

2008 Washington DC Chapter Inc, NRHS Digital Image Contest Rules and Entry Form
Date of contest: October 17, 2008, at the chapter membership meeting

The contest is open to all Washington DC Chapter members who have paid their 2008 dues. The Membership Chairman, whose decision will be final, will settle any eligibility dispute.

All entries must be received no later than the September 20, 2008, picnic meeting. Entries will be accepted at all regular membership meetings by the Contest Chairman, or his designated representative, or by mail. Entries sent by mail must be post marked not later than September 20, 2008 in order to be eligible. Entries sent by mail are done so at the risk of the sender. No entries will be accepted at the October 17th meeting. Entries will not be accepted by E-mail.

Entries submitted by mail should be sent to:

Ralph R. Bitzer
Digital Image Contest Chairman
7617 Woodbine Drive
Laurel, MD 20707-5392

All entry media will be returned to the contestants after the contest is completed.

THE RULES

1. All digital images submitted must have been taken with a digital camera. **No scanned slides, negatives or prints will be accepted except in the special vintage categories.**

2. **Rules for the special vintage categories:**

- A. The images must be scanned from photographic slides, negatives or prints.
- B. All photographic images must have been taken in **1995 or earlier**. No exceptions are permitted.
- C. Both USA and foreign images can be entered in the vintage categories.
- D. These scanned photographic images will have the same rules apply as to cropping, color correction and changes as defined below in rule 4.

3. No more than 3 digital images may be entered in any one category. The maximum number of images which can be submitted in the contest are 18.

4. Digital images can be cropped or color corrected only. Not acceptable are images which have had major color changes, changing a day scene into a night scene, photo montages, multiple images being digitally spliced together, etc..

5. All digital images submitted must on a CD or DVD disk, or a flash drive with a USB connector. Your name, address and phone number should be written on the disks.

6. The maximum individual image file size must not exceed 2.5 MB.

7. Images will be accepted in the following formats: JPEG, TIFF and GIF. No RAW files accepted.

8. All images must be virus free.

9. The CD, DVD or flash drive must be accompanied with a completed Digital Image Contest entry form which provides your name/address/phone and E-mail address. The following information is required for each entry listed on the form. See example:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DIGITAL IMAGE TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FILE NAME</u>
Steam	EBT at speed	Rock Hill, PA	10/2/05	RRBEBTImage12.jpeg

Note: We ask that you include your initials as part of the file name.

10. All digital images submitted must have been taken by the contestant.

11. All digital images, except those entered in Categories 3 or 5 must have been taken in daylight.

12. All digital images except those entered in Category 5 must have been taken in the United States. All other geographic locations must be entered in Category 5 Foreign.

13. There must be a minimum of two contestants in any given category with a total of 4 images for the category to be included in the contest.

14. Any issues or disputes regarding the contest rules or eligibility of the entries must be directed to the

Digital Image Contest Chairman for resolution.

WINNERS AND PRIZES

1. The winners will be selected by popular vote ballot at the October 17th membership meeting. Voting is open to all members and guests at that meeting. The winners will be announced at the December 19, 2008 membership meeting after the first place winners in each category will be projected in a run-off contest to determine first, second and third places in the Grand Prize competition.
2. The prizes are as follows:
 - First place Grand prize is \$50.00
 - Second place Grand Prize is \$25.00
 - Third place Grand Prize is \$10.00Award certificates will be issued to all first, second and third place winners in all categories of the contest.
3. In case of ties, winners will share the prize money. One person may win more than one cash prize.
4. The Digital Image Contest Chairman may enter the contest, but will not count any of the ballots to determine the winners.
5. All ballots will be counted by members of the chapter who have not entered the contest.

CATEGORIES

1. **General Railroadng (USA):** Any subjects not covered in any of the categories provided below. Included are railroad structures, rolling stock, cabooses, coaling towers, work equipment. Also included in this category are railroad equipment which does not fall into the below listed categories such as track speeders, cranes, weed spraying trains, track inspection trains, Sperry Rail cars and other such unusual non-passenger/non freight trains. Motive power must not be featured in this category.
2. **Chapter Life/Dover Harbor (USA):** Any digital image taken of the Dover Harbor or of a chapter activity.
3. **Night and Indoor (USA):** Any subjects photographed at night or indoors with artificial or available natural light. Images entered into this category must appear to have been taken after sunset, with mostly black skies. Reminder: digitally enhanced images taken in daylight but altered to look like a night or twilight scene will not be accepted.
4. **Steam (USA):** all images with any type of train (passenger or freight) powered by steam locomotives. Can include mainline, branch line or tourist trains.
5. **Foreign:** All scenes taken outside of the United States. This includes all types of motive power and trains, railroad stations, work equipment, interurbans, trolleys, etc., taken in daylight or at night. All foreign countries including Canada and Mexico are to be included in this category.
6. **Light Electric (USA):** Includes rapid transit (i.e. METRO, SEPTA Frankford line), LRV's, trolleys, interurbans, electrified freight lines using small steeple cab locomotives. Other examples: South Shore electric operations, Norristown line, San Diego trolley, etc..
7. **Heavy Electric (USA):** Includes AMTRAK corridor and Acela passenger trains using electric powered locomotives (i.e. AEM7s & E60s) , MARC, SEPTA and NJT electric powered passenger trains. All electric trains on Metro-North including FL-9's operating on third rail. All freight trains hauled by electric locomotives except those defined in category 6.
8. **Diesel Freight (USA):** All mainline and heavy branch line freight trains pulled by diesel locomotives

on major or regional carriers such as CSX, NS, BNSF, KCS, UP, and Ohio Central, etc..

9. **Diesel Passenger (USA):** All passenger trains pulled by diesel engine(s). Can include mainline (AMTRAK), branch line or tourist trains. Also included in this category are RDC cars and doodlebugs.

10. **Shortline and Industrial Diesel Freight (USA):** Any freight train pulled by switcher type or first generation diesel engines on a shortline or industrial rail line. Examples are: Maryland Midland, Canton Railroad, South Branch Valley, M&H, Morristown & Erie, etc..

11. **Vintage Day (USA & Foreign):** Includes all forms of motive power pulling passenger , freight and work trains. Can include both mainline, shortline, industrial and tourist railroad operations, light (streetcars, LRV's) and heavy rail, etc., taken in daylight in 1995 or earlier. Motive power must be featured in this category.

12. **Vintage Night/Indoor (USA & Foreign):** Any subjects photographed at night or indoors with artificial or available natural light. Images entered into this category must appear to have been taken after sunset, with mostly black skies. Reminder: digitally enhanced images taken in daylight but altered to look like a night or twilight scene will not be accepted. Must have been taken in 1995 or earlier.

13. **Vintage General (USA & Foreign):** Any subjects not covered in any of the categories described above. Included are railroad structures, rolling stock, cabooses, coaling towers, work equipment. Also included in this category are railroad equipment which does not fall into the above listed categories such as track speeders, cranes, weed spraying trains, track inspection trains, Sperry Rail cars and other such unusual non-passenger/non freight trains. Motive power must not be featured in this category. Must have been taken in 1995 or earlier.