



Feather River Rail Society Western Pacific Railroad Museum
WP CONVENTION
MODEL and PHOTO CONTEST GUIDELINES

I. Scope

- A. It is the intent of the following pages to list, clarify and define the contest events authorized by the FRRS Convention Committee.
- B. EVENTS
 - 1. Model Contest
 - 2. Photo Contest
- C. GENERAL INFORMATION
 - 1. Any member of the FRRS in good standing attending the WP convention is eligible to compete, except those building railroad models commercially and/or are a professional photographer. Commercially-built models and photos are eligible to be entered, however it will be noted that these entries are based upon a commercially produced product.
 - 2. Only models and photos or portions thereof, which are the product of the owner- builder will be considered by the judges.
 - 3. Neither the FRRS, nor the convention staff, can assume responsibility in the event of loss or damage to a model and/or photos for any reason.
 - 4. All entries will be open for general viewing and are available to the general public.
 - 5. Each entry must be accompanied by an official entry blank, properly filled out and signed by the entrant.
 - 6. There will be no restriction on the number of models or photos entered by a single entrant, nor is there any entry fee.

Any category in the contest event having less than two entries shall be considered for an award, if in the judgement of the Contest Chairman and the judges, the model is worthy of consideration. Models may be grouped by category and displayed as near eve level as possible. Models which have won a first place in any prior FRRS convention contest cannot be re-entered in the regular contest, but may be entered in a special contest, if any, with a note so indicating that the model was judged in a prior convention.



Model and photos will be accepted for the contest from the opening of the convention until Saturday morning of the convention until 10 a.m.

Models and photos may be removed from the display table at the end of the convention just prior to the convention banquet.

Judging will take place from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday of the convention.

II. Model and Photo Entries

A. ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the Entry Form as accurately as possible, including name, FRRS membership number, entry category and model identification.
2. Fill out claim check and have it reviewed and ready for contest intake.
3. The claim check must be presented to obtain the model or photo after the event.
4. Supplemental information to verify or identify any point of information may be submitted with the entry form.
5. Judges are under no obligation to consult the supplemental information.

All scales will be combined in the various categories. There will be no divisions based on the scale of the model.

B. CATEGORIES

1. Steam Locomotives - locomotives representative of steam power.
2. Traction Type Locomotives - passenger revenue carrying types.
3. Diesel Locomotives & Others - all locomotives except steam types.
4. Passenger Cars - all types of passenger revenue carrying, including RDC, rail buses, observation, combines, mail and baggage.
5. Freight Cars - all types of freight revenue carrying, including express reefers.
6. Caboose - all types, including bobbers, drovers, transfers, etc.
7. Non-Revenue - right-of-way and track maintenance vehicles, rail and inspection cars, railroad cranes and track controlling devices including turnouts, crossings, etc.



8. Structures On-Line and Off-Line
 - a) On-line structures being those which would normally be owned by the railroad, which are permanently fixed along the right-of-way.
 - b) Off-line structures being those not owned by the railroad.
9. Displays or dioramas - a group of models or a model which includes supplemental scenery not pertinent to the function of the model or primary structure.

C. JUDGING

1. The contest is a popular vote contest based on ballots cast by convention attendees.
2. Judging of the events will be by secret ballot by members attending the convention.
3. Lead Judge (usually the Contest Chairperson) is the person who tallies all the secret ballots and shall serve to clarify points of question for all other questions and to verify tallies whose decision shall be final.
4. Results of the contests will be announced at the convention banquet.

D. FACTORS - these factors shall be the governing system for judging

1. Models
 - a) Construction - this factor deals with the apparent quality of workmanship of builder (entrant/modeler). Proper handling of materials, applied labor, skill and craftsmanship as demonstrated by the construction, is considered.
 - b) Detail - this factor deals with the refinement of the model. The amount of subordinate parts added, as well as the complexity of the model is considered.
 - c) Conformity - this factor deals with what is commonly called "Prototype Practice". Logical construction and application of parts is considered to be conforming to prototype.
 - d) Finish - this factor deals with the general appearance and proper application of finish and lettering when lettering is a necessary part of the model as reflected by surface treatment to achieve a specific effect through proper use of materials. Painting, weathering and special effects are considered finishes. Lettering either by decal or hand, is considered for the job done.



2. Photos

- a) Relevance to the Railroad – subject matter of the photo to the railroad and/or soundings is considered.
- b) Composition – subject in the composition of the photos in relationship to the overall photo is considered.
- c) Lighting – based upon the type of environment (Day or Night) various lighting conditions is considered.

3. Backgrounds – relevance to the railroad environment is considered.

E. AWARDS

1. Only three certificates will be given, regardless of the number of categories. These will be non-refundable and non-transferable.
2. Certificates are: First Place, Second Place and Third Place.
3. The certificates will be provided by the convention coordinator, so as to be consistent.