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Award Winning Perfect Picture: A thirty-year Story in the Making



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Day-in and day-out, photographers scout locations at or near airports around the world to take the perfect airplane picture. In its annual photo contest, *Skies Magazine* alone received 1000 image submissions, one of which was from Air Canada's corporate photographer, Brian Losito, who took first place in the Commercial Aviation category.

"It's an honour to win first place in *Skies Magazine*'s photo contest for the Commercial category. "It's a very prestigious magazine and I'm humbled to be selected as one of the best photographers."

Commenting on the photo, he said: "If your photo is not good enough, you are not close enough, and we got in close," Losito added.

Video: Brian's top five

Brian Losito, Corporate Photographer at Air Canada, shares his favourite five photos of his 30-year career

Taken during a summer evening over the British Columbia, the shot was captured at 15,000 feet from a Wolf Aviation Learjet. The image not only captures Air Canada's newest Boeing airliner in flight, but it also captivates the excitement of pilots Captain Mark Ogle and Captain Mike MacDonald who are giving the thumbs-up from the flight deck as they fly the new Boeing 737 Max 8 in the skies over Vancouver Island. Competition was strong in the 2018 annual Skies Magazine photo contest.

"To sort through the hundreds of photos, we turned to our seasoned photographers and editors who down-selected the images submitted to a select few to be voted on," said Mike Reyno Group Publisher at *Skies Magazine*. "In the end, it was our sponsors that voted and gave a thumbs-up to Brian's spectacular photo of Air Canada's new Boeing 737 Max 8 in flight to take top honours as First Place, Commercial Aviation."

Matthew Lee, Senior Network Planning Manager at Air Canada, was with Losito for the photo shoot: "Joining Brian for these airto-air photoshoots is an absolute thrill. We always manage to get exactly what we are looking for because of Brian's cool, calm, collected demeanor. During each shoot he keeps everyone well organized, upbeat and relaxed, and it shows in the results."

A second of Brian's photos was selected as Commercial Editor's Pick for the 2018 Aviation Week and Space Technology Photo Contest. It's his second consecutive year Brian was recognized by *Aviation Week*.

Losito told the Media Centre that he will donate the \$500 prize money from Skies Magazine to the Air Canada Foundation.





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