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Reminder:

We need zip+four from everyone soon. This is required for NMRA members.

September Swap Meet goes well, but underattended

I wanted to thank the board of the Potomac Division for what, for me, was a very successful Swap Meet. With the help of my friend Ed McGill, I sold over \$120 worth of trains and books during the few hours I was there. In addition, I swapped even more items beyond the dollar amount just cited. A bonus was that I got to meet many of my old friends such as Doc Rosenberg and Bob Minnis. A second bonus came in the form of one of my buyers coming a few days later to my home to purchase even more trains for tidy sum sold as a direct result of the swap meet. All those members who missed this swap meet have only themselves to blame for missing an opportunity to trade or sell items they no longer need. I can only imagine how much more I and others would have sold/bought had there been more attendees. Perhaps we should consider combining the swap meet with our Mini-Convention, so others can see what a great

opportunity the swap meet presents. Just one suggestion for improvement—a swap meet is just that, for swapping, don't be afraid to offer or consider accepting offers to swap items without cash being exchanged. Have some fun! Even if the swap is not a perfect one or one in which you gain monetarily as much as you would have liked—consider that you are helping foster another members' enjoyment of the hobby.

Nicholas Kalis

The Division itself did OK on this event, selling a few items that have been around for a few years (like magazines), and a couple of donations—a little over \$100 all total. I personally sold a door-top N Scale layout, which included engines, freight cars, and buildings—Clint Hyde

Model Railroaders get Park Authority Award

The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority announced the winners of the 1999 NVRPA Walter L. Mess Awards: Loren Booda of Arlington, Virginia and to the Northern Virginia Model Railroad Club. This year, the Northern Virginia Model Railroad Club celebrates its 50th birthday and two decades of partnership with NVRPA and the town of Vienna. In the late 1970s the former VEPCO (Virginia Power), NRVPA and the club entered into lease agreement, arranged in cooperation with the town of Vienna. Under the terms, the railroad enthusiasts remodeled the once deteriorating structure into a train museum and a model railroad showplace and provides ten free public open houses each year.

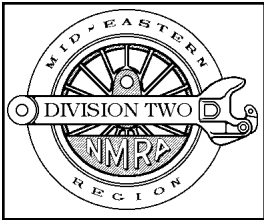
The model train layout features the Western North Carolina Railroad from Spencer/Salisbury, North Carolina to Asheville, North Carolina in the decade from 1945- 1955. Today, the real Western North Carolina Railroad is part of the Norfolk Southern system. NVRPA Executive Director expressing admiration for the historic accuracy craftsmanship and creative skill stated "This is not a static display but constantly evolving as the club members build displays, expand and enhance them."

The awards banquet is scheduled for Friday, November 19th, at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church.

MER Fall Convention

Don't forget that the MER regional convention is coming up in less than one month, in Hagerstown, MD. There are going to be a

bunch of clinics (including one by our own Superintendent), good guest lectures, some substantial local tours (not just layouts), and no shortage of camaraderie. Most of the Division Board will be there. They are even promising us a good banquet meal Saturday!



The Potomac Division

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The Potomac Division includes: the District of Columbia; Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, and St. Mary's Counties in Maryland; Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, and Rappahannock Counties in Virginia, as well as all area independent cities.

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From the Business Car

by Garret Nicholson
Division Superintendent

We can enjoy model railroading in many ways. Reading magazines, going to shows, building models and watching the prototype are a few examples. I would like to concentrate on another aspect: associating with other modellers.

In a few hours time, I will go William Lyders' home to help out at his layout tour. I expect to see about 15-20 members who go to most of the tours. Our roster shows over 200 members, so I expect that I will not see approximately 180 of our members. At a tour you can learn from another modeler by looking at his layout and asking him questions, which from my experience any host is glad to answer. You could also meet other members and bring each other up to date on your hobby activities and discuss future plans. You can drop in at any time in the afternoon and stay any amount of time that you want.

The last Flyer had an article by Ken Jones offering to come to any members home with the mini train-camera that he has purchased to make a video of their layout (sits on an HO flat car in front of the engine, which pushes it around the track). At the last Division meeting I saw a practice video of Ken's own layout and was so impressed with it that I plan to have a video made of my layout. The cost of \$50 includes Ken coming over and with the camera and spending two to three hours at your layout to make the video. You will benefit from the practice that he has done on his own layout so that your video will be top quality and he will throw in his tongue in cheek comments while he is making the video for free. Ken wants to recoup the cost of the camera so has pegged the cost at \$50 initially. As his article stated this cost could be adjusted downward if several members were interested. Incidentally, after the camera is paid for, a portion of the money raised will go to the Division's treasury. You could invite other members to your home for the taping, have a great time and have something to show others if you take advantage of Ken Jones' generous offer of his time and expertise.

We also just had our yearly swap meet. The vendors and Division board members all had a great time talking and buying bargains from each other. I picked up two remodeled Athearn RDC's for \$25 and some hard to find New Haven passenger cars for below market prices. Unfortunately, very few people besides the vendors and the board members were there. If more members came to buy or sell everyone involved would have benefited.

Sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm about model railroading is another enjoyable aspect of the hobby. Please consider getting out and meeting each other at the events that the Division sponsors.

Achievement News

by Ken Berthoud

NMRA Achievement Program Representative

Effective at the Hagerstown convention Allen Phillips will be retiring as the Region Achievement Chairman after seven years. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for his leadership and the outstanding job he has done over this period of time.

The new AP chairman will be Jim Kellow, MMR, of Williamsburg, VA. Jim has been AP chair in another region. Jim has "hit the ground running". He has gotten a fix on the number of MER members who participate in the AP program. In his effort to increase participation he plans to establish a web page for the AP program which would not duplicate National NMRA page but focus on the MER program. Besides reporting on the AP achievements of the MER membership the site will have a news section and information useful to the membership. He also plans to develop a quarterly e-mail newsletter about the program. Interested parties can subscribe by simply sending their E-mail address to jkellow@widomaker.com. Of key importance will be questions and answers to questions concerning the AP program and regulations.

Jim is looking for MER members who are interested in helping develop a web site and editing it. [Ed: This should be good for some AP Author points.]

For all those modelers interested in participating in the AP programs Merit judging during the forthcoming Miniconvention, now is the time to start planning and building your models/dioramas. We will again have a Popular Vote Contest as well as Merit judging. In past many of you have only entered the Popular Vote Contest. But why not enter the model for merit judging also to gain an impartial evaluation of the quality of your modeling efforts? By completing two forms those of you who are NMRA members can receive these evaluations. I will be placing the forms in the next issue of the Flyer or you may obtain them from the NMRA web site (<http://www.nmra.org/>). If you don't have access to the internet you can obtain the rules and regulations form me. See the staff roster for my telephone number.

Merit judging will be available in several separate categories: steam and diesel locomotives, freight cars, passenger cars, cabooses, non-revenue cars, structures (online and offline), dioramas and displays, modules and traction. I hope you will all think seriously of participating.

Coupler Comments

by Clint Hyde

Clerk and Flyer Editor

I'm an engineer. No, not *that* kind, a computer engineer. I've been a user of electronic communications like email since 1984. Email is second nature to me, and my preferred method of communication, because of the asynchronous nature, and these days, because it's easier to include attachments that go beyond plain text (I was an early experimenter with that kind of thing, I had modified a mail-reader in 1988 so that it could include in-line pictures (and audio, done by a friend)).

Email is somewhat more common now than it was 10 years ago—back then, AOL was barely off the ground.

So of course the Potomac Division is going to be a little more advanced than others, since I'm good at this stuff. We are sending email every month at least once—if you haven't received email from us yet, it means we don't have an email address for you. Send it to me: chyde@bbn.com or chyde@mgfairfax.rr.com

We will have new web-pages soon, probably by the time you are reading this. The obvious thing to include in them is the schedule of layout tours...but I haven't decided how to safely handle that, so that only our members have access, and not so that some criminal may become aware of someone's 10-thousand dollar collection of brass engines, "case the joint" during the tour, and return later for a little B&E (and I don't mean bacon and eggs).

We are also contemplating electronic delivery of the Flyer, which would certainly cut down on production costs. I can produce a PDF copy (to read with Adobe Acrobat, and print if you want to), which I can email. By the time you are reading this, I will have tried it. If you are interested in seeing the result, email me, and I'll send it to you. I am interested in your comments as to the production quality, the readability, and eventually, whether or not it proves valuable 2 months later after you've misplaced your paper copy. If this experiment works well, we will invite members to pick whether they want paper or electronic (or both, the electronic doesn't cost anything to transmit).

I don't know if an electronic publication reaps AP points for authors, Ken Berthoud will have to answer that.

There are email lists and newsgroups all over dedicated to various aspects of model railroading.

<http://www.onelist.com/> is the place to look for many of the email lists you can join. rec.models.railroad is the primary newsgroup, although it does have a lot of chatter. I recommend them, you can get great answers amazingly quick, and chat with some very fine people on them all (I have emailed with Tony Koester and Dave Frary this year).

by Matt Schaefer

PROTONS - For the last 6 months most of my time has been involved in studies and therapy for my prostate cancer. From my escapade I strongly recommend men over 40 have their blood tested for PSA level and if cancer is present compare "proton" radiation with other treatments. Local surgeons naturally recommend their local treatments so look up PROTONS.COM or call 1-800-protons for a procedure that has only minor side effects and better odds of eliminating the cancer. Data is based on 9 years of treatments on 4,500+ patients just at Loma Linda, Calif. How does this relate to railroads? Loma Linda is ideally located at the foot of Cajon Pass!!!

RICHMOND - I came back from California during treatments for two days in August to see the 238 x 43 foot NTRAK layout at the combined Richmond GATS Show and the N scale "uNconvention". NVNTRAK was glad to help RANTRAK, the host club in the management of this railroad. In addition to the 38 mile double track round trip route under Aristo controls we engaged dispatcher operations on another 20 miles or 660 feet of single track main line using Digitrax R/C. This is the longest Digitrax operation to date according to Digitrax. That 20 mile stretch of track contained over 50 "control points", 20 passing tracks along the way, 4 major yards and had two dispatchers. The dispatched train activity may seem slow to the general public but we see it as attraction to hold the interest of the serious modelers that want to get into prototype operations.

HAGERSTOWN - NVNTRAK is also planning a layout with dispatcher operations, oNeTRAK and triple track at the fall MER convention in Hagerstown, Md. We all have varying interests such as clinics, the achievement program and naturally NTRAKER's do not feel at ease without seeing trains running and great modules. An NTRAK layout will attract NTRAK members to the convention and the MER and we hope will add some variety and spice for everyone. All are invited to bring their N scale trains and sign up to run on our railroad with either DCC or analog controls. The layout will operate Friday and Saturday but will be removed by 5 PM to make space for the banquet. Call Bernie Kempinski, 703-922-9137 if you want to participate in the operations.

NVNTRAK helps conventions and shows where we can by providing layouts or in assisting other clubs coordinate big shows. Conventions can attract a repeat crowds with modular layouts. For the Richmond GATS show we attracted the same old clubs from all over the world that came to our '96 Alexandria convention. For more info on your local NVNTRAK club, the past shows and the schedule of coming activities see <http://www.nvntrak.org/>

by Bruce Strickland

It has been a quiet summer for the Module Crew. Our last appearance was at the Greenberg summer show in mid July. As reported in the last issue of the Flyer, we gave our new wye modules their trial by fire. After fixing a few minor electrical problems, the rest of the weekend went uneventfully. The wyes and their accompanying return loops were well received by crewmembers because we did not have to "do the Limbo" to get to the inside of the railroad. Our traction contingent put in an appearance for the first time in a few years.

Our future plans include our annual appearance at the Rockville Lions Club Train Show on November 13-14. We are glad to be able to assist the Lions with many charitable endeavors. As usual we will appear at the Fairfax Station train show on the first weekend in December along with the N-Trak'ers, the Tinline Trackers, and the Garden Railway Society. Our appearance at the National Capital Children's museum is still tentative but we hope to make it this year.

The big story for the Crew is that we are working on an appearance at the Winter Greenberg Show with the Prince William Model Railroad Club and the Piedmont Model Railroaders. It is hoped that we can build the largest HO modular railroad that has appeared in the local area. I don't think we can rival our brothers at N-Trak, but it would still be quite an undertaking for the three clubs.

We are always looking for new members. If you think Modular railroading is for you please contact us via our Web page, E-mail at Bstricklan@aol.com, phone at 703-361-5620, or by mail at:

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Reminder: If you haven't been receiving division-related emails, it means we don't have your address in our database—send an email to the clerk (chyde@bbn.com) in order to get added.

The Rockville Lions Club is having its 9th annual fall train show at the Rockville Senior Center on the same weekend as the MER Fall convention (hey, I didn't schedule it), November 13 10-4, and Nov 14 12-4. Adults \$3, under age 13, \$2, babies free, family max \$6.

Buildings on your layout, kits and scratch, prototype and not.

by Clint Hyde

Just recently I've had an interesting epiphany: I find myself recognizing various building kits when I see them on folks' layouts, or in magazine photos.

A few weeks ago, I picked up a 1990 issue of MR, and it features a story about the Reid bros N-scale layout. The Reids are among the finest practitioners of the art of MR, and have been for years.

As I look at the photos, it strikes me: that's Walthers' "George Roberts Printing" kit right there, almost cut down to a flat. And over there, that's LifeLike's "Rapid Recycling" -- I just built that one myself a week ago. And in this other photo, there's Atlas' switch tower, re-released in N just last year, I built one of them too. I expect these aren't especially prototypical inasmuch as you can see these same kits built on a variety of layouts either at division layout tours, or in magazine articles.

This has happened with other magazine stories as well, but that's the oldest one I've read where I noticed it. I haven't especially noticed it at our layout tours, because their completion-level is all over the map--so, unlike magazine articles which usually have mostly complete layouts, sometimes our tour host might not even have one single building up yet. But I've noticed it on a modular layout or two at a show!

So I have been wondering recently how to avoid this problem, where the guests arrive and immediately recognize the buildings on your West Virginia coal-mining layout because they have the same buildings on their Southern California SP or their downtown Chicago layout. OOPS! I've certainly built some that I got just because they were dirt cheap.

The most obvious answer is of course: work explicitly to a prototype and scratchbuild all the appropriate buildings to match the real ones. At least that way, if someone recognizes them because they have one too, it's because they built a model of the same prototype.

Well, **suppose you are freelancing?** Then it's perfectly okay to not match prototype buildings--you don't even want to, because the prototype is NOT from your layout.

But **that may be too hard**, or time-consuming for most of us. I can't scratch-build a building in a week, and my layout is going to have a lot of buildings, which means years of construction time.

You can also kit-bash: that way, you have some unique buildings made of parts you didn't have to work too hard to acquire. I haven't done this yet, although I know I'm going to: I bought some Walthers' kits last year specifically for this purpose.

At the very least, for a kit that is pretty common, I should paint it differently than just the raw plastic color. And those really distinctive prototype buildings have to be done from scratch. On the other hand, if you're modeling a Steel Mill, then the Walthers Steel Mill is what you use...

One of the things I'd like to have in magazine articles is a list of exactly what things are in each photo, i.e., what manufacturer's model automobiles are in there, where the telephone poles came from, exactly which building kits I'm looking at... I would also prefer not to see those generic Walthers' kits in every single picture, but if I did, I would also see how someone else modified them to look different.

Are you a scratch-builder? Interested in participating in a group purchase of some materials—scale sizes of stripwood? We are contemplating making a bulk purchase of wood from Kappler USA (<http://www.kapplerusa.com/k-p-dlr.htm>), a dealer pak of KP090N (\$117) or KP090HO (\$150), or KP090O (\$175). If we do this, we need a list of who's interested and how much they want to figure the per-person cost, whether that's acceptable to those interested, and then have money up front (the Division does not have the money to pay for it). These are dealer packs, with a fair amount of stuff in them, at a 40% discount. The material is all basswood. Let Clint Hyde know, at either 703-803-3068, or chyde@bbn.com

**The Cammack Collection
Tucker cars and LGB trains
Open House at
David Cammack's
216 South Payne Street,
Alexandria, VA
(703) 836-8801
November 21, 1999, 1-5 pm.**

Three Tucker automobiles, 8 engines, a bunch of parts, and various bits of memorabilia. One of these cars appeared in the recent theatrical film. Upstairs is an entire floor covered with LGB model trains.

Interesting Internet...

More and more retail model shops are putting up pages on the Internet. Here's another one I saw recently:

<http://www.modeltrainsltd.com>. It's the site of the DLA Superstore in Oxnard, Calif., which specializes in HO and DCC, although it has some N-scale products too. Check their competitive pricing on overstock locomotives. Lots of graphics.

Here are several noncommercial sites that I find worth repeated visits:

<http://jdb.psu.edu/trains/trains.html> is John Balogh's train page. John, a telecommunications specialist at Penn State University, manages the NMRA's DCC SIG list server. (To receive messages sent to the list, send an email to: listserv@lists.psu.edu. No subject needed. In the message, say SUBSCRIBE DCCSIG-L. Once you have subscribed, you'll get all messages sent to the list and you can send your own messages to dccsig-l@lists.psu.edu.) On his website, John doesn't bother with graphics (so everything pops up quickly) but you'll find lots of useful information and links to other model railroading sites.

Another rich and growing source of information is at <http://pages.sssnet.com/donc>. This is Don Crano's site. Don, a prolific modeler, is especially interested in DCC and his pages give lots of how-to information with pictures and circuit diagrams, as well as a well-organized assortment of links.

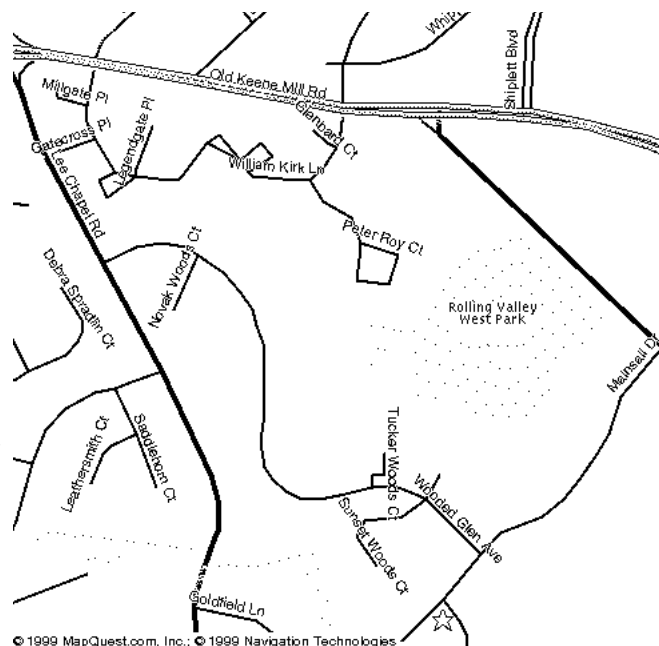
You can spend a lot of time exploring Dan Dawdy's Cyberspace World Railroad ("The Oldest Continuously Running Railroad Web Site in The World") at <http://www.mcs.net/~dsdawdy/cyberoad.html>. In addition to Amtrak schedules and illustrated narratives of train trips, not to mention animated locomotives crawling around on the pages, Dawdy offers such adventures as riding along and listening to a 21-minute audio of an actual runaway freight train.

— Harry Bacas

Reminder:
The Flyer is *always* accepting submissions for publication—and you get NMRA AP Author points when things get published! don't wait, get that stuff in now!

**Oregon Coast Railroad
Open House at Mathew Thompson's
9331 Mainsail Drive,
Burke, VA, (703) 455-0403
December 12, 1-5 pm.**

The setting is the coast of Oregon, summer 1941. Activities include logging, fishing, farming. The RR includes a couple of shays, several Railbus cars, in a 20x26 room, HO scale, around-the-wall, 25% complete track and scenery, old buildings, plenty of scratch-built stuff.



MORE DATES!

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders, Inc. Open House
November 13, December 11, January 15, February 12, March 18, 1-5PM
Washington & Old Dominion Railroad Station
231 Dominion Road (at Ayr Hill Road),
Vienna, Virginia 22180, for more info, 703-938-5157
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/6120>

The Rockville Lions Club 9th Annual Train Show and Gaithersburg Model Railroad Society Dealer Sale
by Eil Geib

On Sun., Nov. 14, the Gaithersburg Model Railroad Society is having its 24th Train Show and Dealer Sale in Building #2 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg. Take I-270 to Exit 11. Get off in the direction of Montgomery Village (east) a short distance to Rt. 355. Go right (south) on Rt. 355 for about 1/2 mile and turn right onto Chestnut St. After about 1 block, turn right (just prior to CSX RR tracks) to white building on right. The show goes from 9 am to 3 pm and has a \$3 admission (under 12 free). For information call George Schaefer (301) 384-2750. The Society's mailing address is P.O. Box 684, Washington Grove, MD 20880-0684.

The other show is the 9th Annual Modular Train Display Show to benefit charitable activities of the Rockville Lions Club and is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 13, 10 am to 4 pm, and Sun., Nov. 14, noon to 4 pm. Entrance fees are set at \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 13, under age 2 free, and a family maximum of \$6. The Lions will raffle off a large Life-Like beginners train set.

The event is held at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., Rockville, MD. Take I-270 to Exit 6, Maryland Rt. 28, towards Rockville. If you are coming south on I-270, go east toward Rockville and turn left onto Nelson St. at the light immediately after crossing over I-270. If you are coming north, from the exit ramp towards Rockville cross Rt. 28 at the light onto Nelson St. Once on Nelson St., go about 1/2 mile to a 3-way stop sign at Crocus Dr. Turn left onto Crocus Dr. and go about 3 blocks to a dead end at Carnation Dr. Turn left into the Senior Center.

For information about the show contact Eil Geib, 14624 Banks O'Dee Rd., Newburg, MD 20664-3000, H: (301) 259-2588, e-mail: geib@erols.com.

**Asbury Model Railroad
Open House at Ken Jones'
January 16, 2000, 1-5pm. 301-216-5210
417 Russell Ave, one block South of Lake Forest Mall.**

HO Scale, 12x23, fully scenicked. Local flavor, and slightly different from the last time it was shown...

I-270 North, Exit 11A east, Montgomery Village Ave. Cross Route 355, next street is Russell ave.
Right on Russell, Pass Lake Forest Mall Entrance, continue through 2 lights to Asbury Village
Entrance on Left. Follow arrows to "417 Reception". Enter at Flagpole. Park nearby.

Monday December 20 through Thursday December 23 10AM to 5PM each day. Community Night - Tuesday
December 21 from 5PM to 9PM

Community Night showcases exhibits and hands on activities highlighting the science mission of the U. S.
Geological Survey. The operating exhibit includes modular layouts in HO and O/S scales, along with layouts in
G, N, and Z.

The exhibit is held in the main auditorium at the USGS headquarters building located at 12201 Sunrise Valley
Drive in Reston, Virginia. Sunrise Valley Drive is one block south of the Dulles Access Road; the USGS is mid-
way between Reston Parkway and Fairfax County Parkway.

We are inviting you to bring friends and family to the show. We are also looking for assistance in setup the
weekend prior to the show (18-19) , and folks to bring trains to run or just be operators during the show.

Please call Jim Stapleton @ 703.648.5568 (D), 540.882.3886 (E), or email at jim.stapleton@mindspring.com
for information or to volunteer assistance.

Short Lines—Stories from Matt Schaefer

At Loma Linda one of my fellow patients, Barry Barrett, was an old UP engineer out of Pocatello, Idaho, who was full of RR stories. He told one about Ray Cox who was the hog head on steam flying down grade and the engine really started riding smooth. Ray looked out and surprise, the side rods were not moving. He did several double takes, yikes, the engine brakes had locked up the drivers so he released the engine brakes. After that it wasn't smooth any more as the engine wheels were all flat!

I'LL FIX MINE - Once Barry was running a big UP 3800-class Mallet and stopped 100' short of the highway crossing in Montpelier, ID. A car swerved across the crossing and bounced all the way down the track and crashed under the coupler of their big Mallet engine. The crew climbed down from the cab and an old drunk staggered out of the car and told them in a slur, "I'll fix my car and you fix yours."

CALIFORNIA RR's - CA has high RR visibility not just with railroads but with public RR displays too. There is the HO Tehachapi loop layout in the beautiful Balboa Park and 3 big model displays in the LA County Fairgrounds A huge 250 x 100 garden RR lights up at night. Also there are 8 real engines including the Big Boy, the UP 6900 double D diesel, the big UP 2-12-2, and an AT&SF Hudson with a whistle that everybody gets to blow. But we have an H-8, 2-6-6-6 in Baltimore and a lot of other stuff too. It is interesting that some clubs prefer the single track operations with one slow train in view like the Tehachapi scenery. Others build layouts to maximize the number of trains running and to hold the attention of the general public and throw in a long train for good measure. Decisions, decisions, decisions.

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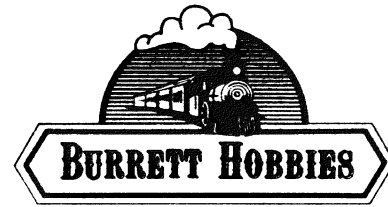
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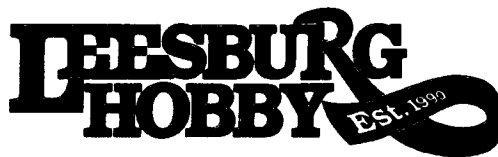


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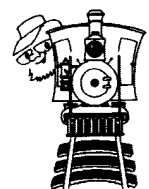
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November

11, 12, 13, 14 MER Regional Convention, "The HUB CITY LIMITED", Hagerstown, Maryland. Ramada Inn Convention Center, 901 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD. 5PM Thurs Nov 11, \$35 reg. Info, Paul Rausch, (304) 754-3716. email: pdrausch@aol.com, web: <http://www.fred.net/richardb/hubcity.htm>

13, 14 Rockville Lions Club 9th Annual train show. 10-4 Sat, 12-4 Sun. adults \$3, kids \$2, family max \$6. see page 7 for details.

13, 14 Gaitherburg Model Railroad show. see page 7 for details.

21 Potomac Division Layout Tour. David Cammack, Tucker cars and LGBtrains. 216 South Payne St., Alexandria, VA1-5pm. (703) 836-8801. See page 6 for details.

December

4,5 Greenberg Train Show, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, Maryland. Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission: \$6 Adults; \$2 Ages 6 to 12; Children under 6 are FREE. Admission is good for both days!

12 Potomac Division Home Layout Tour — Mathew Thompson. See page 7 for details.

20-23 USGS Annual Holiday multi-scale layout. see page 7 for details

January, 2000

16 Potomac Division Home Layout Tour—Ken Jones' Asbury Model Railroad. see page 8 for details.

2,9,16, 23,29, 30 Zulinger, PA, Waynesboro Model RR Club. HO/O/N-scale layouts. Waynecastle Rd at PA Rt 16. Don Florwick, 717-352-8759.

23, 24 Greenberg Train Show, Chantilly Expo Center, Chantilly, VA. Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm; Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission: \$6 Adults; \$2 Ages 6 to 12; Children under 6 FREE. Admission is good for both days!

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