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Railroad Museum to Showcase Award-Winning Photographs from Around the World Chosen by the Center for Railroad Photography & Art

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – As part of a special exhibition officially debuting on Thursday, June 5, 2014, California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum are proud to showcase the impressive award-winning photographs from the prestigious Center for Railroad Photography & Art's 2013 John E. Gruber Creative Photography Awards Program. Nearly 100 photographers from all over the world submitted entries for this 11th annual competition, which resulted in a diverse and visually compelling collection of rail-related photographs.

The Grand Prize in the Center's 2013 Creative Photography Awards Program went to Ronald Olsen of Coventry, Rhode Island, for a dramatic image of nighttime steam operations in China. The second place award went to Daryl-Ann Saunders of Brooklyn, New York; and third place went to Nick D'Amato, of Denver, Colorado. In addition, Northern California photographer Mike Johannessen, of El Sobrante, received recognition in the "Judges Also Liked" category for an image of an early morning commuter express train on the west slope of Altamont Pass near Livermore. New this year, the Center expanded the notion of creativity in the program by opening submissions to include all forms of digital manipulations as long as they were disclosed. The photographs were judged by a panel of three individuals including program founder John Gruber.

This special photography exhibit will remain on display at the California State Railroad Museum through 2014. In addition to being showcased in the special exhibit at the Railroad Museum, the winners and a selection of the award-winning photographs were featured in the December 2013 issue of the Center's *Railroad Heritage* journal and will also be featured in an upcoming issue of *Railfan & Railroad* magazine.

More information about the competition and the Center for Railroad Photography & Art can be found at www.railphoto-art.org, and more information about the California State Railroad Museum is available at www.csrmf.org or by calling (916) 323-9280.

About the California State Railroad Museum

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Widely regarded as North America's finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, visit www.csrmf.org or call 916-323-9280.

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