

## Mid Eastern Region, NMRA The Blue Lantern Award

1) What is the award?

The Blue Lantern Award is for a judged contest model containing no more than 40% commercial parts, that best represents an example of either branch line, short line, or private line operating equipment and/or facilities.

2) Sponsors:

The Blue Lantern Award is privately sponsored and chosen by long time MER modeler Terry Nesbit and his Narrow Gauge Car Shop.

3) Who can compete for the award?

Any NMRA/MER member in good standing who enters a judged contest model containing no more than 40% commercial parts, that best represents an example of either branch line, short line, or private line operating equipment and/or facilities in the official NMRA/MER sponsored judged model contest at an MER convention may be considered for the award.

4) Modeling Parameters --- The Blue Lantern Award model is defined:

The Blue Lantern Award model is defined as any model entry that containing no more than 40% commercial parts, that best represents an example of either branch line, short line, or private line operating equipment and/or facilities.

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

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6) The Blue Lantern Award:

Once the winning entry has been decided, the sponsor of the award will contact the winner. At the official MER awards ceremony, the Blue Lantern Award will be presented to the winner. The award will be handed out when the other official awards are distributed. The award will be presented by Terry Nesbit.

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

The Blue Lantern Award is funded by Terry Nesbit.

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.