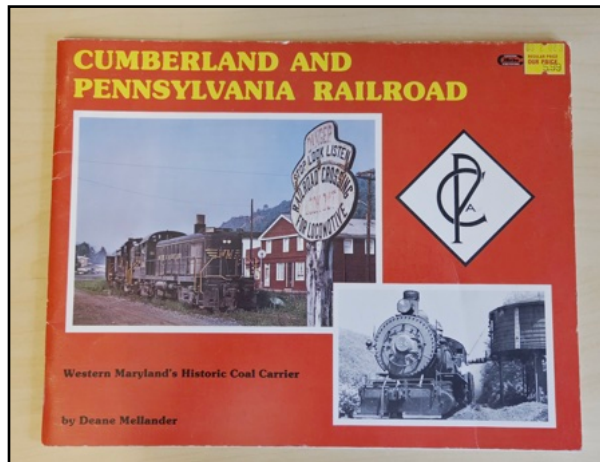


### 3. GREG CASSIDY'S RAILROAD BOOKS

I guess I have a small, average railroad and model railroad library, certainly not like many others I know, especially as far as railroad books. But two stand out as pivotal in what led me to build my layout as I did.



The first book, and I believe the first I got after I started thinking of model railroading, was Deane Mellander's *Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad*. This was before I knew Deane. I was in Postal Pro Hobbies in Gaithersburg, Maryland, probably looking for LifeLike's ubiquitous green mats to put on the layout my son and I had just built. Something about that Alco in Black & Gold and the old crossing sign caught my eye. And for under \$6 I had to get it to read more. Obviously the book primarily focuses on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania

Railroad. But Deane did an excellent job of weaving in how it worked with, and then was acquired by the Western Maryland Railway. Up to that point I thought I was a B&O fan, having grown up seeing and riding on them. But once I was introduced to the Wild Mary, there was no turning back and my heart was set upon replicating it in some way.

That leads to the second book, *The Western Maryland Railway in the Diesel Era* by Stephen J. Salamon & William E. Hopkins. It was my guidebook and Bible for the entire time I was building my layout and acquiring locomotives and rolling stock, and for many years after that. I practically memorized every single colored picture that was in that book, and fell in love with most of them. Even now, when I open it I find hand drawn track plans and papers with lists of tonnage moved and schedules of named trains.

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