



August 8, 2026, POTOMAC DIVISION MEET  
DRANESVILLE DISTRICT COMMUNITY ROOM  
1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, Virginia 22101  
\$15.00 participation fee

The participation fee can be prepaid online using a credit card at this link:

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/LWSKGNBYBURLNQ> or scan the QR code with your telephone or pay at the door. If you prepay you will be entered into the door prize drawing. Lunch will be provided as part of the participation fee.

Potomac Division NMRA



|                     |                                                                    |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM   | SETUP                                                              |
| 8:30 AM – 8:50 AM   | REGISTRATION                                                       |
| 8:50 AM – 9:50 AM   | AP Clinic – Motive Power – Clinician: Alex Belida, MMR             |
| 9:50 AM – 10:10 AM  | BREAK                                                              |
| 10:10 AM – 11:10 AM | AP Clinic – Electrical – Clinician: Ernie Little, MMR              |
| 11:10 AM – 12:10 PM | Lunch                                                              |
| 12:10 PM – 1:10 PM  | Clinic – Building a micro layout<br>Clinician: Greg Cassidy        |
| 1:10 PM – 1:25 PM   | Break/Door prize drawing/Closing                                   |
| 1:25 PM – 2:00 PM   | Open Question and Answer session – bring a model and talk about it |
|                     | CLEANUP                                                            |

#### Clinics

##### AP Clinic – Motive Power

Alex Belida, MMR, will discuss the requirements for the Motive Power Achievement Program certificate. The certificate requires one to build three scale models of railroad motive power, one of which must be scratch built. All models must be capable of self-propulsion on track of the same gauge as the model. Power trains for all models may be commercial motors and gears.

##### AP Clinic - Electrical

Ernie Little, MMR, will discuss the requirements for the Electrical Achievement Program certificate. The certificate requires one to construct and demonstrate operation of an electrical control system on a model railroad capable of simultaneous and independent control of two mainline trains. Wire and demonstrate electrical operation of three features (like turnout, crossing, etc.) and three additional items (like turnout position indicator on a control panel.) Prepare a schematic drawing of the propulsion circuitry of the model railroad.

##### Building a Micro Layout

Greg Cassidy will show all it took to build a 2x2 micro layout from start to finish.

##### Question and Answer session-

This is an open session for those in attendance to bring a model or something model railroad related to and talk about what they are doing on it.

