

# Joint Potomac-Chesapeake Meet Report

## June 10, 2023



The Potomac Division held a Joint Meet with the Chesapeake Division on June 10<sup>th</sup> at the South Columbia Baptist Church in Columbia, Maryland. 26 members attended, 15 from Potomac and 11 from Chesapeake. Just over \$200 was raised as a donation to the church, which did not charge any fee for using its facilities.

There were five modeling clinics. From Potomac, Alex Belida, MMR, discussed the scratchbuilding of a vertical boiler Climax engine in HO scale; Brian Sheron, MMR, delved into techniques for making backdrops; and Martin Brechbiel, MMR, explained how to turn models best described as “trash” into treasures.

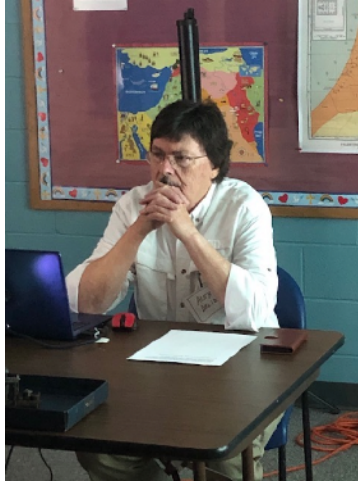
For Chesapeake, Jeff Burch explained weathering with oils while Mike Shylanski offered weathering with Vallejo acrylics.

Several models were displayed for a popular vote contest in two categories, on-track for engines and rolling stock and off-track for structures and dioramas. Chesapeake's Tim Beaty took the on-track winner's certificate for “My Favorite Train” consisting of a two-truck Shay pulling two flatcars loaded with lumber and a caboose. Tom Casey won the off-track certificate for his coal yard diorama.

The two Divisions provided donuts for the participants along with coffee and water.

Following the meet, members of the Potomac Division Board of Directors held their June meeting to discuss various matters, including plans for future meets, open houses and excursions.

Here are some photos from the Joint Meet. First, clinicians:



Above left to right: Martin Brechbiel, Alex Belida and Brian Sheron, all MMRs from Potomac Division.

Left: Jeff Burch  
Right: Mike Shylanski  
Both from Chesapeake Division



Popular vote winners: Beaty (L)  
Casey (R) with Chesapeake  
Superintendent Kirk Bateman (C);  
Models below:

