

## 2026 Shearwater Aviation Museum Annual Spring Hobby Show

### Plastic Model Contest

There will be a model contest held on Saturday May 2nd 2026. It is open to all builders of models of all kinds, subjects, scales and materials. The contest will be judged by a group of volunteer judges.

**Show Location:** 12 Wing Shearwater Air Base, Sea King Club, 242 Warrior Avenue, Shearwater NS B0J 3A0

**Model Contest Awards:** There will be Gold, Silver and Bronze medal awards given out in each category along with awards for "Best in Show" for Show Theme, Adults and Junior/Intermediate entries as well as several Special recognitions.

### Show Theme for 2026:

**Post war the '50s** - Entries must be recognizable as reflecting something from the 1950s era. All categories are eligible to participate for this award.

### Schedule of Events:

#### Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026

- 10:00 a.m. Hobby show opens to public , model contest registration opens
- 12:00 noon Deadline for contest registration
- 2:00 p.m. Model judging ends
- 3:30 p.m. Category Medal winners and Special Award Plaque presentations
- 4:00 p.m. Public Hobby show ends, contestants may remove their entries

### Contest Categories

- ❖ **Junior (12 and under)** - The Junior Category will be judged based on age and includes models of all categories. A junior aged modeller may choose to compete in an Adult category if he/she desires instead of in the junior category.
- ❖ **Intermediate (13-17yrs)** - The Intermediate Category will be judged based on age and includes all categories. An Intermediate aged modeller may choose to compete in an Adult category if he/she desires instead of in the Intermediate category.
- ❖ **Aircraft -Small 1/144 - 1/72** – all types
- ❖ **Aircraft – Medium - 1/48** – all types
- ❖ **Aircraft – Large – 1/35 and larger** – all types
- ❖ **Automotive - Stock - all scales** - all types including trucks & motorcycles
- ❖ **Automotive – Customized and Racing – all scales** - all types including trucks motorcycles
- ❖ **Automotive – Commercial/Industrial – all scales** - all types including cars, trucks, heavy equipment
- ❖ **Military – all scales** - all types of tracked or wheeled vehicles and all ordnance or other equipment
- ❖ **Ships – all scales** - all types
- ❖ **Figures – Small – 1/32 and Smaller** - all types including military, Sci-Fi and Fantasy
- ❖ **Figures – Large – 1/16 and Larger** – all types including military, Sci-Fi and Fantasy
- ❖ **Sci-Fi / Fantasy / Real Space – excluding figures – all scales** - all types
- ❖ **Diorama / Vignettes – all scales** - all genres, all scales, all eras
- ❖ **Display Only** – for models which a builder does not want judged and which are presented for the enjoyment of their fellow modellers and the general public.

### Special Awards

The **Best Show Theme** entry will be selected from all Show Theme entries by a panel of Judges, the **Juniors/Intermediate, Adult** awards will be selected by a panel of Judges from the Gold medal winners of each category, the **Most Unique** award will be selected by a panel of Judges from all category entries and the **People's Choice** award will be determined by a majority vote count made by all contest entrants.

- ❖ Best in Show Theme – Post war the '50s
- ❖ Best of Show - Junior/Intermediate - Gary Porter Memorial
- ❖ Best of Show – Adult - Doug Murray Memorial
- ❖ People's Choice
- ❖ Most Unique / Unusual entry - Kaitlin Perks Memorial

### Entry Fees

- ❖ Adult Competition:
  - \$5.00 **per entry** for the first two entries
  - \$15.00 for 3 or more entries
- ❖ Junior/Intermediate:
  - **\$5.00 – unlimited entries**

## Contest Rules

**For the purposes of this show, IPMS USA rules will be used as a guideline for contest entries. The contest coordinator or his designate will have the final say as to where a model is best placed.**

[http://www.ipmsusa.org/national\\_contest\\_committee/files/2016\\_national\\_contest\\_rules.pdf](http://www.ipmsusa.org/national_contest_committee/files/2016_national_contest_rules.pdf)

1. All entries are to be scale representations of an actual thing, with the only exception being in Sci-Fi where fantasy elements are allowed. Models will be typically plastic kits that are assembled, glued and painted with leeway granted in the junior's category. No Lego or paper models please. Wooden ship models **are** allowed.
2. Decisions of the Contest Judges and Chief Judge shall be final.
3. Each entry must be the sole work of the individual or individuals whose name appears on the entry form. Collaborative or joint efforts are permitted as long as the names of all contributors are clearly stated.
4. Models may only be entered in the Museum's model contest once. Models entered previously which have been re-entered will not be judged and will be returned to their owners.
5. Absentee entries are permitted and will be charged the normal entry fees.
6. Models which do not seem to fit in any of the defined categories will be assigned to a suitable category by the Contest Chief Judge.
7. The Contest Chief Judge reserves the right to combine categories if there are insufficient entries in one or more categories, or alternatively, to declare no contest in that category.
8. No single modeller may win more than one award per category, but an individual modeller may win awards in more than one category.
9. No model shall be entered in more than one category, but all models are considered eligible for the special awards.
10. Models may be constructed of any material of the builder's choice, so long as that material does not pose a hazard to other participants.
11. **Scratch-built:** To be considered "scratch-built", a model must have been constructed primarily out of raw materials, such as, but not limited to, sheet styrene, metal, resin or wood. Models may incorporate some commercially produced parts. The Contest Chief Judge reserves the right to determine if the number of commercially produced parts used disqualifies the model from being considered "Scratch built".
12. **3D Printing:** This is an increasingly popular model making technology. Model subjects reproduced utilizing the process of 3D printing and then completed in terms of adding additional details, painting, decals, etc. are eligible for entry into any of appropriate contest categories.
13. **Conversion:** To be considered a "conversion", a model must have been modified from its original physical configuration by the builder and must contain structural changes to the basic kit. Although modified, the model will have been constructed primarily from existing kit and commercial parts. The Contest Chief Judge reserves the right to determine if the complexity of the conversion qualifies the model to be considered a "Conversion".
14. **Bases:** Bases are allowed but should not be considered in the judging except in Diorama class. The base must not be the predominant feature of the entry and must be of a size proportionate to the model. Entries may include primary crew figures on, or in, the model, but the base shall not include figures or equipment outside of, or not attached to, the model. The Contest Chief Judge reserves the right to exclude oversized bases, and, the right to reclassify an entry with a non-compliant base to the Diorama category.

15. **Multi or Towed Vehicles-Military Vehicles:** Any grouping of two (2) or three (3) vehicles (no more) attached to each other. For example: any towed artillery and prime mover; an artillery piece with a limber; a tank transporter/trailer, with or without a load vehicle; or any combination of two or three vehicles that are attached to each other. The attachment system can be a ball & hitch, fifth wheel, whiffletree, or tow chain/cables designed specifically for such purpose. The model(s) may be displayed on a base with or without basic groundwork, either temporarily or permanently affixed to such a base. Like other AFV model entries, if the multi-vehicle display has groundwork that extends past the highest point of the basic body of the model(s) and/or has more than two (2) figures, as defined in rule 11-9, the entry will be defined as a Vignette or Diorama based on the guidelines of our show.
16. **Dioramas/Vignettes:** These two categories will be judged as a combined category, with the overall merits of each entry being evaluated on the basis of quality of work, accuracy and detail and the overall imagery being depicted, whether as a diorama or as a vignette.
17. **Figures:** All eras, scales and genres. A figure will be a solitary person who may be riding a horse or other appropriate animal. It can be a whole person or a bust. Models of animals such as a horse or a dinosaur will be included in Figures.
18. **Best Show and Special Awards:** The **Best Show Theme** entry will be selected from all Show Theme entries by a panel of Judges, the **Juniors/Intermediate and Adult** awards will be selected by a panel of Judges from the Gold medal winners of each category, the **Most Unique** award will be selected by a panel of Judges from all category entries and the **People's Choice** award will be determined by a majority vote count made by all contest entrants and the general public.
19. **Entries:** Models may be entered in one category only. A theme entry only fits in the theme category and cannot double dip.
20. **Chief Judge:** For 2026 Model contest, the Chief Judge will shall be: **Barry Maddin**

**For more information or clarification on these contest rules, please feel free to email the contest coordinator :**  
[garyinbedford@hotmail.com](mailto:garyinbedford@hotmail.com)

### **Disclaimer**

No liability for loss or damage to contest entries, or display models, is attributable to the Shearwater Aviation Museum, its staff and volunteers, or the show organizers.

All awards and prizes are to be picked up by the recipients at the Prize Draw and Presentation of Awards ceremony. Although special circumstances may be considered, no ultimate responsibility to store, ship or forward contest entries, awards or prizes is assumed by Shearwater Aviation Museum, its staff and volunteers, or the show organizers.