1. Original Junior Articles AUTHORS:
- must be under 12 years of age for the youngest junior category when published
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- must be a member of the club that submitted the entry in the regional competition
- may have only one AFMS submission per club per category per region
- 1st place AFMS trophy winners may NOT enter the same category for the following 2 years

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- was written for one bulletin and one region
- must be hobby-related
- was NOT written for a regional newsletter
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