



Region 9
IPMS FRESNO
in conjunction with

CASTLE 
AIR MUSEUM

**OPEN COCKPIT
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
MODEL CONTEST**
@ the ATWATER COMMUNITY CENTER
SATURDAY, MAY 23rd, 2026

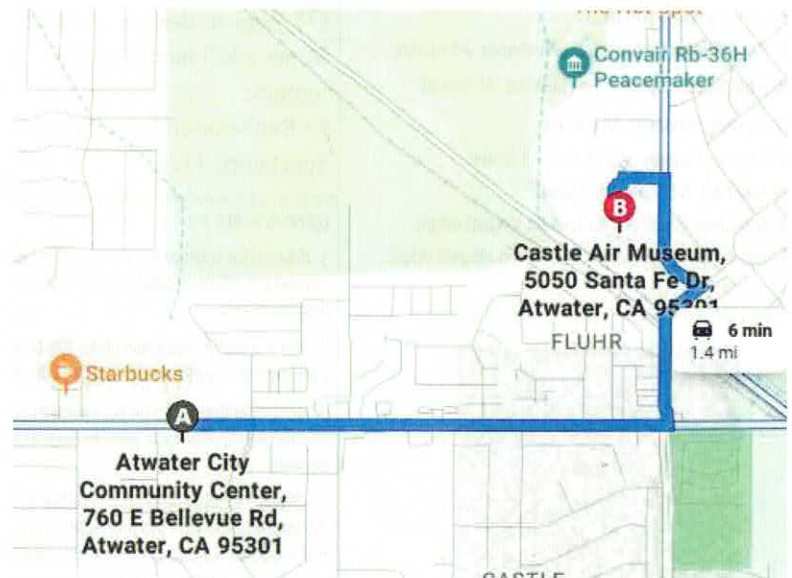
THEME
“USA 250th ANNIVERSARY”
Special Awards: Castle Air Museum / AFB Subject
Best Crappy Model

Times

9:00 am - Doors Open
12:00 pm – Registration Closes
12:30 pm Judges Meeting
1:00 pm Judging Begins
3:00-4:00 Awards

Where and When

Saturday, May 23, 2026
Atwater Community Center
760 E. Bellevue Road,
Atwater, CA 95301



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CATEGORIES

SENIOR (18+ YEARS)

- 001 Single-Engine Prop Aircraft, 1/72
- 002 Multi-Engine Prop Aircraft, 1/72
- 003 Single-Engine Jet Aircraft, 1/72
- 004 Multi-Engine Jet Aircraft, 1/72
- 005 Single-Engine Prop Aircraft 1/48 Allied
- 006 Single-Engine Prop Aircraft 1/48 Axis
- 007 Single-Engine Jet Aircraft, 1/48
- 008 Multi-Engine Prop Aircraft, 1/48
- 009 Multi-Engine Jet Aircraft, 1/48
- 010 Jet and Rocket Aircraft 1/32 and Larger
- 011 Prop Aircraft 1/32 and Larger, All Types
- 012 Aircraft All Types - 1/144 and Smaller
- 013 Biplanes, Fabric & Rigged Aircraft, All Scales
- 014 Rotary Wing Aircraft All Scales
- 015 Racers and Civil Aviation All Scales
- 016 Armor Vehicles thru WWII Allied - 1/35
- 017 Armor Vehicles thru WWII Axis - 1/35
- 018 Armor Vehicles post WWII - 1/35
- 019 Soft Skinned Military Vehicles - 1/35
- 020 Armored Cars/Half Tracks/Gun Trucks - 1/35
- 021 All Military Vehicles - 1/72 or smaller
- 022 All Military Vehicles - 1/48
- 023 All Military Vehicles - 1/25 or Larger
- 024 Artillery / Launchers Towed or static All Scales
- 025 Nautical Ships All Scales, All Types
- 026 Submersibles All Scales, All Types
- 027 Auto Stock, All Scales
- 028 Auto Custom, (Non-Low Rider) All Scales
- 029 Auto Competition, Open-Wheel, All Scales
- 030 Auto Competition, Closed-Wheel, All Scales
- 031 Auto Low Rider, All Scales
- 032 Auto Tuners, All Scales
- 033 Auto Street Rods All Scales
- 034 Motorcycles All Scales
- 035 Sci-Fi/Fictional/Hypothetical Vehicles, All Scales
- 036 Real Space Vehicles and Missiles, All Scales
- 037 Figures Historical, All Scales
- 038 Figures Fantasy and Fiction, All Scales
- 039 Railroad All Scales All Types
- 040 Dioramas Small (12" or less on longest edge)
- 041 Dioramas Large (More than 12" on longest edge)

- 042 Collections, All Types All Scales (5 or More)
- 043 Alternative Media (Metal, Paper, Wood, Foam, Etc.)
- 044 Out of the Box, All Types All Scales
(Must display kit instructions w/ model)
- 045 Miscellaneous
- 046 Gundam / Mecha All Types
- 050 Junior (17 and Younger) All Subjects & Scales

Awards:

- Best of Show
- Best of Show Junior
- Best Aircraft
- Best Military Vehicle
- Best Nautical Subject
- Best Automotive
- Wes Edmiston Memorial—Best Sci-Fi / Fantasy
- Best Figure
- Best Diorama
- Crappiest Model
- President's Award
- Tony Quartaro Base
- Castle Air Museum Related Award (SAC Subject)
- Best Real Space
- Best Toon / Egg Subject
- Best Themed Award

FEES

Seniors:

\$15 Registration for 3 entries
\$1 per add'l model entered

Juniors:

\$5 Registration for all models

Spectators: Free

Sponsors and Vendors

Sponsors are a big part of putting on a show such as this. The IPMS/FRESNO welcomes any and all sponsors.
Please E-mail Information

Vendor Tables: 6 ft. (\$40 for Single, \$35 for 2 or more)
Contact: John Ballman john_ballman@att.net for more information about how to become a sponsor or request vendor ta-

GENERAL RULES:

1. IPMS/USA rules and criteria will be used for this contest. However, no model may be handled by the judges. Model placement will be handled by the builder. IPMS/Fresno invites members of other chapters to participate by joining our judging teams.
2. The contest director will make the final ruling on all disputes during the contest and may split or combine categories based on the number and nature of the entries.
3. No model that has won an award at an IPMS National Convention is eligible, nor are any models that were entered in any Region IX Regional prior to August 9, 2008. IPMS/Fresno appreciates the honor system, and hopes participants will as well.
4. IPMS/Fresno asks that all contestants keep away from judging teams during the course of judging to ensure impartiality. Interference with judging teams by the contestants will be handled per IPMS/ USA rules, and could render the offenders' models ineligible for award consideration.
5. All work done on model entries must be done by the entrant.
6. All contestants must have fun-otherwise, they aren't doing this right!

