

The Contest Room

Model and photo contest registration, viewing and voting will be (in a location yet to be determined).

Contest Room Hours – PRELIMINARY, SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Wednesday, August 30

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Contest entry open.
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Contest room open for entry, viewing, voting.

Thursday, August 31

8:30 am – 12:00 noon	Contest room open for entry, viewing, voting.
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Contest room open for entry, viewing, voting.

Friday, September 1

8:30 am – 12:00 noon	Contest room open for entry, viewing, voting.
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Contest room closed for vote tally.

Saturday, September 2

8:30 am – 12:00 noon	Contest entry pickup.
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Photos of Contest Entries

Photos of contest entries **may** be taken whenever the contest room is open for viewing and voting. No tripods or table-based mounts will be permitted. Monopods are allowed.

Contest Room Security

Entrants must remove all packing containers from the contest area immediately after placing an entry. Packages and bags are not allowed in the contest room during viewing hours. Viewers arriving with bags/packages will be asked to store them in a holding area adjacent to the entrance of the contest area. Touching any entry is strictly prohibited. The contest room will be staffed continuously during viewing/voting hours and locked down at all other times.

Contest Rules and Procedures

Judging

Contest winners for the general contests will be selected by popular vote of convention registrants. Only ballots supplied with registration packets (one per registrant) will be allowed for voting. Replacement ballots will not be supplied. Ballot boxes will be kept under supervision in the Contest Room and all ballots must be submitted by 9:30 pm Friday evening to count. Judging for the special awards will be conducted in a manner designated by the award donor. Awards will be presented for First, Second and Third, unless otherwise stated in the category descriptions.

General Contest Rules

Rules and guidelines governing specific general contests will be detailed with each listing of contest categories. General rules are:

1. All models shall be built entirely by the entrant or photographed by the entrant without help from any other person. Entries should relate to narrow gauge subjects or related items.
2. A limit of one model or photograph may be entered for each category in the contest.
3. A model or photograph that has won first place in a previous national convention cannot be entered.
4. Unmounted photo size may range from 5" x 7" (suggested minimum size) to a maximum of 12"x12. Mounted sizes may range in size from 5" x 7" (suggested minimum) to a maximum of 12" x 16". Large size limits will be strictly enforced. No frames or glass cover will be permitted, but photos may be matted. Un-matted photos must be mounted on cardstock or foamcore board or similar stiff backing. Digitally and computer enhanced photos (such as adding smoke or backgrounds) are permitted but shall be so identified.

Contest Entry and Information/Description Forms

Each entrant must complete a Contest Entry form for each item entered. In addition, each entrant is encouraged to complete an Information/Description Form to be displayed with each entry prior to arrival at the convention in order to expedite the receipt of the entries. Forms may be downloaded from the convention website (<http://37nngc.com>) after June 1, 2017. No magazine articles or pictures are allowed.

Display Table

There will be a special table set up for display-only items for those who desire to display a model/photo in a non-voting environment. These items will not be included in the popular vote contest and no plaque will be awarded. Display-only items will be allowed only as space allows.

Contest Registration and Pickup

Contest entrants will be asked to sign in before placing any items in the contest room and sign out at pickup. We thank each and every entrant in advance for their cooperation in this endeavor.

Model and Photo Contest Categories and Awards

Best of Show

Registrants may vote for their favorite item entered in the contest. Please note that some entries such as modules may be located outside of the contest area (see modular category below). Only first place is awarded in Best of Show.

Youth Award

Any model built and entered by someone age 18 or younger. Entries eligible for this award category will be identified by a special colored card or tag. Only first place is awarded in Youth Award.

Photos

Categories:

- **Photos – Color Prototype**
- **Photos – B&W Prototype**

- **Photos – Color Model**
- **Photos – B&W Model**

Structures

Structure may be stand-alone or mounted on a limited base. A limited base extending from the structure is acceptable (but not required) to contain items related to the structure, such as debris, tools, racks, etc. The maximum limits of this base shall be measured from the footprint of the structure are listed below. Entries that exceed these distances will be classified by the contest staff as dioramas.

- N-scale: maximum 1"
- N-scale: maximum 1"
- HO-scale: maximum 1"
- S-scale: maximum 1"
- O-scale: maximum 2"
- Large scale: maximum 2"

Categories:

- **Structures – On-line**
- **Structures – Off-line**

Dioramas

Dioramas may be stand-alone or mounted on a base, no restriction on size. Limits shall be measured from the footprint of the structure as follows:

- N-scale: minimum 1"
- N-scale: minimum 1"
- HO-scale: minimum 1"
- S-scale: minimum 1.5"
- O-scale: minimum 2"
- Large scale: minimum 3"

Categories:

- **On-line Diorama**
- **Off-line Diorama**

Modules

A module is different from a diorama in that it is designed to be part of an operating layout. Individual modules may be displayed in the contest room or they may be a part of the displays and operating layouts in the exhibit section of the convention center. Modules in the exhibit section that wish to be entered in this contest category will have a white card with a contest entry number affixed to the front

of the module. A list of modules entered in this category and their locations will be in the contest room. If the module is part of a larger modular layout, **vote only for the individual module.**

Square Footer – Mining theme

Continuing with this relatively new category and connecting it with Colorado, this is any model, display, structure or diorama that is based on any mining industry. All scales are acceptable as long as it on a 12" x 12" base. No height limit, but NO part or portion of the entry may exceed the 12" x 12" boundary on any side (strictly enforced).

Motive Power

- **Rod Locomotive**
- **Geared Locomotive**
- **Internal Combustion Motive Power**

Rolling Stock

- **Caboose**
- **Revenue Freight Car**
- **Passenger Car**
- **Logging Car**
- **Special Equipment**
- **Maintenance-of-Way**

Automation

Automation is a relatively new category. Any type of model can be submitted in this category though most will be dioramas or similar displays. Models entered in this category cannot be simultaneously entered in other categories.

Automation may be powered by DC or DCC circuits. For safety's sake, no automation powered directly by 110V AC will be accepted. Power strips will be supplied for the entrants' power supplies.

Automation should have a means of activating the automation that will allow contest voters to activate the automation. Automation with sound should be activated on a momentary or time-limited basis (such as 20-30 seconds), not continuous.

Special Awards

Gazette Award

This award has been presented by Bob Brown, editor and publisher of the ***Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette***, every year since the second convention. Bob simply chooses the model he likes best.

The Midwood Memorial Award.

This award is presented by Gerry Cornwell of ***Mt. Albert Scale Lumber*** for the best wooden model.

Fantasonics Engineering Award

This award is presented by Jim Wells of *Fantasonics Engineering* for a model that best incorporates sound.

Sn3 Modeler Award

This award is presented by Don Heimbürger, publisher of the Sn3 Modeler magazine.

FEBT Rivet Counters Award

This award is presented by the Friends of the East Broad Top for the best EBT model. The winner will be chosen by a committee selected from the FEBT group.

NNGC Committee Challenge Award

In conjunction with the theme of the Square Footer contest category, this award is presented by the *NNGC 1017 Committee* for the best mining-oriented gondola model. Cars entered in this category are not eligible for entry into the standard Rolling Stock categories.