

Division 3 Monthly Contest and Awards Program

Members are encouraged to participate in a monthly modeling and photography contest. Most successful Model Builder and Photographer will receive an award at the end of each contest year (March-January). In addition, a special Superintendent's Award for exceptional support and participation may be given, at the Superintendent's discretion, to person or persons that show significant effort during the year.

Winners (first through third place in a category) of the modeling contest and photography contest will be selected by a popular vote of the general membership at the meeting.

RULES:

- 1) Contest Chairman:
 - a) The Contest Chairman shall adjudicate the contests and record the participation and outcome of each contest.
 - b) If issues arise causing dissention, the Superintendent shall determine the outcome.
- 2) Photography Award:
 - a) Photography participants whose entries have received the top three votes for the month, will receive one point for each winning entry (First through Third place)
 - b) Photographs must be the work of the entrant and must exhibit the theme of the contest for a given month. They may be photographs of prototype systems or of model displays.
 - c) Entries must be prints of at least 4-6 inches, but need not be mounted.
 - d) To be judged a winner, a photograph must receive at least one vote.
 - e) An individual in each contest may enter no more than three photographs.
- 3) Model Contest Award:
 - a) Categories: The model contest shall be broken into four categories – Kit, Kit-bashed, Scratch-built, and Special Projects.
 - b) Definitions:
 - i) Kit – Model is constructed following the instructions provided with no modifications or added details except the following:
 - (1) Couplers may be added or changed to meet the modeler's specifications (example – Kadee couplers replacing hook-horns)
 - (2) Trucks may be added or changed to meet the modeler's specifications. (Example – replacing talgo style trucks)
 - (3) Weathering the model is permitted.
 - ii) Kit-bashed – model is made from a kit or ready-to-run, with added details an/or repainted and decaled.
 - iii) Scratch-built – model has been built using plans, published or designed by entrant; and is built using stock scratch-building materials, i.e., sheet stock, strip wood, dowels, etc. Commercial windows and doors may be used, as well as commercial couplers and trucks.
 - (1) Example: Scratch-building materials are non-detail parts and would normally be listed in the scratch-building materials section of the Walther's catalog.

Other non-modeling items, such as hardware may also be used for scratch-building.

- c) Points will be awarded in each category for the top three places, as determined by a vote of the general membership. Each winner will receive the same weighted score.
 - i) Kit – 1 point
 - ii) Kit-bashed – 2 points
 - iii) Scratch-built – 3 points
 - d) Special projects will be scored and awarded as a separate category and included in the model contest overall results.
 - i) Points for the Special Projects shall be established as part of the rules for each special project and awarded in accordance with the rules for that project.
 - e) In each category in order for an item to place it must receive at least one vote.
 - f) Ties are considered equal as far as points are concerned.
 - g) An individual in each contest may enter no more than three models in a given contest.
 - h) If the same individual enters more than one item and they all place they get points for each placement.
- 4) Participation credit be awarded for each entrant and added to the monthly scores for both photography and modeling. One point per month will be given in each contest (Model and Photography).

SCORING:

- 1) The Contest Chairman will record the winners in each category as well as the names of all participants in the monthly contest.
- 2) The points shall be tallied up prior to the March Board of Governors (BOG) meeting and provided to the BOG for review and final determination.
 - a) The Model Contest winner shall be the individual with the most points accumulated during the year in three model categories combined.
 - i) Points for participation will be included in the scores.
 - b) The Photography winner will be the individual that has accumulated the most points in Photography during the contest year.
 - i) Points for participation will be included in the scores.

SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD:

Superintendent's Award for exceptional support and participation of Division 3 activities throughout the year may be given, at the superintendent's discretion, to person or persons that show significant effort during the year.

This award may or may not be given by the superintendent, at his/her discretion.