

## Why Participate?

**Learn.** Model Railroading can be complex. You are surrounded by experienced modelers who are happy to help you get started or gain new skills.

**Make Friends and Socialize.** More than 250 model railroaders are part of the Potomac Division. Camaraderie and friendship is one of the big benefits! The Division also has a presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to allow you to socialize with other NMRA members.

### Our Links

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/NmraPd>

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/potomacnmra/>

**Facebook:** <https://facebook.com/PotomacNMRA>

**Youtube Channel:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChEyfkC4wzHM6WwDkmKo7gw>

**Get Inspired.** Visiting or operating on first-class layouts is a great way to get motivated to advance your own.

**Build Your Skills.** Conventions and layout tours give you a chance to learn about modeling techniques and practices, and see these techniques and practices applied by fellow modelers in your Division.

**Get Information.** Members share modeling and prototype data—plus you have access to all NMRA resources.

**Become a MMR.** Hundreds of modelers have achieved the designation of Master Model Railroader. The Division provides guidance along with the technical and administrative support needed to qualify.

**Support the Hobby.** Ever wonder why cars and locomotives from one manufacturer work with track from others? The NMRA is the answer. By joining you support the education, standards, and advocacy of our global organization.



## Here's how to participate in the Potomac Division:

Simply visit the National Model Railroad Association website, <https://nmra.org>, and click on Become a Member.

By joining the NMRA, you are automatically a member of the Mid-Eastern Region and the Potomac Division.

If you live in **Washington, DC** and its suburbs in **Northern Virginia** (Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, and Rappahannock Counties) and **Maryland** (Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George and St Mary's Counties), you are in the Potomac Division.

That's it!

Feel free to contact us by e-mail at [Superintendent@potomac-nmra.org](mailto:Superintendent@potomac-nmra.org)



# Your Friends are Waiting for You.



## You're invited!

Join hundreds of local model railroaders as part of the Potomac Division, , Mid-Eastern Region NMRA.



<https://potomac-nmra.org>



## The Potomac Division



The Potomac Division is the local chapter of the **National Model Railroad Association, Inc. (NMRA)**, the preeminent worldwide organization representing scale model railroaders.

The Potomac Division covers **Washington, DC** and its suburbs in **Northern Virginia** (Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, and Rappahannock Counties) and **Maryland** (Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George and St Mary's Counties).

If you live within our region and join the NMRA, you are automatically become a member of the Potomac Division! There are no additional dues or applications. However, you must be a NMRA member to take part in Potomac Division activities.



## What We Do

**Layout Tours.** The Potomac Division is home to some of the finest home and club model railroads in the U.S. As many as twelve hold open houses for the Potomac Division each year.

**Conventions and MiniCons.** The Potomac Division sponsors meets which we call "MiniCons" for mini-conventions. Each event has helpful clinics, expert talks, modular railroad setups, and plenty of time to socialize. Every 4-5 years the Division hosts the convention of the Mid-Eastern Region of the NMRA, drawing modelers from several states for a multi-day gathering.

**Achievement Program.** The Division provides the technical and administrative support to all of its members who participate in the NMRA Achievement Program and are working towards their Master Model Railroader designation.

**Assistance and Advice.** Potomac Division members enjoy providing information and hands-on help to their fellow model railroaders of all skill levels.

**Clinics.** The Division has virtual and live (in-person) clinics for members to gain the knowledge and skills of model railroading.

**Operations.** Several enthusiastic groups of model railroad operators call the Potomac Division home. Division participation is a great way to learn about operations, meet modelers interested in operations, and possibly be invited to join a round-robin group.

