

Pictorial 1 Group AAA

1. Biker Chick

Very cute idea and the colors are nice. I feel the bird should be looking into the picture. She is a little burned out around the shoulders. The image is too busy. I think it would have been a better shot if you had come in further from the right and in closer with a shallower depth of field.

2. Bodie Mechanical Failure

This is a nice idea. It looks like it was shot mid day from the lay of the shadows. This may make a very nice black and white.

3. Butterfly

Your exposure is nice. What type of butterfly is it? It looks like a Monarch on milkweed to me. There should be some space on the right hand side of the butterfly. Part of its front foot is cut off.

4. By the sea

This is a difficult shot. You handled the exposure well. I think it could be a little warmer. Your subject is nice and sharp.

5. Chapel through Fortress Wall, Marvao, Portugal 2013

Very nice image. Your exposure is handled very well. Nicely done. Now if you could have gotten them to have some clouds in the sky or maybe a moon.

6. Del Mar races - going all out

This does give you a sense of speed. The exposure is great and the colors vibrant. Nice. I do wish that the rear horse's hind foot was in the image. They call that "boarder patrol" which is making sure all of your image is inside the frame.

7. Homage to Ansel

Clever. Nice early morning or late afternoon light.

8. Jeff & Jim taking pictures of the Salinas airshow crowd

This would have been a great image if it were sharp. Who is shooting who? Your exposure was right on.

9. July 4th, Colton Hall 7533

I think your subject should have been the cook's hands. This is a good idea. But the exposure was difficult. If the meat is the subject it needs more light. This can be done in ACR or Light room with the split neutral density filter.

10. Jumping Waves

Great idea and cute picture. Unfortunately, the children are soft. Unlike the horse race these two cute kids should be sharp. A faster shutter speed would do that. You handled the whites of the waves very well.

11. Keep Ft Ord Wild

Ok I admit it I don't get it. It looks like a bunch of wires with connectors in front of a sign that says Keep Fort Ord Wild. Would that be trash in a wild place? Your exposure is good and it is sharp.

12. Red Dahlia

This is interesting. I would like to see the center sharp. You can do photo stacking in Photoshop to increase your depth of field. There are also programs such as Helicon Focus that can be used. Your exposure is good but your depth of field is lacking.

13. Red Maple turning color

Interesting idea. The colors are beautiful. The exposure is good. However, I feel I need a point of focus.

14. Redwoods

I like this shot very much. Your exposure is a little hot on the tree on the right hand side and your sky is blown out. But I like the picture and the idea. It reminds me of being a kid and laying on my back looking up into the tops of the trees. You could tone down the hot areas using masks in Photoshop.

15. Riding on the beach

A silhouette is often hard to pull off but you did a pretty good job. The image is sharp and all of the elements are contained in the frame.

16. say cheese

This is a cute grab shot. I don't know about the dog but it looks like she is having a good time. Your exposure is pretty good and it is sharp but car in the background bothers me. You could remove the car using content aware in Photoshop.

17. Sea Grass_

This is a great image. Simple and clean. Exposure is perfect. I like this very much. My only criticism is that the grass ends and sand grains at the upper right are soft. But other than that a very nice image.

18. Sean D Tucker in the Oracle Challenger cutting the tape at the Salinas airshow 2012

What would make anyone with any sense fly that low to the ground sideways? Great shot. You could remove the cars and telephone poles with content aware and the clone tool. Also it needs to be lighter. It would improve an already excellent image.

19. Spires of Tyn Church, Old Town Square, Prague

Beautiful image. The colors a very striking. Nice.

20. stars and stripes

This is an interesting idea and you really do get the feeling of the blowing wind. Exposure is good

21. Village Crest, Ossuary in Kutna Hora, Czech Republic 2738

Now this is a little bit creepy. I'll probably have nightmares after looking at this one. Your exposure is good. I wish the top of the skull on the top was in the frame. Look at all the bones behind the Village Crest.

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