

Potomac Division and Potomac Module Crew at Manassas Railfest

Photos by Ernie Little, Potomac Division Superintendent



On Saturday, June 6th, members of the Potomac Division and the Potomac Module Crew provided an NRMA presence at the 32nd Manassas Rail Fest Event in Manassas, Virginia with great weather allowing a great crowd to attend. There were several other model railroad organizations that had layouts for the public to view.

With the Potomac Module Crew having become a 100% NMRA railroad club recently, the event provided an opportunity for the two model train organizations to work together to provide information regarding the NMRA to the public and recruit new NMRA members. When this opportunity came about, Potomac Module Crew coordinator and division member Doug Hess and Potomac Division Superintendent Ernie Little discussed and agreed that the venture was a good idea with the need to increase the number of NMRA members in the area. Many of the Potomac Module Crew are Potomac division members or of another NMRA division in our region.



The Potomac Module Crew provided the division with a designated area where they had a module with no scenery that could accommodate a division banner and set out division brochures. The division had Greg Cassidy, Division Senior Assistant Superintendent (left) holding down our booth all day with assistance from members Tim Tilson, Potomac Division member (center), there in the afternoon and Potomac Superintendent Ernie Little there for a portion of the afternoon. Also present for the day was Doug Hess, Potomac Module Crew coordinator and Potomac Division member (right).

With the Potomac Module Crew providing an excellent draw, in the form of a very good HO modular train layout and interaction with youth in attendance of the event, and with the Division providing staffing, informational division brochures the effort was successful. Several of the public in attendance of the event stopped by and asked questions about model railroading, what the NMRA is as an organization, and prospective members.



Some of the Potomac Module Crew members directly interacted with youth in attendance of the event providing them with an opportunity to run a locomotive. What better way to encourage youth to become involved in model railroading?

The division looks forward to the next opportunity where the two organizations can work together as a team. Thanks to the Potomac Module Crew for allowing the division this opportunity.

Watch the Potomac Division website and emails for announcements of future joint events.