

**Fox Valley Division Popular Vote Contest Rules**  
**Adopted February 4, 2009**

- 1) Anyone who has a current NMRA membership may enter a model or photograph in the division's popular vote contest.
- 2) Models must be registered with the Contest Train Master before the contest or meeting begins. Entry eligibility and interpretation of these rules is at the sole discretion of the Contest Trainmaster or his appointee.
- 3) A model entry may be kit built, kit-bashed, or scratch built, and will be considered complete. The final kit built models must also have at least two modifications from the "as delivered" model with the exception of the scratch built model. Couplers are not considered a modification. Modifications for structures, rolling stock or locomotive kits could be, but are not limited to painting, weathering, trucks, decals, or other details not provided with the original kit.
- 4) Supplementary information such as descriptions, plans, photographs, etc. may accompany the model.
- 5) There will be two photographic contest categories: photographs of models and those of prototypes. All prints must be mounted or otherwise affixed to a matte board or heavy cardstock. The mount's dimensions shall not be less than 7 x 9 inches. The minimum size for a print is 5 x 7 inches. Each contestant may enter a maximum of 3 prints in each category. The entrant's name and photograph title must be affixed to the back of the mounting.
- 6) All work must be that of the entrant. Only one entry per person per contest category is allowed, but that entry may have up to 3 items in it. For example, a caboose contest entry may have up to 3 cabooses as part of that entry.
- 7) Contestants should be able to speak to and answer questions regarding their entry.
- 8) Models or photographs winning first place in prior division, region or national contests are not eligible for entry.
- 9) First, second and third place awards will be decided by the popular vote of those attending the event. The Contest Train Master or his appointee will count the ballots and determine the awards. All decisions are final.
- 10) Anyone may enter a model in the "Show and Tell" category of any contest. Entries could be models in progress, those winning prior contests, or models made by others. "Show & Tell" gives the entrant the opportunity to display and share inspirational work and information about models with others. There are no awards for this category.

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