WHO MAY ENTER:
Open to all individuals who legally reside in the 50 United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia and Canada age 18 years or older as of May 1, 2020. Employees of AOPA, its subsidiaries and affiliated companies, and the trustees, officers, directors, interns, advertising and promotion agencies of each, are not eligible to win. Any person in the immediate family of an employee (including the spouse, children, parents, brothers and sisters of any employee) living in the same household of any such employee is not eligible to win. Professional photographers—those who make 50 percent or more of their income from photography—are not eligible.

WHAT TO ENTER:
The four contest categories are drawn from those subjects of special interest to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association:

Only photos of general aviation aircraft and situations will be accepted. For the purpose of this contest general aviation is all civilian flying except scheduled passenger airlines.

1. General aviation aircraft – Any non-airline, non-military aircraft—in-flight or on the ground. Warbirds (retired, non-government-owned military aircraft) are acceptable
2. Airports – General-aviation-oriented people, events, and situations at airports
3. Pilots – Portraits of general aviation pilots in aviation settings on the ground or in flight
4. Aerials – air-to-ground images

Photographs must be originals, shot by the entrant on or after January 1, 2020. An entrant must hold all rights to a photograph. Photos previously published or pending publication, or that violate or infringe upon another person's or company’s copyright, contract, or other intellectual property rights are not eligible.

Cropped photos are eligible in all categories. Photos that are digitally or otherwise enhanced or altered are not eligible Minor adjustments, including spotting, dodging and burning, contrast and slight color adjustment or the digital equivalents, are acceptable for all four categories. AOPA reserves the right to disqualify an altered or enhanced photo.

For a photo in which a person is recognizable, you must be prepared to provide a model release and/or property release from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian and/or property owner. You can print a model release and/or property release from our Web site. If your entry is selected as a finalist, we reserve the right to ask for the completed release(s).
HOW TO ENTER:
To enter, use the App's Pilot Passport feature to upload your eerie nighttime runway shots for a chance to win, during the Entry Period.

Submit no more than one photograph per category during the Entry Period.

Photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible.

By entering the contest, entrants grant the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association a non-exclusive right to publish and use submitted photographs in print or electronic form in a future issue or issues, for advertising and promotion of the magazine, for exhibition, and for commercial products, including but not limited to AOPA’s print or electronic publications. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit.

All official rules of Pilot Passport apply.

NOTE: AOPA Pilot Passport App functionality is dependent upon an internet connection which may not be available at all airports.

ENTRY DEADLINE:
The contest begins at 12:00 AM on October 1, 2020 and ends at 11:59 PM on October 25, 2020 (the “Entry Period”). All entries must be completed during the Entry Period.

JUDGING:
Initial judging will be conducted by selected AOPA staff. Photographs will be judged on their originality, composition, and general appeal. Ten preliminary winners will be selected. Facebook users will be invited to judge the ten finalists online. Three photos with the most likes on Facebook will win. Winning photographs and selected finalists will be featured online and on social media.

Please do not contact us about the status of entries.

Only the finalists will be notified of their status by November 15, 2020.

The contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law and is subject to all federal, state and local laws.

PRIZES:
There will be three (3) Grand Prize winners. Each Grand Prize winner will receive one year free of PPS Plus level membership provided by AOPA. Approximate retail value (“ARV”) of each Grand Prize is $178.00. ARV of all Grand Prizes is $534.00.

MISCELLANEOUS:
Each participant agrees that any and all disputes and causes of action arising out of this contest shall be resolved individually and any judicial proceeding shall take place in a federal or state court within the State of Maryland. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, or the rights and obligations of participants and AOPA in connection with the contest, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules or provisions (whether of the State of Maryland or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Maryland. All federal, state and local taxes, fees and other expenses are winner’s responsibility. Each winner shall grant permission to AOPA, its subsidiary and affiliated businesses to use his or her name, age, city, state, and photograph or other likeness for advertising and promotional purposes without additional compensation, except where otherwise provided by law. By entering this contest each participant agrees to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of AOPA and its agents, whose decisions regarding all aspects of the contest shall be final.

CONSUMER DISCLOSURE. NO MEMBERSHIP, PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN THIS CONTEST.

Void wherever prohibited by law. No responsibility will be assumed for lost, misdirected or late mail, including electronic mail. This contest is sponsored by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, 421 Aviation Way, Frederick, MD 21701. You may request that your name be excluded from all lists of names and addresses used by AOPA for sweepstakes or skill contest promotions by submitting a written request to AOPA Pilot Passport October Challenge, P.O. Box 972, Frederick, MD 21705-0972.

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