

MODEL/PHOTO CONTEST

The full range of contest categories will be offered for models and photos. Completion of the contest paperwork for each entry can be a bit time consuming, so please complete these forms in advance. Advance copies of the appropriate forms, as well as other contest information, are available on the NMRA and MCoR websites. Completed copies of the contest entry form (#901) and the model contest judge's score sheet (#902) are required for each model entry. Only the contest entry form (#901) is required for each photo entry.

It is the intent that Regional Conventions focus on NMRA standards for modeling, therefore, each model should be submitted with NMRA judging entry forms. But, it is recognized that the opinions of all the attendees does matter, therefore, one model and one photo receiving the most attendee votes will be awarded as "Best of Show – People's Choice" Award. Model ... Photo ...

Contest Entry and Judging Rules

A. Judged Model Contest

- i. Definition - Competitive events for models: all entries are technically judged by teams of experienced judges using a point scoring system.
- ii. Scale - All models shall be judged separately in each classification and category without regard to scale.
- iii. The model must have been made by the entrant and cannot have won a first place at any previous National or Regional Convention.
- iv. Classifications

a) Scratch Built - This class is intended for models built largely from basic or scratch materials.

However, any model may be included in this classification. The decision is up to the entrant. Entries in the scratch built class are eligible for full point scores on all factors including scratch built which has a maximum score of 15points for a total of 125points.

b) Kit Built - This classification is intended for models comprised of more than 50% kit or largely commercial parts to allow them to compete with similarly built models rather than typically higher scoring scratch built models. However, any model may be included in this classification. The decision is up to the entrant. Entries in this classification are eligible for full point scores on all factors except scratch built which is limited to 8points for a total of 118 points.

B. Categories

a) Steam Locomotives – All types of locomotives powered by steam. The model must include an electric motor or other means of propulsion and be capable of operation to be eligible for the category

b) Diesel & Other Locomotives - All other types of locomotives except those powered by steam and passenger revenue carrying types. The model must include an electric motor or other means of propulsion and be capable of operation to be eligible for the category. In the case of multiple joined locomotives, at least one of the units must be powered.

- c) Passenger Cars** - All types of passenger revenue carrying equipment, including coaches, observation, mail baggage cars “express” reefers, as well as powered rail buses, interurban steam or gas powered, and RDC cars.
- d) Freight Cars** - All types of freight revenue carrying cars, excluding express reefers.
- e) Caboose** - All types, including traditional, bobbers, drovers, and transfer types.
- f) Non-Revenue - Right-of-way**, track maintenance vehicles, machines, rail and inspection cars, railroad cranes and others not considered directly involved in revenue service
- g) Traction** – All equipment associated with urban, suburban and interurban electrically powered railroads.
- h) Structures** - This category is intended for all individual structures or buildings either on-line or off-line; however, also includes non-powered locomotives, ship models, river boats, cars and trucks, and other unusual models that do not fit within other categories at the discretion of the Contest Chair. Multiple structures such as a house and garage must be physically connected to be considered a single structure. Like-wise any scenery detail, on or otherwise connected to the single structure will be cause for entry to be classified as a “display” or “diorama”.
- i) Display** - Scenes or dioramas which may include multiple structures, locomotives, rolling stock, scenery elements and other detail. All elements will be judged as a part of the entire scene. Note: judgment of models in this category has nothing to do with the Master Builder Scenery requirement of the Achievement Program. A modeler having a display including one or more structures, may request judging of one of the building as a part of Achievement Program, Merit Awards. But, it is judged in the contest as a display.

C. Photo Contest

- i. Definition - Competitive event for photographs.
- ii. Photos produced using either film or digital cameras are permitted.
- iii. Each entrant shall be limited to a maximum of ten (10) entries with a maximum of five (5) entries in any one category.
- iv. Prints shall be mounted on flat, rigid board or matted with similar material. **No folders or glass frames are allowed.** Photo and mount shall not exceed 12" x 16" (30cm x 40cm) in size. Mini- mum mount size is 8" x 10" (20cm x 25cm) and minimum print size is 5" x 7" (13cm x 18cm).
- v. Prints shall have entrant's name on the back. Prints may be titled on the front. **Prints with entrant's name on the front will not be accepted.**
- vi. Exposure of the original slide or photo must have been made by the entrant and cannot have won a first place at any previous National or Regional Convention.

- vii. Categories - Each entry shall be placed in one of the following categories:
 - a) Model - Black & White Print
 - b) Model - Color Print
 - c) Prototype - Black & White
 - d) Prototype – Color

D. Module Contest

- I. Definition - Competitive Event for modules: all entries are judged by a team of experienced judges using a simple ranking system.
- II. The module must have been made by the entrant (s) and cannot have won a first place at any previous National or Regional Convention.
- III. Module Definition - A small layout which includes supplemental scenery and track work which is designed to attach to and operate with other similar modules.
- IV. Scale - All scales shall be combined in each of two classifications.
- V. Classifications
 - a) **Module - Individual** - A module entry built by an individual person.
 - b) **Module - Group** - A module built by a group of people.

E. Pass Contest

- I. Definition - Competitive event for entrant-made railroad passes: all entries are judged by a team of experienced judges using a simple ranking system.
- II. Two (2) entries are required in order to show both sides of each pass entered.
- III. Any type of railroad pass is eligible in the form of a business card or flash card size. All other forms, letters, documents, stock certificates, etc. will not be allowed and will only be accepted as display-only (non-contest) entries.

F. Model Showcase

- I. Definition - Non-competitive display events for models, photos, Arts & Craft or any railroad oriented display, complete or in process, may be displayed.

- G. Special Category** – The Best *Kansas City Southern RR* model submitted ... any model of motive power, rolling stock, passenger equipment, mow equipment, structures, bridges and detailed parts of the KCS and/or acquired or merged railroads:

Kansas City Suburban Belt Line
Kansas City, Nevada & Fort Smith RR (1887-1893)
Texarkana & Fort Smith Railway Co (acquired 1892)
Kansas City, Fort Smith & Southern Railway (acquired 1893)
Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf RR ... the "Pee Gee"
Louisiana & Arkansas Railway Co. (acquired 1939)
Kansas City, Mexico & Orient RR

Please
(No Canadian Pacific)
per Historical Society

This category is awarded with one award, being the Best Model representing flavor, character, identity along with craftsmanship, detail and image of the KCS RR.

The judging will be three cohorts:

1. NMRA judging
2. Historians/Members of KCS Historical Society
3. Popular vote

These cohorts will be equally weighted as 1/3 total score, as points, the most points yields the winner.

H. People's Choice Award –

One entry each, **model** and **photo** will be awarded the “People's Choice Award”, based upon the number of votes received in the “ballot box”. Each attendee will receive one ballot each at registration, intended to be cast for the model and photo they feel is Best of Show.

Only one vote per attendee.

