

DARS Fall Classic XII - 2025

General Information

- Participants will register their models with the contest volunteer. The volunteer will assign the rocket to the appropriate category, assess bonus points, and assign a number to the model. The general public will vote on the rockets based on the rockets' assigned number.
- Rockets can be presented for registration at any time during the day but earlier is generally better. Voting can occur any time when the rockets are on the tables until the polls close. One vote per customer. Votes will be tallied and winners announced.
- Rockets will be labeled with a category, model manufacturer and rocket name, and a voting number. Labels will be provided at the site. Rockets of the same category will be placed in the area of the table for that category.
- Rockets will be displayed on tables throughout the day. Models can be checked in or out at any time.
- Participants must secure their models to the tables to avoid damage due to wind, etc.
- Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each category. Prizes TBD.
- Category winners from previous years are ineligible to compete in that same category any following year. Previous category winners are encouraged to bring their rockets out for display.

The Classic Classic

- Rockets in The Classic Classic category will be based on the first year the model was introduced to the hobby. (Example: The Estes Andromeda was introduced in 1975 and appears in the 1975 Estes catalog with the word "New" next to it.) Rocket models from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s are all eligible for this category.
- The contest is open to original models, re-issues, and clones of those originals.
- There is no limit on the number of rockets a contestant can enter. Entering multiple rockets in each of the categories is allowed. (and encouraged)
- Winners are selected based on the composite score of their bonus points plus the ballots selecting their rocket for a specific category.
- Bonus points – Participants can earn bonus points that are added to their popular vote points. Points will be awarded as follows:
 - Catalog of the same year displaying the rocket - 2 points
 - Flyable (must be flown at the launch) - 2 points
 - Original picture from the rocket decade/period of introduction with modeler and same rocket - 2 points

Classic Upscale

- This event is open to model rockets that are up scaled or down scaled conversions of classic models from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s.
- Winners are selected based on the composite score of their bonus points plus the ballots selecting their rocket for this specific category.
- Bonus points – Participants can earn bonus points that are added to their popular vote points. Points will be awarded as follows:
 - Flyable (must be flown at the launch) - 2 points

Starships

- Models in this category can be from the past, present, or future. NASA rockets from the past will compete with Estes and Centuri classic models, as well as scratch built and Plastic Model Conversions from science fiction or your imagination.
- Classic models must be declared as Starship model and can only compete in one category, not both.
- All plastic model conversion models must be flown (not optional) and must have a stable flight to retain their points.
- Bonus points
 - Flyable (must be flown at the launch) – 2 points

Best in Show

- BOS for 2025 will be based on total number of votes cast for a given rocket.
- **Bonus point do not apply for best in show**
- All categories of rockets are eligible