

# July Judge's Comments

## Judge 1

- 1- Skies have nice tones and smooth gradations. Reflections in the wind screen are nice too.
- 2- Nice capture of foreground, midground fog and interesting skies. Clouds add dramatic effect.
- 3- Formation is interesting but lacks contrast. Foreground is uninteresting.
- 4- Special capture of the eclipse. Moon is a bit soft and the black background is a bit muddy.
- 5- Good composition and positioning of elements. Color seems overly warm (yellow/orange)
- 6- Attractive "God's rays" capture. Just enough foreground for a sense of place. Sky seems noisy.
- 7- Sunlight is blown out; attractive rays. Image is not straight.
- 8- Beautiful sunset shot. With better lighting/exposure, the foreground could be quite interesting.
- 9- Nice gradation of colors and intensity. Good composition. Darkest clouds seem a bit over processed.
- 10- Great lightning capture. Interesting setting. Image overall seems overly cool.
- 11- Attractive seen, presented well as a pano. Colors in the sky don't seem consistent with the rest of the image.
- 12- Whether this is an actual capture or a composite, this is very special. Colors and composition are beautiful.
- 13- Cloud formation is either "interesting" or "frightening." Some color grading and additional contrast could help.
- 14- interesting capture. A tighter crop could help emphasizing the subject might help.
- 15- Lovely lighting both in the sky and on the foreground elements.
- 16- Fascinating sky capture. Colors, while a bit overly saturated, are dramatic.
- 17- Unique sky with lightning, threatening sky, and puffy clouds. Excellent sharpness and composition.
- 18- Cloud formation creates interesting "leading lines." Foreground anchors the image well.
- 19- By removing the color, the emphasis is on the foreground cactus and the threatening skies. Nice capture.
- 20- Delightful capture with layer upon layer of clouds and color. Top of image is overly saturated.
- 21- Pretty sky color anchored by interesting roof lines and shapes.
- 22- Streaking clouds are unique; top of the image is overly dark; overall image seems quite noisy/grainy.

## Judge 2

- 1 - Like the people in the far background. Perhaps a bit oversaturated.
- 3 – Could be a little lighter
- 10 – Bringing down the blue cast would help this image
- 12 – The sky should be the subject, otherwise nice shot
- 16 – Seems overly saturated but nice sky
- 18 – Interesting photo, but in BW the sky is too busy. Color might work better for this