



MAY 2023



POTOMAC DIVISION NEWSBRIEF

Latest Challenge!

The mini-scenes challenge: it's not too late to send in your favorites in this category by emailing photos and a brief description to *The Flyer*: Potomac-Flyer@potomac-nmra.org by May 10th. We need submissions!



What's Coming Up?

Saturday, May 20, 1-4PM

Open Houses: Dean Ripple's B&O Monangah Branch, Gaithersburg, MD; Brian Sheron's LIRR, Poolesville, MD

Sunday, May 21, 3PM Virtual Clinic: Alex Belida, Making a Motive Power "Critter"

Saturday, May 27, 10AM
Make and Take Clinic, Hobby Barn, TBD.

Congratulations and Thanks to our Newly-Elected Board Members for Volunteering

Superintendent: Ernie Little, MMR

Senior Assistant Superintendent: Alex Belida, MMR

Clerk: Lee Stoermer All were elected unopposed.

A special thanks to our outgoing Superintendent, Martin Brechbiel, MMR.

Abrams Award 2023: Jerry Stanley

Congratulations to Jerry Stanley, this year's recipient of the Abrams Award for his contributions to the Division and to the hobby! Jerry operates the Hobby Barn and hosts "make and take" clinics there. He is also the Division Paymaster.

Mark Your Calendars for June 10th

We're having a Joint MiniCon with the Chesapeake Division at South Columbia Baptist Church in Columbia, Maryland on June 10th.

Details are still being worked out, but the meet will run from 9AM to 12:45PM.

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

Meet the Member: Dale Latham; Layout Update: Andrew Dodge, MMR, Maine Central Railway; Why Operations by Brian Sheron, MMR; Building An Acetic Acid Tank Car by Martin Brechbiel, MMR; and Tim Tilson discusses how to do details for 1905. We look at Greg Cassidy's workbench and paint station and Nick Kalis takes us to the Hagerstown MR Museum.

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A Reminder About the Value of Non Model Railroad Events



Nicholas Kalis sent in these photos with a reminder that members may be interested in attending non-model railroad specific events like the annual gathering of the Northern Virginia chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society (www.novaipms.org) that was held April 15th at Fairfax High School. Events like these can be great sources for paints and tools. Admission was \$10 for the whole family or \$8 for a single person, parking was free and food was available from the school's booster club. For the record, the Northern Virginia NTRAK club had a display at the gathering.

