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HAI Announces 2022 ROTOR Magazine Photo Contest Winners

Alexandria, Va. (February 2, 2022) – Helicopter Association International (HAI) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 ROTOR Magazine Photo Contest. The annual contest attracts hundreds of entries submitted by photographers from around the world, as demonstrated by the international slate of winners.

This year's Grand Prize went to David Chow of Atlanta, Georgia, USA, who says taking sunset flights with his children in his RotorX Phoenix A600 Turbo is one of his favorite things to do. In the winning image, captured from a dash-mounted video camera, David checks with his youngest daughter whether the bank angle is OK in the photo, and she quickly responds with two thumbs up.

David first dreamed of building a kit helicopter over 40 years ago with his late grandfather, S.L. Chow, who served in the Taiwanese Air Force during World War II, later rising to the rank of a three-star general. That dream finally came true in 2021 when David flew his helicopter from Texas to Georgia.

"The winning image was chosen in part because it so truly captures the joy of rotorcraft flight," says Gina Kvitkovich, director of Publications and Media for HAI. "For so many in our industry, aviation isn't just a job—it's a passion. David's grandfather introduced him to flying, and now David is sharing that experience with a third generation of Chows. We offer our congratulations to David and his family."

Photographers submitted entries in five categories, each focusing on an aspect of the helicopter industry. For the first time in this contest, one photographer, Michal Adamowski, captured first-place awards in two categories. In addition, two of this year's category winners, Scott Moak and Tom Houquet, are repeat honorees, having also won for their entries in 2018 and 2019, respectively.

In addition to Chow, the winning photographers include:

Helicopter/Drones at Work: Oscar G. Bernardi, Varese, Italy

Helicopter/Drones in the Military: Michal Adamowski, Zaskale, Poland

People and Their Helicopter/Drones: Michal Adamowski, Zaskale, Poland

Helicopter/Drone Digitally Enhanced Photos: Scott Moak, Richmond, Virginia, USA

Wrench Turners: Tom Houquet, Berg, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium.

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"I want to thank all the photographers who participated in this year's contest," says Kvitkovich. "The entries we received from around the world illustrate the international appeal of vertical flight and how HAI provides a platform for the global industry to come together."

Chow received \$500 for his winning entry, and each category winner received \$100. The winning entries will be displayed at HAI HELI-EXPO 2022 in Dallas, Texas, in March and will also be featured in the March issue of ROTOR Magazine.

ROTOR Magazine's annual photo contest will open again on Aug. 1, 2022. Membership in HAI is not required for entry, and HAI does not charge an entry fee. Please visit photo.rotor.org for more information about the 2023 contest.

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