

Spring Quarter — March to May, 1992

The Dixie Flyer

The Quarterly Newsletter Of Division 2 ("Dixie"), Mid-Eastern Region,
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Mini-Convention now March 21st

Our Spring Quarter opens with our March Mini-Convention, but due to a schedule conflict, we have had to reschedule. The new date is March 21st. See a summary of scheduled events on page 6.

Dixie Director Nominations

Bruce Strickland is stepping aside after four years on the Dixie Division's Board of Directors. And Bob Ocain is finding that just keeping up with the Fall MER Convention is enough to keep him occupied, so he is stepping down, too. Both Bruce and Bob have done a superb job and deserve our sincere thanks. Bob will continue as Fall Convention Chairman and Bruce will continue in various unofficial capacities, including the vital function of printing and mailing the *Dixie Flyer* each quarter.

So, during the business portion of the Mini-Convention's lunch we need to elect two new Directors. Three names have been put forward so far. They include two from Virginia and one from Maryland. Geography plays an important part in that our by-laws require that the Board of Directors be as evenly distributed across the Potomac as possible. When it comes time for the election, we will divide the nominees into a Maryland/DC group and a Virginia group. Then we will vote for one from each group. Once elected, their positions on the Board is filled by mutual consent among the Board members.

If you think you or someone you know is willing to run for and serve on the Board, please call Bruce Strickland to nominate them. Bruce's number is given in the Dixie Staff Roster on page 2

Spring Home Layout Tours

Our remaining events this spring are two layout tours. First up, on April 5th, is Ed Martin's Chessie System Mountain

Division. Ed says that enough of the "Rif-Raf" crew have promised to be there to run an operating session for your viewing. Plan on staying at least 30 minutes to take in a portion of the normal Friday night operating session, and if we are in luck, a newly installed, computer-generated switchlist system will be guiding traffic. See page 7 for more details.

Finishing up our spring schedule is a visit to Brian Sheron in Poolesville, Maryland, and his superb HO layout. The layout features the Long Island Railroad with both urban and waterfront scenery included. Set in either 1964, to take advantage of the New York World's Fair paint scheme, or in the 30's and 40's to permit steam operation, the layout promises lots of action. See page 8 for Brian's extended summary of the layout.

Winter Events kept us Indoors

As noted last issue, the details on the November Lions' Club meet are included here. This was the last event of the Fall Quarter, but occurred after we went to press. I have never been a good fortune-teller so I deferred coverage to this issue. The show featured modular and sectional layouts galore with tape-slide clinics and videotape layout tours as well as some souvenir stalls. The Lions served up a hot lunch of hot dogs, chips, sodas, and great cookies, courtesy 7-11. Ellsworth Geib reports that over 360 people showed up and that the show made a profit for the Lions Club and its services. Usually the Lions only hope for a break-even turnout on a first-time event such as this, but were quite pleased with the response and are already looking forward to next November. Bob Minnis and Tom Reid have provided a fine summary of the meet, and other HO Module Team and NTRAK events this last quarter. Please see pages 3 and 4.

Our Division's lead off event this winter

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was a visit to my own Great Northern Cascade Railway. The GNC is an N-scale railroad with a 75-foot looped mainline including five passing sidings, four holding tracks, two branch lines, and two yards. A free-lance model, it is based loosely on the Oroville Branch of the Great Northern Railway which runs along the Columbia and Okanogan Rivers north out of Wenatchee to Oroville, Washington. Although it

is definitely a "work-in-progress," I was greatly honored by all the favorable comments it drew. I even received two very good suggestions for future work on the layout. Over 50 people came by during the day, and many managed to find their way upstairs to the cookies and drinks put together by my wife, Terri. Many thanks (and lots of mmm...s) to her, too.

On January 26th we were hosted by Chuck Conway in Landover Hills, Maryland. Chuck's HO layout, the Pennsylvania Union Lines, is based upon the Pennsylvania Railroad. Undoubtedly the Super Bowl and snow cut into number of people who ventured forth to see it (about 25 showed up), but they were all rewarded with a fine layout. The layout features a three-track Horseshoe Curve, and is a "busy" layout with plenty of traffic to keep the visitors and operators entertained. Monroe Stewart particularly likes the feel of "wall-to-wall" railroading that Chuck's layout gives.

February 23rd will see our division hosted by Bob Cooke. Bob also has a layout modeled after the Pennsylvania Railroad's Port RR between Perryville, Maryland, and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Since this event occurs after we got to press, a summary will show up next issue.

Achievement Program Notes

—Bruce Strickland

As the Spring Dixie Mini-Convention approaches, I would like to remind you to enter your models in the Merit Judging portion of the model contest. All that you need to enter your model is a Merit Judg-

**Winter Recap,
continued**

AP Notes

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Have You Paid Your 1992 Dixie Dues

As of this writing over 197 members have yet to pay their 1992 dues. Just because you have received a *Dixie Flyer* doesn't mean you are in good standing. The *Dixie Flyer* is mailed to all NMRA members in the National Capital area as an information service, especially to those new NMRA members, and as a service to the hobby in general. See the page 9 to find out how to join the Dixie Division, or to catch up on your dues. If you are new to the NMRA and haven't yet joined the Dixie Division, join now and join in on the fun!

Calendar

ing Form for the model's category. Note that you must be an NMRA member to qualify. There are three categories in which your model could be entered: Motive Power, Cars, and Structures. I will have the forms on hand at the Mini-Convention, but you might want to get them from me in advance and fill them out before you get there. I recommend this so that you can include all possible information to aid the judges in evaluating your model and so that you can enjoy all the other events of the day. If you need suggestions about filling out the forms or just need to get them, feel free to contact me by mail or by phone. My address and phone number appear in the Dixie Staff Roster on page 2.

I would like to congratulate Pete Matthews for earning his well-deserved "Golden Spike Award." If you saw Pete's work at the layout tour in December, and you know someone else—including yourself—who has done similar work, let me know so that I may get that modeler or yourself the credit deserved as well as a Certificate for his, her, or your "I am Wonderful" wall at home or work.

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Dixie Module Teams News

—Bob Minnis and Tom Reid

As mentioned in the last issue, this quarter has been extremely busy. All our team members put forth a great effort at the numerous events and shows. Probably the greatest pleasure is the interaction with the fellow modelers and the public. We had many lively conversations covering the full spectrum of model railroading activities. We even managed to talk about module standards, too.

Rockville

The first event was the Rockville Lions Club show, which did its part to promote the hobby during National Model Railroad Month. Highlights included:

- The Burke & Occoquan crew was on hand with one their sections. The B&O shared the room with the NTRAK modules. The NTRAKers assembled twelve modules, some with spectacular urban, mountain, and rural scenery.

- Traction was represented by Dave Cooper's layout. Dave had some fine scenery and a very interesting corner module. This corner was only a few hours old when the doors opened to the public—Dave had completed the final details at 2 o'clock that morning.



... Dixie Division Calendar ...

(nn)—Details on page nn of this *Dixie Flyer*. ‡—Details in an upcoming *Dixie Flyer*.

Date	Event	Time	Location
Mar 14	NVMR Open House	1-5p	Vienna, VA (10)
Mar 21	Dixie Division Mini-Convention	9a-5p	•• New Date •• Herndon, VA (1, 6)
Apr 4	NTrak Set-up, Lake Braddock HS	11a-5p	Burke, VA (4)
- Apr 5		12n-5p	
Apr 5	Dixie Home Layout Tour	1-5p	Gaithersburg, MD (7)
Apr 25	NVMR Open House	1-5p	Vienna, VA (10)
Apr 30-May 2	MER Spring '92 Convention		Hampton, VA
May 17	Dixie Home Layout Tour	1-5p	Poolesville, MD (7)
May 24	NVMR Open House	1-5p	Vienna, VA (10)
Aug 1-8	NMRA National Convention		Columbus, OH
Oct 16-18	MER Fall '92 Convention		Fair Lakes, VA‡
Dec	Dixie HO Module Team Set-up		Fairfax Station‡
Dec	Dixie HO Module Team Set-up		Children's Museum, DC‡
August, 1993	NMRA National Convention		Valley Forge, PA

• Finally, the HO module set-up included five new modules. Bob and Arthur Ocain had two modules with the theme of an industry and container transfer facility. Ellsworth Geib had a nicely detailed and weathered farm scene on his module. Ken and Erik Heinen, the last of the newcomers, presented their two modules which combine to form a large, multiple building factory. They plan lots of track work with an independent industrial switching engine. Two members who have been to previous shows, Bill Cox and Jim Bisbee, have added many details to their respective modules.

Fairfax Station

Fairfax Station opened its doors to us on Saturday, December 7th, for their second annual show. Attendance was double that of last year. Congratulations to the Friends of Fairfax Station for an outstanding event.

The HO module team was well represented with twelve modules. Trains ran continuously for twelve hours. No new faces this time, but Jim Matthews did have a new module, his second. The scene shows a small seaside community. Visitors were great, asking lots of questions and keeping the team members very busy. We handed out dozens of Dixie Division applications.

Capital Children's Museum

December, and 1991 itself, ended up with our third annual display and open house at the National Capital Children's Museum. The modules were set up and operated on the four days of the two weekends bracketing Christmas. Fourteen modules completed the oval that was viewed by hundreds of excited children and their often equally excited parents. All the modules present were veterans of previous shows.

Dixie NTRAKers

The Northern Virginia NTRAKers, after their successful November set-up in Rockville Lions Club, have begun a busy schedule for '92. Our next showing will be at the Dixie Division's March Mini-Convention, March 21st. With new modules by such famous N-scale personalities as Monroe Stewart and Matt Schaeffer, we should have over 20 modules present. After that, we will be at the Greenberg Toy and Doll Show at Lake Braddock High School, Burke, VA. This set-up is Saturday and Sunday, April 4th and 5th. Saturday's hours are 11AM to 5PM, and Sun-

day's are 12 noon to 5PM.

Since the meeting last May, the NTRAKers have been an informal organization. We are in the process of installing enough organization to insure that the meetings and set-ups are well coordinated. Dennis Austin is President, Chris Riddick, VP, and Tom Reid, Set-up Coordinator.

Presently, the NTRAKers meet twice a month, usually with a business meeting and a clinic on the first Sunday of the month followed by a set-up of all modules on the third Sunday. For further information, please contact Chris Riddick at (703) 437-9247 or Tom Reid at (703) 742-8720.

Summary

It has been a busy three months. There was a tremendous amount of interest shown in the module concept at the events. At least six new members have joined the Dixie Division and all have expressed interest in building modules.

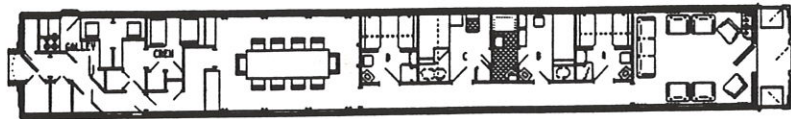
Now, to the future. The next event for the HO module team is March Mini-Convention. Please note the new date: March 21st. The display area at the Fairfax Fire Academy is huge. Space is *not* a problem. Personally, I would like to have a minimum of two dozen, yes, twenty-four modules in the HO display. If you have a module that you have been secretly working on, now is your chance to display your efforts. If you haven't started to build one yet, there is still time. Do not hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions. See you all at the Convention.

Future Module Team Events

Mar 21	Mini-Convention
New Date!	Fairfax Fire Academy, Herndon, VA
Apr 4-5	Lake Braddock HS Burke, VA
Oct 16-18	MER Convention Fairfax, VA
December	Fairfax Station Show, Burke, VA
December	National Capital Children's Museum,

Dixie Module Team News

Module Team Calendar



Pullman's Ferdinand Magellan

The Head-End ...Comments from your Editor

Monroe Stewart
gave me the whole
page this quarter,
so look for the
Business Car
in the next
Dixie Flyer

This quarter's Head End needs to touch a couple topics. First, and of immediate importance to myself, is thanks to all of you that turned out for the December home layout tour that my wife, Terri, and I put on. I was especially excited by all the favorable comments you made about my layout. My daughter, Sarah, liked all the attention, too. And she liked the cookies that Terri made. Those of you that found your way upstairs were lucky—I never did get any, but with my physique, who'd notice. Special thanks to Terri for her efforts. And, thanks again to you all.

Home layout tours, and other events that we sponsor, are intended to serve as an excuse for members of the Dixie Division to get together monthly for some fellowship and to indulge in our favorite pastime, model railroading. Turnouts range from a couple dozen to around fifty for these meets and we are pleased that so many of you show up. Still, we want to encourage many more of you to come. Last year we had over 100 people show up for the Mini-Convention. This year we'd really like to have lots more, especially when we have such a large space so conveniently located adjacent to a major transportation corridor. And we would like to see some new faces at our monthly meets. Although we're glad to see old friends, we're always looking to expand our circle. Both open houses this quarter promise stunning layouts developed by truly talented modelers. So come on out and see them with us!

Another topic that springs to mind, one that faces us every time a new quarter around, is what events to offer. Of course, we emphasize home layout tours and the occasional prototype tour since this a hobby devoted to model railroading. Nonetheless, what other kinds of events can we sponsor?

Clinics? Fine, but we need more people willing to be clinicians. Our pool of clinicians is beginning to feel a bit overtaxed and would like to attend a conference as a guest once in a while. And putting on a clinic is not as hard as you might suspect. First you have to have something to share, of course, but after that it's easy. Figure that a clinic runs about an hour. Experience suggests that every hour of contact needs about two to four hours of preparation. Within a day, or a couple evenings, you can prepare a talk. And that includes most all the advance work:

assembling the materials, taking photos, getting slides made, and so on. Yeah, it sounds like a lot, but keep in mind that you are doing most of the really hard work all the time as part of the hobby. You're building models, designing, laying, and wiring track, putting scenery together, writing up timetables and switchlists, and so forth. Sharing your experience is the most valuable contribution you can make. Our hobby is typified by a considerable duplication of effort. How often have you had to figure out how to do what is touted as a standard method? If it's so standard, how come you can't find any explanation of it? Well, share your experience. Even basics. There are always novice modelers present and reiteration of fundamentals will be appreciated. Become the resident guru of paint, professor of plaster, or poet laureate of waybills. Become the person that others call when they need help. Or present a clinic *en masse* so that they'll stop calling you!

Pictures? We all take pictures wherever we go, and more recently we shoot video, too. We could sponsor an afternoon when everyone who's interested brings a couple slides they'd like to show (or couple minutes of edited video). Then we all sit back with a brown bag lunch and soda, while one after one we share our modeling and real-life experiences. This is great way to present something, and it takes considerably less effort than preparing a clinic, but it can easily cover as much ground. And if you all brought along a simple 3x5-card description with a picture or two illustrating your favorite modeling technique, we could assemble a hint file. Sound neat?

Museums? The B&O Museum springs to mind, but we could expand the idea to cover a bus or car-convoy tour of regional sites important to railroading. Maybe we could even bring in the local chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

These are just my ideas. Surely you have more. Drop us a card, or call us—all our names are listed in the Dixie Staff Roster on page 2. We want you to tell us what you want. And the more of you that do, the more variety for everyone. Our division is the largest the Mid-Eastern Region, and is, in fact, larger than a couple other regions! We have a considerable pool of talent here. So, get involved!

— Pete Matthews

Convention News

Spring MER Convention, Apr 30-May 3
Fall MER Convention, Oct 16-18

Due to scheduling snafu, we had to make a date change in our **Mini-Convention**. Sorry for the inconvenience. Nonetheless, our friends at the Fairfax Fire Academy have come up with another date. The Dixie Division Mini-Convention is now

March 21st, 1992

Our convention will follow its usual pattern, having morning and afternoon clinics separated by a lunch featuring a brief business meeting and a guest speaker.

Because the Fire Academy is huge, both module teams will be there in force as well as Dave Cooper and his traction modules. The Academy itself has several full-scale train cars for use in fire & rescue training which we will be able to see. They include a caboose in which the Academy plans to build a model railroad based upon real sites around Fairfax County. It will be used for situation training, but would be run as a model railroad club layout. The club is still looking for members to help build and maintain it.

We plan to have some informal swapping tables set up for folks wishing to exchange items, and a drag-and-brag table, where you can show off anything you don't wish to enter in Contests.

Speaking of contests, we will have our usual contests, as well as Merit Judging

How to Get to the Mini-Convention

Our Mini-Convention will be held at the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Training Academy, located at 4600 West Ox Road in Fairfax County, just west of the City of Fairfax. The Academy is about one mile from Fair Oaks Mall. The phone number is (703) 631-8121.

- If you are using I-66, get off at old exit-14, now exit-55, Fairfax Center Parkway. At the first light, turn right onto Fair Lakes Parkway. At the next light, turn right again onto West Ox Road. The Fire Academy will be, you guessed it, on the right just beyond the school bus parking lot.

- If you are using US 50 or US 29, take West Ox Road, in the direction of I-66. Turn at the Academy parking lot.

The best parking is at the rear beyond the high portion of the building.

for the NMRA's Achievement Program. See Bruce Strickland's instructions for the latter, starting on page 2.

Mini-Convention Schedule

9.30AM	Registration
10-11AM	Clinic 1
11.15AM-12.15PM	Clinic 2
12.30-1.30PM	Lunch* and Business Meeting, Guest Speaker
1.45-2.45PM	Clinic 3
3PM	Door Prize Drawings
3.30PM	Planning Session for Fall MER Convention**

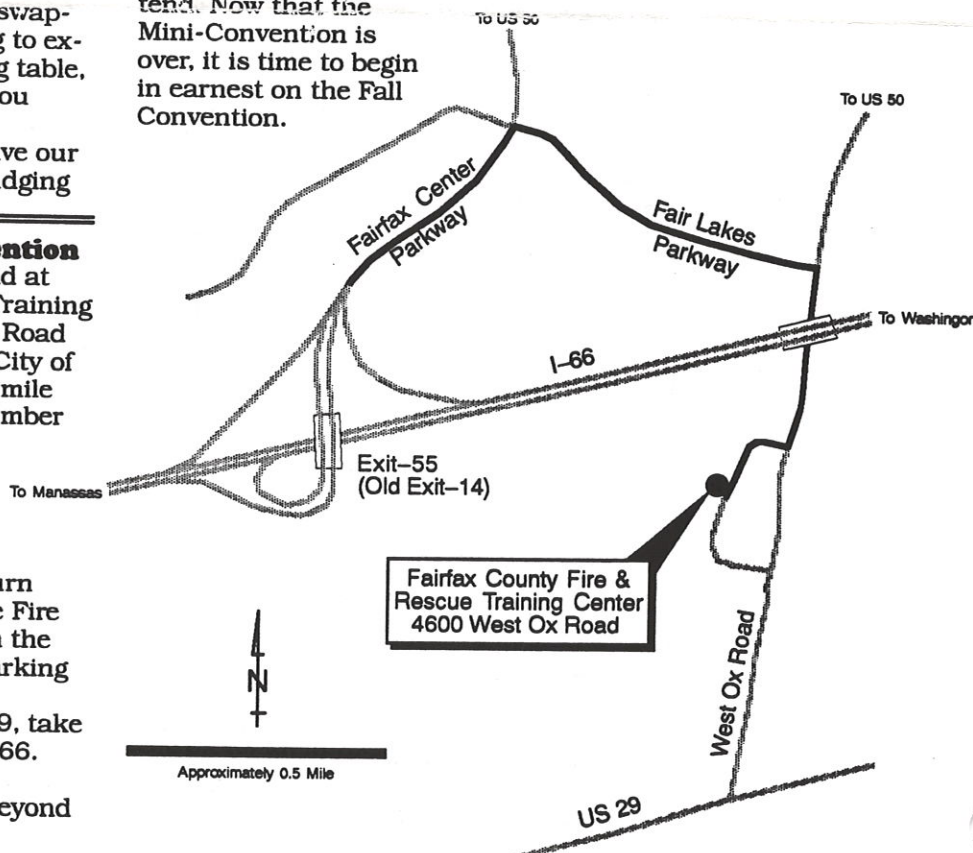
* You may brown-bag your lunch or buy it there. The \$3 lunch includes a submarine sandwich, pickle, chips, and dessert, with a choice of iced tea, lemonade, or coffee.

**If you have volunteered to help with the Fall MER Convention, plan to attend this meeting. Everyone who is hosting a layout tour, is offering a clinic, or wishing to volunteer should attend. Now that the Mini-Convention is over, it is time to begin in earnest on the Fall Convention.

Dixie's Annual March Mini-Convention

Pages 7 & 8

To respect the privacy of our layout tour hosts, the copies of the *Dixie Flyer* left on hobby shop counters and so forth do not contain directions to our hosts homes, which are given on pages 7 and 8. If you are missing these pages and need directions, please contact any of the folks listed in the Division Staff Roster on page 2.



Spring Layout Tours

- **Ed Martin in April**
- **Brian Sheron in May**

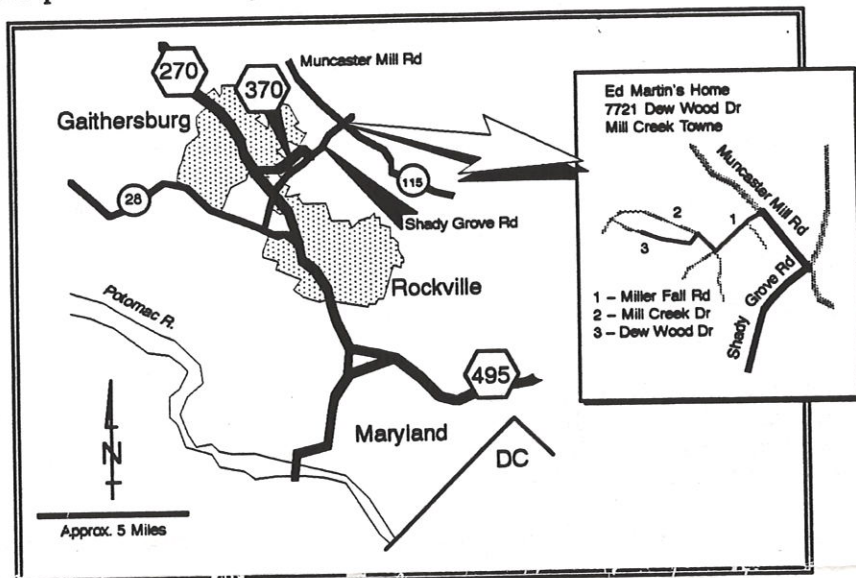
Ed Martin's Chessie System Mountain Division

Sunday, April 5th, 1992, 1-5 PM
7721 Dew Wood Drive, Derwood, MD, (301) 670-9027

In April, join us in a revisit to Ed Martin's Chessie System Division. There are two new mountains since the last visit—to prove that this is indeed the "Mountain Division." There are also several new downtown buildings at Maryetta. As in previous visits, enough of the 11-member "Rif-Raf" crew have promised to be available to allow an operating session. This is to prove that the layout indeed runs. Ellenport Yard has been significantly expanded to allow for a true, two-ended divisional operation.

Plan to stay for about 30 minutes in order to see a fragment of the train schedule that is normally run on Friday nights. If we are lucky, the session will be guided by the new computer-generated switchlists.

The map shows the location—any easy hop from I-270. If using the I-270 route, take I-370 east to Shady Grove Road. Then Shady Grove Road east to Muncaster Mill Road. Make a left on Muncaster Mill, go one block and make a left turn to Miller Fall Road; proceed to the first stop sign at Mill Creek Drive (turn right), and then one block to a left turn onto Dew Wood Drive. Ed's house is 7721. His phone number is (301) 670-9027.



Brian Sheron's Long Island Railroad

Sunday, May 17th, 1992, 1-5 PM
17129 Campbell Farm Road, Poolesville, Maryland, (301) 349-5754

Brian Sheron will host the Dixie Division May Home Layout Tour and sends us this description:

"Welcome to the Long Island Railroad! This HO-scale layout is housed in a 13' x 19' room and is basically a double-track, folded dogbone track plan designed for simultaneous two-train operation.

"The scenery is loosely based on the Port Jefferson Branch running between Jamaica and Port Jefferson on the North Shore of Long Island. Total mainline trackage is about 350', or a little over 5 scale miles. The period is around 1964, mainly to take advantage of the 1964 New York World's Fair paint scheme used on the diesels and passenger cars. However because I have a fairly complete collection of steam engines that ran on the Long Island during the 1930's and 40's, I have no qualms about setting the time period back about 20 years when the mood strikes!

"Scenery was a real challenge. Long Island is basically flat, so modelling majestic mountains, magnificent bridges over deep gorges, or mountain tunnels was out of the question. Using a little "artistic license" though, I allowed my mainline to run within view of some of the harbors off of Long Island Sound on the Island's North Shore and thus was able to work in a waterfront scene.

"Because the Long Island Railroad is the largest Class I Commuter Railroad in the world (so I was told!), I had to model Jamaica Station. Jamaica is where commuters would disembark every morning from steam or diesel-pulled trains that they boarded in their suburban towns out on the Island and transfer to third-rail electric trains that would take them to Penn Station and their jobs in midtown Manhattan. Eventually the model railroad will expand into an adjacent room where trains leaving Jamaica will run into New York City."

Spring Layout Tours, continued

Brian's home is in the Seneca Chase subdivision off of Route 107, in Poolesville, Maryland. Depending upon where you start your journey, you have three ways to reach the Sheron's home. Follow along on the map below.

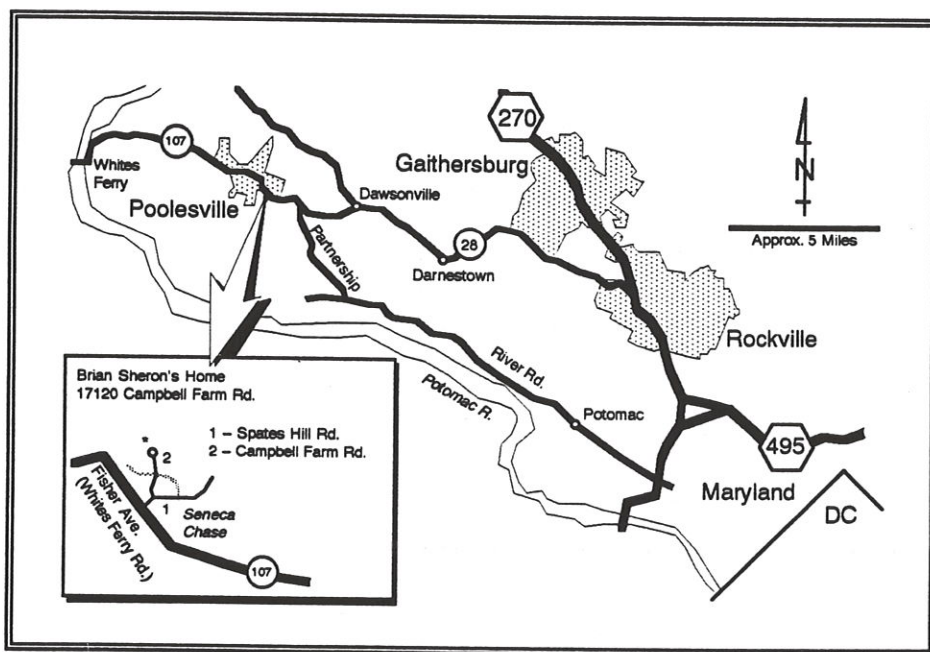
- From Maryland exit I-270 at Route 28. Stay on Route 28 about 12 miles, bearing left onto Route 107 at Dawsonville where the signs say "Poolesville" and Whites Ferry." Follow Route 107 about 4 miles, where you will enter Poolesville. The first subdivision on the right is Seneca Chase. Turn right onto Spates Hill Road.

- From Northern Virginia, just after crossing the Potomac on I-495, you take the River Road exit, turning west towards Potomac. Stay on River Road for about 12 miles and you will come to a stop sign. River Road turns left at the stop sign (Bretton Woods Country Club will be on your left). After about 1.5 miles, turn right onto Partnership Road. Follow it for about 4 miles, then merge left onto Route 107, going about 1.5 miles ahead into Poolesville. The first subdivision on the right is Seneca Chase. Turn right onto Spates Hill Road.

- If you come from western Northern Virginia, you may want to take Whites Ferry. To get to the ferry, take Virginia Route 7 or US 15 to Leesburg, bypassing downtown via the US 15 By-pass. On the other side of town, take US 15 North 1-2 miles and turn right at the sign for "Whites Ferry." Follow the road to the river, about 1 mile. Cross the river on the ferry (\$2.25 one way, \$4.00 round-trip). On the Maryland side, follow Maryland Route 107, Whites Ferry Road, about 6 miles into Poolesville. Go through town and look for Seneca Chase on the left. Turn left onto Spates Hill Road.

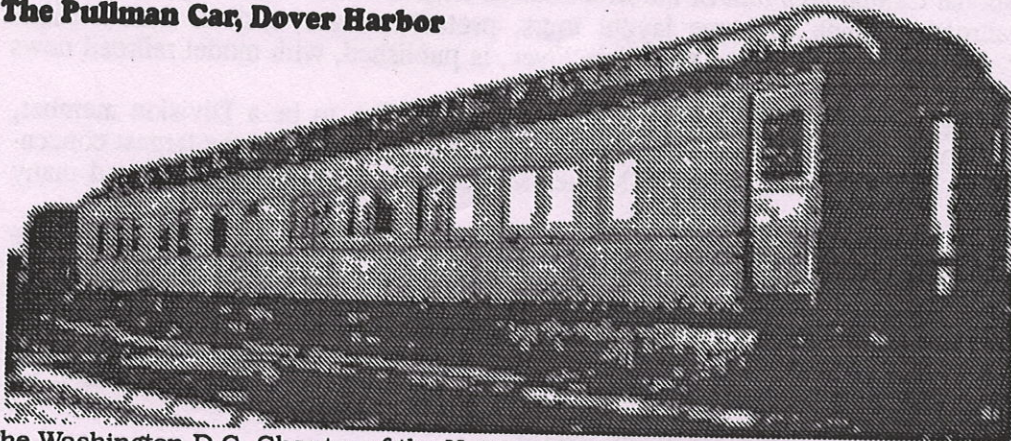
Once on Spates Hill Road, take the first left onto Campbell Farm Road. The Sheron's home is at the end of the cul-de-sac. It is a two-story Colonial with its house number, 17120, on the mailbox and over the garage.

If you have any problems, please call Brian at (301) 349-5754.



The Bulletin Board

The Pullman Car, Dover Harbor



The Washington D.C. Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society is hoping to get enough people together to send their private Pullman car, the Dover Harbor, to the Spring MER meet in Hampton, VA. The Dover Harbor will be taken to Hampton by Amtrak's Train #95, the Colonial, leaving Union Station, 4.15PM, Wednesday, April 29th, and will return via Train #96, The Tidewater, 3.05PM Sunday, May 3rd (arriving Union Station at 6.50PM). Fare for the round-trip is \$175 and must be received by March 15th. Contact James E. Chapman at (703) 534-3246 if you are interested. Note, the fare does not include hotel, convention fees, or transportation to and from the train stations, however the operator will call Holiday Inn in Hampton for a courtesy van to meet the train at Hampton Road Station.

W&OD Lettering Diagrams or Photos Wanted

Robert Ocain is looking for photographs or lettering diagrams of Washington & Old Dominion box cars or refrigerator cars. Using them, he hopes to produce souvenir HO & N scale decal sets for the Fall MER Convention. There were only a few cars of each type so lettered, thus photographs are understandably rare. Look through your collections, books, etc., and see what you can find. Bob can be reached by mail or phone at 4414 Cannes Lane, Olney, MD 20832, or (301) 774-5386.

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders, Inc. — Larry Case has sent along the schedule of open houses of the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders, Inc. Part of the schedule is given in our calendar on page 3. NVMR maintains and operates a large HO layout in the old Vienna Railroad Station, 231 Dominion Road (at Ayr Hill Road), Vienna, Virginia. Open houses are co-sponsored by NVMR, the Town of Vienna, and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. For more information, call (703) 938-5157.

Found! — Back in September at the Dixie Clinics that were held at Fairfax Station, someone left a "Steno" pad containing track plans and sketches, information on Virginia affairs, Central Vermont rolling stock, and the National Weather Service. If you are still looking for this notebook, please call Jeff Martello at (301) 365-0925.

Videos for Sale or Rent — Nick Kalis has several model railroading "how-to" and layout tour videos for swap, sale, or rent. If interested, please call him at (703) 578-3051.

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Important Note!
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About the Dixie Division

The Dixie Division is the National Capital area unit of the Mid-Eastern Region of the NMRA, providing various activities for all model railroaders, such as home layout tours, prototype tours, and an annual Mini-convention in March each year. A quarterly newsletter, the *Dixie Flyer*, is published, with model railroad news and the Division schedule of activities.

You do not have to be a member of the Mid-Eastern Region or of the NMRA to be a Division member, though most Dixie members are also NMRA/MER members. The Dixie Division has one of the largest concentrations of model railroading talent in the country, with *ten* Master Model Railroaders in our area, and many more outstanding modelers as well.

The Division's territory is Northern Virginia, from Prince William to Loudoun Counties, including Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, and Clarke counties, as well as the independent cities of the region. Also included are the District of Columbia, and Montgomery and Prince Georges counties in Maryland. Anyone interested in furthering the hobby may join the Dixie Division, regardless of their place of residence.

Dixie Division

Mid-Eastern Region, National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

Membership Application

☐ New membership

☐ Renewal of current or past membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ ZIP _____

Telephone Home: () _____ Work: () _____
(Please include Area Code which is now required for all calls across state or district lines)

☐ Enclosed are 1992 Annual Division dues of \$2.00 (includes the quarterly *Dixie Flyer*)

\$2.00

Scale/Gauge Preference (circle one): Z N TT HO OO S O G Other: _____

Narrow Gauge (circle one)? Yes or No Module Interest (circle one)? Yes or No

Traction Interest (circle one)? Yes or No

• Are you an National Model Railroad Association Member (circle one)? Yes or No

If Yes, please give NMRA Member Number: _____

☐ My check includes NMRA Annual dues of \$24.00 (includes the monthly *Bulletin of the NMRA*) _____

• Are you a Mid-Eastern Region Member (circle one)? Yes or No

If Yes, please give MER Member Number: _____

☐ My check includes MER Annual Dues of \$6.00 (includes the bimonthly *MER Local*) _____

• Are you a SIG (Special Interest Group) or railroad historical society member?

If so, please list your SIG or historical society memberships:

Total Enclosed _____

Please return the completed application, with a check payable to **Dixie Division**, to:

P.O. Box 3204

Manassas, VA 22110

The Division will forward National and Regional dues.