

Bedford (NH) Boomers
2009
6th Annual
Victor Metoyer Memorial Photo Contest Rules

You are cordially invited to participate in the Sixth Annual Photo Contest to honor the late Victor Metoyer, artist, gentleman, member of the *Bedford, NH Boomers*, and good friend.

Rules

Please read these rules carefully!

1. **Eligibility:** The Contest is open to any amateur photographer. There is no entry fee.
2. **Deadline:** Entries must be hand-delivered to the contest room at the McKelvie Middle School, Bedford, NH no later than 4 PM EST, Saturday, November 7, 2008. Mailed entries will not be accepted.
3. **Awards:** There will be one non-monetary "People's Choice" award from all entries. This award will be based on voting by the public on the day of the *Bedford Boomers* Annual Exhibition. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded for each category, after review by a panel of judges. **Only one award will be made to any individual within an award category and two awards for the entire contest.** For example, an individual cannot win both a 1st and 3rd place within Model Railroading, however, they will be eligible to win a 1st place in Prototype and a 3rd place in Railroad Whimsy.
4. **Age Divisions:**
 - a. Age Divisions have been eliminated for 2009.
5. **Photo Categories:**
 - a. *Prototype Railroading:* The main subject should have a railroad theme on a scale of 12" to the foot. Choice of subject matter and technical quality including lighting, sharpness and composition are important.
 - b. *Model Railroading:* The main subject should have a model railroad theme with a scale of less than 12" to the foot. Choice of subject matter and technical quality including lighting, sharpness and composition are important.
 - c. *Railroad Whimsy:* After all, model railroading is fun! Entries in this category should exhibit a sense of humor and can be of either prototype or model railroading.
 - d. *Digital Whimsy:* **The rules in paragraph #13 do not apply to this subject area.** Entries must have a railroad theme, and entry elements must be from actual photos. Humor and creativity are encouraged in this category.
6. **Medium:** The following mediums will be accepted. Sorry, no slides will be accepted.
 - a. Black and White Film Print
 - b. Color Film Print
 - c. Digital Print (See #13 below for digital rules regarding image modifications.)
7. **Format:**
 - a. Minimum size of an entry: 4" x 6"
 - b. Maximum size of entry: 8" x 10"

8. Photos must be the entrant's property, taken by the entrant, and not copied or derived from another source.
9. No more than six (6) entries total; and no more than two entries in a subject area from one contestant.
10. Entries must include the entrant's name, address and phone number on the **back** of the entry. E-mail addresses are optional. No entries will be accepted with entrant's name on the front of the entry.
11. To enhance the contest, we request that you include the date & location where the photo was taken (i.e., Gorre and Daphetid, California) and the approximate date of the photo.
12. Prints may be mounted on a flat rigid board which does not exceed the dimensions of the image. **Matted and/or framed entries will not be accepted** for judging; however, we will be pleased to display them on a space available basis.

13. Submitting Digital Images: Image Modifications

a. NOT Permitted:

1. No border or frame may be added to the images;
2. No watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices may be added to the images;
3. Adding or replacing elements in an image is not permitted; and
4. Artistic filters are not permitted.

b. Permitted:

1. Images may be cropped and rotated as necessary, as long as rectangular format is maintained and the size within is within the specifications above;
 2. Images may be resized as long as the aspect ratio is maintained;
 3. Red-eye removal and spot editing;
 4. One-step enhancement (e.g., *AutoFix*, *QuickFix*, *Auto Levels*, etc.);
 5. Use of filters to sharpen, soften, blur, de-speckle, or remove noise; and
 6. Use of corrective functions to improve the natural appearance of the image, e.g., levels, contrast, brightness, curves, intensity, tone, hue, saturation, lightness, color balance, and tint.
14. All entries will remain on display until 4 pm on the day of the Bedford Boomers Annual Exhibit. All entries must be retrieved from the contest room no later than 5 pm on the day of the Annual Exhibit.
15. **Note:**The Bedford Boomers **will not be responsible** for custody and/or return of unclaimed photos.
16. The Contest Manager and the Bedford Boomers will make every *reasonable* effort to ensure the security of entries. However, we cannot make an absolute guarantee.

Other Conditions and Disclaimers:

The Contest Managers reserve the right at their sole discretion to cancel or suspend all or any portion of this contest without notice if factors beyond the Contest Managers' control disrupt or corrupt the fair and secure administration or operation of the contest. The Contest Manager is entitled to interpret these rules as needed, and the Contest Managers' decisions are final. The Contest Managers reserve the right to disqualify any entrant that the Contest Managers have reason to believe is not the original work of the entrant, or does not meet the contest rules. The Contest Managers reserve the right not to award any or all prizes in any or all divisions, categories, or subjects.

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