



# Vintage Custom Model Equine Congress

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Our pages: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vcmecongress/> and  
<http://www.vintagecustommodelequinecenter.org/shows.html>

Here comes the first-ever Vintage Custom Model Equine Congress--a gratifying get-together of enthusiasts and vintage custom models, to make hobby history as well as revisit it!

Any plastic model horse customized before the year 2000 is eligible.

From the people's-choice Vintage Custom Showcase to the judged show-rings of the Breed Challenge, it's a day full of ways to celebrate these survivors from the 1960s to the 1990s!

There's lots of loot for the winning, too, with commercial awards for each division's Grand Champion and Reserve Grand, champions and reserve champs, and top six placers in each class! Fabulous tiles created and donated by Sarah Minkiewicz-Breunig will also be awarded to a variety of winners! And we're a NAMHSA-approved qualifying show for the North American Nationals, so all 1st- and 2nd- place horses in VCMEC Breed Challenge classes will receive NAN cards qualifying for the 2017-2020 NAN shows!

So get your vintage gang together, and join us in beautiful Battle Creek, Michigan on May 7 for a day of camaraderie, reminiscing, and good old-fashioned fun!

The show fee is \$35 per person for unlimited horses (for which you'll get a full table), or \$22 per person for up to 6 horses (for which you'll get part of a table), which gets you entry into both of our competitions, the VCMEC Vintage Custom Showcase and the VCMEC Breed Challenge.

## The VCMEC Vintage Custom Showcase

Featuring a format pioneered by Sarah Minkiewicz-Breunig, the sculptor of Breyer's Croi Damsha and Mangalarga Marchador molds who's also one of the greatest friends vintage customs have ever had, the VCMEC Vintage Custom Showcase is a place to show off your dearest favorites.

There will be three classes, defined by date of creation--1960s/1970s, 1980s, and 1990s--with the winners in each to be determined by people's choice! They'll stay on display from noon until 5 p.m. to be voted on and admired. You can enter up to **six** vintage custom equines in each class!

Please include a 3 x 5 card that explains when your horse was created and by whom, and any other information you'd like to share. Writing as neatly as possible (typing would be best), please keep it concise, with all the information on just one side of the card, and use a bulleted format. (If you plan to also enter your horse in the VCMEC Breed Challenge, please bring a color photo of your horse to have as a place-holder in the Showcase while he's away in his Breed Challenge class.)

### **VCMEC VINTAGE CUSTOM SHOWCASE (limit 6 entries per person per class)**

1. 1960s/1970s
2. 1980s
3. 1990s

Vote-off of the top two vote-getters in each for VCMEC VINTAGE CUSTOM SHOWCASE GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

## **The VCMEC Breed Challenge**

Judged largely on conformation and breed type, with allowances made for age and condition, the VCMEC Breed Challenge's three divisions--1960s/1970s, 1980s, and 1990s--will each use the same classlist. You can enter up to **five** models per class in the 1960s/1970s division, up to **four** models per class in the 1980s division, and up to **three** models per class in the 1990s division!

No tack if it can be avoided, please. We ask that you identify your horse with a stringed tag around one ankle. Please write your horse's name and your initials on one side, and your horse's breed, gender, and year of creation (if known; otherwise, your best guess at the decade) on the other side. When putting your horse in the ring, please have the tag's breed/gender/year of creation side up.

We're currently gathering a roster of judges, and will announce them on our Facebook page soon!

### **VCMEC BREED CHALLENGE**

**(Three divisions: 1960s/1970s, 1980s, 1990s)**

1. Quarter Horse
2. Appaloosa
3. Paint
4. Mustang
5. Other Pure/Mixed Stock Breeds
6. Stock Breed Foals

Judge-off of top two in classes 1-6 for CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION STOCK BREED

7. Arabian
8. National Show Horse
9. Morgan
10. Other Pure/Mixed Light Breeds
11. Light Breed Foals

Judge-off of top two in classes 7-11 for CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION LIGHT BREED

12. Thoroughbred
13. Standardbred
14. Warmblood/Sport Horse
15. Carriage Breed
16. Other Pure/Mixed Sport Breeds
17. Sport Breed Foals

Judge-off of top two in classes 12-17 for CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION SPORT BREED

18. Paso Fino/Peruvian Paso
19. Andalusian/Lusitano
20. Other Pure/Mixed Spanish Breeds
21. Spanish Breed Foals

Judge-off of top two in classes 18-21 for CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION SPANISH BREED

22. American Saddlebred
23. Tennessee Walking Horse
24. Other Pure/Mixed Gaited Breed
25. Gaited Breed Foals

Judge-off of top two in classes 22-25 for CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION GAITED BREED

26. Clydesdale/Shire
27. Belgian/Percheron
28. Other Pure/Mixed Draft Breed
29. Draft Breed Foals

Judge-off of top two in classes 26-29 for CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION DRAFT BREED

30. American Ponies
31. European Ponies
32. Miniature Horse
33. Other Pure/Mixed Pony
34. Pony Breed Foals

Judge-off of top two in classes 30-34 for CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION PONY/MINI

35. Longear (Donkey/Mule/Burro)
36. Exotic
37. Fantasy
38. Longear/Exotic/Fantasy Foals

Judge-off of top two in classes 35-38 for CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION LONGEAR/EXOTIC

Judge-off of Champions & Reserve Champions for OVERALL DIVISIONAL CHAMPION & RESERVE OVERALL DIVISIONAL CHAMPION

Judge-off of the 1960s/1970s, 1980s, and 1990s Overall Divisional Champions & Reserve Overall Divisional Champions for VCMEC BREED CHALLENGE GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

## **The VCMEC Supreme Champion and Supreme Reserve Champion**

Bringing this first Congress to a close will be the crowning of the winners of its two highest honors, VCMEC I Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion, to be decided by popular vote in a showdown between the VCMEC Vintage Custom Showcase Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, and the VCMEC Breed Challenge Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion!

### **And to start the day...**

American Legion Captain Oscar Brady Post No. 298's monthly Mess Hall Breakfast will be held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The cost is \$5 for a hearty menu of scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, bacon/sausage, pancakes, toast, OJ and coffee. What a great chance to get together before the show!

After the Mess Hall Breakfast, the show hall will open at about 10:45 a.m. VCMEC Breed Challenge classes will begin at 11:30 a.m., and the VCMEC Vintage Custom Showcase voting will start at noon.

You're welcome to bring your own food and drink into the hall, and Battle Creek's own fast-food eatery Mr. Don's is a one-minute drive away.

### **There's lots more in the works!**

Stay tuned to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vcmecongress/> for exciting updates to come!

### **Enter now!**

The entry deadline is **April 15**, so don't miss out! To enter, please send \$35 for unlimited horses (full table) or \$22 for up to 6 horses (partial table) by PayPal to Ardith Carlton at PayPal address [quickcomet@gmail.com](mailto:quickcomet@gmail.com), and copy and fill in the items below and e-mail to Ardith at [quickcomet@gmail.com](mailto:quickcomet@gmail.com):

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone number:**

**E-mail address:**

**Is this a proxy entry? (Yes/No):**

**Approximate number of vintage customs you plan to bring:**

### **Disclaimer**

All attendees of Vintage Custom Model Equine Congress agree that the show staff and attendees, as well as the personnel of the American Legion Captain Oscar Brady Post No. 298, are not and shall not be responsible for any liability loss including theft, personal injury, or property damage arising out of or in connection with Vintage Custom Model Equine Congress.

## Accommodations

**Nearest** (6-minute drive): Econo Lodge Battle Creek, 165 Capital Ave. SW; phone (269) 965-3976

**Second-Nearest** (7-minute drive): Baymont Inn and Suites Battle Creek Downtown, 182 West Van Buren St., Battle Creek, MI 49017; phone (269) 565-0500

**Near I-94 Exit 97** (11-minute drive): Hampton Inn Battle Creek, 1150 Riverside Dr., Battle Creek, MI 49017; phone (269) 979-5577

**Near I-94 Exit 97** (11-minute drive): Travelodge of Battle Creek, 5395 Beckley Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015; phone (269) 979-1828

**Near I-94 Exit 97** (10-minute drive): Red Roof Inn & Suites Battle Creek, 5050 Beckley Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015; phone (269) 979-1100

**Near I-94 Exit 97** (11-minute drive): America's Best Value Inn Battle Creek, 4775 Beckley Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015; phone (269) 979-1141

**Near I-94 Exit 97** (11-minute drive): Baymont Inn and Suites Battle Creek, 4725 Beckley Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49017; phone (269) 979-5400

**Near I-94 Exit 97** (11-minute drive): Knights Inn Battle Creek, 2595 Capital Ave. SW, Battle Creek, MI 49015; phone (269) 964-2600

**Near I-94 Exit 97** (10-minute drive): Quality Inn Battle Creek, 2590 Capital Ave. SW, Battle Creek, MI 49015; phone (269) 965-3201

**Near I-94 Exit 104** (15-minute drive): Quality Inn & Suites Next to the Casino, 11081 Michigan Ave. E, Battle Creek, MI 49014; phone (269) 964-3000

## Driving Directions

**From I-94:** Take exit 97 for Capital Ave. Turn onto Capital Ave. SW (left if coming from I-94 East, right if coming from I-94 West). After 2.5 miles, turn left onto W Columbia Ave. After 1 mile, turn right onto S 20th St. (After you turn, Columbia Plaza will be on your left.) The American Legion Captain Oscar Brady Post No. 298 will be 1.1 mile ahead on the right.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

**I have some vintage customs, but have never entered a live model horse show before...is this something a beginner can do?**

Absolutely! Feel free to either post any questions you may have on our Facebook group page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vcmecongress/>, or contact Ardith at [quickcomet@gmail.com](mailto:quickcomet@gmail.com).

**Can I enter my horse in *both* the VCMEC Vintage Custom Showcase and the VCMEC Breed Challenge?**

Yes, and we certainly encourage this! Your horse should start in the Showcase. Please be alert to when the time comes for your horse to enter his class in the Breed Challenge; you can then move him to his Breed Challenge class, and then back to the Showcase when his Breed Challenge class is done. Voting will continue in the Showcase during the Breed Challenge, so please bring along a photo of your horse as a placeholder in the Showcase while he's in his Breed Challenge class.

**My horse was created before the year 2000, but I don't know specifically what year for sure. He isn't signed or dated, but I can make a rough guess. Can I still enter him?**

Yes! Please make your best guess. (There's a chance he might be reclassified, if our show staff has a solid reason to believe he was created in a different decade.)

**My horse is not in perfect condition...can I still enter him?**

Vintage customs can be entered in any condition (although do be sure to dust them!). The horse should be as true as possible to the intent of its creating artist, even if that means leaving damage alone. A horse that has been repaired or restored to the original intent of its creating artist is also fine.

**My horse started off as a vintage custom, and then I had someone else repaint him, or had someone else replace his hair mane and tail with epoxy...can I still enter him?**

We're sorry, but a vintage custom that has been altered away from its creating artist's original intent is unfortunately not eligible to compete here.

**I just customized an old original finish Breyer horse! Since the Breyer itself was made before the year 2000, is my horse a vintage custom?**

Unfortunately, no. VCMEC classifies a vintage custom as a plastic model equine, of any size or scale, that was customized before the year 2000.

**Can I enter my vintage custom minis?**

Sure, vintage custom horses of any size or scale are welcome!

**My horse has been wearing a bridle for the last 30 years, and I'm worried about taking it off him...can I still enter him?**

Yes! No tack is allowed, but we'll make allowances for halters or bridles that may have become fixed onto the horse over time. Please, though, no saddles or harness; too much of the horse is obscured.

**My horse makes a good Morgan *and* a good Morab! In the Breed Challenge, can I enter him in both the Morgan class and Other Pure/Mixed Light Breeds class?**

We're sorry, but breed classes are one per horse; no cross-entering. We ask that you please pick one for your horse and stick with it.

**Can I proxy-show my friend's horses?**

You may proxy-show someone else's horses, from your own table (no additional table space), for \$3 a horse up to 10 horses. Please mark this clearly on the entry form. If more than 10 horses, the proxy entrant will have to pay the regular \$35 show fee and a table will be given.

**Can my friend and I team up as a stable entry?**

We're afraid fee sharing or entry sharing is not allowed. You must personally own the horses you're showing, unless they're being proxy-shown.

**Can I bring horses to sell?**

For this first VCMEC, we ask that you only bring vintage customs, and don't mark them openly for sale. We'd like to get some conversations going, so feel free to talk each other into quiet deals!

**I want to enter--can I give you my entry fee and entry form the day of the show?**

We're sorry, but we really need all entry fees and entry forms by the entry deadline of April 15. It unfortunately won't be possible to accommodate walk-ins.

**You want payment by PayPal, but can I pay by check?**

Showholder Ardith Carlton is currently working outside the U.S., so isn't able to deposit any checks before the entry deadline. If at all possible, we ask that you please pay by PayPal. If you absolutely are not able to do it, please contact Ardith at [quickcomet@gmail.com](mailto:quickcomet@gmail.com) to see what can be worked out.

**Oh no, I can't make it! Can I have a refund?**

If you let us know by April 24, we can refund your entry fee. After that, we're afraid there are no refunds; your entry fee will become a donation toward the costs of the show.

***Thanks so much for your interest, and we hope you'll help make history at VCMEC!***

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