



# NOVEMBER 2023



## POTOMAC DIVISION NEWSBRIEF



### What's Coming Up?

Nov. 4 Joint Potomac/James River MiniCon, Warrenton, VA.

Dec. 9, Hobby Barn Technical Clinic: Little, MMR, and Meyrick "Using DecoderPro" (Pre-registration required)

Dec. 16-17, Greenberg Train Show, Dulles Expo Center, VA.

Dec. 17, Virtual Clinic, 3PM, Kurt Thompson, MMR, "Locomotive Build for AP Motive Power"

Jan. 20, 2024, Hobby Barn Technical Clinic, Kurt Thompson "Using TinkerCAD"

### What's Coming in The Flyer in December?

Mat Thompson's Layout Move, Part 2; Bob Sprague's Layout; Meet the Member: Stan Knotts; Altoona photos; Visiting the Choo-Choo Barn and much more.

### Joint Meet with James River Nov. 4 at Battlefield Baptist Church in Warrenton, Virginia!



Mark Gionet will give a clinic on bridge building, Pete LaGuardia, MMR, will do one on visual aids and wiring techniques, and John Sethian will discuss converting 3-rail O scale to 2-rail. Ernie Little, MMR, and George Meyrick will hold another DecoderPro clinic. James River will offer a clinic on upgrading locomotive speakers and another on modeling tools. Layout tours: John Swanson, Sean Hoyden, and Ernie Little.

Please bring models to display for our Popular Vote categories: On-Track for engines and cars, and Off-Track for structures. There will also be white elephant sales tables and AP Judging.

The full schedule plus details: <https://tinyurl.com/3uutzuh>

### The Challenge: Motive Power

Yes, we're repeating this call for your photos and descriptions of your favorite engines — steam, diesel, traction, whatever!

Due by November 10th and sent to: [POTOMAC-FLYER@potomac-nmra.org](mailto:POTOMAC-FLYER@potomac-nmra.org)



**Kudos to John Paganoni, MMR, whose Vermont Central layout is featured in *Great Model Railroads 2024* in an article written by Mat Thompson, MMR. A well-deserved tribute to a great modeler! And kudos to Bob Rodriguez, MMR, for hosting his 200th ops session!**

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## Happy Halloween!

**Martin Brechbiel, MMR, sent this from his layout with an appropriate quote: “There is nothing laughable about a clown in the moonlight.” (Lon Chaney)**



**And here is a photo from an Altoona MER Convention outing. This is of the Western Maryland Scenic RR's 2-6-6-2 rounding the curve en route from Cumberland to Frostburg. The photo by Patricia Reber was taken from one of the last coaches on the long train.**

