

Pelican 26

1965-1975 A Decade of Turmoil, Hope and Change

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SATURDAY | MARCH 14, 2026

Higgins Hall | 5225 N. Himes Ave., Tampa, FL 33613

SPECIAL AWARD THEMES

1965-1975 A Decade of Turmoil, Hope and Change

Any subject from the Vietnam War, Cars, Apollo Space Program, etc.

Best Marine Corps Aircraft

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9 a.m — Doors Open

9 a.m - 12 p.m — Registration

4:30 p.m — Awards Presentation

REGISTRATION FEES

\$15 (pre-registration: www.pelikanmodelclub.org/pelican26-1)

\$20 (day of) up to 5 entries (\$1 ea. addt'l entry)

\$5 for Juniors (15 and younger)

\$8 Walk-In

VENDOR FEES

\$45 per table; \$40 for groups of 5 or more tables. To reserve your table please visit: www.PelikanModelClub.org/vendors

CONTACTS

For details, questions or general information contact Donn Buerger at: donn_buerger@yahoo.com

FEATURING 13,000 sq. ft. venue

- 10 Special Awards
- Gold, Silver, Bronze Judging System
- 66 Vendor Tables
- Raffles
- 3D Printing Seminar
- Display-Only area — open to all registered entrants (See contest rules for details)





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Thank you!

A. AIRCRAFT

1. 1/35 and Larger
2. 1/48
3. 1/72 and Smaller

B. MILITARY VEHICLES

1. 1/35 and Larger
2. 1/48
3. 1/72 and Smaller, All Types
4. Artillery/Ordnance/Rockets, All Types and Scales

C. SHIPS

1. Powered, All Scales
2. Submarines & Submersibles, All Scales
3. Sailing Ships, All Scales

D. AUTOMOTIVE

1. Factory Stock Production Car, All Scales
2. Competition, Rods, Tuners, Street Machines and Customs, All Scales
3. Motorcycles, All Scale
4. Miscellaneous, All Scales

E. FIGURES

1. 75mm and Larger
2. Smaller than 75mm
3. Busts
4. Others (GI Joe-types, etc.) All Scales

F. SCI-FI, FANTASY, AND REAL SPACE

1. Real Spacecraft, All types and Scales
2. Sci-Fi/Fantasy, Ships and Vehicles. All Types and Scales
3. Gundam/Mecha All Types and Scales
4. SciFi/Horror Figures; All scales

G. COLLECTIONS

1. Collections, All types and Scales (Five or more related items)

H. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Any Other Subject, All Scales

I. JUNIORS

1. Ages 15 and Younger, All Types and Scales

J. DIORAMAS

1. Large Composition (4 or more figures and/or 2 or more vehicles)
2. Small Composition (3 or less figures and/or no more than one vehicle)

SPECIAL AWARDS

1. Judges Best of Show, George Hecht Memorial Award
2. Best Aircraft
3. Best Military Vehicle
4. Best Ship 5. Best Automotive
6. Best Figure
7. Best Space/Sci Fi
8. Best Diorama
9. Best Theme Award
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CONTEST RULES

1. This contest is open to all modelers. Models that have placed in previous Pelicon competitions are not eligible for entry.
 2. Models may be of any material, i.e., plastic, wood or metal. No self-propelled or radio controlled models will be permitted. No pre-built models, i.e., die-cast or toy type items will be permitted. Entries must be the sole work of the person listed on the entry form.
 3. All entries will be judged and eligible for an award/s
 4. The Junior division is limited to those participants who have not reached their 15th birthday by April 17, 2026. Juniors are not restricted to junior categories; they may enter any category and may also compete for specialty awards.
 5. Bases will be allowed in all categories, but will not be judged except in the Diorama category. Bases not in the Diorama category must be limited to simple groundwork and have no more than two figures off or outside the model.
 6. Collections are defined as 5 or more closely related subjects. Collection entries are encouraged but the Head Judge reserves the right to evaluate the status of any collection.
 7. Judging teams will utilize the "open judging" system for assessment of each entry and may award a Gold, Silver, or a Bronze medal based on the degree to which that entry meets the craftsmanship standards set forth in the IPMS/USA Competition Handbook. The judges may award more than one of each medal in each category.
 8. Entries will be judged with the utmost fairness and integrity, and in a constructive and positive manner. No judge will be permitted to judge their own entries..
 9. Upon registration, the entrant will indicate his/her choice for the category of each model. The Head Judge reserves the right to evaluate entries and, if necessary, move entries to a more appropriate category. If such a move is necessary, the entrant will be notified.
 10. Every effort will be made to ensure the security of models, however, the Pelikan Model Club and the Higgins Hall assumes no liability in the event of accidental damage or loss of entries.
- #### Display-only area
- A dedicated area/tables will be available to all registered entrants: Anyone attending the convention can display a model in this area. It's a way to showcase a modeler's work, even if it has already won an award at a previous show or they simply wish to share it with others.
 - Models displayed in this area will not be charged an entry fee, however a general admission or contest admission is still required to display these models.
 - Space may be limited: The host committee may limit or eliminate the option if they need the space for the main contest.
- #### Be sure to check
- <https://pelikanmodelclub.org/pelicon26-1>
for any additional updates to categories and contest rules.