



VCMEC LIVE III:

**Vintage Custom Model Equine Congress and the
Senior Equine Artist Resin Championships**

March 13, 2020

**Alongside All-Con 2020, Crowne Plaza North Dallas,
14315 Midway Road, Addison, TX 75001**

Doors open 8:00 a.m. ~ Show starts 9:00 a.m.

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

Here comes 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 mass-produced model equine that was customized before the year 2000 is eligible to enter the VCMEC division, and any artist resin equine that was decorated before the year 2000 is eligible to enter the SEARCH division. VCMEC and SEARCH each have two competitions: the Vintage Showcase and the Halter Challenge. From the people's-choice Vintage Showcase to the judged show-rings of the Halter 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!

So get your vintage gang together, and join us amid the excitement of All-Con 2020 in Addison, Texas on March 13 for a day of camaraderie, reminiscing, and good old-fashioned fun!

The show fee for attendees is \$40 per person for unlimited horses (for which you'll get a full table), or \$25 per person for up to 6 horses (for which you'll get part of a table), which gets you entry into both the VCMEC division for Vintage Customs and the SEARCH division for Artist Resins. (Proxy entries, to be shown by your proxy shower, may enter for \$5 a horse up to a limit of 6 horses [no table space] or \$40 unlimited [with a table].)

The VCMEC and SEARCH Vintage Showcases

Featuring a format pioneered by Sarah Minkiewicz-Breunig's A Good Vintage show, the VCMEC and SEARCH Vintage Showcases are designed to show off your dearest favorites.

VCMEC will have three classes, defined by date of creation, and SEARCH will have one class, 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 **5** equines in each Vintage Showcase 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.

(If you plan to also enter your horse in the VCMEC or SEARCH Halter Challenges, please bring a color photo of your horse to have as a place-holder in the Showcase while he's away in his Halter Challenge class.)

VCMEC VINTAGE SHOWCASE for Vintage Customs (limit 5 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 SHOWCASE GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

SEARCH VINTAGE SHOWCASE for Artist Resins (limit 5 entries per person)

1. Pre-2000

Vote-off of the top two vote-getters for SEARCH VINTAGE SHOWCASE GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

The VCMEC and SEARCH Halter Challenges

The VCMEC Halter Challenge's three divisions (1960s/1970s, 1980s, and 1990s) and SEARCH Halter Challenge's single division will each use the same classlist. You can enter up to **3** models per class in each division. Any horses beyond the class limit may be paid in for \$1 each.

Each class will be double-judged, with one set of placings for Breed, and a second set of placings for Workmanship. Double championships and reserves will be awarded, one for Breed and the other for Workmanship.

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 and SEARCH HALTER CHALLENGES

(Three VCMEC divisions for Vintage Customs: 1960s/1970s, 1980s, 1990s. SEARCH is a single division for Artist Resins: Pre-2000. Limit 3 entries per person per class. Any entries beyond the class limit may be paid in for \$1 each.)

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

VCMEC: Judge-off of Champions & Reserve Champions for VCMEC 1960s/1970s, 1980s, and 1990s
OVERALL DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS & OVERALL DIVISIONAL RESERVE CHAMPIONS

SEARCH: Judge-off of Champions & Reserve Champions for SEARCH HALTER CHALLENGE GRAND
CHAMPION & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

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

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 **February 29**, so don't miss out! **Attendee entry fee:** \$40 for unlimited horses (full table) or \$25 for up to 6 horses (partial table). **Proxy entry fee:** \$40 for unlimited horses (full table) or \$5 a horse up to a limit of 6 horses (no table). To enter, please send your entry fee by PayPal to Ardith Carlton at PayPal address makibako@gmail.com, and copy and fill in the items below and e-mail to Ardith at 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 entrants and attendees of Vintage Custom Model Equine Congress agree that the show staff and attendees, as well as the personnel of All-Con 2020 and the Crowne Plaza North Dallas, 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.

All entrants and attendees also agree that images of their model equines or themselves may appear in social media, or in print or online publications to commemorate and promote Vintage Custom Model Equine Congress and the Vintage Custom Model Equine Center.

Accommodations

We recommend the **Crowne Plaza North Dallas**, natch! 14315 Midway Road, Addison, TX 75001. (972) 980-8877; if booking by phone, use the Group Code "CON" to get the All-Con convention rate of \$99/night.

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.

Can I enter my horse in *both* the Vintage Showcase and the Halter 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 Halter Challenge; you can then move him to his Halter Challenge class, and then back to the Showcase when his Halter Challenge class is done. Voting will continue in the Showcase during the Halter Challenge, so please bring along a photo of your horse as a placeholder in the Showcase while he's in his Halter Challenge class.

My horse was created or decorated 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 or artist resins of any size or scale are welcome!

I have an artist resin that was cast before the year 2000, but was painted in 2000 or after. Can he show here?

We're sorry, but to compete here, the horse needs to have been decorated prior to the year 2000.

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 Halter 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 \$5 a horse up to 6 horses. Please mark this clearly on the entry form. If more than 6 horses, the proxy entrant will have to pay the regular \$40 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?

We will be charged by the hotel if sales are conducted, so please, no obvious "for sale" signs...but discrete horse-swapping, for money or what have you, is certainly welcome. (Please do not bring Original Finish horses.)

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 February 29. It unfortunately won't be possible to accommodate walk-ins.

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

If you let us know by March 6, 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 for your interest, and we hope you'll help make history at VCMEC Live III!