

Cleveland Model Show 29

“The Local Contest That Seems More Like a Regional!”



Sunday, November 1st, 2026

**Kirtland School Complex in Kirtland, Ohio
9150 Chillicothe Rd. (Rt. 306), Kirtland, Ohio 44094**

- * Judges' Best of Show Award * People's Choice Award *
- * "Best Of" Category Awards * Nine Special Awards * 62 Categories *
- * Huge Raffle * Hobby Vendors * On-site Food Services *
- * **FREE** Kids' Raffle *

Show Schedule:

- 7:30 a.m. Vendor Set-up
- 9:00 a.m. Registration and Vendor Areas Open to General Public
- 12:00 p.m. Registration Closes, **NO LATE ENTRANTS**. Contest Judging Begins (contest area to remain open)
- 3:00 p.m. Approximate Time of Awards Presentation (shortly after judging ends)
- 4:00 p.m. Vendor Room Closed
- 4:30 p.m. Show Ends - **Due to Contractual Obligations, the Show Facility must be empty by 5:00 p.m.**

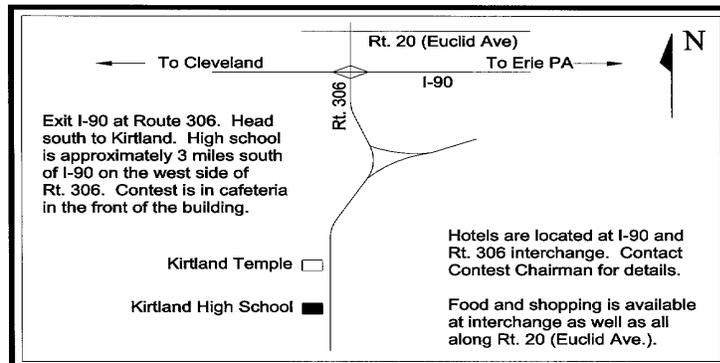
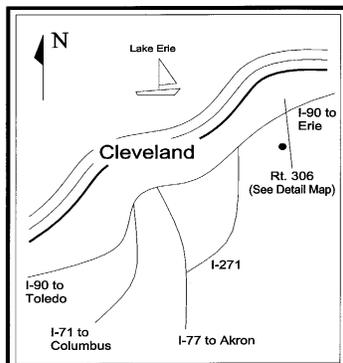
Contest Entry Fees: Adults - \$10 for 5 entries, \$15 unlimited entries; **JUNIORS & BANTAMS – FREE!**
General Admission: 12 yrs. and Over - \$5; Early **Entry to Vendors** (Before 9:00 a.m.) - \$10
Vendors: 8ft. tables - \$45/ea. (**\$60/ea. after Oct. 15th**)

For additional information, please visit our web site at www.clevelandmodelshow.org or contact:

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→ This is a family event – no alcohol or firearms allowed on school property. ←

Contest Rules

1. IPMS Rules will be used for judging. **THE DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.** First, Second and Third place awards will be presented for each category.
2. All models must be built by a single modeler except group builds. A "Group Build" is five or more models built by more than one modeler, while a "Collection" is a group of five or more models built by a single modeler. A "**Diorama**" entry must depict a story (e.g., a vehicle being serviced, or action being depicted). A tank or plane on a base with a figure is **not** a diorama and will be placed in the appropriate armor or aircraft category. Under these rules, those entries not in the diorama category will not have their figures or bases judged as part of the entry. A "**Conversion**" must be a finished model that is a different variant/mark/model than the one provided by the kit manufacturer. A list of conversion details should be provided. A "**Scratch built**" entry can use parts from existing kits but these should be unrelated to their original purpose. Exceptions are wheels, gun barrels and tracks. A list of commercial parts used in construction should be provided.
3. **IPMS National, Regional or CMS winning models (1st, 2nd or 3rd place) from 2025 contests or earlier** may **not** enter the competition **except for the "Ace of Aces" category.**
4. Entries will be judged on skill of construction, accuracy/realism, and finish. A great amount of detail added **WILL NOT** make up for a poorly constructed model. Scratch built detail will be favored over commercially available detail if the quality is comparable. Models may be handled/moved to assure fair and equitable judging; judges will attempt a minimum of handling.
5. All dust covers must be removed prior to judging. **Out-Of-Box entries must conform to IPMS/USA Out of Box Rules - kit instructions MUST accompany the entry.**
6. Information supplied by the entrant describing techniques used in model construction is encouraged and can be placed with the entry as long as it is of reasonable size (index cards, photos, etc.). Reference material may not be placed with the entry unless an entrant believes that the realism, or any other aspect of the model may be questioned. In that event, the extent of material placed with the model must be reasonable and limited in scope.
7. If a model qualifies for more than one category, the Registrars will decide the category in which the model will be entered. In the event of questionable placement, the Head Judge will make the final decision. The Head Judge can, at his discretion, **split or combine categories prior to judging.** "**All Scales**" and other general categories may be split at show time, depending on turn out. Off-scale models will be placed in most appropriate category. Handling of models by Head Judges may occur to assure proper category placement.
8. **SWEEPS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.** An entrant can receive only one award for each category in which he/she is entered. If an entrant has more than one model in the same category, the Judges will determine that modeler's best entry and will use that entry for continued judging of that category.
9. The *IPMS John H. Glenn and Western Reserve Chapters* and *Kirtland Schools* assume no liability for any lost or damaged property, or any personal injury incurred during this event.
10. CMS anticipates splits for heavily populated categories such as 2, 5, 17, 18, 33, 42, 43, 49, and 51.

Contest Categories

AIRCRAFT

- 1 - 1/100 & smaller, all types
- 2 - 1/72 Single-engine Prop*
- 3 - 1/72 Multi-engine Prop
- 4 - 1/72 Jets (single and multi-engined)
- 5 - 1/48 Single-engine Prop*
- 6 - 1/48 Multi-engine Prop
- 7 - 1/48 Single-engine Jet
- 8 - 1/48 Multi-engine Jet
- 9 - 1/32 & larger, Prop and Jet
- 10 - Helicopters, all scales
- 11 - Biplanes & Rigged, all scales
- 12 - Civil & Racing (including airliners), all scales
- 13 - Conversions, Vacuforms, Scratch-built, all scales
- 14 - Out-of-Box, all types and scales (see Rule 5 above)

AUTOMOTIVE

- 15 - 1/32 & smaller, all types
- 16 - 1/25 & larger, Factory Stock, 1979 and earlier
- 17 - 1/25 & larger, Factory Stock, 1980 and later
- 18 - 1/25 & larger, Rods and Customs, 1959 and earlier*
- 19 - 1/25 & larger, Rods and Customs, 1960 and later*
- 20 - 1/25 scale, Racing and Competition, Closed Wheel
- 21 - 1/25 scale, Racing and Competition, Open Wheel
- 22 - Trucks and Commercial Vehicles, all scales
- 23 - 1/20 and larger, all types
- 24 - Motorcycles
- 25 - Vacuforms, Conversions, Scratch-built, all scales
- 26 - Out-of-Box, all types, all scales (see Rule 5 above)

SHIPS

- 27 - 1/500 & smaller surface ships, all types
- 28 - 1/499 & larger surface ships, all types
- 29 - Submarines, all scales
- 30 - Non-metal, all types and scales (includes PT and Higgins boats, sailing ships, *et cetera.*)
- 31 - Out-of-Box, all types and scales (see Rule 5 above)

FIGURES

- 32 - 90mm & smaller, Real to Life
- 33 - 91mm & larger, Real to Life
- 34 - Sci-Fi & Fantasy, all scales*
- 35 - Creatures, Critters & Dinosaurs, all scales
- 36 - Gaming Figures, 40 mm and smaller
- 37 - Busts, real to life, all scales
- 38 - Busts, Sci-fi & Fantasy, all scales
- 39 - Figure Vignettes (2 or more figs.), all scales

MILITARY VEHICLES

- 40 - 1/72 & smaller, all types
- 41 - 1/48, all types

MILITARY VEHICLES (continued)

- 42 - 1/35 AFV's with Open Tops or Visible Interiors
- 43 - 1/35 Turreted AFV's with Closed Tops*
- 44 - 1/35 Non-turreted AFV's with Closed Tops*
- 45 - 1/35 Soft-Skinned Vehicles
- 46 - 1/35 Armored Cars & Half-Tracks
- 47 - Artillery, Towed (including missiles and rail guns), all scales
- 48 - Conversions, Scratch-built, all scales
- 49 - Out-of-Box, all types and scales (see Rule 5 above)

MISCELLANEOUS

- 50 - Sci-Fi and Fantasy - all scales*
- 51 - Real Space, all scales
- 52 - Dioramas, all scales and types*
- 53 - Hypothetical
- 54 - Humor
- 55 - Mecha & Gundam - all scales
- 56 - Collections and Group Builds, all scales
- 57 - All others, all scales

JUNIORS (ages 12 to 17)

- 58 - Aircraft, all types and scales
- 59 - Military Vehicles, all types and scales
- 60 - Automotive, all types and scales
- 61 - Miscellaneous, all scales

BANTAM (age 11 and younger)

- 62 - All types and scales, including Legos, Kinetics and similar.

ACE of ACES (Special Award)

ACE - Prior National/Regional/CMS winners (*see Rule 3 above*)

DISPLAY ONLY / WORKS IN PROGRESS

No Entry Fee. No Awards. Just to show folks what's "in the works."

SPECIAL AWARDS

(For definitions of Special Awards visit our website)

Judges' and People's Choice Best of Show
Class "Best Of's"

- Best Comic Book/Graphic Novel Subject
- Best Something Fishy Subject
- Best Tailless Aircraft
- Best Exotic Car
- Best Cruiser Class Ship
- Best American Revolutionary War (1775 - 1783) Figure
- Best Heavy Tracked Vehicle
- Best Miscellaneous Movie Subject
- People's Choice Best Gundam Mecha Pose

*See Rule 10