

# CONTEST RULES

## 2018 National Narrow Gauge Convention

Model and Photo Contest registration, viewing, and voting will be in the Bloomington Room.

### Contest Room Hours – PRELIMINARY, SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### Wednesday, September 5

Noon – 5:00 pm Contest entry open.  
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm Contest room open for entry, viewing, voting.

#### Thursday, September 6

8:30 am – 12:00 noon Contest room open for entry, viewing, voting.  
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm Contest room open for viewing and voting.

#### Friday, September 7

8:30 am – 12:00 noon Contest room open for entry, viewing, voting.  
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm Contest room open for viewing, voting closes.

#### Saturday, September 8

8:30 am – 12:00 noon Contest entry pickup.

### Photos of Contest Entries

Photos of contest entries may be taken whenever the contest room is open for viewing and voting. No tripods or table-based mounts will be permitted. Monopods are allowed.

### Contest Room Security

Entrants must remove all packing materials from the contest area immediately after placing an entry. Packages and bags are not allowed in the contest room during viewing hours. Viewers arriving with bags/packages will be asked to store them in a holding area adjacent to the entrance to the contest area. Touching any entry is strictly prohibited. The contest room will be staffed continuously during viewing/voting hours and locked down at all other times.

### Contest Rules and Procedures

#### Judging

Contest winners for the general contests will be elected by popular vote of convention registrants. Only ballots supplied with registration packets (one per registrant) will be allowed for voting. Replacement ballots will not be supplied. Ballot boxes will be kept under supervision in the Contest Room. All ballots must be submitted by NOON Friday to be counted. Judging for the special awards will be conducted in a manner designated by the award donor. Awards will be presented for First, Second and Third places, unless otherwise stated in the category descriptions.

## **General Contest Rules**

Rules and guidelines governing specific general contests will be detailed with each listing of contest categories. General rules are:

1. All models shall be built entirely by the entrant or photographed by the entrant without help from any other person. Entries should relate to narrow gauge subjects or related items. Only registered convention attendees, vendors or volunteers may submit entries; no “proxy” entries will be permitted.
2. A limit of one model or photograph may be entered for each category in the contest.
3. A model or photograph that has won first place in a previous national convention cannot be entered in the same category.
4. Photo size may range from 5” x 7” to 12” on the longest side. (This will be strictly enforced). Photos with mounts may range in size from 5” x 7” to 12” x 16”. (This will be strictly enforced). No frames or glass cover will be permitted, but photos may be matted. Un-matted photos must be mounted on cardstock or foam core board or similar. Digitally and computer enhanced photos (such as adding smoke or backgrounds) are permitted.

## **Contest Entry and Model/Photo Description Forms**

Each entrant must complete a Contest Entry form for each item entered. In addition, each entrant is encouraged to complete a Model/Photo Description Form to be displayed with each entry prior to arrival at the convention in order to expedite the receipt of the entries. Forms may be downloaded from the **Web Page** and ***the 2018 NNGC Committee highly recommends filling these out in advance to expedite the entry process.***

Contest entrants will be responsible for placing their models/photos on the appropriate tables. Entrants should be aware that Convention Committee members and volunteers may need to rearrange entries as needed for spacing purposes and for photographing contest winners.

## **Display-Only Table**

There will be a special table(s) set up for display-only items for those who desire to display a model/photo in a non-voting environment. These items will not be included in the popular vote contest and no plaque will be awarded. Display-only items will be allowed only as space allows. ***We highly recommend contact with the Contest Chair prior to bringing a large display, as space will be allocated in a first- come, first serve basis.***

## **Contest Registration and Pickup**

All entries **MUST** to be retrieved by NOON on Saturday. The *2018 NNGC Committee* will not be liable for any entries remaining in the contest room after this time unless prior arrangements are made (these are discouraged and will be allowed only in the rarest of cases).

Contest entrants will sign the Contest Entry Form before placing any items in the contest room and return the signed Model & Photo Claim Form at pickup. We thank each and every entrant in advance for their cooperation in this endeavor.

## **Model and Photo Contest Categories and Awards**

### **Photo Categories:**

- **Color Prototype**
- **B&W Prototype**
- **Color Model**
- **B&W Model**

### **Youth Model**

Any model built and entered by someone age 18 or younger. Entries eligible for this award category will be identified by a check-box on the Contest Entry Form and Model Description Form. Only first place is awarded in Youth Award.

### **Structures**

Structures may be stand-alone or mounted on a limited base. A limited base extending from the structure is acceptable (but not required) to contain items related to the structure, such as debris, tools, racks, etc. No “scenery” items are permitted.

### **Categories**

- **On-Line Structure**
- **Off-Line Structure**

### **Dioramas**

Dioramas may be stand-alone or mounted on a base, no restriction on size.

### **Categories:**

- **On-Line Diorama**
- **Off-Line Diorama**

### **Modules**

A Module differs from a diorama in that it is designed to be part of an operating layout. Individual modules may be displayed in the contest room or they may be a part of the displays and operating layouts in the exhibit section of the convention center. Modules in the exhibit section that wish to be entered in this contest category will have a Model Description Form with a contest entry number affixed to the front of the module. A list of modules entered in this category and their locations will be displayed in the contest room. If the module is part of a larger modular layout, **vote only for the individual module.**

### **Modular Layout**

Modular Layouts are entered as a complete layout, including all modules. An individual module of a

modular layout entered in the contest may also be entered as an individual module. ***Vote for the complete modular layout.***

### **Square Footer**

Continuing with this relatively new category, the Square Footer (any scale) may be any model, display, structure, or diorama constructed solely on a 12" x 12" base. No height limit, but NO part or portion of the entry may exceed the 12" x 12" boundary on any side (strictly enforced).

### **Motive Power**

- **Rod Locomotive**
- **Geared Locomotive**
- **Internal Combustion Motive Power**

### **Rolling Stock**

- **Caboose**
- **Revenue Freight Car**
- **Passenger Car**
- **Logging Car**
- **Special Equipment**
- **Maintenance-of-Way**
- **Favorite Train**

- **Automation**

Automation is a relatively new category. Any type of model can be submitted in this category though most will be dioramas or similar displays. Models entered in this category **MAY** be simultaneously entered in other categories.

Automation may be powered by DC or DCC circuits. For safety's sake, no automation powered directly by 110V AC will be accepted. Power strips will be supplied for the entrants' power supplies.

Automation should have a means of activating the automation that will allow contest voters to activate the automation. Automation with sound should be activated on a momentary or time-limited basis (such as 20-30 seconds), not continuous. Have mercy on the contest room attendants.

## **Special Awards**

### **Best of Show**

Registrants may vote for their favorite item entered in the contest. Please note that some entries such as modules may be located outside of the contest area (see modular category.) Only first place is awarded in Best of Show.

### **Gazette Award**

This award has been presented by Bob Brown, editor and publisher of the ***Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette***, every year since the second convention. Bob simply chooses the model he likes

best.

**The Midwood Memorial Award.**

This award is presented by Gerry Cornwell of *Mt. Albert Scale Lumber* for the best wooden model.

**Fantasonics Engineering Award**

This award is presented by Jim Wells of *Fantasonics Engineering* for “the model most deserving sound.”

**Sn3 Modeler Award**

This award is presented by Don Heimburger, publisher of the Sn3 Modeler magazine.

**FEBT Rivet Counters Award**

This award is presented by the Friends of the East Broad Top for the best EBT model. The winner will be chosen by a committee selected from the FEBT group.