

I. Events -

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 15 points for a total of 125 points.
 - 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 8 points for a total of 118 points.
- v. 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 as well as powered rail buses and RDC cars. Express reefers are included.
 - d) Freight Cars - All types of freight revenue carrying cars, not including express reefers.
 - e) Caboose - All types, including traditional, bobbers, drovers, and transfers type.
 - f) Non-Revenue - Right-of-way, track maintenance vehicles, 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, cars and trucks, track components such as switches and diamonds 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. Likewise any detail not in, on or otherwise connected to the single structure will not be considered during the judging. A single structure contained within a display may be entered in the structure category in which case only that structure will be judged.
 - 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.

B. 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.
- C. Model Showcase
 - i. Definition - Non-competitive display events for models, photos, Arts & Craft or any railroad oriented display, complete or in process.
- D. 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) entires in 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. Minimum 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
- 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) entires.

In addition, one entry will be awarded the People's Choice award.