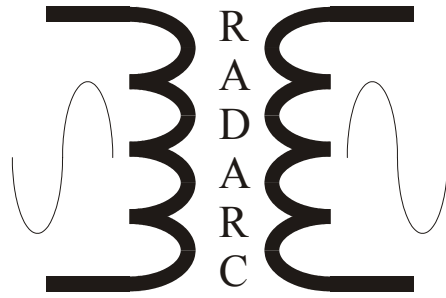


Reading and District Amateur Radio Club

Rules for the Construction Contest

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1. These rules are adopted by the current committee and may be varied at any time by the committee. They do not form part of the constitution of RADARC.
2. The purpose of the contest is to select the best example of a home-construction project in the opinion of the membership by a system of voting.
3. Only paid-up members may enter or vote.
4. Entries must not have won a prize in a RADARC construction contest on a previous occasion.
5. Depending on the number of entries there may be one, two or three classes, based on experience. Thus there may be a beginners class, a standard class and an advanced class, or beginners and standard, or only one class if there are insufficient entries for alternative classes.
6. The competitor may choose the preferred class for his/her entry, but may be over-ruled by the committee if they believe the choice is inappropriate (eg a mediocre entry by an 'old hand' cannot be allowed to enter the beginners class in order to gain a prize).
7. Each entry shall be given an entry no. Competitors may enter more than one item. Each item will be judged as a separate entry. Each competitor has five minutes (or as available) to describe each of his/her entry(ies). Entries may include completed kits, items built to published or unpublished designs, or completely original work.
8. Voting is by allocating points. Each voter is issued with a ballot paper marked 'Best'; 'second'; 'third' and 'fourth', for each class if needed. Each voter enters the entry no. of those entries which in his/her opinion meet these ratings. The voters are expected to take into account:
 - a). the degree of originality;
 - b). design;
 - c). craftsmanship;
 - d). successful functioning;
 - e). presentation;
 - f). documentation and
 - g). ease of use.
9. The voting papers are collected and the points added up on the basis of four (4) points for a 'Best' vote, three (3) points for a 'Second' vote, two (2) points for a 'Third' vote and one (1) point for a 'Fourth' vote. The winner is the entry no. with the highest total of points.
10. The First prize is the Construction cup.
11. In the event of a tie, a show of hands may be used to find a winner, or a further ballot, selecting only 'x' or 'y', may be used at the discretion of the evening's chairman. His decision is final.