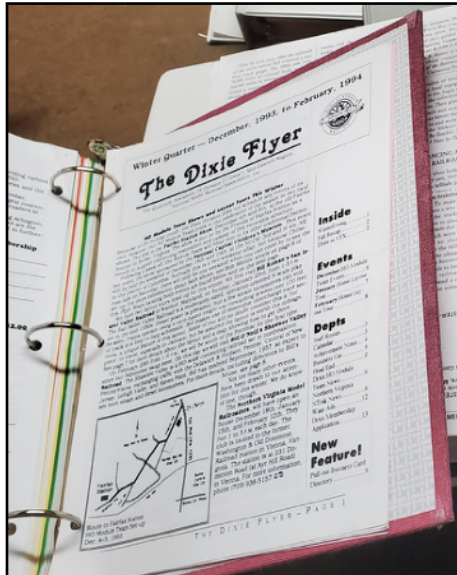


# Flashback: From Dixie Division to Potomac in 1994

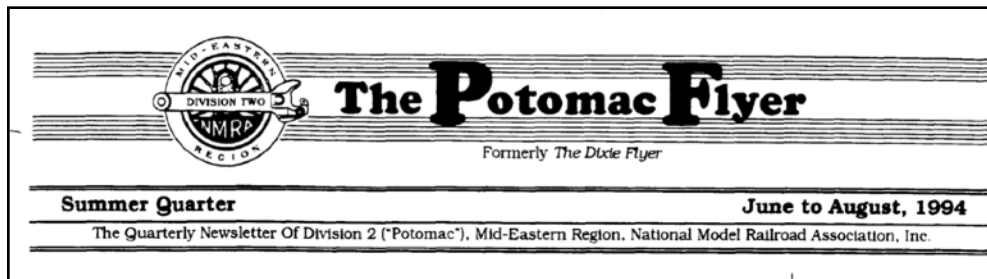


Greg Cassidy was going through some old stuff in his basement when he came across some binders with back issues of *The Flyer*.

Take a closer look at the logo on top of that 1994 newsletter in the photo on the left.



Yes, in 1994, the *Flyer* was called *The Dixie Flyer*. And one issue later, it became *The Potomac Flyer*.



The Board at the time said “*Dixie*” was misleading because it didn’t accurately describe the Division’s area. While acknowledging the region was below the Mason-Dixon line, “*this is not the Dixie that springs to the mind*” of most people. Some members suggested names like “*Capital Division*” or “*National Capital Division*” or “*Potomac River Division*.” The Board said any of these would “*provide a name that is both more modern and more ‘politically correct.*”

The name change was approved at a MiniCon held at Oakdale-Emory United Methodist Church in Olney, Maryland on March 12th, 1994. *The Flyer* reported over 70 members attended, but the actual vote on the issue was not noted.

(There is still a Dixie Division in Alabama in the Southeastern Region of the NMRA. But it is listed as inactive.)

*Editor’s Note: Thanks to Greg Cassidy, we have now posted on the Flyer Library page on our website 12 Flyer issues from 1993-1996 that we did not previously have.*

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