

SEPTEMBER 2022

POTOMAC DIVISION NEWSBRIEF



Passenger, Combine, RPO Challenge

Submissions have been coming in for our latest modeling challenge. It's not too late to cast yours by emailing *The Flyer*: Potomac-Flyer@potomac-nmra.org by **Sept. 10th**.

What's Coming Up?

Sat. Sept. 17th, 2022, Make and Take Clinic 10 AM In Person - Nicholas Kalis, Gary Eames - Turning Plastic into Wood in All Scales inexpensively, Jerry Stanleys Hobby Barn, Hume, Va.

Ops Saturday Returns in 2023

Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, March 4th, 2023** when the Division's Ops Saturdays resume. Mat Thompson is looking for willing hosts in Maryland and Virginia. Please let him know by October 15th at ocrr@comcast.net.

Congrats to Ernie Little, MMR



Our Assistant Superintendent received the NMRA President's Award for Division Service in the Mid-East Region at the St. Louis NMRA Convention. As Webmaster and Zoom Coordinator and much more, Ernie has done a lot for Potomac and we congratulate him!

Donations and Zooming On

Many thanks to Bill Mosteller and the Chesapeake Trainmasters Club for their generous donation to the Potomac Division in memory of Charlie Kilbourne, Ron Schmidt and Mike White.

And thanks to the Anachronistic Operating Group for their original donation made in honor of former Superintendent and *Flyer* Publisher Marshall Abrams. These funds will be used again to renew the Division's Zoom account to allow us to continue our virtual clinics. Members who contributed are Bill Demas, Gil Fuchs, Tony Jenkins, Ken Nesper, Dean Ripple, Brian Sheron and the late Tom Brodrick.

Thanks to John Swanson

John Swanson hosted a discussion titled "Layout Problem Solving, or how to build the railroad of your dreams in no time!" in his Cresson Branch PRR basement in Gainesville, VA on Saturday July 16, 2022. Photos in the next *Flyer* you won't want to miss.



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Joint Meet with James River Update

The date is now set: **November 5th** at 9 am at Battlefield Baptist in Warrenton, VA. Other MER Divisions may join. You won't want to miss this event!

What Else Is Coming in *The Flyer* for October-November?

Rich Steinmann takes us on an ops tour of his Erie-Lackawanna layout, Martin Brechbiel builds more gondolas, Mat Thompson discusses a finished layout and Rod Vance reviews Kathy Millett's new book on scenery. Plus our Passenger, Combine and RPO Challenge submissions.



John Paganoni's Comboose

[1st page photo top left: Stan Knotts' fisheries car]

Look for *The Flyer* on Oct. 1st!