

A Message From IAM President Tom Buffenbarger

Dear IAM member,

Thank you for your interest in the 2002 IAM Photography Contest. We look forward to seeing your entry and wish you the best of luck in the competition.

This is the second year we are running the IAM Photography Contest. Last year's contest featured dozens of entries and we expect this year's competition to be even more successful.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the winning photographs which will also be included in the 2003 IAM Calendar. As you may know, we celebrate working men and women each year in the IAM calendar with photographs of members doing their jobs. A generous portion of the calendar sales proceeds goes directly to Guide Dogs of America (an IAM-supported organization which provides free guide dogs and training for the visually impaired).

Your entry in the IAM photography contest will help make the 2003 calendar the best yet and, at the same time, help support a vital and worthy cause.

In Solidarity,



R. Thomas Buffenbarger
International President



2002 IAM Photography Contest — Entry Form

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Province/Postal Code _____

Telephone Number/Email Address _____

Local Lodge Number/Location _____

IAM Union Card Number _____

Employer/Address _____

Title of Photo _____

Caption and/or Brief Description of Photo _____

Model Release and Authorization to Publish

As part of the 2002 IAM Photography Contest, and for consideration of my satisfaction of being published in any IAM print or electronic-based medium, I (we) authorize and grant the IAM the unlimited use of photographs supplied by me (us). I (we) acknowledge that no further compensation of any kind will be made by the IAM or its agents for the use of the photos I (we) have supplied.

Each of the identifiable parties in the pictures supplied has signed below their unconditional consent permitting the IAM unlimited use of the images contained within the photos.

I have personally witnessed the signatures below and attest to their validity.

Date: _____

Signed: _____ (Person submitting photos as a contest entry)

Signatures of identifiable persons in the photos submitted:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

Use additional sheets for signatures if necessary.

The Rules

- 1) The 2002 IAM Photography Contest is open to all IAM members .
- 2) Each IAM member in good standing may submit **one** entry. An entry consists of one photo, its negative, an entry form, and a model release.
- 3) Each photograph must be the work of the IAM member submitting the entry. The subject of the photograph must also be an IAM member in good standing.
- 4) An independent panel of judges will be chosen by an agent of the IAM to choose the contest winners. Judges for the contest will award prizes of \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place, and \$200 for third place, and \$25 to honorable mentions.
- 5) All photographs will be judged anonymously. Pictures and entry forms will be numbered upon receipt.
- 6) The IAM will provide a release form and the subject(s) of the photo must sign that form for the contest entry to be considered eligible. It is the photographer's responsibility to secure the necessary releases from identifiable persons shown in the photograph.6) While utmost care in handling will be given all entries, the IAM cannot assume responsibility for damage or loss of entries in transit and assumes no responsibility for submissions.
- 7) Contest entrants agree that the IAM has the right to use, without further compensation, their photographs for IAM literature, both print and electronic, to further the cause of trade unionism.
- 8) The IAM will include contest entries as part of the 2003 IAM calendar .
- 9) The theme of the contest is "North America's Might." Photographs should be unposed and should depict IAM members doing their jobs.
- 10) Entries will be evaluated based on appeal, content and photographic skill. The decision of the judges is final.
- 11) Entries must be submitted as **photographs only**. Photos must be unmatted and unframed, and no larger than 5" x 7". **Slides and digital pictures are not eligible**. A photographic negative of the entry must be included in the submission.
- 12) Photographs should be accompanied by the photographer's name, address and phone number. **Do not write on the photo.**

13) Photographers must submit brief captions or explanatory notes with their work. Each such caption or note should be printed or typewritten, and should be submitted on the entry form.

14) An official contest entry form must accompany each entry. These can be obtained from the IAM Communications Department (write to: Photo Contest, c/o IAM Communications Dept., 9000 Machinists Place, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-2687), or from the IAM website (www.iamaw.org/2002photocontest.htm)

15) The Deadline for contest entries is June 30, 2002. Judging will take place during July and August 2002, and winners of the contest will be announced in September 2002.

16) The submission of any entry for the competition will be understood to imply agreement on the part of the photographer to all the above conditions.

Photography Tips

Posed photos won't do well in the contest -the judges don't want to see people mugging for the camera.

Catch your subject doing something. Action photos will grab the judges' attention.

Get close to the action. The photograph should show clearly what the subject is doing.

Consider the background when you compose your photo. You don't want trees growing from peoples' heads.

Plan in advance the shots you want to take, so you're ready when the action begins.

Avoid photogaphic cliches. Look for new angles to shoot from and different ways to show familiar concepts.

Good luck

