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Subject: Re: Pet Peeve

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We want to adhere to the rules. Like you say, it's easy to cross the line, especially when we start feeling like we know one another and are just talking on the forum like we would in person, at a club meeting or trade show or whatever. But the whole reason we established these rules is that we saw unfair advantage for some on other websites, so we want to be careful of doing the same thing here. One place I personally felt conflicted about this was on the GPAF write-ups. Some there are ART sponsors, others aren't. But everyone at GPAF got a banner ad and a write-up. It's truly a grass-roots event that's there to allow folks to show their gear without cost. It allows new small manufacturers and hobbyists the same ability to show as larger companies, and it lets the public have a chance to interact with them. The problem is that non-sponsors have no association with ART, yet sponsors do. So in order to prevent giving non-sponsors an advantage to sponsors, I wrote up each of them. But I did try to make each write-up pretty basic, just introduce each room and describe its contents. Others were able to comment in more detail. I'm hoping next year some of this will get delegated to others. It's a lot of work to arrange the event, do the press releases and set up signs, take photos and do write-ups afterward. I am thankful that so much enthusiasm has been sparked and I think next year some of these tasks will be delegated to others.

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