



Gulf Coast Chapter - National Railway Historical Society, Inc.

42nd Annual Railroad Photography Contest

Official Rules

1. The contest is open to all amateur photographers, however, only National Railway Historical Society members of record as of Nov. 1, 2025, are eligible to win the "David M. See Best of Show" award. **This year's contest will be conducted online with digital entries. Entry deadline is midnight Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025.**

2. All entries must be the work of the contestant.

3. Each entry will be accepted in one of the following 12 categories:

Contemporary Railroading (photos shot 2001 to present)

Contemporary Diesel Railroading - Color
Contemporary Diesel Railroading - Black & White
Contemporary Steam Railroading - Color
Contemporary Steam Railroading - Black & White
Contemporary Misc. Railroad Subjects - Color
Contemporary Misc. Railroad Subjects - Black & White

20th Century Railroading (photos shot before 2001)

20th Century Diesel Railroading - Color
20th Century Diesel Railroading - Black & White
20th Century Steam Railroading - Color
20th Century Steam Railroading - Black & White
20th Century Misc. Railroad Subjects - Color
20th Century Misc. Railroad Subjects - Black & White

A first place winner and one runner up will be named in each category. One eligible entry will receive the "David M. See Best of Show" award. One entry will receive the "Robert H. Sunderland People's Choice" award. The People's Choice award will be made based on online voting at www.gulfcoastnrhs.org/2025photos. Voting will be open Saturday, Nov. 15 through Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025.

4. Each contestant may submit up to three entries in each category. **Contestants must select the contest category upon submission of entries.**

5. Only color (RGB) or black and white (grayscale) JPG images will be accepted. Images should have a minimum resolution of 150 dpi and a maximum size of 3,000 pixels on any side. We recommend that images have the photographer's name and a descriptive caption entered in the file's metadata. Photographer name, copyright notices and the like should not be superimposed on the image.

6. Entry deadline is midnight Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025. **Entries will be accepted by email to photos@gulfcoastnrhs.org starting Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025, or by other arrangement with Tom Marsh, email txtr7@yahoo.com.**

7. Three judges will rate each entry on the basis of subject matter interest and appropriateness for chosen category; composition; and technical execution. In the event of a tie, a designated alternate judge will rescore the tied entries.

8. Awards will be announced on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025, at the chapter's annual holiday party, and online on or about the same date.

9. By entering the contest, photographers agree that Gulf Coast Chapter - National Railway Historical Society, Inc. has the right to display all entries on the organization's current and/or any future websites or social media platforms used by the organization, and to print copies of all submitted images in the official print and electronic publications of the organization. Appropriate photographer attribution will be made in all use. No compensation or other consideration will be given to photographers for such online display or publication of any submitted image. The photographer retains all other rights, commercial or otherwise.

10. Decisions of the judges are final.

Entry Deadline: Midnight Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025

People's Choice Voting: Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, through Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025

Vote at: www.gulfcoastnrhs.org/2025photos

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The photographer is responsible for assigning each of his/her images to one of the 12 categories indicated below. In addition, each image must be accompanied by the following information in a format that makes it clear which image is being referenced: Entry Category; Entry Name or Description; Photographer's Name; and Photographer's Contact Info (email or telephone number).

ENTRY CATEGORIES; ASSIGN ONE TO EACH IMAGE

Contemporary Railroading (Photos 2001 to Present)

- ☐ Contemporary Diesel Railroading - Color
- ☐ Contemporary Diesel Railroading - Black & White
- ☐ Contemporary Steam Railroading - Color
- ☐ Contemporary Steam Railroading - Black & White
- ☐ Contemporary Misc. Railroad Subjects - Color
- ☐ Contemporary Misc. Railroad Subjects - Black & White

20th Century Railroading (Photos Before 2001)

- ☐ 20th Century Diesel Railroading - Color
- ☐ 20th Century Diesel Railroading - Black & White
- ☐ 20th Century Steam Railroading - Color
- ☐ 20th Century Steam Railroading - Black & White
- ☐ 20th Century Misc. Railroad Subjects - Color
- ☐ 20th Century Misc. Railroad Subjects - Black & White

JUDGING SHEET EXAMPLE

Gulf Coast Chapter NRHS Railroad Photography Contest Judging Sheet

Entry No. _____

Scoring	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	(Alt)	Total
Subject Matter Interest	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Composition	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Technical Execution	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____	_____	_____	<div></div>

Check here if:

- _____ Best of Show
- _____ Category Winner
- _____ Category Runner Up
- _____ People's Choice

