

Mid Eastern Region, NMRA

The PJ Matheson Memorial Award (formerly the Bob Liberman Memorial Award)

What is the award?

The PJ Matheson Memorial Award will be given for the model freight, passenger, caboose, or MoW car that would, in the opinion of the awarding committee, be the one that PJ Matheson would choose as the best car in the contest. The award includes a plaque and \$100 Gift Card/Certificate to Hobby Store of choice.

2) Sponsor: New Jersey Division, MER, NMRA

3) Who can compete for the award?

Any NMRA member in good standing who chooses to enter a model in the official NMRA sponsored judged model contest at an MER convention may compete for the award in the freight, passenger, or MoW model categories.

4) Modeling Parameters, i. e. definition and limits of what qualifies a model for the award:

The award is chosen by the judges according to multiple factors such as interesting prototype, high standard of modeling, well executed and prototypical detail, and realistic finish and weathering. No formal scoring system is used.

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

The NJ Division will appoint a small committee from Board members who attend the convention to look over entrants in the model contest room, declare a winner, and inform the Contest Chair.

6) The PJ Matheson Memorial Award (operations and award):

At the official MER awards ceremony, the plaque and cash award will be handed out by a representative of the New Jersey Division, MER, NMRA when the other official awards are distributed.

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

Glyn Thomas or the NJ Division Superintendent

The award shall be fully funded by the New Jersey Division

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.