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America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show.

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GENERAL RULES

Trainfest management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regards to these rules. It further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules, to amend or to add to these rules as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable. **This is a competition for amateurs. Professional photographers are not eligible to enter.**

LIABILITY

Trainfest will take reasonable precautions to protect the safety of the entered photos, but owners themselves take the risk of displaying them during Trainfest. Should any photograph be damaged, lost or stolen Trainfest personnel will give assistance toward recovery of the photograph but will not be liable or make any payment for the value of the item.

The owner of the photograph understands that any or all entries could be displayed on the Trainfest web site or any other media outlet that Trainfest uses to promote Trainfest.

Your signature on the entry form will be deemed acceptance of these rules.

ENTRY QUESTIONS

For information or questions visit www.trainfest.com

JUDGING OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

1. The judges have been carefully selected. All persons entering the Trainfest All Rail Photo Contest accept these judges and agree to abide by their decisions.
2. The judging will take place on October 21, 2018.
3. Judges will not be able to enter the photo contest.
4. Unworthy photographs will not be placed by the judges.
5. The decision of the judges will be final.

HOW TO CLAIM PHOTOGRAPHS AFTER TRAINFEST

1. All winning and non-winning entries must be picked up by January 22, 2018
2. Photographs can be picked up between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Trainfest office, mailed back to you or picked up at the January WISE Division meet.
3. If you want your photographs mailed back to you must provide a self-addressed envelope with the correct postage with your initial entry.
4. Any photographs not claimed will be disposed of or given away.

NOTE: All photographs must be displayed during both days of Trainfest; they cannot be picked up until after 4 p.m. Sunday.

PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAY SET-UP

1. All photographs must be 8" x 10" with a 1 inch black border and mounted on a 10" x 12" foam board and ready to hang. You can cut a 10" x 12" piece of black construction paper and glue it to the foam board then center the photograph.
2. The entry can be displayed in either the horizontal or vertical format, whichever suits the subject matter the best.
3. Any photographs not meeting the 8" x 10" size limit will be disqualified. Any foam board not meeting the 10" x 12" size limit will be disqualified.
4. All photographs should be ready to hang with the necessary wire or string attached to the back.

CATAGORIES

1. **MODEL RAILROADS:** This includes all aspects of your layout.
2. **DIESEL ENGINES**
3. **STEAM ENGINES:** This could also include stationary steam engines. ex. steam donkey
4. **ROLLING STOCK:** Any and all types of revenue cars.
5. **NON-REVENUE ROLLING STOCK:** This would be anything on the rails that does not make money.
6. **PASSENGER CARS**
7. **PEOPLE:** RR personnel doing their jobs.
8. **STRUCTURES:** This would include any type of building, tower, track, or switchstand. Anything RR related that does not roll on the track.
9. **GENERAL:** This would be all aspects of anything having to do with railroading. For example, any of the above categories, a stack of wheels, a washout with sagging track anything that catches your eye.

10. **CELEBRATE A RAILROAD:** This would be the same as the general category but the railroad we are celebrating for the current year would have to be identified in the photo. ex. For 2018 the photo would have to be of the Great Northern Railway.

NOTE: You could have an entry of a box car in the General category and a different box car in the Rolling Stock category.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries will be returned if not filled in completely

1. Entry blank, fee and photographs must be delivered to Mercury or postmarked by September 29, 2018.
2. Use the following address for mailing or dropping off entries:
3. Trainfest Photo Contest c/o Mercury
4. 13414 Watertown Plank Road Elm Grove, WI 53122
5. Senders name and address should be clearly written on the package and included on a card on the inside.
6. Packages sent must have all the shipping charges pre-paid to Mercury otherwise they will not be accepted.
7. Exhibitors wishing to have their entries returned to them via mail must also send a self-addressed envelope with the proper postage.
8. If a photograph is of great value it is recommended that it be insured.
9. A processing fee of \$1 will be charged for each entry. All fees are non-refundable.
10. Tags for your photographs will be attached by the contest staff. You will be assigned a number and no personnel identifying marks will be on the photographs until they are displayed during Trainfest.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

APPLICATIONS

1. Applications for entering photographs in all categories must be made on the printed entry blank and must be in full compliance with the printed instructions.
2. Youth are encouraged to participate in all categories.
3. Photographers are limited to 10 photographs, 1 per category.
4. Entries will be disqualified if not entered under the name of the person who took the photograph.
5. Photographs entered in previous years are not eligible for competition.
6. Trainfest management reserves the right at any time to refuse any photographs.
7. Entry deadline is September 29, 2018. All entries must be delivered or postmarked by this date.
8. Photographs that have been erroneously entered in a category and do not meet the specification of that category can be transferred to a proper category or disqualified by the contest director prior to judging.
9. **NOTE:** Entry blanks will be returned if not filled out completely.

TRAINFEST 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

ENTRY DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

\$1 for per entry

RETURN TO: Trainfest Photo Contest
c/o Mercury
13414 Watertown Plank Road
Elm Grove, WI 53122

OFFICE USE ONLY

CHECK NO. _____

AMOUNT _____

DATE _____

ENTRY I.D. NO. _____

NAME (please print): _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE: _____

SIGNATURE OF OWNER: _____

I acknowledge reading and understanding the "LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT" and the GENERAL RULES.

	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
1	MODEL RAILROADS	
2	DIESEL ENGINES	
3	STEAM ENGINES	
4	ROLLING STOCK	
5	NON-REVENUE ROLLING STOCK	
6	PASSENGER CARS	
7	PEOPLE	
8	STRUCTURES	
9	GENERAL	
10	CELEBRATE-A-RAILROAD	

CHECKS ONLY. DO NOT SEND CASH.

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