



# The Potomac Flyer

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### Mini-Con and Board of Directors election in March

This mini con, unlike those of the past, is geared more toward prototype railroading. See Garret's article on page two for an explanation.

It will also be our annual Business meeting. We have one at least once a year to elect the Board of Directors. There is a vacancy on the board and we need a new face to step forward to fill it. If you are interested contact Garret or any of the Board members so you may be considered by the membership.

The date is 22 March 2003 starting at 9:00 AM at the at the Brunswick Railroad Museum in Brunswick, Maryland.

### Division Picnic and Layout Tour

Jim Stapleton has offered to host the first Potomac Division Picnic in conjunction with his steam-up on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be a good time for a picnic. Jim has offered a clinic on live steam as well as the opportunity to see some really nifty steam models in action. The festivities would start at 2PM with dinner at 6PM. If you would be interested either e mail or call Jim. His e mail and phone number are on page 2.

### Breaking News - Potomac Division to Sponsor Fall 2003 MER Convention

The Fall 2003 MER Convention will be held October 10-13, Columbus Day weekend at the Sheraton Reston, at the International Center off the toll Road.

Details are still being worked as to clinics, layout tours (we have the best), prototype adventures, contests, speakers, Banquet etc. But mark your calendar NOW!

Bob Minnis has agreed to be the Convention Chairman. If you would like to volunteer to work on one of the committees contact him, Clint or Garret. We need all the help we can get.

### Next MER Special Edition Car.

MER's next special edition car will be a N scale Micro Trains 40' standard box car. It will be box car red lettered for the Western Maryland in the speed lettering style. There will be two road numbers. First availability will be the Fall MER Convention.

As you can see there is a lot going on in your Division. Get involved and have more fun!

**Potomac Division Mail Address:** Last issue we told you we were going to get a new Post Office Box number. The new address is:

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## From the Business Car

by Garret Nicholson  
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On Saturday, March 22, 2003, we will have our mini convention at the Brunswick Railroad Museum in Brunswick, Maryland. Brunswick is on the Potomac along the rail line to Harper's Ferry. It has a model railroad museum and a prototype rail line. Freight traffic runs seven days a week and MARC traffic runs during the week. I am contacting CSX to arrange, if possible, a tour of their freight area in Brunswick.

We will get a \$4.00 admission to the museum and historical displays and have the use of their basement room for a nominal fee. This room is approximately 30 feet square and we can use it for lunch and the business meeting. I will contact a local church or organization to provide a lunch. Since this mini convention is between the fall 2002 midi convention and the fall 2003 regional convention, we will not have contests and clinics, but will concentrate on the local rail attractions. Bring your camera, there is great rail fanning from Harper's Ferry to Point of Rocks.

Free parking is available at the MARC parking lot on the weekends. We will have registration at the museum. Brunswick can be reached from Virginia by taking Route 287 over the Potomac and from Maryland by taking Route 340 west from Frederick. The price to attend the convention, see the museum and have lunch will be \$10.

Two weeks ago, I did some track work repair on Ken Jones' layout at the Asbury Retirement Home in Rockville. We had to keep interrupting the repair work to run trains for the succession of grandparents and grandchildren who popped in because the door was open. This layout is a showcase of the hobby for people who do not usually see a model railroad. The Potomac Division owns a modular layout, which until last weekend was stored under my layout. I convinced Nic Timenes that we could set it up in his basement for a time in order for him to run trains. On New Years Eve we set it up and for the first time since he was a boy, Nic had trains running in his house.

Sharing your time and skills is an enjoyable part of our hobby. Somebody you know could use some help or encouragement. Try it sometime.

## Achievement News

by Bill Roman & Ed Price

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Photos by Don Watson.

I would like to thank Bill Roman, Roger Boughton, Ned Carey and Noll Horan for their helping with the judging at the Midi-Con. I would also like to thank Jim and Jo Anne Stapleton for helping with the popular vote contest. A special thanks to Jo Anne Stapleton her calligraphy on the popular vote awards. The model contest at the midi-convention had a turnout of 10 models.

Merit Awards to NMRA members for contest models winning more than the required 87 ½ points go to: John Griffith for his Engine House with Machine Shop and Coaling Tower and Ken Larson for his Blast Furnace.

Winners of the popular vote contest are:

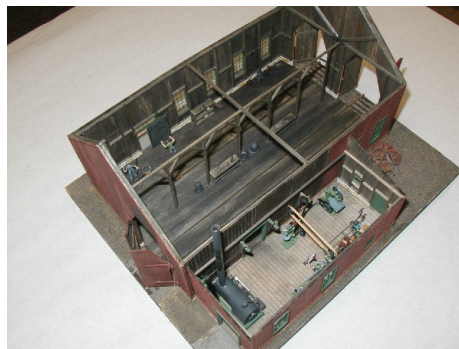
Favorite Loco: 1<sup>st</sup> John Griffith - Class "B" Shay.  
Favorite Rolling Stock: 1<sup>st</sup> Ned Carey - B&O Gondola  
Favorite Structure: 1<sup>st</sup> John Griffith - Engine House with Machine Shop; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Larsen – Great Lakes Ore Ship; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed Price - C&O Freight Station.  
Favorite Train: 1<sup>st</sup> Noll Horan  
Favorite Diorama/ Module: 1<sup>st</sup> Jerry McCrory - Mountain Scene / City Scene; 2<sup>nd</sup> John Griffith – Coaling Tower & Sand; 3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Kafka - Basalt Co. Colorado Midland

I would like to encourage every NMRA member to participate in the AP. Remember you don't have to enter a contest to participate. All you have to do is contact me or Bill Roman and we will come to your house to judge your models for the program. This is a good idea especially for structures you have already "planted" in your layout and that can't be moved, and of course is about the only route for the Electrical and Civil Engineer plus Scenery categories.

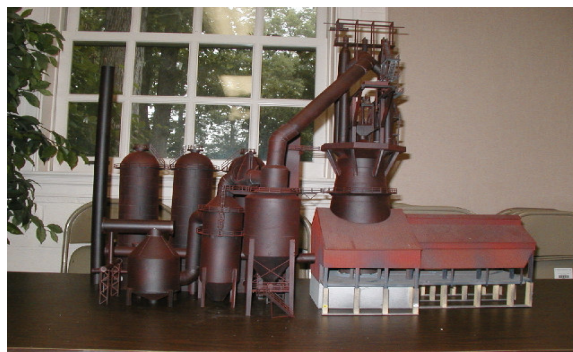
Just a reminder as to the definition of scratchbuilt: a model completely constructed by the applicant without the use of any commercial parts except: motor, gears, drivers/wheels, couplers, light bulbs, trucks, bell, marker and classification lights, valve gear, car brake fittings, and basic

wood/metal/plastic shapes. For a model to be considered as scratchbuilt motive power it must receive 11 points out of 15 in the scratchbuilt judging category. A car model must receive 14 points out of 15. There is no specific point value specified for structures.

The next contest will be this at the Regional convention next Fall... so keep building those models. Another reminder: please use the most current AP forms when entering models in the contest, since the new ones have space for the membership numbers (regional and national) as well as the membership expiration date. If you don't have access to the Internet to download these forms, please contact one of us and we'll be glad to provide them.



John Griffith's Engine House



Ken Larson's Blast Furnace.



John Griffith's Class "B" Shay

## Northern Virginia NTRAK News

by Noll Horan

NV Ntrak closed out the year 2002 in Chantilly at the Greenberg's Show. With a two loop setup measuring 60x40 feet (give or take), there was plenty of trackage, running time and participants to provide the public with a nice demonstration of just what N Scale model railroading is all about. As is the norm, we answered many questions, educated the public and signed up a couple of new members as well.

Spliced in between the many November setups, having at least one, sometimes more than that each weekend, was the Annual NV Ntrak Christmas Party. This is the one time of year where the membership can get together to run trains, eat, mingle, eat some more, exchange modeling ideas, eat, and just exhibit some genuine, good ol boy camaraderie. Mr. Bill Palmer and his wife Jerry open their home for this festive occasion for us band of N Scale renegades. And a guaranteed fine time was had by all who attended. Our grateful thanks to the Palmer's.

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003, NV Ntrak will conduct their Annual Business Meeting at our Back Shop headquarters, the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Springfield. Along with the business portion of the meeting will be the election/reelection of some of our Board of Directors. Two members have served their four year terms and will be retiring from the Board. This includes yours truly. I will be stepping down as President after two years in that capacity. Whew!!! So we will be electing a new President among other BOD members to carry us through our big extravaganza in 2004, the NTRAK East Convention. Or as we like to refer to it as the Capitol Limited 04. And that is where my energies will be centered as an Ex-president. They just will not let up on me. I guess that multi-scale thing has something to do with it.

Speaking of 04, the convention planning committee really wants this convention to be attractive to the Potomac Division and the Mid-Eastern Region as well as the NMRA. Just because it is N Scale does not mean it is strictly that scale. So look for future announcements concerning what the committee has in store for all you model railroaders out there.

We have a pretty full plate in the coming months. The Narrow Minded Bunch will have their High LiNn3 Route at the Great Scale Model Train Show in Timonium Super Bowl weekend. This will be a stand alone Nn3 layout and not affiliated with the standard Ntrak layout. We plan to display a 24x5 foot layout of tiny trains running through wide open countryside. Stop by and say hello if you are in the neighborhood.

Our superintendent has scheduled setups at Upper Marlboro, Landmark Mall, Saunders Middle School just to name a few. We will also resume our monthly exhibit at the Fairfax Railroad Museum in February. We do this every third Sunday of the month February thru November. And we also pick up our monthly Back Shop sessions in February. So you can see, NV Ntrak once again will be busy during the first quarter of 2003. And I am sure there are and will be other venues coming up between now and the end of March.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, I guess it is time to close this puppy up since I have run out of topics to tell you about. Plus I am not exactly on time with this, as usual! Remember, you can always check NV Ntrak out on the www at <http://www.nvntrak.org/> for an updated schedule of events.

And as always. My time is up. I thank you for yours.

## **5th Annual Model Train Show & Railroading & Merit Badge Workshop**

The 5th Annual Model Train Show & Railroading & Merit Badge Workshop will be sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 964, of Dale City, VA. On Saturday, March 15, 2003, from 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, March 16, 2003, from 1 PM to 5 PM.

The admission: is \$4,.00 for adults; \$2.00 for students; and under 6 are free. The event will be held at Saunders Middle School, 13557 Spriggs Rd, Manassas, VA 20112

The train show will feature trains G to Z. scale. Planned is the largest DCC-controlled HO Modular Layout assembled in Prince William County. It will featuring modules from The Prince William Model Railroad Club, Piedmont Model Railroaders, Potomac Module Crew, and Boy Scout Troop 964

Also featured will be Lego Trains; Potomac Steam Industries and Operation Life Saver presentations.

Refreshments will be available and there will be door prizes.

The Railroading Merit Merit Badge Workshop has so far awarded over 300 Railroading Merit Badges in the 4 years that the show has been held. For information on the Railroading Merit Badge and Registration: Please call (703) 680-9758, or email Troop964Trains@aol.com

For additional information on this event in general call (703) 730-1296; Email: Troop964Trains@aol.com; or go to the Web Site: <http://www.troop964.org>

## **Another Place to see a Layout**

The Northern Virginia Model Railroaders, Inc. in Vienna, VA will host an open house on the following dates:

Saturday, February 15, 2003

Saturday, March 15, 2003

Saturday, April 12, 2003

Noon until 4:00pm each day

The club is located in the historic "Washington & Old Dominion Railroad" station, located at 231 Dominion Road (at the intersection with Ayr Hill Road) in Vienna, Virginia.

There is no admission charge, though donations are accepted. More information can be obtained by going to their web site at [www.nvmr.org](http://www.nvmr.org), by e-mail at [nvmrinc@hotmail.com](mailto:nvmrinc@hotmail.com) or by calling 703-938-5157 on the day of the open house. The club meets on Tuesday evenings.

## **Home Layout Tour Hosts Needed**

One of the activities that make the Potomac Division such a great organization is the opportunity to see other folks work. Most other Divisions have home layout tours only in support of conventions, we try to have one each month.

At present we are contacting those who have hosted tours before. A fair number have agreed to host another. We are however, running out of layouts and need some new folks to step up.

We know that there are some great layouts out there. If you have one, share it with the rest of us. It does not make any difference what scale or that your empire is not complete. Its not that much trouble, you get to show off your hard work, and you may even get some ideas that help you. If you are interested in hosting a tour of your line contact Ed McGill at (703) 528-5419.

## Intimidation - Don't play that game

by Nicholas Kalis

A strange title for an article in the model railroad press you ask? Not really. It came upon me as I tried a technique I saw in Allen Keller's third tape on George Sellios' *Franklin and South Manchester*. Some of the great results seen on famous layouts are just not that hard to do for ourselves. In my case, I saw how George gets the great weathered roof appearance on his layout. All Sellios does is dip his paint brush into a mixture of black India ink and rubbing alcohol and then dip it into a bit of Acrylic raw sienna from a tube. All I did is follow George's directions and apply his mixture to the roofs of my structures. The hardest part of Sellios' technique was assembling the few supplies available at any decent art supply store. In fact, doing a roof of one structure took less than two minutes from start to finish. The results were spectacular.

Another example of an easy technique that garners great reviews is to pour a bit of two-part epoxy on the roofs of your structures. Doug Gurin, of the Layout Design SIG, shared this one with me. Even though this technique takes only a few seconds to apply, the resulting "puddles" are what many viewers remember the most from their visit to your layout.

I point all this out this out because, if we can just isolate some factors stopping people from building their layouts, we just might make a valuable contribution to the Potomac Division's layout pool. In Keller's previously mentioned video, even George Sellios tells us some publications have shied from covering his layout because they feel it, might intimidate some readers. I think great modeling such as George's, instead, inspires most of us. It gets us to reach deep inside ourselves to reach ever better personal achievements in the hobby.

I recently visited Monroe Stewart's N-scale Hooch Junction layout in his suburban Maryland home.

There, Monroe shared this insight with me: he related how people can sometimes read between the lines of articles/editorials from commentators in the modeling press. Monroe holds the National Model Railroad Association's MMR designation. Stewart frets too many readers of the modeling press, rather than be inspired from what they read and see therein, often come away intimidated. By intimidated, Monroe believes they think their techniques, wallets, and fidelity- to-prototype just will not measure up against the efforts/abilities/results of others. Monroe's approach is to *just do it* as the Nike commercial tells us. Worse comes to worse, we may do a terrible job of it and start over again. But our efforts are not wasted, we have become a better modeler as a result. Another approach is that there are no modeling police to fine one for a less than perfect layout.

Try some of the techniques you read about in the hobby press or see demonstrated on a video tape and you just might be surprised at how good you are at it and how good it turns out.

Follow Monroe's advice, read the modeling press, but don't let experienced modelers or nit-pickers intimidate you. My particular caveat is that we give the same respect to those folks who get pleasure from replicating a railroad to an exact month and date as does Jack Burgess as we expect from them. Their way is fine too. Remember. *Just do it*.

## Potomac HO Crew Module Notes

from Mark Andersen

A very Happy Holidays to All!!! Hoping everyone one had a safe and joyous holiday season? Again we welcome another year and opportunity to display trains in the Virginia, Washington DC, and Maryland areas. We are fortunate to continue to display our various regions and eras of railroads we each depict. Many times over I have overheard our viewing public enthusiastically say they can not wait for next years layout and what it might bring. Many of our venues, are static in design, but when we incorporate our wyes and loops, the shapes do get interesting to plan and view.

A first time layout and smallest loop to date occurred at Jennings Chapel in Lisbon, Maryland. We were invited to display at their fall fund raising event courtesy of Art Wollam. All had a great time! It was difficult to decide on all the sandwiches and the deserts. You just have to "Love" those women that bake and donate for any organization, home made can rarely be beat! Another plus included seeing Maryland farmland, something we northern Virginians seem to blow by when on Maryland interstate.

Our Midi-Convention was a fantastic event! The module crew displayed a twenty-module layout with the N-Trak group in the social hall of St. Matthew's Church. Jerry McCrory not only debuted his modules, but also won "Most Favorite," and Dick Kafka's placing third as well! The clinics offered, afforded all the opportunity to either teach or learn new techniques. I had the opportunity to briefly listen to sand blasting and lightweight module building clinics. Both have changed the way I now create models, effect change in the model itself and module frame designs. Everyone that drags his or her modules around knows of the weight issue. Many watch each other in their setup and speedy tear down of those modules that so many of us come to admire. The support methods of legs range from EMT pipe to two by two inch pine, including the numerous nut/threaded insert attachment systems, always amazes me. I am one of those "oh no, I have to lift all that again?" Let me tell you, study Matt Chibarro's book and/or articles, you will learn that less is more.

Next came those layout tours. If you missed any or all of them, you missed opportunities of learning from the masters. Many of our hosts have authored or appeared in most of the model railroad magazines. While I missed several other great layouts, the rocky mountain layouts of Dick Patton and Andrew Dodge to the fall in New England of Paul Dolkos's layouts were fantastic. As a group, we are not taking advantage of the opportunities one has presented to them. Many layout tours are not visited for one reason or another, but what you are missing is unbelievable. Make the effort; you will surprise yourself with the opportunity to learn modeling methods and techniques. One does not have to

copy their road, but to witness the methods involved. I have judged modules and layouts three times, all the while learning why the builder did what they did and those methods utilized. One can read an article or book, but more is gained from seeing and asking how something was modeled.

Our annual showing at the Rockville Lions club continues, thanks in part to Ell Geib's continuing invitation. Our 47 module layout, designed by Bill Brandon, incorporated the loop-to-loop design, along with a walk-in area for show attendees. Bill's design permitted more show attendee room and viewing, courtesy of two custom inside curves he constructed. We always appreciate the ingenuity of our members in furthering our cause. Our DCC crew also tested itself with the continuous bugs and quirks that arise. A special "Thanks" to all those who continue to help! Continued assistance and participation from Ralph Douglas of the Piedmont railroaders is always appreciated. This venue also included four other scales, N-Trak, National Capital Trackers O gauge, Peter and Carol Jobush G gauge and the Southern Maryland Z gauge module of Ell Geib.

The Christmas fund raising extravaganza at the Fairfax Freight Station occurred on December 7th and 8th. Our twelve module layout ran well. This year is the first time I remember that we actually had snow, let alone temperatures not in the seventies. The garden railroaders proved most innovative, giving snowplow and snow blower demonstrations, while the rest of us enjoyed the confines of the heated station. We are most fortunate continuing the history of this show and assisting in drawing people to this fund raising event. Our own Colin Weiner's modules and NS coal train were in Monday's December 9, 2002 Washington Post Metro section.

As we move forward into 2003, make it a personal goal to improve some aspect of your modeling. The AP program in our region demands your participation. Reward yourself with a "well done," for that modeling perfection. So many of us say we don't have the time, yet with a little effort it can be achieved and the process started. I hope to see your models in the judging room next Mini Convention.

As always, our group is always looking for new members, come and join in the fun. You may visit us through our website courtesy of Webmaster Colin Weiner at <http://hometown.aol.com/pmchorr01/PMC-Frame.html>. Please feel free to contact me at 703-425-8997 or email me at [mandersen@erols.com](mailto:mandersen@erols.com). Again, many "Thanks" to you all for our continued model railroading efforts and the camaraderie it creates!

# Potomac Division

Division 2, Mid-Eastern Region, National Model Railroad Association  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND INTEREST SURVEY

The **Potomac Division** provides various activities for all interested model railroaders, such as home layout tours, prototype tours, and a Mini-Convention every March. We publish a quarterly newsletter, the Potomac Flyer, detailing Division activities. We proudly boast one of the greatest concentrations of model railroading talent in the country with more than 10 NMRA Master Model Railroaders in our area, as well as hundreds of other outstanding modelers.

The Potomac Division includes: The District of Columbia; Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, and St. Mary's Counties in Maryland; Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, and Rappahannock Counties in Virginia, as well as all area independent cities. Local residence is not required for Division membership. Anyone interested in learning more about model railroading, improving their modeling skills, and enjoying the company of fellow model railroaders is invited to join the **Potomac Division**. Guests are always welcome at Division events.

**Potomac Division Members are required to be members of NMRA and MER. This did not used to be the case, now it is.**  
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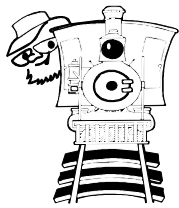
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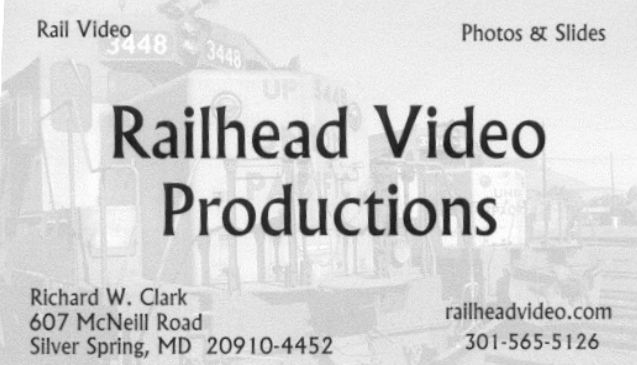
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15-16 Potomac Module Crew at The Lyceum,  
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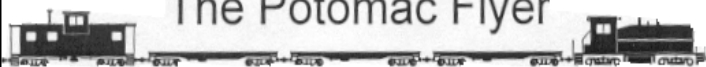
### March

15-16 Potomac Module Crew at the Boy Scout  
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