

The NZVRS 2020 AGM 40th Birthday Competition

The NZVRS would like to hold an open competition for items in any of the following categories:

- a) Radio (with two sub sections): 1) a restoration item 2) a construction project
- b) Test Instrument (with two sub sections): 1) a restoration item 2) a construction project

Each entry is to be of a member's own work or a joint effort with other member. Members are welcome to enter in each section with a maximum of four entries overall eg one entry in each sub section, but no more than two entries in any one section a) or b). There will be a separate award for first time entrants as well – so don't feel disadvantaged or intimidated in any way by the standard of previous entries, the idea is to get a range of entries for our 40th birthday.

The entry in any section is open and in no way limited in design – they may be as simple or complex as desired, although simpler devices may be easier for the judges to appreciate. A short, written summary and sketch of the entry would assist judging. The judges (at their sole discretion) may allocate "Certificates of Merit" recognizing any special attributes such as the most innovative, the smallest, the largest, best vintage look, the simplest etc to those entries deemed worthy of such an award. The radio entry should be capable of receiving a modulated signal at about 1 MHz. Any power requirements should be provided so the judges can operate the set at the hall but this item will not be part of the judging criteria. As usual entries are to be anonymous and presented to the Secretary before 11am on the day of the AGM. The following judging points may be used as a guide to determine the winner or the allocation of any awards, but these points are entirely at the judges' prerogative;

Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overall design (technique fit for purpose) ○ Demonstration of any innovation. ○ Elegance in design techniques ○ Degree of simplicity (complexity is not always an advantage) ○ Adaptation of technology 	20
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Construction techniques employed ○ General look and eye appeal (eg simplicity and elegance) ○ Execution skills and aesthetics ○ Interesting componentry and materials ○ Degree of difficulty 	20
Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Device performance (eg sensitivity but also including any relevant factors such as power efficiency, durability and stability). ○ Ease and simplicity of operation ○ Be safe in working practice 	20
Additional items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inventiveness ○ Novelty value ○ Originality ○ Breadboard construction ○ Merits of supporting documentation ○ Vintage look ○ Attractiveness ○ Exceptional features ○ Additional credit for using the Club's VR100 / 6U7 valves ○ Judge's choice 	40
Total points		100

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Closing time for the competition is at 11 am on the day of the 2020 AGM at the AGM venue.
2. The supporting instructions, sketch of controls, any circuit and descriptive text will be used only to determine the judging criteria. The 'printed quality' of the instructions will not be directly judged however their merit (clarity, simplicity etc) may well be worth a bonus point.
3. The "testing" of the item will be entirely at the discretion of the judges and limited to their range of available instruments. Items for exhibiting the Test Instrument's ability may be an advantage.
4. Any submitter's identification will be coded, obscured or otherwise deleted from the judges' copy.
5. Members are welcome to submit up to a total of four entries each, but a maximum of two in any section.
6. The overall winner will be awarded a free NZVRS subscription for the following year.
7. Any award of merit or recognition in any category is totally optional and at the sole discretion of the judges.
8. The judges' decisions on the day are final and binding, no correspondence or justifications will be entertained.

Thank you for your interest and good luck to all participants.