Photo Contest Rules and Procedures

1) The Coaster Con XXXII Photo Contest is open to current members of the American Coaster Enthusiasts. The contest director is Jason Pytka, 401.728.3886, jpytka@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, not more than 11 by 14. 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 1:00 and 5:00 pm CDT on June 21, 2009. No photograph may have the entrant’s identification anywhere on it. Each entrant shall submit 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. Each entrant will be given a 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, and the number of photographs being submitted.
7) Entrants may also mail their entries to contest director JASON PYTKA prior to the convention. In such cases, photograph(s) must be postmarked by May 30, 2009, and be received by June 10, 2009. 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: JASON PYTKA, 333 MINERVA AVE., CUMBERLAND, RI 02864-7228 USA.
8) All entries will be displayed for viewing at the time and location specified by the official Coaster Con XXXII 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 winning entries. All winning entries become the property of ACE and will be retained for publication in a future issue of RollerCoaster! magazine 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 contest director reserves the right to revise the schedule that is described or implied herein. The interpretation of these rules by the contest director is final. Feel free to contact the contest director with any questions or comments.
Video Contest Rules and Procedures  PLEASE NOTE On-ride videos will NOT be accepted.

1) The Coaster Con XXXII Video Contest is open to current members of the American Coaster Enthusiasts. The contest director is Chris Smilek, 570.730.4412, csmilek@aceonline.org.

2) A member may enter up to two (2) videos. Each video must be roller coaster-related. A video that does not predominantly feature existing or defunct coasters will not be accepted as an official entry. No POV footage or photography/videography taken while onboard any coaster may be included. POV footage or photography/videography taken while onboard other rides will be reviewed under established guidelines by the contest director. Please contact the contest director with any questions or comments. The content of the videos must be in good taste and suitable for viewing by all ages.

3) Each video must be no less than one minute and no more than four minutes in running length and, because they are shown on very large projection screens, must be on a DVD that is authored and playable in the United States (Region 1) DVD format. Each entry must be an original and must have been recorded and edited, if applicable, by the entrant. Videos may include audio such as music and narration. Any computer-generated images (CGI) included in the entry must have been created by the entrant.

4) The name, address, phone number, email address, and membership number of the entrant must appear on the top label area of the DVD, and not on the jewel case.

5) Entrants retain all copyright in and on their work. However, after the contest, all entries to the contest become physical property of ACE and ACE retains the right to use the material or any part thereof for ACE’s benefit and for its proprietary purposes. Entrants should keep a copy of their work for their own archives.

6) Reasonable care and precaution will be taken with all entries; however, neither ACE nor its representatives are responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen videos. It is recommended that you bring additional copies of your work with you to the convention (if you are attending), in case there are any technical or other problems with your entry.

7) Each entrant’s video(s) shall be submitted at convention registration, between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 pm CDT on June 21, 2009. No entries will be accepted after 5:00 pm on June 21, 2009.

8) Entrants who are unable to attend the convention or the registration may have another individual who is attending the convention submit their video(s) by proxy.

9) Entrants may also mail their entries to Chris Smilek prior to the convention. In such cases, the video(s) must be postmarked by May 30, 2009 and be received by June 10, 2009. It is the entrant’s responsibility to ensure the video(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: Chris Smilek, 619 Washington Crossing, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301 USA.

10) No video may reveal the identity of the creator while the tape is being viewed.

11) All entries meeting the above requirements will be shown during the video contest at the time and location specified by the official Coaster Con XXXII 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.

12) Winning entries will be chosen by popular vote of those attending the entire video showing. At the start of the showing, each person attending will receive one ballot. Anyone entering the contest area after the contest has begun will not be provided with a ballot. No other ballots will be accepted or distributed. All ballots will be collected immediately following the end of the showing. Any ballots turned in at a later time will not be accepted.

13) 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 video 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 votes will be awarded first, second, and third place, respectively. The ballots will be counted by chosen volunteers immediately following the closing of the contest.

14) Winning videos and entrants will be announced and screened (whether in their entirety or an excerpt thereof) during the Annual Banquet. Award plaques will be presented for each of the winning entries.

15) The contest director reserves the right to revise the schedule that is described or implied herein. The interpretation of these rules by the contest director is final. Feel free to contact the contest director with any questions or comments.