

Celebrate America's Birthday at ECPM's "Americana" DownEastCon.

Everything you need to reserve dealer tables in the
DownEastCon 2026 "Americana" con



IPMS R 12 Regional July 18, 2026

Havelock Tourist and Event Center

Why we feel this is a unique con and certainly worth your time and participation.



Special “Americana Theme” rules:

There are no categories or scale divisions, all kits will be judged together as a theme class. All theme builds must be placed on the theme table(s) where they will be judged. Only models of subjects in the categories listed below will be allowed to participate in the Theme Contest.

NOTE:

*Models entered in the Americana theme contest will be judged **only** in the theme contest. They are not eligible for competition in any other category. All entries for the theme award must be placed on the Theme Tables only. If they are mistakenly placed in their normal category area they will be eligible and judged for that category only. (A 1/72 P-51 would be judged in category 04)*

X. DEC26 Special Categories for the America, Inspiration and Innovation Theme

Ships:

1000 USS Constitution, any scale
1000 Liberty Ship, any scale
1000 USS Nautilus (SSN-571), any scale

Planes:

1000 Wright Brothers Flyer, any scale
1000 DC-3 /C47, any scale
1000 Lockheed F117 Nighthawk, any scale

Armor:

1000 US Abrams, M1, M1A1, M1A2, M1A3, US service, any scale
1000 US Willy’s Jeep, any scale
1000 US Sherman M4, any model in US service, WW-II or Korea, any scale

Automotive:

1000 Model T Ford, any scale
1000 Chevy Corvette, (‘53-‘67), any scale
1000 Harley Davidson, any scale, any era

Other:

1000 Space Shuttle/Space Program, any scale
1000 Moon Landing, Vehicles and Equipment, any scale
1000 Americana Diorama, any scales, any era

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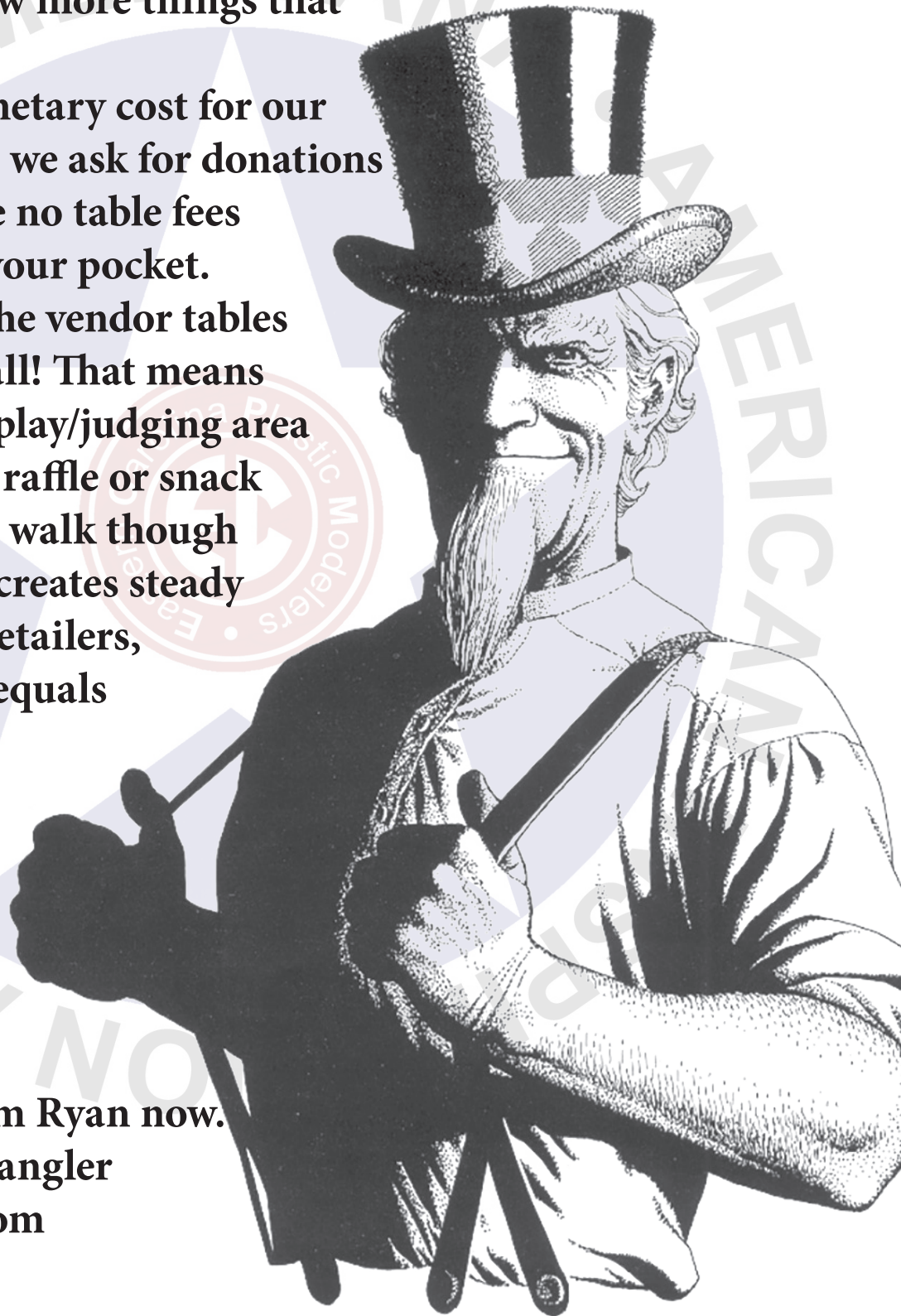
So, the contest has an unusual theme, that's nice. But there are a few more things that make it unique . . .

We do not have a monetary cost for our vendor tables. Instead, we ask for donations to our raffle. Of course no table fees equals more profit in your pocket.

And, our layout has the vendor tables in the middle of the hall! That means participants in the display/judging area who want to get to the raffle or snack and lunch area have to walk through the dealer's area. This creates steady traffic all day and, as retailers, you know high traffic equals sales

AND, of course, we will be the Region 12 Regional this year and you know what that will mean.

You should contact Tim Ryan now.
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And, should you want to Sponsor An Award.

You can soon sponsor a category, class, or even a coveted "best of" trophy for the 2026 DownEastCon online and your name will live in song and legend forever.

OK, enough hyperbole but please consider becoming a sponsor. It's not expensive, we would certainly appreciate it, and would give you credit online and at the show itself.

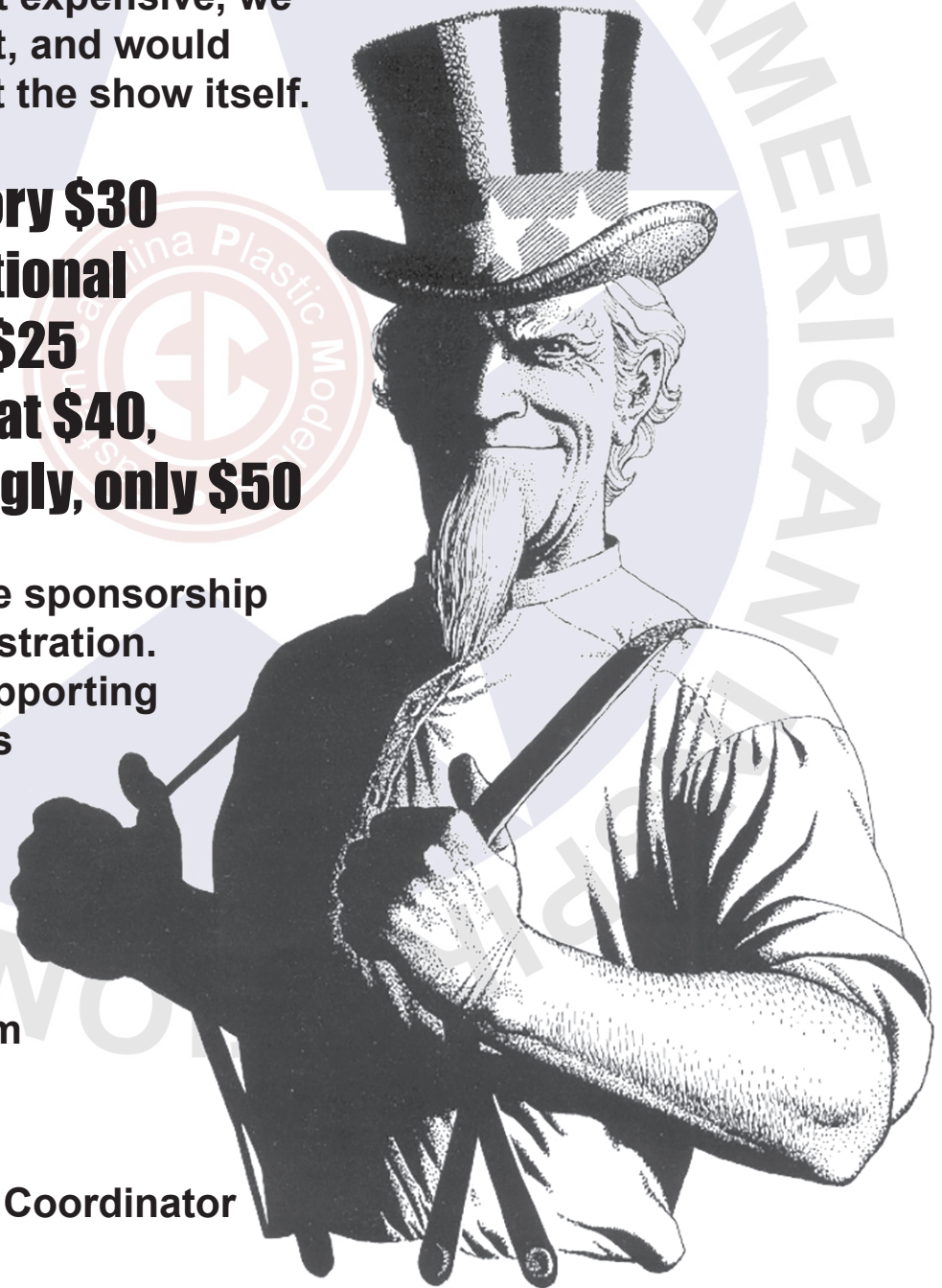
Categories: 1st Category \$30
Each additional
Category \$25

Class:..... a bargain at \$40,
"Best Of":..... astoundingly, only \$50

We are now preparing online sponsorship as well as online model registration. Our goal is to make your supporting of the DownEastCon 2026 as easy as it was to breeze past the welcome desk at the DownEastCon 2024.

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DownEastCon 2026 Classes/Categories

Americana Theme Category: Please note that a model can be entered in it's normal class/category OR in the special "Americana Theme" contest only. A model cannot be entered in both. The Americana Theme rules are listed separately from the normal contest rules

0. Juniors

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

I. Aircraft

- 101. Multi-wing & rigged, all scales
- 102. Single engine prop, 1:72 and smaller
- 103. Single engine prop, 1:48, Allied¹
- 104. Single engine prop, 1:48, Axis¹
- 105. Multi engine prop, 1:72 and smaller
- 106. Multi engine prop, 1:48
- 107. Jets, 1:72 & smaller
- 108. Jets, 1:48
- 109. Aircraft, 1:32 & larger, all types
- 110. Helicopters, all scales
(Note: unmanned aerial vehicles, (UAVs), compete by engine & scale)

II. Military Vehicles

- 201. Armor, 1:35 & larger, closed top, all eras, Allied¹
- 202. Armor, 1:35 & larger, closed top, all eras, Axis¹
- 203. Armor, 1:35 & larger, open top w/interiors, all eras
- 204. Wheeled & soft-skin vehicles, all scales, all eras
- 205. Armor, 1:48 & smaller, all eras
- 206. Ordnance – missiles & towed arty, all scales & eras

III. Figures

- 301. Large Historical Figures, 54mm and larger
- 302. Small Historical Figures, 53mm and smaller
- 303. Tabletop Gaming Figures³

IV. Ships

- 401. Surface, sail & oar powered, all scales
- 402. Surface, powered, (steam/nuke), 1:499 & larger
- 403. Surface, powered, (steam/nuke), 1:500 & smaller:
1:600, 1:700, 1:1200,
- 404. Submersibles, all eras, all scales

V. Automotive

- 501. Factory Stock, all scales
- 502. Hot/Street rods & street machines, street legal, all scales
- 503. Competition, open wheel, all scales
- 504. Competition, closed wheel, all scales
- 505. Commercial, light duty, all scales,
(single rear axle, vehicles and trailers)
- 506. Commercial, heavy duty & equipment, all scales
(multi-axle & tracked)
- 507. Sit upon, (bikes, trikes, go carts), all scales
- 508. Customs, all types, all scales

VI. Space & Sci-Fi Vehicles & Installations

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

VII. Dioramas

- 701. Military, all scales, all eras
- 702. Civilian, all scales, all eras

VIII. Miscellaneous

- 801. All other entries, humorous, or hypothetical, all scales

IX. Special Awards

- 900. Best Junior
- 901. Best Aircraft
- 902. Best Military Vehicle
- 903. Best Figure
- 904. Best Ship
- 905. Best Automotive
- 906. Best Space & Sci-Fi
- 907. Best Diorama
- 908. Americana Theme
- 909. Marshall Smith Memorial Best EMS Subject⁴
- 910. Naval Aviation Golden Wings Award²
- 911. Best in Show

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

2 Any U.S. Navy or Marine aviation related subject. If it flies, services or carries anything piloted by Navy or Marine Aviators it can compete in this special category in addition to it's normal class/category. Must have the appropriate box checked on the model registration form.

3 Gaming figures are defined as scale no larger than 32mm, must identify what gaming system they operate in, and must be mounted on a standard gaming base.

4 Any emergency vehicle carrying first responders, Police, fire, ambulance.

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