



Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers presents DownEastCon 2024

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The Forgotten Conflict

2024 DownEastCon Categories

To **also** be entered into the “The Korean War” or “SHOOT the MOON” Themes, you must check the appropriate box on the model registration form for each model entry.

0. Juniors *

- 001. Junior entries, ages 5-12
- 002. Junior entries, ages 13-17

I. Aircraft *

- 102. Multi-wing & rigged, all scales
 - 104. Single engine prop, 1:72 and smaller
 - 106. Single engine prop, 1:48, Allied*
 - 108. Single engine prop, 1:48, Axis*
 - 110. Multi engine prop, 1:72 and smaller
 - 112. Multi engine prop, 1:48
 - 114. Jets, 1:72 & smaller
 - 116. Jets, 1:48
 - 118. Aircraft, 1:32 & larger, all types
 - 120. Helicopters, all scales
- (Note: unmanned aerial vehicles, (UAVs), compete by engine & scale)

II. Military Vehicles *

- 201. Armor, 1:35 & larger, closed top, all eras, Allied*
- 203. Armor, 1:35 & larger, closed top, all eras, Axis*
- 205. Armor, 1:35 & larger, open top w/interiors, all eras
- 207. Wheeled & soft-skin vehicles, all scales, all eras
- 209. Armor, 1:48 & smaller, all eras
- 211. Ordnance – missiles & towed arty, all scales & eras

III. Figures *

- 302. Historical Foot & Mounted, all scales
- 304. Fantasy & Sci-Fi, all scales – resin, vinyl, and white metal
- 306. Fantasy & Sci-Fi, – Plastic Injection Molded.
Scales - only 1:8, 1:10, 1:12, & some box/no scale (see ECPM website)

IV. Ship *

- 401. Surface, sail & oar powered
- 403. Surface, powered, (steam/nuke)
- 405. Submersibles, all eras

V. Automotive *

- 502. Factory Stock
- 504. Hot/Street rods & street machines, street legal

- 506. Competition, open wheel, all scales
- 508. Competition, closed wheel, all scales
- 510. Commercial, light duty, all scales, (single rear axle, vehicles and trailers)
- 512. Commercial, heavy duty & equipment, all scales (multi-axle & tracked)
- 514. Sit upon, (bikes, trikes, go carts)
- 516. Customs, all types

VI. Space & Sci-Fi Vehicles & Installations*

- 601. Real space, all scales
- 603. Fantasy/Sci-Fi, all scales
- 605. Gundam & Mecha, all scales

VII. Dioramas *

- 702. Military
- 704. Civilian

VIII. Miscellaneous *

- 801. All other entries, humorous, or hypothetical

(* Splits or combinations may be employed at the contest to balance numbers of entries for competition.)

IX. Special Awards

- 901. Best Aircraft
- 902. Best Military Vehicle
- 903. Best Figure
- 904. Best Ship
- 905. Best Automotive
- 906. Best Space & Sci-Fi
- 907. Best Diorama
- 909. Best in Show

Korea, 1951-1953 and Shoot the Moon Themes

- 911 Korea Aircraft
- 912 Korea Military Vehicles
- 913 Korea Figures
- 914 Korea Ships
- 915 Korea Civilian Vehicles
- 916 Korea Diorama
- 920. Best Korea Themed model
- 930. Best SHOOT the MOON Themed model

*For contest clarification, Allied/Axis detiremination is by markings. i.e. a captured Spitfire in German markings is classified as Axis. All neutral vehicles are by default Allied.

DOWNEASTCON 2024 CONTEST RULES

1. Models will be judged against each other based on standard IPMS judging guidelines. Each Category will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. There is no Out of Box (OOB) award. First place models in a Category are eligible to be judged for “Best of Class” (901-907) Special Awards. Only the Best of Class winners are eligible to be judged for the “Best of Show” (909) Special Award. Any “theme model” is eligible for that Theme Special Award regardless of placement within a category.

2. A contestant can enter a maximum of 10 (ten) models total of which no more than 6 per class and no more than 2 per category. A modified “No Sweeps” rule is in effect that states a modeler cannot take all 3 places in a category but can take 2 of 3 places. (NOTE: Juniors classes are exempt from this rule and can enter unlimited models)

3. This is a family-friendly show. The Head Judge may exclude from competition and/or public display and entries which he/she considers to be offensive to generally acknowledged standards of taste and acceptability. This does not apply to historical aircraft nose-art.

4. All entries must be the sole work of the individual whose name is on the registration and entry forms, with the exception of category 001 where juniors may have limited parental aid subject to judges’ acceptance. However, a surrogate may bring another person’s model, but the registration must be that of the builder. Commercially built and/or finished models (die-cast, etc) won’t be accepted for entry in any category.

5. 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. If you do not want your model touched, please state so in writing in the notes section (on page 1 of Model Builder Registration). ***This statement must include your cell phone number so you can be called to move your own model. If you do not respond to the call, your model will not be judged.***

6. **Vignettes vs. Dioramas:** The number of subjects (vehicles and/or figures) will determine in which category an entry is placed.

Vignettes: A single vehicle and/or no more than 5 figures. Vignettes will be placed in the proper Class/Category.

Dioramas: Dioramas are story-centric, specifically built to tell a story or convey a message, and with 2 or more vehicles and/ or more than 5 figures. Dioramas will be placed in Class VII and the appropriate category(ies). The storyline will be considered equally to construction and finish of the individual subjects, figures, and other presentation components.

Builds and dioramas largest measurement must be no more than twenty four inches, (24”). Larger sizes must have prior clearance from the con committee to be displayed.

7. Junior entrants ages 13 to 17 (category 002.) may compete in either junior categories OR all other categories, but not both. Please fill in the proper category you wish to enter.

8. The Contest Registration Committee will assist in determin-

ing 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 bi-plane could be either 102 or 118) 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 Chief Judge to balance numbers of entries for competition.

9a. If a registered model also qualifies to be in a theme (see theme descriptions on page 1 and Rules 13 & 14) the builder can register said model(s) in its appropriate category(ies) plus check off the Korea or Shoot the Moon box on the registration form. Then the model(s) will be judged for both category and theme(s). If the theme box(es) are not checked, then the model(s) will only be judged within the registered category(ies).

9b. Judging: IPMS guideline standards will be used with every numbered category. Judges are not allowed to judge a category in which they are entered. For Korean & Shoot the Moon themes, models within a single Class will be judged together no matter their category. (Ex. All Korean theme marked Military Vehicles will be judged together no matter category or scale).

10. An entry which has won a Gold/1st place medal **or the People’s Choice Award** in any previous DownEastCon will be placed on our Display Only Table. Silver and Bronze winners of previous DownEastCons can be judged for 2024. Those models that won Gold/1st place in other contests can be entered for judging.

11. Automotive Category Definitions.

FACTORY STOCK - A vehicle as it would have come from the factory paint; must resemble factory paint; wheels can be replaced. *Documentation may be requested for any vehicle that appears unusual.*

HOT/STREET RODS, STREET MACHINES - Modified vehicles intended to be street driven. Models must be street legal; treaded tires, exhaust systems, license plate, etc.

COMPETITION (open wheel and/or closed wheel) - Those vehicles intended for a track (whether round, left/right/straight).

COMMERCIAL (Heavy and/or light) - Those vehicles intended for the service industry (think of your local plumber up to long haul trucker). They would have some sort of markings to indicate which industry for which they are working.

CUSTOMS - Vehicles that have undergone extensive body work, designed for display competitions, and may or may not be street legal.

12. Korea War (1950-1953): Models must represent those nations and the vehicles, equipment, and personnel present in the conflict. Here are the nations we will allow for Korean theme: US, North & South Korea, China, Russia, Great Britain, Canada, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Colombia, Ethiopia, South Africa, New Zealand, Turkey, Greece, Thailand, Philippines and Luxembourg sent fighting units. Norway, Sweden, Denmark, India, Italy contributed military hospitals and field ambulances to the cause.

13. Shoot the Moon Awards (Apollo 11–17): Models must represent any person, place, event, or equipment that qualifies as a Real Space entry, starting with Apollo 11’s launch on July 16, 1969, to the splash- down of Apollo 17 on December 19, 1972.