

Announcing 2011 Photography Contest

Submissions accepted: Until April 30th.
Contest Open to Everyone.

A maximum of 6 entries per photographer - per category.

GRAND PRIZE

Our friends at Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome are offering a VIP package for the winner. It consists of free and unlimited access to the activities of the **Artist, Authors and Photographers week-end August 13-14**, as well as a photo flight to take air-to-air of one or more of the airplanes of the Old Rhinebeck fantastic collection.

The week-end will also be an opportunity to meet Gilles Auliard, our staff writer/photographer, and work with him on a story that will be published in the Atlantic Flyer under your name.

This is your chance to break into the exciting world of aviation photojournalism and, maybe, the beginning of a new career. So, give us your best shot.



Photo Categories

- Air Shows
- Air to Air
- Artistic
- Classic & Vintage Planes
- Family and People
- Scenic Views

Please email your entries to
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For the fifth year in a row, your favorite paper is organizing an aviation themed photo contest. It has been a successful contest attracting photographers from all over the country and Canada as well. Submissions will be accepted from February 1st to April 30th, 2011.

Here are some helpful hints on how to improve your chances of being in the running for the top prizes.

One very simple step is to look at the picture(s) you are intending to offer for evaluation with a critical eye. I know it is difficult to be analytical with an image you took, but you should ask yourself:

"Is it a picture I would like if I did not take it myself?"

"Is it in crisp, well exposed, with vivid colors?"

"Is the composition pleasing to the eye and leading to the main subject?"

"Does it present something of interest to anybody outside of my family circle and friends?"

Once these questions are answered in a satisfactory -to you- manner, the pictures have to fit in one or more of the categories defined in the contest. Our judges will always, for example, be able to spot a ground-to-air picture, which will disqualify it from the air-to-air category. Why not present the same picture in the Airshows section?

By the same token, sending the highest resolution available will allow us to make a better judgement on its quality. Age took its toll on us and we need glasses to look at postage stamp size images.

No picture taken is perfect straight out of the box, so, remember that every little imperfection can be mitigated.

No matter what software you are using to process your pictures, you have at your disposal a series of very simple tools to improve them. Cropping, color correcting and contrast controlling are some of the interventions that can make an exceptional picture out of a good one.

One note of caution, however, all those controls are wonderful but should not be abused. Overusing the sharpen tool is a dead giveaway that the picture was originally soft.

None-the-less, your best chance is to surprise us. Be creative and bold. Send us something we have never seen before and you may have a winner!

Explanation of Categories

Airshows - Photos taken at an Airshow: Eg. Performers, people, a composition that captures the essence of the airshow experience.

Air to Air - Photos taken from one flying aircraft of another flying aircraft.

Artistic - The topic of the photo may fit another category but something about the elements of composition (color, lighting, textures, emotion) make us go oooooo! or wow! We do not focus on entries that are greatly changed by computer software like Photoshop. Rather, the original photo stands on its own without too much tweaking.

Classic & Vintage Planes - Self explanatory, the main topic is the classic or vintage aircraft.

Family and People - These are photos that focus on the people within an aviation scene.

Scenic Views - These tend to be photos taken from an aircraft offering a lofty vantage point. They may also be scenes from the ground with an aviation theme.