

NEW RULES FOR THE DIVISION 1 CONTEST

Starting in September 2011, the Contest Committee has added a new category and an Information Sheet to the contest.

This new Information Sheet was presented to the members attending the May meeting. The only question asked was concerning RTR models. Since the newer RTR models are very detailed (in many cases) it was asked if there would be a category for those. There will not be a category for the RTR models. RTR models could be used as a basis for entries in the Kit-Bashed category.

While kits are not as available as they once were, we are keeping the Kit-Built category which is now called Standard Kit. We have kept the Scratch-Built and Kit-Bashed categories and have added another category called Craftsman Kit.

The Information Sheet will need to be filled out and submitted with each model entered. This will allow the model builder to indicate what he has done to the model. The Information Sheet is available on the website.

The Contest will still be a popular vote contest.

In each category 1st Place = 3 pts., 2nd Place = 2 pts. and 3rd Place = 1 pt. This is used if three (3) or more models are competing in the category. If only two (2) models are in a category, 1st = 2pts. and 2nd = 1 pt. If only 1 model is in the category, then it receives 1 pt.

DEFINITION of SCRATCH BUILT

To be considered scratch built, a model must have been constructed by the applicant without the use of any commercial parts except :

motor	trucks	bell	valve gear	car brake fittings
gears, drivers and wheels			basic wood, metal and plastic shapes.	
couplers, light bulbs/LED's			marker and classification lights	

A model is considered SCRATCH BUILT if at least 90% of the model's pieces/parts (other than those specifically exempted in the list above) are fabricated by the modeler. Any of the exempted parts may also be scratch built.

DEFINITION of CRAFTSMAN KIT

A CRAFTSMAN KIT is one in which the skill required to build it is considerably more than the standard box kit (like the old Athern or MDC kits). Tichy car kits and similar ones are considered CRAFTSMAN KITS.