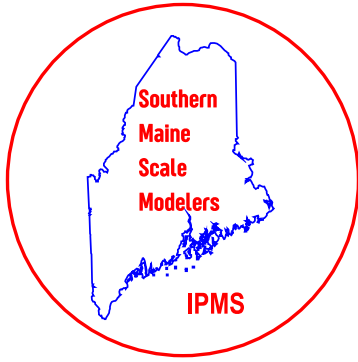


DOWNEASTCON 2026

A Plastic Model Contest and Display

Sponsored by the Southern Maine Scale Modelers Club/IPMS



APRIL 12, 2026

SANFORD MEMORIAL GYM

678 Main St., Sanford, ME 04073



Make & Take—A model-building workshop for Kids



Raffles— Over 100 kits, tools and special items



Vendors—30+ tables of vendors from around New England



Food service available on site

TIMES & EVENTS

Registration 9:00-11:30 AM (**NO EXCEPTIONS**)

Make & Take: 9:30-11:00 AM

DIRECTIONS TO DOWNEASTCON

Traveling from the South on I-95:

Take exit 19, Turn right at stop onto Rt. 109

Gym is 13.3 miles on right.

Traveling from the North on I-95:

Take exit 32, Turn right at stoplight onto Rt. 111

Continue straight onto Rt. 202 at Alfred
(~11.4 miles)

Turn right onto Rt. 109/Main St. in Sanford
(~3.9 miles)

Gym is 1 mile on right.

ENTRY & ADMISSION FEES

Model Entry: \$7.00 for the first
5 models entered

\$1.00 for each additional entry

Junior Entry (17 and under): \$2.00 up to
5 Models

General Admission: \$5.00

All kids (under 12) free with an Adult Admission

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Including Contest Entry Form(s)

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CATEGORIES:

AIRCRAFT

- 1 Prop 1/72 and smaller
- 2 Prop 1/48 Allied
- 3 Prop 1/48 Axis
- 4 Multi-Engine Prop smaller than 1/48
- 5 Multi-Engine Prop 1/48 to 1/33
- 6 Jet 1/72 and smaller
- 7 Jet 1/48
- 8 All 1/32 and larger (except Rotary, Rigged & Multi-winged)
- 9 Rotary—All Scales
- 10 Rigged and Multi-winged—larger than 1/72
- 11 Scratch-built, Vacu-forms and Conversion
- 12 Out of Box—All Types & Scales (See Rule #4)

ARMOR

**** Includes open topped & soft skinned (O/T & S/S)**

- 13** AFV O/T & S/S 1/72-1/76
- 14 AFV all closed top 1/72-1/76
- 15** AFV O/T & S/S 1/48 and larger (WWII era 1939-1945)
- 16 AFV closed top 1/48 and larger (WWII era 1939-1945)
- 17** AFV O/T & S/S 1/48 and larger (all years EXCEPT WWII)
- 18 AFV closed top 1/48 and larger (all years EXCEPT WWII)
- 19 Scratch-built and Conversion—All Scales
- 20 Ordinance—All Scales
- 21 Out of Box—All Types & Scales (See Rule #4)

VEHICLES

- 22 Cars smaller than 1/20, Stock—up to 1969
- 23 Cars smaller than 1/20, Stock—1970 & up
- 24 Custom—smaller than 1/20
- 25 Competition—smaller than 1/20
- 26 Light trucks & Vans smaller than 1/20
- 27 Hot Rods & Street Rods 1948 & Older
- 28 Street Machines—1949 & Newer
- 29 Cars, Truck, & Motorcycles—1/20 & Larger
- 30 Large Trucks with GVW 1 ton & over
- 31 Documented Civilian Vehicles—All Types & Scales (See Rule #5)
- 32 Scratch-built and Conversions—All Scales
- 33 Out of Box—All Types & Scales (See Rule #4)

SHIPS

- 34 Smaller than 1/400—All Types
- 35 1/400 and Larger—All Types
- 36 Submarines—All Types & Scales
- 37 Out of Box—All Types & Scales (See Rule #4)

FIGURES, DIORAMAS & VIGNETTES (Open Judging)

- 38 Mounted & Unmounted 54mm and smaller
- 39 Mounted & Unmounted larger than 54mm
- 40 Fantasy Figures—All Types & Scales
- 41 Dioramas & Vignettes—All Types & Scales (See Rule #11)

SCI-FI, REAL SPACE & GUNDAM (Open Judging)

- 42 Sci-Fi—All Types & Scales (except Gundam/Mecha)
- 43 Gundam/Mecha—All Types & Scales
- 44 Real Space—All Types & Scales

MISCELLANEOUS (Open Judging)

- 45 All Types & Scales—NOTE: For any model that doesn't fit in any other category. See Head Judge.

COLLECTIONS

- 46 All Scales 3 to 5 models of same type (See Rule #6)

JUNIORS (Open Judging)

- 47 Aircraft
- 48 Military
- 49 Civilian
- 50 Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Gundam and Miscellaneous

SPECIAL AWARDS

- Judges Best of Show
- Best Aircraft (Nundi Romano Award)
- Best Armor Award
- Best Vehicle (Ron Garland Award)
- Best Ship (Mark Leavitt Award)
- Best Figure, Diorama & Vignette Award
- Best Sci-Fi, Real Space & Gundam Award
- Best Scratch-built or Conversion (Cliff Haines Award)
- Best Juniors

General Rules

1. All entered models should be at least 75% plastic (**no wooden models**) – with the exception of figures and 1/43 scale cars. NOTE – Models entered in Scratch-built & Conversion Categories (11, 19, 32 & 41) need not meet the 75% plastic requirement.
2. No sweeps – one winning entry per contestant per category (**except in open judged categories**).
3. **No previous DowneastCon first place winner, nor any AMPS or IPMS Regional or National winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd) are eligible to be entered in competition.**
4. Out of Box means just what it says – the model is assembled from the contents of the kit box. No altering or modifying of the kit parts unless detailed in the instructions. **INSTRUCTION SHEETS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE DISPLAY AT THE TIME OF ENTRY** Rigging, antennas or decals for seat belts may be added. Aftermarket decals are allowed.
5. In the Documented Vehicle category, a photo of the real vehicle **MUST** accompany the model.
6. Collection: 3 to 5 models that will be judged on how closely the models are related to one another. **A collection with more than 5 models WILL NOT be judged.**
7. Each entry must be built by person named on registration form. **No absentee registration, the builder must be present.**
8. DowneastCon SMSM/IPMS Head Judges decision will be final. Judges may eliminate or split categories as needed.
9. **Models will NOT be handled. A base will be provided to place the model on to assist in turning during judging (except for some larger models).**
10. No nude figures per IPMS guidelines
11. All dioramas must fit on the show tables. Please limit your diorama to a maximum 24 x 36 inch base.

Neither the Southern Maine Scale Modelers nor the hall proprietors will be liable for loss or damage to the exhibits, or to personal property at the exhibit location.