



POTOMAC DIVISION NEWSBRIEF

JULY 2026

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Sat. July 11, 10AM **Hobby Barn Clinic** on Modular Layouts with Randall Smith

Sun. July 19, 3PM **Virtual Clinic** on RPO Cranes, Pouches and Catchers with Frank Scheer

Saturday, August 8, 2026, 9AM, Potomac Division **In-Person Meet**, AP Clinics Motive Power and Electrical, McLean, Virginia



WHAT'S COMING IN THE AUGUST-SEPT. FLYER?

Meet the Member: Bill Lyders MMR; Micro Layouts; Build a Carstens Reefer; An AP Scenery Evaluation; Railfest Manassas Report; The Emergency Services Challenge; Greek Railway Museum; Leisure World Meet and Tours Report.



JUNE 27TH LEISURE WORLD MEET & TOURS

The Potomac Division held a meet June 27th at Leisure World with two more clinics in its series on Achievement Program categories—this time Cars with Martin Brechbiel MMR ([photo below](#)) and Prototype Models with Alex Belida MMR.



Following the meet, attendees had the opportunity to visit four layouts, including those at Leisure World itself. The others were Tom Matty's HO Thomas Sub, Andrew Dodge MMR's O scale Central Maine Railway, and David Vaughn's O scale Kentucky Western Division of the Nickel Plate.

CONVENTIONS:

NMRA CONVENTION Chattanooga, Tenn.,
July 27 to August 2, 2026



MID-EASTERN REGION CONVENTION



Registration now open.
October 15-18, 2026: [Tracks to Tidewater](#), Holiday Inn, 5655 Greenwich Rd, Virginia Beach, Virginia