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## Swap Meet Set for Fairfax Station

THE ANNUAL Potomac Division Swap Meet will be held in the historic Fairfax Station on Saturday, September 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Due to the limited space, there will be no commercial vendors. It will be a true swap meet among hobbyists since all sellers must be current Division members.

If you have vintage structure or rolling stock kits which you "just had to own" when they came out, but now there is no way they fit in with your era or scale, bring them to the meet. They may be exactly what another modeler is seeking. If you bought a string of those beautiful Proto 2000 tank cars only to find that they require far more time to assemble than either your job or your spouse will allow, why not offer them to an ambitious modeler?

Past Swap Meets generated a lot of interest. Last year, one seller offered some rare locomotives at unbelievable prices, selling everything in under two hours. He went home early with a pocketful of money while some fine rolling stock found its way onto new layouts. Other sellers have brought bundles of track, boxes of parts, paints and almost anything imaginable in all scales. Many buyers love to rummage through boxes of "junk." Most of the stuff sells. The good-natured haggling at the Swap Meet can be worth the price of admission.

Reservations for one table per seller will be on a first come, first served basis. Six foot tables rent for \$10. About 15 tables will be available. Payment must accompany reservations. Please contact Bob Minnis.

There will be a White Elephant table for those with only a few items to swap or sell. Ten percent of the sale price goes to the Potomac Division. If an item does not sell, there will be no charge for the space.

The meet will also feature a raffle. One item is a Walthers HO Santa Fe train set valued at \$100. N-scalers can take a chance on a "surprise box" of assorted rolling stock and goodies.

Admission to the Swap Meet will be \$2 for members and \$4 for "passengers." See Bob Minnis' column on page two for an explanation of the term "passenger."

## Division Charter Renewed

AFTER Division members voted at the March Mini-Convention to update the bylaws, the new charter was approved by the Mid-Eastern Region. MER Vice President John Johnson presented the new document to Ken Berthoud at the MER Spring Convention awards ceremony in Charlotte, NC. The Potomac Division bylaws now conform to all NMRA and MER regulations.

### HO Big Tent Displayed Under a Little Tent

Jack Elder shows spectators his HO circus display which was included in the Potomac Module Crew's layout at the annual Manassas Railway Festival. The one day event featured operating N scale, HO and O gauge layouts sheltered by festive tents. The train modules, VRE rides, live music and a variety of food concessions drew an estimated 20,000 people. (photo ©Ken Heinen)







## The Potomac Division

Division 2 ("Potomac"). Mid-eastern Region.  
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The Potomac Division territory 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.

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## From the Business Car

### A Time for Changes

by Bob Minnis  
Division Superintendent

**C**HANGE is constant. It happens to each of us almost every day of our lives at home, at work and in the community around us. Webster's New World Dictionary devotes at least half of a page to define change.

Why do I write about change? Because this issue of *The Potomac Flyer* brings a change to the editor's position. Ken Heinen has stepped forward to fill the vacancy left by Laura Hughes. Ken is a photojournalist by profession. He had prior experience in publishing a trade magazine/newsletter when he was president of the mid-Atlantic chapter of the American Society of Media Photographers. There will be some changes in the appearance of this quarterly; a new format, a different font or type style, and maybe even a new feature or column. Regardless of what changes Ken makes, he will continue the excellence established by the previous editors. Ken and I have shared a modular interest over the past six years, and I know him to be very capable of meeting the challenge. Comments or suggestions are always welcome. Send us an e-mail.

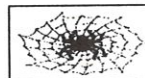
**The next change** is the Swap Meet. Finding a place which is both suitable and affordable can present a problem. This year's location will be Fairfax Station. Since space is limited, there will be no commercial vendors. Several volunteers will be needed to assist the Board members. If you are interested, please contact any member of the Board. See the story on the front page for more details about the event.

**The final change** is caused by the recent change in the bylaws that requires membership at Division, Region, and National levels. These tri-level participants are called members. Individuals who only pay dues at the Division will henceforth be referred to as "passengers." They will pay for their subscription to the newsletter and for admission to Division events. They will not be able to vote or hold office.

In the many discussions leading up to the vote on the Division bylaws, I heard the question, "What has the Region to offer me?" You can obtain the answer in person by attending the MER Convention in Allentown, PA, on October 9-11, 1998. Details about the MER Lehigh Valley Limited activities are outlined on page seven of this newsletter. Plan to attend and enjoy the fun.

**My thanks go** to the Stapletons, the Wrights, the Jobuschs, and Mr. Beekman for welcoming the Division in their homes. Each received a certificate of appreciation.

### Interesting Internet...



Check out *Model Railroader's* revised web site with new links to other useful information:

<http://www.modelrailroader.com>



## Start Planning for MER Judging

by Ken Berthoud

NMRA Achievement Program Representative

IT'S SUMMERTIME and we have been out of our basements/train rooms for a while gardening, golfing, traveling or just enjoying the great outdoors. However, it's not too soon to start planning for the upcoming NMRA-AP Merit Judging at the MER Fall Convention scheduled for October 9-11, 1998, in Allentown, Pa. It is quite time consuming to prepare well-documented, concise paperwork, not to mention finishing the detailing of your model. Therefore, it isn't too early to start.

As a reminder, the descriptions written on the entry forms can make or break merit qualifications. Explaining why you did something can clarify it sufficiently for the judges to give you credit. In a situation where the model alone might not earn enough credit to qualify for a merit award, meticulous paperwork could swing the balance in the modeler's favor. Take the time necessary to complete the forms, adding sheets if necessary to complete your explanation. Disregard the comments in Item 3 of the Judging Entry Form. The more information you provide for the judges, the better your chances are of receiving credit.

Several members have asked if there is a way for them to have their models judged at the convention without their attendance at the event. There is no requirement for modelers to be present to have their models judged. If you are not planning to attend, but want your model to be judged at Allentown, please contact me at (703) 354-1438. I will be happy to take your entry to the convention for you, provided that it is not too large. The main reason we recommend getting models judged at the convention is that the contests are a regular part of the program. Thus, many judges are present to evaluate the models.

### Here's Your Chance

## Ever Daydream of Being a Prototype Railroad Conductor?

BEING A FREIGHT railroad conductor can be dangerous and physically demanding. Conductors work outside much of the time regardless of weather conditions. They are responsible for the safe operation of trains within the guidelines of railroad operating rules. A conductor's mistakes or lack of attention to detail can lead to the loss of life, the destruction of millions of dollars of property and in some cases catastrophic damage to the environment. Yet these challenges may be what draws many to the occupation.

The Community College of Philadelphia in cooperation with CSX Transportation is offering a course designed to prepare prospective freight conductors for railroad jobs. Applications are screened through a series of preliminary tests and interviews. The course consists of an intensive five weeks of classroom instruction followed by one week of field training under direct CSX-T supervision.

Like the work the students could eventually do on the railroad, the on-site field training may be conducted seven days a week, day or night, in any weather, and it may include overnight trips. The program concentrates on teaching basic railroading and safety issues. Students are expected to score 90 percent or better on all tests, quizzes and assignments. The minimum passing grade is 85 percent. CSX-T interviews all individuals who successfully complete the program, but it does not guarantee jobs. Rigorous physical exams are required.

The U.S. railroad industry is expected to hire thousands of conductors within the next four years. Beginning salaries are just over \$30,000 yearly, with senior conductors making \$50,000. The course costs \$3,950. If this sounds like your dream, contact The Community College of Philadelphia Workforce Development Center, Railroad Conductor Training at (215) 972-5500 or (888) 742-1616 for details.

## Input Encouraged

by Ken Heinen

Editor

SEVEN YEARS ago my neighbor, Tim Costello, invited me to go with him to a train meet. At that mini-convention of what was then called the Dixie Division of NMRA, I was impressed by the operating HO modules, especially Bob Minnis' corner display. I also liked the way the modelers were sharing information. Because everyone was so friendly, I joined on the spot. What could I lose for two dollars?

Inspired, I went home to design my module. Weeks later, I showed my plans at a meeting of the module group. With their suggestions in hand, I redesigned, then began construction. Catching the spirit, my teenage son, Eric, began building his own module. Eventually, we combined our efforts to build a single industrial scene covering two modules. One of our greatest pleasures at shows is answering the numerous questions about how we did things. Sometimes we learn more than we teach.

As I look back, that shared hobby experience with Eric helped cement our already close relationship. Now a graduate of The College of William & Mary, Eric has been a huge help while I am learning desktop publishing. I suspect he has forgotten more about computers than I will ever know.

Until recently, my only experiences with the Division had been through participating in module meets and going to occasional layout tours. Talking with so many of you since I took over as editor six weeks ago has opened my eyes to the various ways of enjoying model railroading. I hope this diversity will be reflected in future issues. I encourage your input.

Finally, we have a plethora of home layout tours scheduled. I have included a short feature on page 8 about tour etiquette as a reminder for the old hands and as a guideline for new people.



## Steam Sound Tried at Mall Meet

by Matt Schaefer

**W**E ALWAYS enjoy "RunniN TraiNs" in the beautiful palm court atrium at Landmark Mall. Our March 14-15 show consisted of 320 feet of Red Line Route in two separate layouts. This show was the debut of Bernie Kempinski's "oNeTRAK" one-foot-deep, single track modules with DCC control. Bernie experimented with SoundTrax steam sounds which have great steam and bell effects, but some thought our N scale tweeters were not loud enough for the mall.

The full page notice in *The Potomac Flyer* said that our March 15 division open house at Fairfax Station would feature the fantastic skills of our members! I could not wait to see it myself, but first, quick add more buildings and trees! Our 3 x 9 foot layout helped the museum explain the history of the RRs along the route through Accotink, Fairfax Station and Manassas Junction.

The April 24-26 weekend featured a large layout in the Springfield Mall and one at the Carolina Junction Convention in Charlotte, N.C. Gil Brauch took a trailer full of modules to set up in the main lobby of the MER convention hotel. NVNTRAK specializes in trains lapping around the layout while members hang over modules socializing with everyone.

**We have a dozen** road crew members who "have trains, will travel." Last year we did a large part of the NTRAK layout in the Madison Trade Show as well as the NTRAK East Convention near Philly on Nov. 6-9. On June 3 - 7, we hauled 170 feet of modules 900 miles by AutoTrain, plane and other contraptions to Orlando for the NTRAK '98 East Convention. That layout included our junctions, the new "oNeTRAK" loop, two new 45s, John Plant's first place 3 x 10 Sewell modules, Dud Ross's 2 x 9 Allegheny, Brian's New River inside corner and many other fine new modules.

Digitrax provided the R/C system for Orlando's Red Line. Surprise everyone, it is not easy to run trains in all directions without passing tracks, dispatchers and dedicated operating crews. This again raised the question, with either DCC or DC, how much effort do we want to put into operations and switching. With 100 club members, you can get a lot of different answers!

**A 12-man road crew** took off on our "New River Cannonball" on April 3 - 5. We rode the Amtrak Cardinal Superliner lounge 10 hours through the New River Gorge to Ashland, Kent., 900 miles round trip. Then we rented a 15 passenger van and rode another 300 miles studying steel mills, refineries, Thrumond, W.V., junk yards, dumps and all the other famous attractions in W.V. Several modules were built from ideas gathered from the trip.

**New Web Site** - To keep up on the latest events, visit us at our new web site <http://www.ppitstop.com/nvntrak/>.

## Pike Named Potomac Belt Line

by Bruce Strickland

**B**EFORE the doors opened to the public at the Potomac Division's Mini-Convention on March 14, the Crew held its first business meeting in three years. Following a spirited discussion, we agreed to name our modular railroad the Potomac Belt Line. We also voted to have banners made, to add more equipment to our DCC system, to investigate the purchase of uniform golf shirts for greater visibility at public events and to adopt the RF&P's blue and gray colors.

Our shirts will be gray with blue embroidery. This color scheme matches our new banner donated by KMA Junction of Manassas. The Crew wants to thank Fran and Steve Fortas of KMA for their contribution to the Potomac Belt Line.

**We had sixteen modules** representing nine Crew members for the railroad we set up at the Lyceum in Alexandria, Va., on February 14-15. Don Barrett took videos of our railroad and presented an edited version of to us. You can see some of his work on our web page. The Lyceum staff said that about 500 people visited our railroad that weekend.

In May, the town of Garrett Park, Md., invited us to be a part of the Garrett Park Centennial Party. Bill Brandon and his son joined the Crew for the first time as we assembled a 12 module railroad. This was the first event at which we tried Digitrax radio controls. We agreed that the sound system of the prototype CSX trains running near our display was better than ours.

On June 6, we participated in the Manassas Railroad Festival where we built the largest pike we have ever done without joining with another modular group. The 28 modules were constructed by 13 members.

**The active roster** of Crew grew by two members. Mark Andersen contributed three new modules, and Ignacio Pessoa contributed one featuring a familiar scene from Old Town Alexandria which includes the Masonic Temple.

By the time you read this, we will have been at the Greenberg Show in Chantilly in July. We return to the Lyceum on August 28-29. Other events on the Crew's schedule include the Great American Train Show in the middle of October as well as our regular appearance at the Rockville Lions' Club Train Show in November.

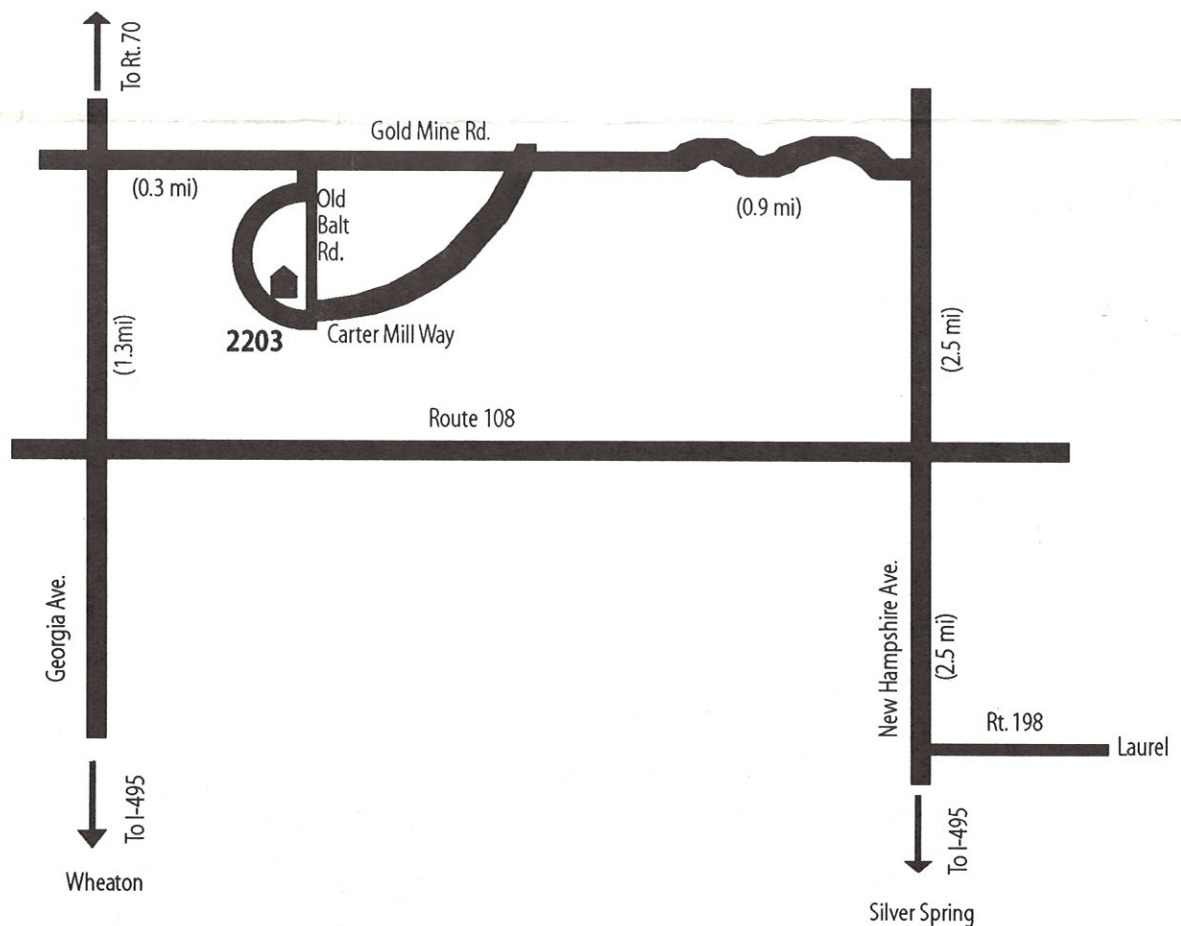
**After the winter** issue of *The Potomac Flyer* went to press, Colin Weiner updated our web page to make it more interesting and changed its address. The new address is <http://members.aol.com/pmchorr01/PMC-Frame.html>. We are always looking for new members. If you would like to try modular railroading, please contact us via our web page, e-mail at [Bstricklan@aol.com](mailto:Bstricklan@aol.com) or call me at 703-361-5620.

**Layout Tour/Book Signing**  
**Sunday August 23, 1:00-5:00 p.m.**  
**Mat Chibbaro's house**  
**2203 Carter Way**  
**Brookeville, MD (301) 570-9361**

Visit six complete model railroad layouts with one trip to Mat Chibbaro's house. Mat is the author of the recently released Kalmbach book "Model Railroading in Small Spaces" as well as numerous articles in *Model Railroader* and *N Scale* magazines. All six of the N and HO scale layouts he built and photographed for his book will be in operation. One will be available for you to do some hands-on switching.

Three of the layouts are in pieces of furniture such as a bar or end table. The other three make use of a space saving storage scheme such as a fold-up, roll-away base or a removable shelf. One layout doubles as an Ntrak module. Also on display will be Mat's fold-up work station from the same book and his modeling desk which has been featured in *N Scale* magazine. Come discuss with Mat his creative ideas on solving your space problems. He will eliminate just about any space excuse you can throw his way.

Bring along your copy of Mat's book so he can autograph it for you. See you there!





**Roman Rusynko's R<sup>2</sup> Railroad**  
**2502 Ryegate Lane, Alexandria, VA (703) 360-9310**  
**Sunday, September 13, 1998, 1 to 5 p.m.**

"Russ" Rusynko's HO scale free-lanced "R Squared" Railroad is a 16x10-foot modified dog-bone layout. It weaves through a series of mountain tunnels and features a coal mine operation, a small intermodal yard, a grass field airport, a scaled down staging yard, an engine facility, a yard operation and sidings servicing some small industries. The single mainline features upper and lower level operation. Trackwork is 95% complete and scenery is about 60% complete, with an emphasis on final detailing. The layout is powered by DIGITRAX Chief system and is laid out for one man operation or multiple operators. Russ is also serving in his third year as president of the Prince William Model Railroad Club. The club's members have constructed 70 HO scale modules to display at shows.

**Directions:**

**From I-95 & I-495 (Beltway)**

Exit 1A - Ft. Belvoir (Southbound). Stay in right lane and bear to the right to make left turn onto Ft. Hunter Rd. at 1st light on Route 1 South. Proceed up Ft. Hunter Rd. for 5 miles. Turn right onto Elkin St. (which becomes Londonderry Rd.). Proceed past the stop sign, turn left onto Highgate Rd. Turn right onto Ryegate Lane, go to the 7th house on right.

**From the South**

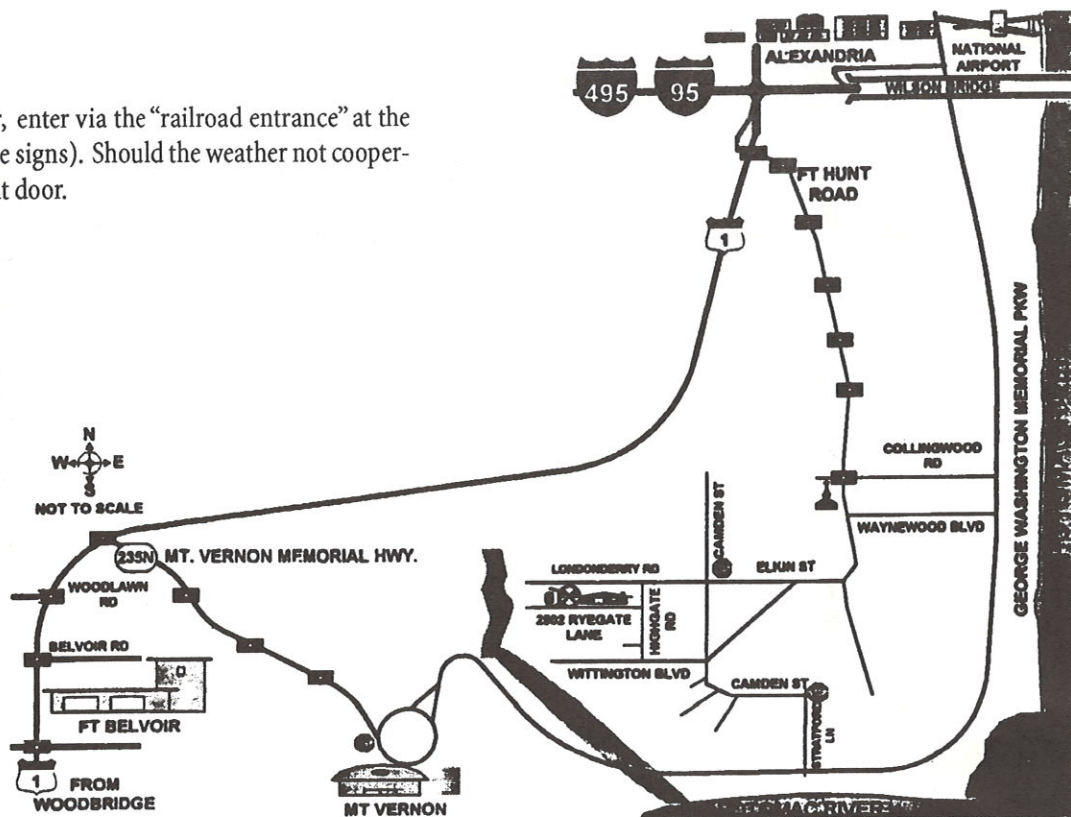
Go North on US Route 1, passing through Ft. Belvoir area. Once you pass the light at Woodlawn Rd., make the next right turn onto Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy. (Rt. 235N). Go about 3 miles to the Stop Sign at Mt. Vernon. Follow circle around to George Washington Memorial Pkwy. Northbound. Make the 1st Left onto Stratford Lane. At the stop sign turn left onto Camden St. Counting the streets on the left side, turn left at the fourth street onto Wittington Blvd. Take the 1st right onto Highgate Rd. Take the 2nd left onto Ryegate Lane. Go to the 7th house on the right.

**From National Airport, Washington, D.C. and Maryland**

Take the George Washington Memorial Pkwy Southbound. After Collingwood Rd., take the next exit. Turn right onto Waynewood Blvd. Go to the end of Waynewood Blvd., turn left onto Ft. Hunt Road. Turn right onto Elkin St. (which becomes Londonderry Rd.). Proceed past the stop sign, turn left onto Highgate Rd. Turn right onto Ryegate Lane. Go to the 7th house on the right.

**Where to enter the house**

Barring inclement weather, enter via the "railroad entrance" at the rear of the house (follow the signs). Should the weather not cooperate, enter through the front door.



## Ed Rappe's O "Pennsylvania Railroad"

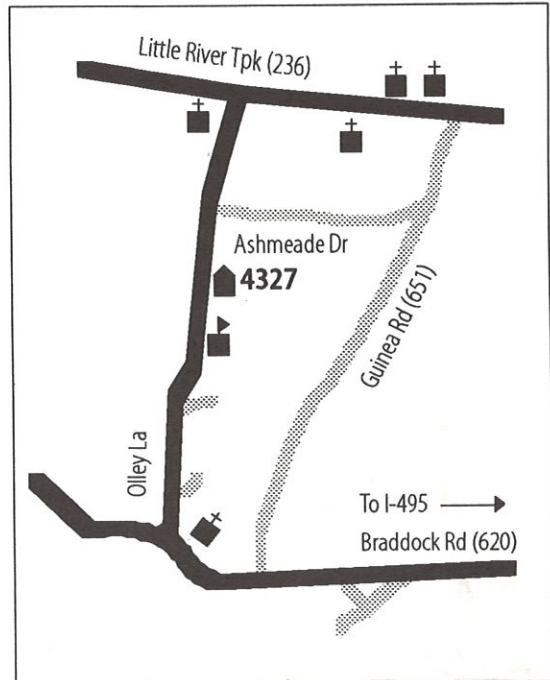
**4327 Olley Lane, Fairfax, VA (703) 978-1726**  
**Sunday, October 18, 1998, 1-5 p.m.**

Ed Rappe's layout represents the Pennsylvania RR's Juniata Region. It uses selective compression to capture the feel of the PRR in the early 1950s in central Pennsylvania. A 250 foot, double-track Middle Division features moderate grades, long tangents, industries and a coal branch. Altoona is the division point and engine terminal where power is changed for the 210 foot, 2.5 percent climb to the summit at Gallitzen. A triple-track horseshoe curve provides a dramatic setting for helper operations.

The layout fills a 1,360 square foot room and is approximately 70 percent sceniced. Features include a large roster of PRR motive power and rolling stock, walk-around control, radio-equipped block towers, double-decker construction and staging tracks suspended 76 inches above the floor.

### Directions:

- From I-495 at Exit-5, take Braddock Road (SR620) to Olley Lane, about 3 miles.
- Turn right onto Olley Lane.
- Proceed to the second house past Little Run Elementary School.
- Park where convenient along Olley Lane.



### *Lehigh Valley Limited*

## MER Fall Convention to Feature Variety of Layout Tours



**T**HE FALL 1998 NMRA Mid-Eastern Convention to be held in Allentown, Pa., will feature tours which should interest most types of modelers. The model railroads chosen for the Lehigh Valley Limited range from small home layouts to large club pikes. Traction, 1950s steam/diesel era pikes and modern systems are represented in N, HO and O scales. Although emphasis is slanted toward the local railroads such as Reading, Lehigh Valley, CNJ, LNE and Conrail, other lines are also represented on the tour.

Numerous fictional railroads will also be featured. The club tours are all impressive, especially the trip to the Christmas City Hobbies Club which shares space with a well-stocked hobby shop. Scenery, although present on many layouts, is just getting underway on other pikes. Modelers interested in construction techniques, benchwork and wiring should find these layouts very interesting. The convention will be held October 9-11, 1998, at the Days Inn Conference Center at Routes 22 & 309, 1151 Bulldog Drive, Allentown, PA 18194. The special hotel rate for the convention is \$55 plus tax per night. Reservations must be sent by September 21. To assure availability, call (601) 398-1629. Parking is free at the hotel.

After July 1, 1998, the convention registration fee is \$35 for members and \$50 for non-NMRA members. The fees for family members are \$10 for a spouse and \$5 for children. Payment must accompany registration. Make checks payable to "Lehigh Valley Limited '98." No credit cards will be accepted. Mail your registration form (available in *The Local*) and check to Lehigh Valley Limited, P.O. Box 205, Swedesboro, NJ 08085. Do not mail a registration after September 15; register at the door. Do not mail registration and hotel reservations together.

All activities are a la cart, including the banquet, which is \$21.95 and the Lehigh Valley Limited breakfast on Sunday morning, which is \$9.95. A number of extra fare tours and clinics will be offered featuring both rail-related and non-rail topics. For more information, call (609) 467-3385. P.J. Mattson is the registrar.

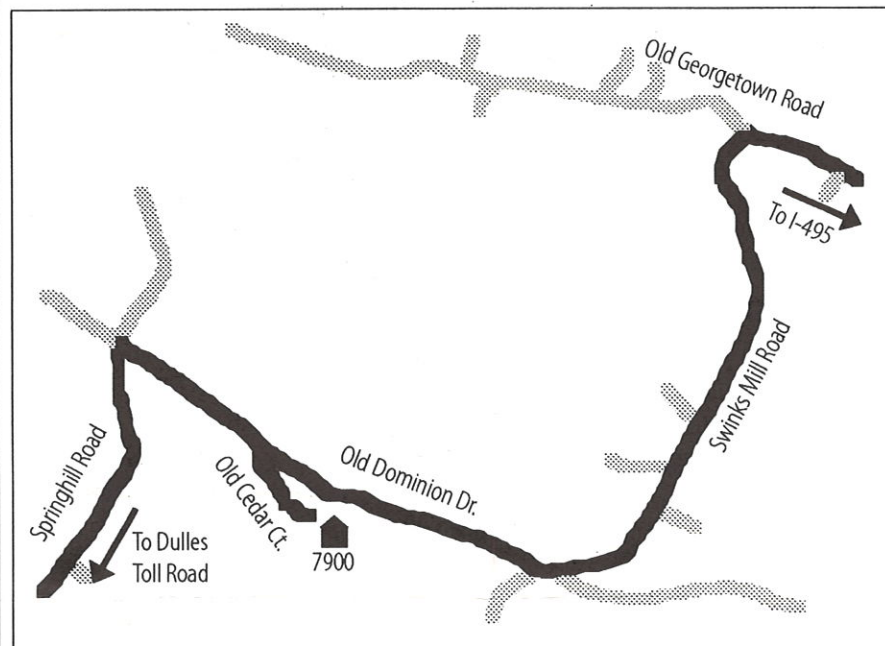


# **"What I Have Learned and Will Do Differently Next Time"** **Open House at Mike Fleming's** **7900 Old Cedar Court, McLean, VA (703) 527-8655** **Sunday November 8, 1:00-5:00 p.m.**

## **One Visit - Two Layouts:**

*American Flyer S Gauge* - 300 square feet, two levels. Fully landscaped layout with four trains operating. Fifty years of American Flyer (1947 to 1997) equipment and accessories are in operation.

*1950s era HO* - 150 square feet, two level layout, fully landscaped depicting the operation a small Midwest town.



## **Directions:**

### *From Beltway:*

Exit 13 West on Old Georgetown Road go .7 miles to Swinks Mill Road. Left on Swinks Mill and go 1.7 miles to Old Dominion Drive. Right on Old Dominion and go .7 miles to the Cedars of McLean and turn left.

### *From Dulles Toll Road:*

Exit Springhill Road and go north 2 miles to Old Dominion Drive. Right on Old Dominion Drive and go .5 miles to the Cedars of McLean and turn right.

Park in circle at bottom of the hill on Old Cedar Court and walk half a block to 7900 Old Cedar Court.

*Do unto others...*

## **Layout Tour Etiquette**

*(Adapted from the Valley Forge Convention program)*

- **Never pick up** someone else's model. If you want a better view, ask your host.
- **Never lean on** or place anything upon a layout with scenery.
- **Don't touch**, scratch, feel, or move anything! If you lack self control, put your hands in your pockets. If you are curious about something, ask your host.
- **Never run the trains** without first asking your host.
- **Never smoke** in the layout room or elsewhere in the house. If you must, ask your host where smoking is permitted, if anywhere.
- **Don't be quick to point out a "better way"** to do something. Tactfully ask why something was done in a certain way, then listen to the response - *you* might learn something.
- **Be tolerant** of scales and skills. If you can't say something nice...
- **Respect your host's property**, both inside and outside the home.
- **Always visit within** the scheduled hours posted by the host.
- **Don't dominate** your host's time. Others may have questions or comments, too.
- **Don't stay too long** at the best viewing spot. Let others have a chance.
- **Be considerate** of others if you are taking pictures. Let everyone have a turn at the best photo angle.
- **Instruct your guests** about the rules of layout tour etiquette before you arrive at the home.
- **If you bring small children**, you know your children better than anyone else. If you think they can abide by these rules of etiquette, then by all means bring them. If you have reservations, please think twice about bringing them.
- **Most of all, enjoy your visit!**



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# Potomac Division Calendar

☒ Mark events now which you don't want to miss.

## August

- ☐ **23** Potomac Division Home Layout Tour/Book Signing - Mat Chibbaro's "Model Railroading in Small Spaces" - 6 layouts, Brookeville, Md., 1 - 5 p.m. (see page 5).
- ☐ **29** HO Potomac Module Crew show at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria, Va., Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun. Noon - 4 p.m., free (donation). Info: (703) 838-4994.

## September

- ☐ **12** Potomac Division Swap Meet at Fairfax Station, Va., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., \$2 (members), \$4 (passengers) Info: (703) 391-0675 (see story on page 1).
- ☐ **12** Jim & Joanne Stapleton's IE&W Ry, "Fall Steam-up." Come after the Swap Meet to 38200 Charles Town Pike, Purcellville, Va. (540) 882-3886. (map: Spring Flyer).
- ☐ **13** Potomac Division Home Layout Tour - Roman Rusynko's HO R<sup>2</sup> Railroad, Alexandria, Va., 1 - 5 p.m. Info: (703) 360-9310. (see page 7).

## October

- ☐ **3** Great Scale Model Trains Show at Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, Md., Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Info: (410) 730-1036.
- ☐ **9** Fall 1998 Mid-Eastern Region convention (MER Lehigh Valley Limited), Allentown, Pa., \$35 registration fee. Info: (609) 467-3385 (see page 7).
- ☐ **17** Northern Virginia Model Railroaders, Inc., open house, W&OD Railroad Station, Vienna, Va., 1 - 5 p.m. Info: (703) 938-5157.
- ☐ **17** Great American Train Show (GATS), Capital Expo Center (North Hall), Chantilly, Va., 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. both days, \$5/adults, under 12 free for both days
- ☐ **18** Potomac Division Home Layout Tour - Ed Rappe's O scale Pennsylvania Railroad, Fairfax, Va., 1 - 5 p.m. Info: (703) 978-1726. (see page 7).

## November

- ☐ **8** Potomac Division Home Layout Tour - Mike Fleming's two layouts (50s HO and American Flyer S), McLean, Va., (703) 527-8655. (see page 8).



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