

John Swanson's PRR Cresson Branch

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On Saturday, November 4, 2023, John Swanson opened his "PRR Cresson Branch" railroad as a part of the Potomac/James River Division's joint meet. John's HO scale layout is a 33 foot by 48-foot model railroad modeling the area from Punxsutawney, PA to the PRR system at Cresson, PA, with access to the B&O in Cloe and the NYC System in Mahaffey. Operations represent the fictional necessities of the railroad on February 2, 1955 - Groundhog Day, with steam and some diesel operations. John's operating conditions include more mixed freight and less coal, as that's what the fictional customers demand. Timetable and Train Order (TT&TO) operations are in full effect on the branch, controlled by a Dispatcher who communicates with crews via telephones. (Photos by Ken Wilson)



