



OFFICIAL SURVEY

We invite you to participate in the *Cowcatcher Magazine's* 6th Annual Gold Rail Awards survey. This is your opportunity to select your favorite model railroad/rail enthusiast picks in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois and Colorado. Surveys will be tabulated and the results announced in the January/February 2015 issue of the *Cowcatcher* and at www.cowcatchermagazine.com

PLEASE RETURN SURVEYS BY DEC. 10, 2014

We realize it is impossible to experience everything that the model railroad/rail enthusiast community has to offer each year. Thus, we encourage you to use the various resources — *Cowcatcher Magazine*, cowcatchermagazine.com, internet sites, rail forums, meets and conventions you've attended and reports you've heard from others — to help cast your vote.

This is your opportunity to participate, so it is important that you give us your input on each category. Nominations are based on those in previous Gold Rail Award competitions and new nominations submitted by readers.

EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

Please complete the survey and return to the *Cowcatcher* via mail at:

***Cowcatcher* Gold Rail Awards
P.O. Box 176
Keller, TX 76244**

We suggest that surveys be postmarked by: **DEC. 6, 2014**

For convenience, surveys may also be scanned and emailed to:

cowcatcher@cowcatchermagazine.com

Ballots are also available at www.cowcatchermagazine.com

NOW, FLIP OVER TO THE BACK AND LET'S GET STARTED!



2014 GOLD RAIL AWARDS SURVEY

CHECK ONLY ONE SELECTION PER CATEGORY OR WRITE IN YOUR VOTE (NO TIES, PLEASE)!!

Nominees are those submitted by our selection committee which includes staff, readers and hobby dealers. Don't see one you like? WRITE IN YOUR VOTE! PLEASE vote all categories!

BEST TRAIN SHOW

- Oklahoma City Train Show - Oklahoma City, OK
- Dallas Area Train Show - Plano, TX
- WGH on Tour - Houston, TX
- Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
- Mid-America Train Show - Kansas City, MO
- SAMRA Jamboree - San Antonio, TX
- Wichita Train Show - Wichita, KS
- Rocky Mountain Train Show - Denver, CO
- TECO Train Show - Denver, CO
- Other: _____

BEST CLUB LAYOUT, PERMANENT

- Denver Garden Railway Society - Denver, CO
- Colorado Model Railroad Museum - Greeley, CO
- Kansas City Garden Railroad Society - Olathe, KS
- South Canadian Ntrak Club - Oklahoma City, OK
- SAMRA San Antonio & Northern - San Antonio, TX
- Elmhurst Model Railroad Club HO - Elmhurst, IL
- Garfield-Clarendon Model Railroad Club HO - Chicago, IL
- Other: _____

BEST CLUB LAYOUT, MODULAR

- Ark-La-Tex Model Railroad Club - Shreveport, LA
- Trinity N-Trak - Fort Worth, TX
- Oklahoma N-Rail - Oklahoma City, OK
- Wichita Toy Train Club - Wichita, KS
- Mid-America SGMA-MAC - Russellville, AR
- Gulf Western Modular Railroad Society - Corpus Christi, TX
- North Shore & Western Modular Club - Chicago, IL
- Colorado & Great Western - Lakewood, CO
- Other: _____

BEST NEW MODEL RAILROAD PRODUCT

- Walther's *San Francisco Chief* HO Passenger Car Set
- Athearn HO Tank Train
- Kato N scale Superliner II Transition Sleeper
- Rapido HO Meat Reefers
- InterMountain Chicago, Iowa & Eastern SD40-2 HO Locomotive
- Soundtraxx Sound Car System
- Atlas HO 42 ft. National Steel Coil Car
- Broadway Limited Address Changer System
- Other: _____

BEST EXCURSION RAILROAD

- Texas State Railroad - Palestine/Rusk, TX
- Arkansas & Missouri Railroad - Springdale, AR
- Austin Steam Train Association - Cedar Park, TX
- Grapevine Vintage Railroad - Grapevine, TX
- Durango & Silverton - Durango, CO
- Other: _____

BEST EXCURSION RAILROAD THEME TRAIN

- Polar Express*, Texas State Railroad - Palestine, TX
- Fall Foliage Express*, A&M - Springdale, AR
- North Pole Express*, Grapevine Vintage RR - Grapevine, TX
- Ghost Train*, Jefferson Steam Train - Jefferson, TX
- North Pole Flyer*, ASTA - Cedar Park, TX
- Polar Express*, Durango & Silverton - Durango, CO
- Other: _____

BEST RAILFANNING SPOT

- Saginaw Depot - Saginaw, TX
- Rosenberg Railroad Museum - Rosenberg, TX
- Golden Spike Tower - North Platte, NE
- Kansas City Union Station - Kansas City, MO
- Rochelle Railroad Park - Rochelle, IL
- UP/BNSF Joint Line - Denver, CO
- Other: _____

BEST REGIONAL FREIGHT RAILROAD

- Fort Worth & Western Railroad - Fort Worth, TX
- Arkansas & Missouri Railroad - Springdale, AR
- Arkansas & Oklahoma Railroad - Wilburton, OK
- Austin Western Railroad - Austin, TX
- Illinois Railway - Ottawa, IL
- Nebraska Central Railway - Norfolk, NE
- Other: _____

BEST RAIL SPECIAL EVENT

- National Narrow Gauge Convention - Overland Park, KS
- "24 Hours at Saginaw" - Saginaw, TX
- Railfest - North Platte, NE
- "Bluebonnet Express"/LSR NMRA Convention - Round Rock, TX
- Mid-Continent/NMRA Convention - Memphis, TN
- 2014 NRHS National Convention - Springdale, AR
- Other: _____

BEST RAILROAD MUSEUM

- Texas & Pacific Railway Museum - Marshall, TX
- Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum - Temple, TX
- Colorado Railroad Museum - Golden, CO
- Illinois Railway Museum - Union, IL
- Galveston Railroad Museum - Galveston, TX
- Museum of Transportation - St. Louis, MO
- Other: _____

BEST MODEL TRAIN STORE

Write-in vote only (Name, City, State)

BEST PASSENGER RAIL (select one for each class)

Passenger Regional

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amtrak <i>Texas Eagle</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Amtrak <i>Heartland Flyer</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amtrak <i>Sunset Limited</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Amtrak <i>Missouri River Rn</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amtrak <i>California Zephyr</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Amtrak <i>Southwest Chief</i> |

Commuter/Light Rail

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trinity Railway Express | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicago METRA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MetroLink St. Louis | <input type="checkbox"/> Houston METRORail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dallas Area Rapid Transit | <input type="checkbox"/> Denver RTD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austin MetroRail | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicago Transit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (regional only) _____ | |

ABOUT YOU

Please check your interests

I am a member of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Model Railroading | <input type="checkbox"/> NMRA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Railfanning | <input type="checkbox"/> TCA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rail Preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> NRHS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Class I & Regional Rails | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |