



Judges Description:

February 2019 Theme: **Railroads & Trains**

- ▶ The main focus of the image must be the railroad, the train-cars, the engine or train caboose;
- ▶ “Trains” may also include overhead rail systems such as the Skytrain;
- ▶ Avoid confusing the main subject of the train to someone riding on that train.

SAFETY FIRST

Photographers often are looking for that “perfect shot” and willing to go that extra mile. Unfortunately, that may put you, as a photographer, at risk. I have included the following article which gives a safety first look at railroad and train photography:

<https://contrastly.com/railroad-photography/>

Pinterest, of course, has a myriad of interesting train pictures. Many of the pictures reflects the challenge of photography; being in the right place at the right time:

[https://www.pinterest.ca/search/pins/?q=pictures%20of%20trains&rs=typed&term_meta\[\]=pictures%7Ctyped&term_meta\[\]=of%7Ctyped&term_meta\[\]=trains%7Ctyped](https://www.pinterest.ca/search/pins/?q=pictures%20of%20trains&rs=typed&term_meta[]=pictures%7Ctyped&term_meta[]=of%7Ctyped&term_meta[]=trains%7Ctyped)

The following article *By Hirokazu Nagane, Digital Camera Magazine- 2016-10-27* has a couple of impressive shots. The first of which you wonder how the photographer took safely (which is included in the article). The writer also speaks on the benefits of using a wide-angle lens:

<https://snapshot.canon-asia.com/article/en/camera-faq-19-how-to-capture-an-impressive-shot-of-a-moving-train-with-continuous-shooting>

There are many, many pages of Rail photography, the vast majority I found simply had snap shots of trains with little interest. Following is a Facebook page which have some interesting shots.

<https://www.facebook.com/RiverRailPhoto/>

The following article penned by Richard McVeigh relates to shooting steam trains. The shots are wonderful! All one has to do is find a steam train...

<https://www.photocrowd.com/blog/189-quick-guide-steam-train-photography/>

Above all else though, remember your safety and those around you. A great shot is nothing if you are not around to enjoy it!