

2018 DIORAMA CONTEST

OBJECTIVE OF CONTEST: Provide the modeler with the opportunity to demonstrate his/her skills. The builder is encouraged to select a scene that can be incorporated into their layout or module. Finally, and most importantly, the primary objective is to have fun.

The effort would begin as soon as possible with the final judging to be done at the 2018 Model Railroad TRAINing Day/General Meeting, March 17-18, 2018.

Each diorama will be displayed at the 2018 MRR TRAINing Day event. This will add a new element to the Training Day event.

JUDGING: Judging will comprise of two sections: Technical (meeting required specifications)- 50%; Esthetic or “popular vote” (determined by vote of membership on-hand at the General Meeting) – 50%.

Technical judging will be accomplished by a team of at least two knowledgeable members using a specification scoring sheet (attached). Technical judges will evaluate how well the diorama meets the specifications, and not for quality of the workmanship, etc. This is a “yes” or “no” evaluation; it is either there or not. The technical judging will take place on at the Model Railroad TRAINing Day.

Esthetic judging (popular vote) shall be done by a vote of the membership on-hand at the General Meeting following the Model Railroad TRAINing Day.

- All elements of the diorama are judged as a part of the entire scene. All scales will be judged without reference to scale.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

SIZE: A specified maximum size for each diorama has been established; proportioned for each scale. The diorama area must be equal to, or less than the allotted maximum size. Additional points will be awarded during the technical judging, for dioramas that are 75% or less of the required number of square inches.

| SCALE | Z | N | HO | S | O |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|---------|
| Scale (1:X) X= | 220 | 160 | 87 | 64 | 48 |
| Ratio (87/Scale) | 0.40 | 0.54 | 1.00 | 1.36 | 1.81 |
| Max Size (In ²) | 22.52 | 42.58 | 144.00 | 266.10 | 473.06 |
| Side of a Square (in) | 4.75 | 6.53 | 12.00 | 16.31 | 21.75 |
| A Typical Rectangle | 4X5.6 | 6X7 | 9x16 | 12X22 | 15X31.5 |
| 75% of Max Size (In ²) | 16.89 | 31.93 | 108.00 | 199.57 | 354.80 |

THEME: The display must involve a railroad theme and must contain at least one piece of rolling stock and other requirements.

- Construction may take place on any type substrate (Foam, Plywood, etc.) and should be intended, if possible, for future installation on the entrant’s layout.
- Required elements:
 - One section of track
 - At least one piece of rolling stock or an engine on the track. Additional technical points will be given for scratch-built or significantly kit-bashed rolling stock/locomotives.

- One or more structures. One is required, added technical points will be given for more than one structure. Additional technical points will be given for scratch-built or significantly kit-bashed structures.
- Diorama must contain some scenery

SCORING DETATILS:

- Technical – score each entry using the Diorama Score Sheet. This is a “Yes or No input” – the entrant either did or did not meet the criteria for the points offered. Determine the percentage by dividing the total points by the total maximum available points (115). The percentage score will be used to determine the technical winner, second, etc. First place will receive 50 points; second - 45 points; third – 40 points, etc, down to tenth place; 5 points
- Esthetic/Popular Vote Scoring – the membership shall vote for a first, second and third place after reviewing all the entries. Ballots will be tallied as follows: each first place vote is given 5 points; each second place vote is given 3 points; each third place vote receives 1 point. Entrant with the highest score will receive 50 points; second highest score receives 45 points, etc. If more than one person receives the same point score the scores for that position plus the scores for the positions that tie will be averaged.
- Overall winner will be determined by combining the two scores with the highest score declared the winner, etc. Winner will receive a blue ribbon; Second place a red ribbon; and third a white ribbon.

DEFINITIONS:

- Significantly kit-bashed – Major modification to the original structure or rolling stock/locomotive involving removing and replacing portions of the item with pieces from another kit or manufacturer.
- Scratchbuilt - To be considered scratchbuilt, a model must have been completely constructed by the applicant without the use of any commercial parts except those identified by the NMRA AP Program Regulations.
- Structures - Include: bridges, trestles, culverts, buildings, towers, shanties, turntables and other service structures.

Diorama must be turned-in to the technical judges not later than 1:00 PM Model Railroad TRAINing Day, scheduled March 18, 2017.

AWARDS;

- Winners will receive an award and Special Contest Points.
- Special contest points will be awarded to the top three displays.
 - First Place 6 pts
 - 2nd Place 4 pts
 - 3rd Place 2 pts

CONTESTANT'S SCORE SHEET

NAME: _____ ID NUMBER _____

SCALE: _____ DATE & TIME SUBMITTED: _____

TECHNICAL JUDGING SHEET

SIZE:

1. Diorama is within the specified number of square inches – 10 points _____
 - a. If smaller than 75% of the required square inches- additional 5 Points _____

THEME:

2. Railroad theme – 5 points _____
3. At least one section of ballasted track (exception: track with ties that is undergoing track maintenance need not be totally ballasted) – 10 points _____
4. One piece of rolling stock or an engine – 10 points _____
 - a. Multiple pieces – additional 5 points/added piece (# of Pcs___ up to 4) _____
 - b. Scratch-built pieces – additional 5 points/piece (# of Pcs___) _____
 - c. Significantly kit-bashed pieces – additional 3 points each (# of Pcs___) _____
5. One structure – 10 points _____
 - a. Multiple structures – additional 5 points/added structure (# Pcs___ up to 3) _____
 - b. Scratch-built pieces – additional 5 points/structure (# of Pcs___) _____
 - c. Significantly kit-bashed pieces – additional 3 points /structure (# of Pcs___) _____
6. Scenery – 5 points _____

TOTAL TECHNICAL POINTS ATTAINED (Max = 115 pts) _____

SCORE - _____

ESTHETIC SCORING SHEET

Each member attending the General Meeting following MRR TRAINING Day will vote for the best three dioramas, without reference to scale.

After voting is complete, the votes will be tallied. Each vote will be scored as follows:

- Each first place vote will receive 5 points
- Each second place vote will receive 3 points
- Each third place vote will receive 1 point

TOTAL ESTHETIC SCORE _____

TOTAL COMBINED SCORE _____

- Combined Score is based on placement in each judged area
- 50 points for first place; 45 points for second place; 40 points for 3rd place, ...10th Place 5 points.
- Winners determined by combining Technical and Esthetic placement.