



May 17, 2025, Potomac Division Annual Meeting/Minicon

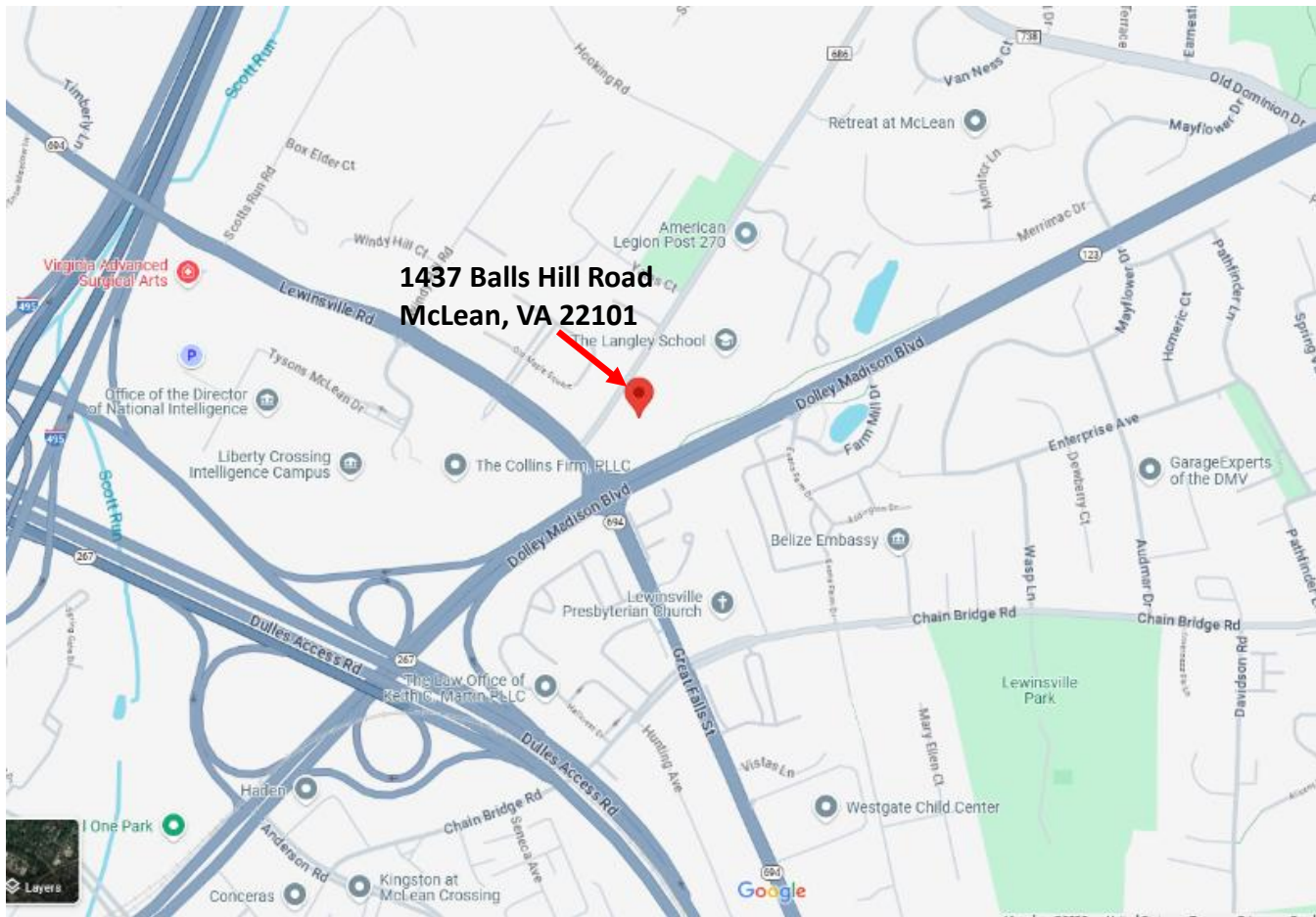
The 2025 Potomac Division Annual Meeting/Spring Minicon will be held Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 9 AM - 2 PM, at the Dranesville Government Center Community Room, 1437 Balls Hill Road, Mclean, VA 22101. (Map attached)

PRE-REGISTRATION will be required to allow the Division to have sufficient donuts, coffee and bottled water at the event. Please pre-register by letting our Clerk know by clicking [here](#) and providing your name, email, NMRA number, and phone number. There will be a \$10.00 attendance fee to cover the break materials, lunch (cheese or pepperoni pizza from a local pizza location) and refreshments provided for the event which you can pay at the registration table when checking in. We cannot take credit cards and payment must be in cash. Walk-ins for the event will be permitted.

AP evaluations will be available, however a prior email arrangement with Martin Brechbiel, Potomac Division AP Manager, will be **required**. There will NOT be a provision for evaluation walk-ins.

There will not be a White Elephant Sale, nor will there be a layout tour associated with this event.

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	SETUP	
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	REGISTRATION (\$10.00 Fee collected at this time)	
9:15 – 9:30 AM	OPENING, SUPERINTENDENT’S REMARKS	
9:30 AM -10:30 AM	MODELER’S SHOWCASE (individual presentations – 10 minutes each)	
	1.	Ernie Little, MMR: Car Construction
	2.	Greg Cassidy: Structures
	3.	Lee Stoermer: Interlocking tower construction
	4.	Martin Brechbiel, MMR: Trolley Car Construction
	5.	Alex, Belida, MMR: Bar Mills Water Tower
10:30 AM – 10:40 AM	BREAK	
10:40 AM – 11:40 AM	MODELER’S DEMONSTRATIONS (Simultaneously, attendees are free to go from table to table after brief introductions)	
	1.	Greg Cassidy: Pan Pastels – Painting and Weathering
	2.	Lee Stoermer: Natural Landscaping Materials
	3.	Pete LaGuardia, MMR: Track Cleaning & Tortoise Connector
	4.	Nigel Phillips: Frogs, switches and templates - the essentials of turnout building.
	5.	Frank Benenati: Tree Making
11:40 AM – 12noon	ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTION Results Announced	
12 noon-12:45 PM	LUNCH AND GUEST SPEAKER, Scott Wahl – “The Washington and Old Dominion Railroad”	
12:45 PM – 1:00 PM	BREAK	
1PM-1:45 PM	LAYOUT CLEANING CLINIC Clinic will focus on various techniques for maintaining and cleaning rolling stock, structures, and landscape materials for your layout - Brian Sheron, MMR	
1:45 PM – 1:50 PM	CLOSING	
1:50 PM	CLEANUP	



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