.

They are also way more organized, have more money to help promote members publications and workshops, and since they are a subscribion site , they have less flakey people. Now, if you are looking to make big bucks doing glamour photography, no site will give you that. But if you reach out, there is a great database of models on both sites.

Agreed.

Jul 11 08 05:18 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



**Photographer**  
[Primal Graphics Imaging](#)  
 Posts: 228

OMP Sucks! I had it for two months and never one response from there or hit on there. Why waist money there when here at least you get real people and actual do shoots with them and VIP is only 10.00 bucks OMP cost me like 20.00 or so to have a decent usage of it. OMP site for me was easy to navigate acutally they have more options to narrow your search down to what you are looking for. I know MM is working on that too YEAH!! But over all I hated OMP as they wanted to much money for really nothing.

Id rather pay here as i get better work out of here and models that are worth my time and not some porn star wannabe trying to charge supermodel proces and they got nothing but myspace style pics HA!

OOP's got into VENTING MODE SORRY!

Jul 11 08 05:19 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



**Model**  
[JoJo Suicide](#)  
 Posts: 1,838

**JoJo Suicide wrote:**  
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**Sophistocles wrote:**  
 No kidding? You're doing 2-to-3 paid shoots per day, every day?  
 Wow.

Let's keep the quote straight here, 2 to 3 shoots per day is what I stated.

Jul 11 08 05:19 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



**Photographer**  
[SCS Photography](#)  
 Posts: 348

**Carey Hess Photography wrote:**  
 So today, after being on OMP for exactly a year, I canceled my OMP account 2 days before the rebill. During the year I literally did not book one shoot. I found the site complicated and the responses we're mostly pointless.\* Now on the other hand, this site has keep me flooded with work. And I've been able to book over ten shoots monthly over the last year. Most of the time I need to turn people away.

I was surprised to hear that many photographers, big and small are leaving OMP. I'm just curious to hear what others think and experiences. I know that MM has taken over and \$10 for 100 photos is just great (if you do VIP). But is OMP a standard or is it really being replaced by this and other free sites?

Again, just looking for a good discussion! 😊

\*Please take into consideration that I'm not trying to slam or trash OMP whatsoever. It just didn't work for me. Others might have had great success.

lol, I was in the same boat, and did not find that my pricy membership helped me book appts.

I also canceled my membership.

Jul 11 08 05:21 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[MS Foto](#)  
Posts: 822

I'm guessing this thread will piss them off enough to, well nevermind. No one can prove anything, but don't be surprised if MM goes down a few times in the coming days/weeks....

Jul 11 08 05:23 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[RebelliousDreamer](#)  
Posts: 46

I cancelled too, just have free account. But I left my pics up and so far they are still there-if I take them off I won't be able to add more, obviously, but so far they're still up!

Jul 11 08 05:25 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Model  
[Janet Mason](#)  
Posts: 101

I have a Platinum Plus account at OMP, but I admit that I get less contacts for quality work there than I do here.

On the other hand, the amount of bonehead guys who email me with "hey baby" pickup lines (I'm married, and quite happily so...and at my age I think it would be a natural thing to assume that I am, rather than to assume that I'm not...but hey, I'm not a guy) is a LOT worse here on MM than it is on OMP, PaidModels.com other ports I maintain. That, plus my OMP port seems to be the first thing that photographers I meet out in the real world ask me for. So I keep it and just look at it as a tax write-off that does bring me the occasional choice assignment.

Each site out there seems to bring a unique set of pluses and minuses, but overall MM is by far my favorite. 😊

Jul 11 08 05:32 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[John Fisher](#)  
Posts: 397



E! TV, Monday, 8PM EDT (I know you are dying to see this!)

OMP failed to catch the whole movement towards social networking (i.e. MySpace, FaceBook, et al) and never developed the sense of community which has worked for MM (old paradym verses new paradym). That said, they are managed by people who know how to run a site and as a result they have a far more developed communication system for models and photographers. When a new model signs up in Florida, I am notified. When a model travels to Florida, I am notified (some models "travel" from Fort Lauderdale to Miami just to keep their names in front of photographers).



("12 Sexiest Wet 'n Wild Jobs" Might as well be called the Catalina White Show!)

Also, OMP does an excellent job of locating their site on the search engines. If I type in "Fashion Photographer Miami" or "Swimsuit Photographer Miami Beach" into Google, I'm as likely to see my OMP site listed as my own (actually "Swimsuit Photographer Miami Beach" brings my OMP site up #1 and my commercial site after that!). Sadly, I rarely see anything with my MM site when using a search engine.

So, if you know how to use it OMP does have significant value.

Fish

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Miami Beach, Florida 33139  
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<http://www.johnfisher.com>

Jul 11 08 05:55 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)

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WTF, John? What did those photos have to do with your commentary on OMP?



Photographer  
[Sophistocles](#)  
Posts: 11,678

Jul 11 08 06:14 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[John Fisher](#)  
Posts: 397

**Sophistocles wrote:**

WTF, John? What did those photos have to do with your commentary on OMP?

Ahhh, Yeah. Well it's this way. The guy who set me up with E! TV and the model featured on the show both met me through OMP several years ago. And both are also now on Model Mayhem. Go figure.

But you knew that, you little rascal! As you know, I never post a picture unrelated to the message.

John

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Jul 11 08 07:59 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Robert Helm](#)  
Posts: 3,576

OMP and MM both have their value and like many here I am on multiple sites. MM has a great sense of community due to its very active forums, more active IMO than all the other model/photographer sites combined. If you look at OMP they may have 800 to 1200 people on line at a time but with only 6 in the forums, I think on MM the number on the forums is much higher. If you take out the forum hits I am not sure which would be more active (especially if you take out Off Topic)

I have contacted models on one site and had them get back to me on my OMP site. Only one model I have worked with on MM was very active in the forums

Jul 11 08 09:13 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Amy Dunn](#)  
Posts: 816

**Robert Helm wrote:**

Only one model I have worked with on MM was very active in the forums

Thank goodness for the MM forums because I know who NOT to work with. LOL

I just canceled my OMP modeling page yesterday. They reduced basic portfolios to three pictures, and that's just not enough. I believe, at one point, they blocked communication from model to model--which really disappointed me since I once used OMP as a social networking tool. It was way fun back in the day!

Jul 11 08 10:02 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[John Peterman](#)  
Posts: 51

look at my profile and my link... you might find it interesting

\*edit\* it does have to do with this thread...

Peace

JP

Jul 11 08 10:04 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[AHargrove](#)  
Posts: 73

When I first started modeling about 5 years ago I used OMP. I actually got a lot of offers and booked quite a few shoots through them. I haven't used them in ages, though.

Jul 11 08 10:13 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Model  
[Miss Ariel Hope](#)  
Posts: 111

i like MM for networking, friends, TFP, forums, collaborations and meetups but as for actual paid booked work? Majority comes from OMP.. I get probably 5 times as much mail here, but alot less of it is paid.

Jul 11 08 10:15 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Leggy Mountbatten](#)  
Posts: 3,135

I let my OMP account expire recently. It did nothing for me, except make my bank account a little lighter. Meh.

Jul 11 08 10:16 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)

i should add that i recently let my account expire though and go down to 5 images due to not getting much there.

im sort of waiting to see if it makes a huge difference in how many booked shoots i end up completing the next 2 months.



**Model**  
[Miss Ariel Hope](#)  
Posts: 111

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**Photographer**  
[Vizual Synergi](#)  
Posts: 60

I left OMP over three years ago, and after discovering MM (and MySpace for that matter), I have had not ONE inclination to re-establish an account with OMP. I've had far better luck meeting people and getting bookings here than anywhere else.

Jul 11 08 10:24 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



**Photographer**  
[John Peterman](#)  
Posts: 51

**Lund Photography wrote:**  
  
Why must people continue to post this? If you had a site where you have to refresh pages 100's of times, then yes sure, it might look like it was generating a ton of traffic.

Lundy!!! Long time no talk... How is the WIFE? LOL. I agree the the MM numbers are inflated somewhat. But you have to look at the OMP numbers to see the big picture. Go to my profile for my blog page link. I have a snapshot of the last 3 years....

Peace  
JP

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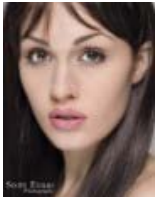
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Photographer  
[Scott Evans Photo](#)

Posts: 232

LOL,,you expect a modeling site to get you offers LOL,,,Not THAT is funny!

Jul 11 08 10:27 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Chip Johansen](#)

Posts: 9

I cancelled my OMP account last year. They changed the format of the site and I didn't like it at all and I never got any work from OMP, but get regular bookings from MM. Now with VIP it's da bomb.

Jul 12 08 01:25 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Model  
[Lady Bronze](#)

Posts: 2,119

I dont see why many dislike OMP..I've gotten/get insane amounts of paid work/offers there. Actually when FHM was in print, they flew me out to shoot a layout for them off of OMP.

I've also always gotten complimentary silver membership, and I've found the staff to be very quick with tech issues and they seem kind to me.

But that's my experience.

Jul 12 08 01:29 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)

**Lady Bronze wrote:**

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Photographer  
[Sophistocles](#)  
Posts: 11,678

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And that's why.

As with just about every site in this industry, if you're well-known or gorgeous (and, of course, pose nude), you get stuff for free and a higher level of service.

That's true at OMP, it's true here, and it's true everywhere.

And, to be perfectly honest, in a free market, there's nothing wrong with it.

Jul 12 08 01:32 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Christopher Hartman](#)  
Posts: 20,500

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You're a good looking female model. Photographers don't get the same attention.

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Photographer  
[Personality Imaging](#)

Posts: 435

I'm platinum plus and get nothing but a tiny amount of aggravation out of it, i get most of my paying jobs from Myspace and MM, and get most of the portfolio quality work from MM.

Jul 12 08 01:34 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Michael Pandolfo](#)  
Posts: 4,128

**DBVE Imaging wrote:**

I bailed out of OMP a year ago. The site was lousy and overly complicated to navigate. MM is much better. It seems as though they have gone in every direction BUT modeling.

I was a Platinum Plus member for a short time YEARS ago and left before it was 100% Flash (if that's what it is), several years ago. I went back a few times to review portfolios and couldn't stand the navigation and how the photos loaded. I still get their ridiculous OMP Event and Invitation emails despite "unsubscribing" about 20x.

Jul 12 08 01:36 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Sophistocles](#)  
Posts: 11,678

**Christopher Hartman wrote:**

You're a good looking female model. Photographers don't get the same attention.

Unless they shoot good-looking (usually nude) female models for major publications, and then they do. For the same reason.

Jul 12 08 01:36 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Greg Kolack](#)  
Posts: 4,671

Is everyone aware OMP is programmed so if you type the word Model Mayhem into your profile or even into a PM it won't allow that?

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Photographer  
[Michael Pandolfo](#)  
Posts: 4,128

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But that's my experience.

After reviewing your portfolio I'm racking my brain trying to understand why you've had no problems and received comp'd items 😊 It's the story of us poor guys' lives.

Jul 12 08 01:38 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Steve Cottrill](#)  
Posts: 591

**Carey Hess Photography wrote:**

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Paid work? on here? how? 3 yrs here,,, and not much of anything..lo  
But then, 3 yrs on OMP didn't do anything either. And I was a P+ the last 2. \*Left there 3 yrs ago.... \*

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Photographer

[glide on fade photo](#)

Posts: 264

**Greg Kolack wrote:**

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that would so rule if that was true.

there is nothing more rewarding in life than seeing someone's insecurities exposed in black and white.

Jul 12 08 01:42 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer

[Sophistocles](#)

Posts: 11,678

**Steve Cottrill wrote:**

Paid work? on here? how?

Without question. I turn down two or three paid offers a month, and that's after making it painfully clear that I just flat-out don't shoot for compensation. At all.

While on OMP, on the other hand, I received requests for trade constantly, and just as many "hey, I love your work, here are my rates."

Jul 12 08 01:42 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer

[Sophistocles](#)

Posts: 11,678

**glide on fade photo wrote:**

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It is, indeed, true.

Jul 12 08 01:43 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer

[Michael Rothman](#)

Posts: 341

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Jul 12 08 01:44 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Michael Rothman](#)

Posts: 341

**Greg Kolack wrote:**

Is everyone aware OMP is programmed so if you type the word Model Mayhem into your profile or even into a PM it won't allow that?

Yes you have to be a bit tricky how you put it on the profile or PMs. Model May hem usually works.

Jul 12 08 01:47 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[glide on fade photo](#)

Posts: 264

**Sophistocles wrote:**

It is, indeed, true.

that soooooooooo absolutely rules. that completely encapsulates how lame that site is.

Jul 12 08 01:48 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Studio 925](#)

Posts: 5,228

**Lady Bronze wrote:**

I've also always gotten complimentary silver membership, and I've found the staff to be very quick with tech issues and they seem kind to me.

**Sophistocles wrote:**

And that's why.

As with just about every site in this industry, if you're well-known or gorgeous (and, of course, pose nude), you get stuff for free and a higher level of service.

Heyyyy. I don't pose nude, and I got a complimentary gold membership.

...so, I must be simply well known. tee hee hee! 🤪

(I agree with what Lady B wrote, I too have had good experiences with the staff in regards to tech issues...and there weren't too many of them from my experience.)

What I didn't include in my previous post is that any one with a longevity or, an intention to have longevity in the photography, stylist, and modeling fields, ...it would behoove of you to have a membership in both MM, and OMP (as well as having your own business website).

The reasons being too numerous to mention.

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Photographer  
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Posts: 89

Jul 12 08 01:51 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)**Model**[precious1](#)

Posts: 4

omp has dual or more numbers..so you have to make sure after you enter the number to pull down menu and pic photographer if its not a model..

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As I mentioned, YMMV, and that's on every site. I'm also a MySpace subscriber.

MySpace, OMP, MM, ...I've found, and worked with various models (signed an unsigned, actresses, and not models but, muses), and stylists who took to doing their craft exceptionally well, with professional demeanors that surpass my expectations. I've only had one gnarly experience with one model out of a very very long list (and this person was not a model but, an extortionist/scammer posing as a model. actually, the official title she put on the police report is "fundraiser". LOL!).

Jul 12 08 02:04 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)**Photographer**  
[rich cirminello](#)

Posts: 237

OMP is the Microsoft of the modeling world: Way too many features packed in with no thought of how people would actually use them; plus, they feel they have a right to charge you an arm and a leg for their crappy, frustrating, and difficult to use products.

From a usability point of view, it's a total disaster, but, unfortunately, much like Microsoft, there are too many people using to just ignore it (no matter how badly I wish I could).

What is bad usability?

- + ugly and frustrating Flash navigation (circa 1997)
- + inconsistent typefaces and interface elements (buttons, links, etc...)
- + I HATE their portfolio view...
- + bad user feedback (try clicking an image when viewing an enlarged one in a port, you get some message about 'that function being disabled'... what function?)
- + too many POP UP WINDOWS
- + try to send an email to contact support, get a tiny box and a ZILLION questions... what matter is it what version of Mac OS I am using, what browser, how old my dog is,

etc... when all I need is the password for my email??? The simple fact that they ASK what computer and browser you are using is an *admission of their failure to design a usable web site*.

+ just stick to one font size and color for headings, paragraphs, links, etc.. ok?

+ too much javascript... try doing a search, then as you go down the list of results, open the profiles that interest you in a tab so that you can have them all open at once... it doesn't work. Their javascript opens all of the profiles in the SAME tab... Browsers don't work that way by default, so WHY did they waste their time writing code for that 'feature'?

--- which brings up my next point:

+ don't over-ride the default browser behavior except for security reasons (very rare cases) or to IMPROVE the user experience... it seems OMP has done it completely by whim

+ too many POP UP WINDOWS

+ photo uploader/manager is a freaking joke... horrible user interface, frustrating, and impossible to use quickly

+ been a member almost a year and I still don't understand what all the different gallery types are or how to set them up or navigate them... I can't say I have given it much effort, tho... my experience with the rest of the site tells me it's probably not worth my time

+ I might appreciate knowing about every model that travels to my state if I lived in Rhode Island, but being in San Jose, CA I don't give a sh\*t about all the models going to LA or San Diego

+ too many damn POP UP WINDOWS

+ **everyone's portfolio looks like Minny Mouse's MySpace page**

I know others have complained about these issues as well, and just like Microsoft, OMP is mature enough to know better and wealthy enough to be able to fix it, but instead they invest their time and \$\$ in finding more ways to charge you for the crap they already have.

Having said all that, I am an OMP member, but like the OP, will probably be letting my membership run out when it's expired. I have gotten some work off of it, gotten much more work here... and quite frankly, being here is more fun.

Jul 12 08 02:38 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Scott B. Quammen](#)

Posts: 141

I can't say OMP has been the best thing to ever happen to me, nor that it's even as close to satisfying my needs the way MM does. But, I'll be the last person to complain about the site, or the people who run it.

A little over a year ago, I had some major financial and emotional setbacks hit me all at one time, including a wife who got very ill. My yearly Platinum Plus membership (bought for me by an agency, not from my own pocket) expired, and the site sent me an automated message saying I should renew. I responded to the message saying I valued my OMP membership... but that because of what I was going through, I couldn't even afford the \$10 a year basic photographers page. Brett, the owner of the site, responded with a very short message the very next day. All it said was "I think we can take care of this." I figured he would grant me one month at the basic membership. But as it turned out... he GAVE me a year at Platinum Plus.

Again, I much prefer ModelMayhem and the way they have the site set up. But slam OMP? Not on your life.

Jul 12 08 03:03 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)

Photographer  
[Visions East](#)

Posts: 9

I first joined OMP in 2000... shoot think my old OMP number was 4461, I laugh when I look over there now. Anyway I was given the link to MM from someone on the TTB or Texas Talent Board and haven't looked back since. The longer I'm here the more old friends I see making the move away from OMP to the Mayhem... this is a much more photographer friendly site, easier to use and the folks here just rock.. compliments MM it's been a great 3 years ...

Jul 12 08 03:03 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)

Photographer  
[Mikes Images - Mike #4](#)

Posts: 3,050

In my opinion, OMP **was** the granddaddy of all model/photographer sites. The main obstacle I see on their road to success is an attitude of superiority and a deep rooted paranoia concerning their competition.

On their site, using their message service, it's impossible to mention Model Mayhem, because it's one of those words they censor. Why?

They have many employees who go to work at OMP on a daily basis. The income of those people depends on the success of their site. How is it then that sites like this one have kicked their butt for 3+ years in every major category that companies like Alexa monitor, and OMP has done virtually nothing to change that?

We're not talking rocket science here...it's just a website. There's open source software that will provide a chat room and forums better than many popular sites. It would seem to me that when your butt is getting kicked, improving your own game quickly might be a good idea. So why the lengthy wait?

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Photographer  
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Posts: 576

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Yea, but that's no different then bars having "Ladies Night". ;-)

The site won't get photographers if they don't have tons of models.

M

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Photographer  
[UNCOMMON Stock](#)  
Posts: 576

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New features? Who cares? What features does a model/photographer site need? MM is VERY basic, and yet a lot of business gets done here.

I don't want to twiddle with features all day, or worse, have to watch some stuffed shirts pat them selves on the back during a webcast; I don't want to watch tutorials about how to use 'new features' when the site already gets in it's own way when it comes to the basic stuff.

I want network, maybe participate in a forum thread or two to help someone or be helped, and shoot photos. That's it. Give me the tools to get that part done quickly so I can get back to being a photographer.

The more features that get in the way of me doing what I need to do, the less likely I am going to use the tool. Classic example: Microsoft Word. Creating a document never was so complicated, convoluted, or frustrating. No one can criticize them for a lack of features, but what good is it when a simple letter or resume requires consulting a paperclip with eyeballs?

Jul 12 08 04:34 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[studio-obscura](#)  
Posts: 48

One Model Who!?

lol

Jul 12 08 04:42 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Model  
[Naomi Jay](#)  
Posts: 827

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(this is in NOW WAY a plug...just stating my opinion. I love MM features too!).

Jul 12 08 09:55 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Dean Johnson Photo](#)

Posts: 5,251



**Dan Hood wrote:**

Would just like to remind people that MM rules state that legitimate discussion of any site is OK, but out right bashing of our competitors is not allowed.

Yes you can state why you like or dislike a site, but posts like " \*\*\* sucks" are not acceptable.

If this thread turns into a bash fest it will get locked.

Jul 12 08 10:47 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)



Photographer  
[Donald Byrd](#)

Like all successful sites, OMP grew too fast. In the beginning, just like this site and a few more, they were easier to use and had quite a few quality professional models and photographers. Just got to big. I hope the same does not happen here! This site is going in the right direction by screening new members and keeping out the voyeurs. Addendum; and Stuart was always obliging to help out with any problems.

Posts: 109

Jul 12 08 11:06 am [Link](#) [Quote](#)

Photographer  
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I think mostly its what you make of it... like most things in life.

M

Jul 12 08 12:52 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)

Photographer  
[Joe WoW Photos](#)  
Posts: 102

Same here.. I found OMP was more for 'tourist' models, and not as user friendly as here. Plus why go through the hassle of paying OMP when MM is free or very affordable and produces more results?

Jul 12 08 12:54 pm [Link](#) [Quote](#)

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