

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE POTOMAC DIVISION OF THE NMRA

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THE POTOMAC FLYER



Issue Highlights:

Remote Ops Sessions: Lessons Learned

The Challenge of Master Builder-Prototype Models

Layout Renovation: Making A Helix

Workbench Tips, Scratchbuilding Sources

And Much, Much More...

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Marshall Abrams

11/7/40 - 9/12/20



In Memoriam

Flyer Publisher
And
Former Division
Superintendent

BASIC FACTS

- ◆ **We publish every two months plus an annual Pre-MiniCon issue.**
- ◆ **Feb-March, Apr.-May, June-July, Aug.-Sept., Oct.-Nov. and Dec.-Jan. The Pre-MiniCon issue comes out in March.**
- ◆ **We are digital only.**

Priorities

Per the directives of our Potomac Division Board of Directors, our main goals are to promote Division activities such as layout open houses, outreach activities like workshops, the MiniCon, and other MER and NMRA events.

We want members to interact!

(Even if only on Zoom)



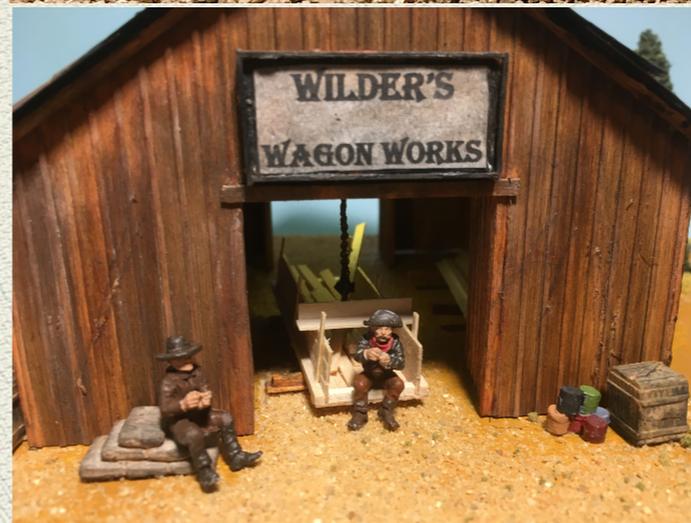
Other Goals

We also try to provide helpful information to our members about modeling, including tips and sources of materials.



**Last but not least...we
are a showcase for
member modeling
skills**

**We feature articles about
projects our members work
on...and give them a chance
to earn NMRA Author
Achievement Program
points.**



BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

So what can you do for the Flyer?

What Are We Looking For?

- ◆ Articles, of course... if you have an idea, send it to us at: Potomac-Flyer@potomac-nmra.org
- ◆ We want modeling tip suggestions, model construction texts, items on sources of materials for modeling and the like
- ◆ But we'll gladly consider any other ideas you might have
- ◆ Photos... but please only send us photos you took or those for which you have written permission to use!

What We Ask #1.

First, compose and submit your piece in one of the following preferred formats:

TXT, DOC, DOCX, or RTF.

Please do not double space after periods. (We know it's an old habit, but you can quit!)

Don't hyphenate any words.

Don't send us items with abnormal margins.

What We Ask #2.

Then, consider what photos, illustrations or other graphics can go with the text. These are essential. But to help us with producing the Flyer:

DO NOT include photos in your text. Instead, put notations in the text such as

"Insert Photo #1 here."

Send the illustrations separately (and numbered as you would want them in the text, for example:

"Belida1.jpg" or "PhotoEtch1.jpg").

JPG, GIF, or PNG formats are best for pictures.

What We Ask #3

If you have captions you would prefer for your illustrations, please create a separate text for captions only, each of which should be linked to a specific numbered picture.

For example, "'The front grill has been cut away from the engine'-with illustration #2."

What We Ask #4

Also, don't forget to add a short biographical sketch and provide a headshot photo of yourself.



Alex Belida is a retired foreign correspondent and news executive who worked for the Voice of America. Besides living in Europe and Africa, he travelled extensively in the U.S. and abroad while covering the White House and the Pentagon. He and his wife live in Rockville. For the moment, his E&SP is in a second floor 10'x12' bedroom once occupied by son Brian, founding father of Eureka.

Publisher

FULL DISCLOSURE:

I can't claim credit for everything in the Flyer. While I edit the pieces, set the order of the contents and design the cover, the actual layout work has been done by a stalwart of the Potomac Division: the late Marshall Abrams who passed away this month. We're looking for a replacement. Proofreading of each issue is now done by Dan Ebert and Bob Sprague.

What Do You Get?

- ◆ **Satisfaction of seeing yourself in print**
- ◆ **Knowing you've helped fellow modelers**
- ◆ **Author Points in the NMRA AP Program**

About the Author AP

It's points driven. You need 42. Points are awarded for articles, photos or drawings and plans in National publications and for Regional and Divisional outlets like *The Local* and *The Flyer*.

Important details: a page is 1200 words. Only half the points (21) can be claimed for electronic publications (Internet) like your blog.

Full details on the NMRA AP page.

ANY QUESTIONS?

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