

## **CPU Mod Contest Rules**

## Rules:

- 1. Only one entrant per person (not per seat). You do not have to sit in Mod Row.
- 2. Your mod must be a functional, complete PC that is easily recognizable as a computer.
- 3. A case you have done the work on cannot be entered as someone else's.
- 4. If your mod has previously appeared in *CPU*'s "Mad Reader Mod" feature, it is ineligible to win the contest.
- Your mod must be your idea and any work that you had to commission you need to disclose to the judges.

## Judging Criteria:

Judges' decisions are final and will be based on their observations regarding the following criteria. Each of the following categories is worth 25%

- Technical merit: Creative placement of parts and "outside-the-box" changes you have made to existing components or your case that are likely to have a positive effect on performance and/or that make for more efficient use of the space you have to work with.
- Artistic merit: Does the case have a cohesive theme or a distinctive look, or is it simply a collection of parts thrown together behind a window and lighted fans?
- Polish: The fit-and-finish portion of your work. This includes clean, smooth paint; solid cable management and sleeving/hiding; tight, smooth seams; the functionality of your mods (i.e. custom doors and mechanisms); and effective use of lighting.
- "Wow" factor: Judges' overall reaction to your mod.

## Categories:

We will have 3 categories - Creative, Original and Custom. LANFest with CPU will judge all the PCs then CPU Mag will make the final call for first, "Best of Show." And there will be one winner for each category

- Custom = Build is the most custom material and parts.
- Creative = The most creative design or build.
- Original = The most original case mod. Meaning like not the norm or haven't seen before.