

Contest Rules *DownEastCon July 27, 2013*

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- Each category will have a first, second and third place. There is no Out of Box (OOB) award.
- The modified "No Sweeps" rule is in effect; that means a modeler cannot take all 3 places in a category, but can take two of three.
- In accordance with IPMS USA policy, model entries depicting suggestive or explicit sexual activity, or excretory functions, will not be permitted. Furthermore, Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers will not allow entry of models depicting male or female nudity. This does not apply to aircraft nose-art. There is no "screened area".
- All entries must be the sole work of the individual whose name is on the registration and entry forms. A surrogate may bring another person's model, but the registration must be that of the builder. Commercially built and/or finished models (i.e., pre-built and/or pre-painted, die-cast, etc) may not be entered in any category.
- Models are entered solely at the entrants' risk. Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers does not assume any liability for loss or damage to any model. Models may be handled during judging. If necessary, we will ask the modeler to remove display cases prior to judging.
- Models may be displayed on a base (either plain or one that simulates appropriate natural surface) of reasonable size. Bases will not be judged in any category except Dioramas. Any entry that, by virtue of its base or setting, depicts a story or theme, must be entered in a Diorama category.
- Models may include a primary crew. Any model with other figures, equipment, foliage, structures, or action must be entered in a Diorama category.
- Junior entrants (age 17 or younger) may compete in either the junior or regular categories, but not both. Please put a check in the Juniors Box on the Entry Form if you wish to be entered as a Junior.
- The Contest Registration Committee will assist in determining entry class and category at the time of registration. If an entry qualifies to be in more than one category (i.e., a 1/32 biplane could be either 102 or 141) the entrant may select which category he would like the model to compete. In all cases the final determination rests with the Chief Judge and the decision of the Chief Judge is final. Any category may be split or combined at the discretion of the Contest Committee.
- Judges are not allowed to judge a category in which they are entered.
- Models will be judged against each other based on fit and finish.
- An entry which has won an individual prize at any IPMS/USA Regional or National Contest in a previous calendar year may be entered for display only. Current calendar year winners may compete.
- Automotive Category Definitions.
REPLICA STOCK -- A vehicle as it would have come from the factory; paint must resemble factory paint, wheels can be replaced if an authorized factory accessory. Documentation may be requested for any vehicle that appears unusual.
STREET RODS, STREET MACHINES -- Modified vehicles intended to be street driven. Models must be street legal; treaded tires, exhaust systems, license plate, etc.
CUSTOMS -- Vehicles that have undergone extensive body work.
- Theme Award: The theme is "North Carolina on my Mind. To be eligible for this Theme Award, models must represent a person, place, or event that is related to North Carolina, or happened in North Carolina, or involved people from North Carolina. Entries must be accompanied by supporting documentation.

** Presentation of Special Awards depends on quantity and quality of entries.

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ECPM Cat#	Category Description
000	Juniors
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100	Aircraft
102	Multi-wing & Rigged; All
106	Single Engine Prop; 1/72 & smaller
107	Single Engine Prop; 1/48
113	Multi Engine Prop; 1/72 & smaller
118	Multi Engine Prop; 1/48
129	Jets; 1/72 & smaller
135	Jets; 1/48
141	Aircraft; 1/32 & larger
153	Helicopters; All
200	Military Vehicles
201	Armor; 1/72 & smaller; all eras
202	Armor; 1/48; all eras (covers 1/36--1/71)
203	Armor; 1/35 & larger; to 1945, Axis
204	Armor; 1/35 & larger; to 1945, Allied
205	Armor; 1/35 & larger; Post 1945
206	Armor; Open top w/Interiors; all scales/eras
215	Wheeled & Soft-skin Vehicles; all scales/eras
223	Ordnance - Missiles & Towed Arty; all scales/eras
300	Figures
301	Foot & Mounted; All
302	Fantasy & Sci-Fi; All
400	Ships
401	Ships, Surface
402	Ships, Submerged
500	Automotive
502	Replica Stock
506	Street Rods & Street Machines
513	Competition
538	Commercial
551	Miscellaneous & Customs
600	Space & Sci-Fi
601	Space & Sci-Fi; All
700	Dioramas
701	Military
702	Civilian
800	Miscellaneous
801	All Other Entries
900	Special Awards **
901	Best Aircraft
902	Best Military Vehicle
904	Best Ship
905	Best Automotive
908	Best of the Rest
909	Best of Show
910	Theme: "North Carolina Naval Aviation on my Mind"

* Note: UAVs compete by engine and scale.

* Splits for all categories will be determined at the contest, where needed.