

Double Exposure: Duo Snaps Winning Photos

Allen Miller and David Miller have these things in common: the same last name, the same employer and the same love of photography. Now they share another distinction. Both Engineering employees snapped photos that will be featured in the 2008 BNSF calendar, not once but twice.

Allen Miller, Wishram, Wash., signal inspector, photographed the “H” Everett-to-Barstow train on the Oregon Trunk Subdivision as it crosses the Deschutes River. That photo is April’s feature picture and is also the Grand Prize winner. His other photo of an empty grain train catching the last rays of light on the Fallbridge Subdivision was selected for November’s artwork.

David Miller, manager, Engineering, of San Bernardino, Calif., shot photos that will be featured in January and May. The January photo portrays a southbound coal train at Palmer Lake, Colo. His other photo captures an intermodal train traveling east near Cajon, Calif.

But the men are just two of the photographers who will have their photos grace the annual calendar. While some of the photographers are return winners, some are brand new. Cory Snyder, conductor, Gillette, Wyo., took a chance and entered the contest for the first time. He entered a photograph of a coal train running through a day-lighted tunnel in East Stokes, Wyo.

“I’m always looking for something new or different that nobody has photographed,” says Snyder. “It’s a unique view and gives a bird’s eye view.”

BNSF photo contest winners captured beautiful deserts, majestic mountains and the newest BNSF locomotive paint scheme in crisp close-up shots for the 2008 calendar, which will be available in November.

The calendar photographs cover the gamut, from a night shot of two locomotives beings refueled at the Richmond, Calif. Roundhouse, to a cold, snowy day at Camp Rogers, Calif., to the mountains of Montana. There are coal trains, automotive trains, mixed freight and intermodal trains.

Photos are selected based on composition, color, quality and uniqueness by a committee. The committee tries to select photos representative of each season, various regions of our network and the different commodities BNSF handles.

Thanks to all who submitted photo entries. There were more than 150 entries for the 13 cover and month slots. Here are the 2008 winners:

- Joseph Brice, trainmaster, Stockton, Calif.
- Ed Chapman, director, Hazardous Materials, Fort Worth, Texas
- Ian Jancoski, laborer/hostler helper, Richmond
- Cory Snyder, conductor, Gillette
- John McGraw, RCO operator/switchman, San Diego, Calif.
- Todd Michel, conductor, Winslow, Ariz.
- Allen Miller, signal inspector, Wishram
- David Miller, manager, Engineering, San Bernardino
- Rick Mugele, engineer, Stockton, Calif.
- Greg Weirich, engineer, Everett, Wash.
- Levi Wielinga, conductor, Sioux City, Iowa.

Congratulations to all of the photographers. Each will receive \$250, with the exception of the grand prize photographer, who will receive \$500. All active BNSF employees will receive a calendar mailed to their home. Additional calendars may be purchased through the BNSF Store at <http://bnsf.corplogoware.com/>.

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