

## L.I.A.R.S. MODEL CAR CHALLENGE CONTEST CLASSES 2026

Please read the contest rules and definitions carefully

### Class definitions:

1. **Junior to age 17:** Any type of vehicle built by the young modeler. The contestant must be the only one who worked on the model.
2. **Factory Stock:** Any vehicle as it came from the factory
3. **Documented Replica:** A model of an actual vehicle. Documentation MUST accompany the model.
4. **Street Rod:** Street legal vehicles up to 1948 that have been primarily mechanically modified for increased performance.
5. **Street Machine:** Same as class 4, but for vehicles vintage 1949 and newer.
6. **Light Commercial:** Cars, Pickups, SUV's, Vans, Station wagons, Sedans and Panel deliveries, and vehicles based on them that are used for business purposes with 1 ton or less capacity. Shall have appropriate markings and ready for work. Commercial plates optional.
7. **Heavy Commercial:** Service vehicles such as tractor-trailers, large straight trucks, buses, construction, fire & rescue, & others with over one ton capacity; shall have appropriate markings. (BIG Stuff).
8. **Municipal:** Police, Fire, Emergency, DOT, Public utility, Ambulance, EMT, Animal control, etc. vehicles.
9. **Custom:** Any car, SUV, Pickup, sedan or panel delivery etc. which has major body modifications for esthetic purposes.
10. **Euro / Tuner / Lowrider:** Any vehicle done up in the lowrider / Euro style: (no hopping on tables)
11. **Straight Line competition:** Drag racing cars, lakesters, Bonneville blasters, and LSR cars.
12. **Open Wheel competition:** INDY, CART, Formula one, Sprint cars, Modifieds, etc., (no drag racing vehicles)
13. **Closed Wheel Competition:** NASCAR, IMSA, CAN-AM, Trans-Am, etc. (No Drag racing vehicles)
14. **Curbside:** Model which does not employ any opening hood, doors, trunk, and not intended to display engine or chassis details. Judged as if parked at the curb without access to underside. No chassis, Engine, or trunk detail shall be considered.
15. **Shelf model- Street:** The model can be detailed to the max but judges will view it as if on your shelf; they won't touch it, and only details that can be seen without moving the model will count.
16. **Shelf Model –Competition:** Same as class 15, but for race vehicles.
17. **Box Stock:** The model must be built using only parts that came in the box. Exceptions for filler material paint and foil. (it's more of a challenge than you think) Instructions MUST accompany the model.
18. **Cars and trucks 1/20 scale and larger:** Self-explanatory.
19. **Cars and Trucks 1/32 scale and smaller:** Self-explanatory.
20. **Motorcycles:** All scales and types, Bikes, Trikes, Choppers, Sport Bikes, Scooters, Cruisers, Etc.
21. **Diorama:** Not just a model on a base: a true diorama tells a story using accessories such as, figures, structures, landscaping, etc.
22. **THEME CLASS:** Theme class changes each year. Refer to the official contest flyer for the specific topic.
23. **Miscellaneous:** if it doesn't fit ANY of the classes here. We have incorporated Slot cars into this category.
24. **Slammer:** Model which does not have opening hood, doors, trunk and the interior is fully enclosed by a top with blackened out windows. Judged for visual impact only.

\*There is also a display area for "in the works / primer". Show us what you are working on! This is for **display only**; no awards will be given.

**PLEASE bear in mind we cannot have a specific class for every model: Any model will be able to fit into one of the classes above.**

Awards given for **Best engine, Best finish, Best interior, Best detail, most humorous, Best Mercury**, and the **LIARS Memorial Award**. There will be a **People's choice Award**, where participants and attendees can vote for their favorite entry. Judges will award the **Judges best in show** to the entry they determine to be best overall.

Judging and classes are derived from "How to build better Auto Models", How to build better scale model vehicles (both by Mark Gustavson) and the annual MASSCAR Model Car Contest classes and rules. First through third place awards will be available in all categories (unless otherwise noted.) WE \* will not use a points system for judging. We\* reserve the privilege to place an entry into a more appropriate class as necessary. (The contestant may physically move the model) We\* reserve the privilege to handle any entry as needed for judging purposes unless otherwise specified by the contestant or contestant's agent. We\* reserve the privilege to close a contest area to facilitate and expedite judging. All entries must be the work of one specific person; any collaborations or group efforts are not eligible for the contest and may be placed on a table for display only. Models may be constructed of any material and may be static or powered. Kits with pre-painted bodies of any material will not be eligible for the contest. Pre-assembled replicas made of any material will not be eligible for the contest. Models that are previous 1, 2, or 3 place winners of any previous LIARS model car Challenge contest are not eligible. These models may be placed on a table for display only. Due to lack of major contests in the NY metro area, any judge is eligible to compete in the contest, but not in a class the judge will be deciding. Please keep in mind our judges are fair and honest, showing no favoritism to any one person or group of people. Our judges are members of the Long Island Auto Replica Society, and most are contest winners. These judges are well aware and do appreciate what it takes to build a competitive contest model. We ask you be honest about the model when entering the contest. Judges will be available (during and immediately following the contest) to discuss questions or problems with any entries. The decisions of the judges are final. \* "we" = The judges of the LIARS Model car Challenge.