

Bring and Brag Rules

The goal of the program is to have some fun, to increase member participation at our monthly meetings, and to improve our modeling skills. The rules for Bring and Brag were revised in December 2011 to clarify the entry process and scoring of entries.

Any model may be entered by a member or guest for show only, with no Information Sheet

A model entered for scoring must have an Information Sheet attached. These can be printed from the Division 10 web site, and will also be available from the Bring & Brag chairperson at the meetings. Models entered for scoring by non-members will be scored, but will not be eligible for the awards mentioned below. Multiple models entered by members will all be scored, but only the highest scored one will count toward the awards. The Bring and Brag contest for each month will have a theme, such as steam engines, freight cars, open loads, etc. Any model may be entered any month for scoring purposes, but only models which match the theme for the month will be eligible for the awards. Models will be judged in three categories: (1) Construction, (2) Detailing, and (3) Finish and Lettering. A member scoring will put a number from 0 to 10 (10 being the highest) on each of the three categories depending on how well the person who brought the model did in these categories. The modelers' entries and remarks on the Information Sheet are to be used in judging how much of the model was built or modified by the modeler, versus how much was part of the model as purchased. This scoring method is a simplified version of the scoring method used for models at regional and national NMRA contests. A model which is entered will be identified only by a letter at the meeting so members will not know whose name is associated with the model.

After all the scoring has been completed by the members and the Information Sheets have been collected, a total of all the scores for each of the three categories taken separately will be computed. The maximum possible score under the revised system for Bring and Brag for a month is 30 points, 10 in each category. As each month of Bring and Brag passes, the score for that most recent month for a member who brings a model will be added together to the previous months for an accumulated total score. Whoever has the most points at the end of the Bring and Brag contest months, normally June, will be named the Top Modeler for the year, and will be presented with a prize and a certificate of recognition. Second and third places will be awarded a certificate of recognition.

Occasionally, the theme for the month may be something which is not appropriate for scoring as a model: photographs, favorite Christmas present, etc. In these cases, the entries will be scored on a 0-10 points basis for the entire entry, without categories, and the Information Sheet is not required to enter.

Contest standings during the year will normally be listed in the *Lantern*, our Division 10 newsletter. Please contact the Bring and Brag Chairperson if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

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