**2019 Virginia Department of Aviation’s Photo Contest**

**Contest Rules**

Photos must involve aviation, have been taken within the Commonwealth of Virginia within the last three (3) years, and not previously published.

Photos may be submitted in the following categories:

**Aircraft**

Airplanes, helicopters, hot air balloons, seaplanes, gliders, etc. These may be taken in-flight or on the ground.

**Airports**

Day-to-day operations, airport infrastructure, and special events occurring at an airport. Photos may be taken in-flight or from the ground. Note: because of security measures in place, it is strongly advised that you inform airport management prior to photographing secure areas on airports.

**People**

Individuals engaged in aviation careers (pilots, mechanics, etc.), using aircraft (general aviation pilots, businessman, agricultural applicators, medical transport, etc.), participating in aviation activities or events, skydivers, kids in aviation, aviation educators, etc.

**Miscellaneous Aviation**

Photos that don’t fit into the other categories including, but not limited to, aviation museums and historical sites, off-airport aviation events or displays, etc.

**Aerials**

Air to air images including cloud formations, etc. or air to ground images.

**Digitally Altered Images**

Photos manipulated for artistic purposes by applying digital and/or traditional special effects. Note: if it is not obvious, please make us aware of these types of photos.

Each photographer may submit a maximum of twelve (12) photos for the contest. All photos involving aviation in the Commonwealth of Virginia will be accepted. Entry forms and releases must be fully completed for the photo to be considered.

All entries must be postmarked by **October 14, 2019**.

**Awards**

Winners will be featured in the 2020/2021 Virginia Aviation Calendar, on the Department of Aviation’s website, on the DOAV’s blog ‘Virginia Aviation News’ and in DOAV’s newsletter. First, second and third place winners in each category will receive a certificate of recognition and a package of Virginia Department of Aviation and Virginia is for Flying Lovers logo items. *All entries will be judged by an impartial panel.*

**Reproduction Rights**

Photos submitted to the contest may be used by the Virginia Department of Aviation to promote aviation in Virginia. All entries become and remain the property of the Virginia Department of Aviation and may be used without permission or credit. CDs will not be returned.

**How to Submit Entries**

Only digital entries will be accepted. Photos should be taken at the highest resolution possible (minimum 300 dpi or 3MB). Preferred format is .jpg. A completed entry form and model release (if needed) should be submitted with each photo. Email entries and form to doavphotocontest@gmail.com or mail a CD to:

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