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# The Order Board-Supplemental

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### CONTEST REPORT 2024 FALL MEETING OF THE CAJON DIVISION



This is a Special Edition of The Order Board highlighting the 2024 Fall Meet Contest results.



## *The Editor's Column*

*Kurt Matthews, Publications Chair*



As we enter 2025, I thought it would be beneficial to focus a supplemental edition of The Order Board on our Fall and Spring Meet Model Contest results. The regular edition of The Order Board tends to be content constrained with all the other activities and inputs. This is good thing, as it shows Cajon Division is quite active on many fronts.

### **Department of Corrections:**

My apologies to John Peckham, whose name I misspelled in the Contest Award Summary in the December 2024 Order Board. I have re-inserted that page herein, with the correct spelling highlighted in red.

I have endeavored to capture the results of the Fall Contest accurately, however, there were some questions in my own mind that I got everything correct. If I did not, let me know. I am still learning not only about NMRA, but also the folks in Cajon. Like a layout, it's a work in progress.

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### **Model Contests Going Forward:**

Winter is here and its raining as I write this, so it's a great time to build models and enter them in the April 2025 Spring Meet. Being new to NMRA, I had no concept of how the model contests worked, the various categories of judging and so on. The Cajon Division maintains a set of published rules and criteria for contest entries and judging. These follow the guidelines established by NMRA National, but can deviate slightly to better serve the needs of each Division. Much effort goes into the setup of the Celebration of Models Room, the judging, the tallying and presenting of awards. As editor, I plan to focus more on the model contests by taking photos and recording the event more thoroughly. I sincerely hope that this special edition encourages participation in the upcoming April 2025 model contest held in conjunction with Cajon's Spring Meet.

I have included copies of Forms 901 (used to enter a model) and 902 (used to judge a model) at the end of this publication. Both were obtained directly from the NMRA website. Take a look and see what kind of model or models you would like to enter.



## ***Contest Report: 2024 Fall Meet***

***Mike Allee, Contest Chair***



There were twelve entries in the Celebration (Contest) Room of which ten were submitted for merit evaluation. Six of the models received Merit Award.

There are two ways in which one can enter an item in the Celebration Room. As an item to be evaluated, using NMRA guidelines, in an effort to receive a Merit Award, or as an item for "Display Only", not seeking a Merit Award. (A little confusing because there is a merit category entitled Display.) A Merit Award is one step in earning the title of Master Model Railroader (MMR®). All items submitted are voted on by attendees in the "People's Choice" category. One entry was a Display Only switching layout, but was evaluated, by the PSR Achievement Program Manager Carl Heimberger towards a Model Railroad Engineer - Civil certificate.

With only ten models submitted, there was a lot of opportunity for a modeler to receive a first, second, or third place certificate and ribbon, with the possibility of a Merit plaque as well. As you peruse the model photos notice the categories that don't have three models and the evaluation categories not represented at all. Have you got model(s) that would place in the categories but you're a little apprehensive about showing your skills to fellow modelers? The division meet is just models of the local area and as you may notice, they're identified by number only and not the modeler's name. The only time your name would be associated with the model would be when you receive an award for the model. A personally proud moment.



## ***Fall Meet Model Contest Awards***

The following model contest awards were won at the Fall Meet in Buena Park. Photos of the presentation of awards are on the next page. Congratulations to all the winners!

A supplemental edition of the Order Board will be released in the next few weeks with photos of the entries.

### **Model Contest-Judged**

#### **Caboose**

1st Place: John Peckham, SP Wartime Caboose 18037

2nd Place: John Peckham, SP Wartime Caboose 22824

#### **Online Structure**

1st Place: John Peckham, McKinley Station

2nd Place: Alan Kershaw, HO Standard Water Tank

3rd Place: John Peckham, Car Maintenance Shed

#### **Offline Structure**

1st Place: Travis Heimberger, Murphy's Bar

2nd Place: Mike Allee, City Florist

3rd Place: Gary Stenberg, Old Glory Mine

#### **Display:**

1st Place: Tom Stumpf, Diesel Facility

### **People's Choice**

#### **Caboose**

1st Place: John Peckham, SP Wartime Caboose 18037

2nd Place: John Peckham, SP Wartime Caboose 22824

#### **Structure**

1st Place: John Peckham, McKinley Station

2nd Place: Travis Heimberger, Murphy's Bar

3rd Place: Alan Kershaw, HO Standard Water Tank

### **Thumbs Award**

Tom Stumpf, Casper's Haunted House

### **Best In Show**

Allan Kershaw, Tie and Plank Mill

### **Model Railroad Engineer-Civil Certificate**

Bryan Hunnell, Self-Switching Layout



***Gold Award: "Best In Show"***  
***Tie and Plank Mill by Allan Kershaw***





## *Model Contest-Judged Caboose*



**First Place, Merit Evaluated**

*SP Wartime Caboose 18037* by John Peckham



**Second Place, Merit Evaluated**

*SP Wartime Caboose 22824* by John Peckham



## ***Model Contest-Judged Online Structure***



**First Place, Merit Evaluated**  
*McKinley Station by John Peckham*



**Second Place, Merit Evaluated**  
*Standard Water Tower by Allan Kershaw*



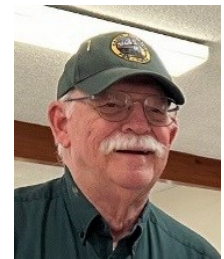
**Third Place, Merit Evaluated**  
*Car Maintenance Shed by John Peckham*



## ***Model Contest-Judged Offline Structure***



**First Place, Merit Evaluated**  
*Murphy's Bar* by Travis Heimberger



**Second Place**  
*City Florist* by Mike Allee



**Third Place**  
*"Old Glory Mine"* by Gary Stenberg





# *Model Contest-Judged Display*



**First Place, Merit Evaluated**  
*Diesel Facility* by Tom Stumpf



## ***People's Choice Award***

### **People's Choice Awards**

Definition - Competitive event for models, photos and arts & crafts. All entries are judged by the **popular vote** of convention attendees. Model Contest judged models are also eligible for People's Choice Awards.

### **Categories**

- Favorite Train
- Locomotive (all types)
- Rolling Stock (all types)
- Caboose
- Structure
- Display
- Photo Match (model)
- General (Arts & Crafts)
- Needlework (Arts & Crafts)
- Railroadiana (Arts & Crafts)
- Model Print (Photo)
- Prototype Print (Photo)
- Thumbs (humorous model)



## *People's Choice Caboose*



**First Place, Merit Evaluated**

*SP Wartime Caboose 18037* by John Peckham



**Second Place, Merit Evaluated**

*SP Wartime Caboose 22824* by John Peckham



## *People's Choice Structures*



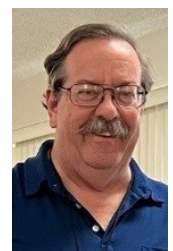
### **First Place**

*McKinley Station* by John Peckham



### **Second Place**

*Murphy's Bar* by Travis Heimberger



### **Third Place**

*Standard Water Tower* by Allan Kershaw



***First Place Thumbs Award***  
***Casper's Haunted House by Tom Stumpf***



**Thumbs Award**

Presented for most humorous model





***Display Only***  
***Civil Certificate Evaluation***



**Evaluated towards a Model Railroad Engineer-Civil Certificate**  
*Self Switching Layout by Bryan Hunnell*



# Model Contest Entry Form #901



## NMRA NATIONAL CONTEST ENTRY FORM

NMRA Form #901 Rev. J, 8/22/2020. All previous forms obsolete  
Please Print All Information

Entry No.

### ENTRANT / MODELER

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (if <30): \_\_\_\_\_ NMRA #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ New Modeler (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTEST EVENTS

#### MODEL CONTEST

(Judged)

##### Classification

- Scratch Built
- Kit Built

##### Category

- Steam Locomotive
- Diesel & Other Loco
- Traction
- Passenger Car
- Freight Car
- Caboose
- Non-Revenue Car
- Structure
- Display

#### MODEL SHOWCASE

(Display only, all categories)

- Entry

#### PHOTO CONTEST

(Judged)

- Model, B&W Print
- Model, Color Print
- Prototype, B&W Print
- Prototype, Color Print
- Working on the Railroad Print
- Panorama Print

#### RAILROAD PASS CONTEST

(Judged)

- Entry

#### PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

(Popular vote - Direct entry)

##### Model

- Favorite Train
- Locomotive\*
- Rolling Stock\*
- Caboose
- Structure
- Display

##### Arts & Crafts

- General
- Needlework
- Railroadiana
- Photo (B&W or Color)
- Model Print
- Prototype Print

##### Special Award Categories

- Photo Match
- Thumbs Award

\*Note - Judged entries are also eligible to be chosen for People's Choice Awards  
 - Loco includes steam, diesel & traction; Rolling stk. includes, freight, pass & non-rev.

ENTRY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. First place or Gold Award winners from previous NMRA National Contests are not eligible.
2. This Entry Form # 901 must be completed for all entries. Judge's Score Sheets # 902 must also be completed for each entry in the Judged Model Contests.
3. Supplemental information, including plans, photos and other supporting documentation may be submitted. This should be organized in order by judging factor (Construction, Detail, Conformity, Finish & Lettering and Scratchbuilt). However, judges are under no obligation to review this material, and the Contest Chairman may limit this information.
4. The Contest Chairman reserves the right to determine how to display entries. Removal of entries from the Contest Room without approval of the Contest Chairman and presentation of the claim check is prohibited.
5. All entries must have a declared value. (See below.)
6. After filling out this Entry Form and the Judge's Score Sheet, if applicable, return both to the Contest Staff who will provide an Entry number for the Entry Form, Judges Scoring Sheet, Claim Check and Entry Identification Tag. Place entry with Identification Tag attached in the designated location. Retain the Claim Check, which must be signed and presented to pick up the entry at the end of the contest.
7. I certify that this entry is entirely my/our original work. I release the NMRA and all persons connected with this Contest from any liability arising from damage to or loss of the entry in any amount greater than the limits of insurance carried by the NMRA.
8. I grant the NMRA a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual license to reproduce images or videos of the entry made by the NMRA, or to reproduce copies of the entry itself if it is a photograph, in the NMRA Magazine or any other form of NMRA publication, including print, electronic media, and any other means now known or hereafter created.

Entrant / Modeler Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Proxy Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Value  
\$

### NMRA CONTEST CLAIM CHECK

I hereby certify that entry # \_\_\_\_\_ entered the Contest and has been returned to me in satisfactory condition

Entrant / Modeler / Proxy Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# Model Contest Judging Form #902



## NMRA NATIONAL CONTEST JUDGING FORM

NMRA Form #902 Rev. E, 6/16/11 All previous forms obsolete. Please print.

Entry Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entry No.

**1. CONSTRUCTION** (Maximum 40 points) (\*May qualify for AP scratch built) Points Awarded

**Model Basis** – Select the description that best applies to your model

Scratch Built (Complete) \*– SB struc. + details (>90%)       Kit Bash – Multi kits/ comm. parts assem. not per kit plan

Scratch Built (Partial) – SB struc.; comm. details (<90%)       Kit Built – Per kit plan (> 90%); few modifications

Mod. Comm. – Shells, frame, struc. or major parts (>50%)       Mod. RTR – Some mod. (<20%) to finished comm. model

Name kit or major comm. parts & manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_

**Construction Techniques** – Select all methods & materials that apply to your model

Drew own plans       Followed construc. article       Cut & fit wood       Soldered metal

Used proto/comm. plans       Cut & fit metal       Cut & fit cardstock       Made patterns

Used kit plans       Cut & fit plastic       Cut & fit glass       Made molds

Describe in detail how model was built, its complexity and the methods used. \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. DETAIL** (Maximum 20 points) Points Awarded

Describe complexity, difficulty, refinement & quantity of detail parts added. Identify all commercial parts.

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**3. CONFORMITY** (Maximum 25 points) Points Awarded

Describe prototype design. Include prototype documentation (beyond what may have been supplied in kit).

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**4. FINISH & LETTERING** (Maximum 25 points) Points Awarded

Weathered     Hand Lettered     Decals     Dry Transfers     Spray     Airbrush     Dry brush     Stain

Non-Weathered - Describe methods & materials \_\_\_\_\_

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**5. SCRATCH BUILT** (Maximum 15 points) -  Kit Built Classification Points Awarded

List all parts scratch built; note special refinements \_\_\_\_\_

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**6. TOTAL POINTS** (Staff only) - Final Score

Tabulated by \_\_\_\_\_ Verified by \_\_\_\_\_