

Mid Eastern Region, NMRA The Henry (Bud) Kaiser Award

1) What is the award?

This award is named for the late Bud Kaiser, a member of the New Jersey and Philadelphia Divisions, the committee of the Railroad Prototype Modelers, Valley Forge, and long time modeler. It is awarded to the best-detailed and weathered piece of rolling stock model in the opinion of the judges of the model contest.

2) Sponsors:

The Bud Kaiser Award is sponsored by the RPM Valley Forge, Philadelphia Division, MER, NMRA.

3) Who can compete for the award?

Any NMRA/MER member in good standing who chooses to enter a rolling stock model in the official NMRA/MER sponsored judged model contest at an MER convention may compete for the award.

4) Modeling Parameters --- The Bud Kaiser Award model is defined:

The Bud Kaiser Award model is defined as any model entry that qualifies as being a piece of rolling stock, that is highly detailed and properly weathered. The model may be a kit, scratched built, or a ready to run car that has added detail and weathering to increase its prototype appearance.

5) How the contest will be Judged and the winner chosen:

The model will judged as part of the regular judging of the model contest at an MER convention. The judging guidelines will be those established by the NMRA for the model contest and the Achievement Program. The Bud Kaiser Award model achieving the highest scoring for the best detailed and weathered piece of rolling stock in the model contest or Achievement Program judging will be the winner. In case of a tie, the Chief Judge will choose the winning entry.

6) The Bud Kaiser Award:

Once the winning entry has been decided, the sponsor of the award will contact the winner. At the official MER awards ceremony, the Bud Kaiser Award plaque will be presented to the winner. The award will be handed out when the other official awards are distributed. The MER General Contest Chairman will present the award or a designate can announce and hand out the award plaque.

7) Sponsors (Organization and Contact persons) and Funding:

The Bud Kaiser is funded by the RPM Valley Forge, Philadelphia Division, NMRA.

8) Time limit for this award:

The sponsors of this award understand that in order for it to be placed into the Special awards given at a MER sponsored convention that this award must be approved by the MER Board of Directors. If approved, the award can be given at every MER sponsored convention over a two-year period. In order to continue to presenting this award, the sponsors must seek approval from the MER Board of Directors every two years.