

Sean Hoyden's Dominion Southern

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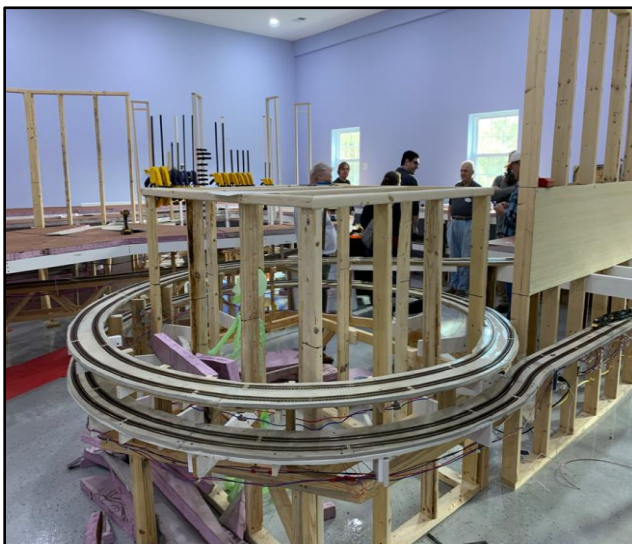
On Saturday, November 4, 2023, Sean Hoyden opened his "Dominion Southern" railroad as a part of the Potomac/James River Divisions Joint meet. Sean's HO scale layout is a proto-freelance, multi-level layout in a 40 ft by 40ft purpose-built room and is still under construction, and will be set in a modern era that can range from present day to as far back as the early 2000s. The staging level features three 8-track yards with a total capacity of 1500 pieces of rolling stock. The second level will represent a fictitious CSX mainline and numerous heavy industries loosely inspired by the Tidewater region of Virginia. The third level will be a more rugged and rural region similarly inspired by the Appalachian coal fields where the Dominion Southern, a regional short line. Norfolk Southern also has a modest presence on the third level. Traffic will consist of intermodal, mixed freight, unit coal, oil, auto racks/auto parts and extensive carload switching operations. The layout will support more than a dozen operators with a full CTC system and is operates using TCS DCC as well as a dispatcher.



The 40 foot by 40 foot building



Sean (on left) discusses plans with Lee Stoermer (center) and Phil Taylor (right)



The helix under construction