



POTOMAC DIVISION NEWSBRIEF



MAY 2026

WHAT'S COMING UP?

May 17, 3PM Virtual AP Clinic on the Golden Spike and AP Paperwork.

May 23, 9AM, Potomac Division Annual Meeting, Dranesville Community Center, McLean, VA.

WHAT'S COMING IN THE JUNE-JULY FLYER?

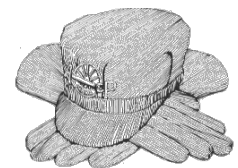
Meet the Member: Bernie Kempinski MMR; the



Railroad Books Challenge; Martin Brechbiel MMR builds a Barbershop; John Paganoni MMR builds a trestle; Tim Tilson on Rails and Rivers; and we'll have two items on sound module installations.

ANNUAL MEETING MAY 23: DON'T MISS IT

Our 2026 Annual Meeting at the Dranesville Community Center in McLean, Virginia starts at 9 and will include two in-person clinics in our Achievement Program series—AP Structures with Greg Cassidy and AP Scenery with Lee Stoermer. A third clinic by Nick Bulgarino will be about “The Cincinnati: B&O’s Last Streamliner.” We have a guest speaker for lunch—Deane Mellander MMR who will offer “A perspective on 60 years of steam railfanning.”



We'll announce the results of our 2026 Board elections for Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer, and the membership's decision on proposed amendments to our Bylaws. Superintendent Ernie Little MMR will also announce the recipients of this year's Abrams Award. The award honors members who have made outstanding contributions to the Division.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LATEST MMR!

Bill Lyders is Potomac's newest Master Model Railroader (#819) after completing the requirements for his Master Builder-Cars certificate. Please be sure to congratulate Bill when you see him.



NEW AP COORDINATOR NEEDED

Martin Brechbiel MMR will step down by the end of the year. Why make him wait? Volunteer now. Contact Superintendent Ernie Little MMR.