


MAY 2024


# POTOMAC DIVISION NEWSBRIEF

**What's Coming Up?**

**May 4 Division Annual Meeting**

**May 11, 3PM, Virtual Clinic "Building Ships" with Bernard Kempinski, MMR**

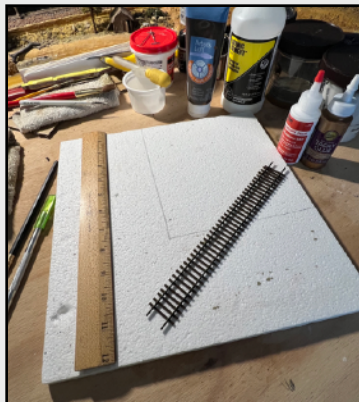
**May 19, 3PM, Virtual Clinic, "The Long Road to the Golden Spike and other AP Certificates," Greg Cassidy**

**What's Coming in The Flyer?**

The "Real" Railway Photo Challenge ([send in yours by May 5th](#)), Meet the Member: Chris Jones, Martin Brechbiel's scrap parts build, luring new members, scholarships for modelers and more.

**New Contest Coming**

The popular vote contest for our November Joint Meet with James River will be a Square Foot/T-Trak Module Challenge. New details in the June-July Flyer.



**Division Annual Meeting May 4th!**

The Potomac Division annual meeting will be held Saturday, May 4th at the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department Annex, Sterling VA, with two clinics and two layout tours.

**Registration 8:30AM, Business Meeting and Abrams Award Presentation 9-10AM.**

**Clinic 1, 10:15-11AM Greg Cassidy "The Long Road to the Golden Spike and other APs." (Yes, he's also doing it again via Zoom on May 19th.)**

**Clinic 2, 11:15AM-12PM Alex Belida "Motive Power: You Can Do It"**

**Open Houses, 1-4PM – This is the first visit for the Division to both of these layouts in nearby Aldie VA: Jim Roger's B&O Cincinnati to Baltimore HO scale model railroad set in the summer of the mid 1960's.**

**John Whittaker's HO<sub>n3</sub> layout is a freelance railroad that depicts the movement of silver in the Durango/Silverton, CO area.**

**Board Elections**

**Ken Wilson and Jerry Stanley have been elected unopposed for Asst. Superintendent and Paymaster respectively. We thank them for volunteering to serve.**

**Kempinski on RMC Cover**

**Bernard Kempinski MMR writes about his O-scale USMRR Acquia Line in the April issue of Railroad Model Craftsman.**



## **Annual Meeting Question for Members:**

Should the Potomac Division host the 2025 MER Convention?

## **Reminder: 2024 MER Convention Dates Changed**

Due to hotel renovations, Piedmont Junction 2024 in Durham, NC has been rescheduled from late September to Oct. 17-20. Room rates have been reduced! Go to: <https://piedmontjunction.cpd13.org/>

## **Hoyden and Green Layout Visits**

Thanks to Sean Hoyden and Cam Green for opening their layouts to Potomac members. Photos: Green layout **left**, Hoyden **right** (with Superintendent Ernie Little MMR). More photos and articles in the June *Flyer*.



## **Submit Your Real Railway Photos by May 5th for our June-July Flyer challenge as Time is Running Out**

Anything railroad related will do: engines, freight cars, MoW cars, passenger cars but also turntables, railroad personnel like engineers, track work, ties, signals, crossings, whatever you have. Send to the *Flyer* by May 5th: [Potomac-Flyer@potomac-nmra.org](mailto:Potomac-Flyer@potomac-nmra.org)

**Heads Up:** For our August-September *Flyer* Challenge we're asking for photos and brief descriptions of something you kitbashed. The NMRA says "*kitbashing ranges from rearranging sub-assemblies of a kit-built structure, cutting off the front of a building to use as a "flat" in the background, cutting up and recombining walls, to mashing together two or more kits.*" The deadline for these submissions is July 5th.