

2014 Photo Contest Rules and Procedures

PLEASE NOTE: On-ride photos will NOT be accepted.

- 1) The Coaster Con XXXVII Photo Contest is open to current members of American Coaster Enthusiasts. The contest coordinator is Mark Davidson, 609-408-6672, mdavidson@ACEonline.org.
- 2) A member may enter up to three (3) photographs. Each photograph must be roller coaster-related. A photograph not showing an existing or defunct roller coaster, or part thereof, will not be accepted as an entry.
- 3) Each photograph must not be smaller than 8 by 10 inches, nor more than 11 by 14 inches. If the photograph has a border, the picture area still must be a full 8 by 10 and not larger than 11 by 14. Photos can be glossy or matte finish and may be in color or black and white. Each photo must be an original and must have been taken by the entrant. Photographs may not be attached to a matte or framing board.
- 4) It is recommended that entrants retain a copy of each entry for their files. Reasonable care and precaution will be taken to protect all entries; however, neither ACE nor its representatives are responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen photographs.
- 5) Each entrant's photograph(s) shall be submitted at convention registration, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 5 PM PDT on Sunday, June 15, 2014. No photograph may have the entrant's identification anywhere on it. Each entrant shall submit the photograph(s) in an envelope with full name, membership number, complete mailing address, telephone number, email address, and the number of photographs being submitted clearly written on the outside of the envelope. Additionally, all entrants must provide the name of the coaster(s) and park(s) featured in each photograph entered. Mail-in entries should include a separate note with this information, while entrants submitting in person may do so verbally. This park and coaster information may be provided to any voter requesting it for any picture entered. Each entrant will be given a claim receipt for the photograph(s) submitted.
- 6) Entrants who are unable to attend the convention may have another individual who is attending the convention submit photographs by proxy in the manner set forth above. In such cases, the outside of the envelope shall also clearly list the proxy's full name, membership number, complete mailing address, telephone number, email address, the number of photographs being submitted, and the park(s) and coaster(s) featured in the photographs, in addition to the photographer's name and information.
- 7) Entrants may also mail their entries to contest director Mark Davidson prior to the convention. In such cases, photograph(s) must be postmarked by May 31, 2014, and be received by June 4, 2014. It shall be the entrant's responsibility to ensure the photograph(s) are received by the contest director by the deadline. ACE is not responsible for misdirected or undelivered mail. The entrant is responsible for packing entries in a manner to avoid damage. Mail entries to: Mark Davidson, PO Box 413, Wildwood NJ 08260 USA. Please note that no delivery method other than the US Postal Service can deliver mail to a PO Box address.
- 8) All entries will be displayed for viewing at the time and location specified by the official Coaster Con XXXVII schedule, which will be distributed to all attendees at the start of the convention. As with all event activities, this information is subject to change, and in such an instance, due notice will be given through various announcements.
- 9) Winning photographs are chosen by popular vote. Each convention attendee will receive one ballot in the convention packet. No other ballots, including replacements for lost ballots, will be distributed or accepted. Convention attendees may indicate on their ballots their choices for first, second, and third place. Each first place vote will earn three points; each second place vote will earn two points; each third place vote will earn one point. No photograph may be voted for more than once on any single ballot; any such action will render the ballot invalid. The three entries with the greatest number of points will be awarded first, second, and third place, respectively.
- 10) Winning photographs and entrants will be announced during the annual banquet. Award plaques will be presented for each of the three winning entries. All winning entries become the property of ACE and will be retained for publication in a future issue of *RollerCoaster!* and posted to CoasterCon.com with appropriate credit and identification.
- 11) Non-winning entries may be reclaimed from the photo contest director IMMEDIATELY following the banquet. Each entrant must present the photo contest claim receipt he or she received upon submission of the entries in order to have the photographs returned. Non-winning entries not reclaimed in the banquet hall immediately following the banquet will be donated to the ACE Photo Archives unless the entrant specifically requests otherwise. Entrants who do request otherwise and do not claim their non-winning entries IMMEDIATELY following the banquet must send a self-addressed stamped mailer, with adequate postage, to the contest director at the address above.
- 12) The ACE president, events director or contest coordinator reserves the right to revise the schedule that is described or implied herein. The interpretation of these rules by the contest coordinator is final. Contact the contest coordinator with any questions or comments.