

Potomac Division Annual Meeting, Meet, and Annual Meeting

Location: Arcola Volunteer Fire Department Annex, 24300 Gum Spring Rd. Sterling, VA 20166. (This is Route 659 off Route 50 in Arcola, VA. Just west of Dulles Airport)

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024

Time: Registration will start at 8:30AM and the meet will start at 9:00AM with a brief Annual meeting then clinics will commence.

Refreshments available: Donuts, Coffee, and Water will be available at the facility.

Timetable

Registration: 8:30AM

Annual Meeting 9:00 AM to 9:30AM

Division Business

Presentation of 2024 Marshall Abrams Award

Clinic 1: 9:30AM to 11AM

"The Long Road to Achieving a Golden Spike and other APs" – Clinician: Greg Cassidy

I knew about the AP Program when I joined the NMRA, but it never occurred to me to look into it when I was a new modeler. Decades later, I had reason to revisit the program and saw I had achieved a few of the requirements and earned my Golden Spike Award. It has opened new opportunities that excite me.

Break: 11AM to 11:15AM

Clinic 2: 11:15AM to 12:15 PM

Clinic Title: Motive Power: You Can Do It! – Clinician: Alex Belida, MMR

No doubt you think that getting the Master Builder-Motive Power certificate is too challenging. Wrong. It is not only possible, it is well within your reach. You only need three Merit Award models. While they all have to run on track, you don't have to build a steam engine. My interest in old-time backwoods shortline railroads generated three unique HO scale motive power models – a freelanced "Critter", a kitbashed Motor Freight "Boxbug", and a scratchbuilt Vertical Boiler engine.

Open Houses – This is the first visit for the Division to both of these layouts -1PM to 4PM –

Jim Roger's B&O Cincinnati to Baltimore HO scale model railroad set in the summer of the mid 1960's.
41469 Speckled Alder Ct, Aldie, VA 20105

John Whittaker's HO3n scale model railroad which is a freelance railroad that depicts the movement of silver in the Durango/Silverton, CO area and does not have a name. His railroad connects to another railroad in Durango.

25900 Cullen Run Place, Aldie, VA 20105



Restaurants in Area of Arcola/ South Riding:

these are listed as a convenience, there are too many to list all in the nearby area.

1 mile west. Intersect Rt50 and Stone Springs Blvd

- Glory Days Grill 42010 Village Center Plaza
- Wendy's 42035 Village Center Plaza
- Subway 42010 Village Center Plaza
- Vocelli's Pizza 42010 Village Center Plaza
- Briyani Grill 42010 Village Center Plaza
- Popeye's 24431 Stone Springs Blvd
- Hammerdown Barbeque 41153 Little River Trnpg 2 mile west on Rt 50

3 miles east off Rt. 50 - near intersection of Rt 50 and Rt 606 (Loudoun County Pkwy)

- Los Toltecos Mexican 24995 Riding Plaza
- Foster's Grill 24995 Riding Plaza
- Moe's Southwest Grill 24995 Riding Plaza
- Tropical Smoothie 24995 Riding Plaza
- Panera 25042 Riding Plaza
- Manhattan Pizza 25042 Riding Plaza

Subway	25050 Riding Plaza
FIRST WATCH	25036 Riding Plaza
Dunkin Donuts	24560 Dulles Landing.
McDonald's	43250 Defender Drive
Chik-Fil-A	43310 Defender Drive
Taco Bell	43311 Defender Drive

Braddock Rd/Gum Spring Rd (on approach from Gainesville/Manassas)

Dunkin Donuts	42204 McGraw Ridge
Dash In	24755 Gum Spring Rd