



Potomac Division Minicon March 10, 2001 *by Clint Hyde*

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Well, I think this was the best one I've been to. Turnout was near 100, the clinics were great, the NTRAK participation (hopefully now an ongoing thing) was great, the white elephant table was great, models for voting/-judging were great, photo ops were great—and I only have closeups of the NTRAK stuff. Man was I busy! OK, the featured speaker stunk, the less said about that the better; we won't make that mistake again.

I had a great time—hope you did too, certainly! Everyone seemed to. If you weren't there,

well, a big oops.

One final question: we are still planning on attempting to put together an MER regional convention October 2002, will need volunteers, etc.; should we have a miniconvention also in 2002? They aren't hard to put together, but this one was distracting us from investigating hotels for Fall. Please let us know if a minicon is of enough interest for enough people...we consider them good practice, and you can't have too much of that!

HO Module Crew Notes *by Bruce Strickland*

This is a thank you note from the Division Superintendent of the Tidewater Division:

Bruce Strickland
 Potomac Module Crew Coordinator

Dear Bruce,

Please accept my thanks for the participation of the Potomac Module Crew in our annual train show this past October. The camaraderie of the two division module groups working as one unit truly displayed the full meaning of model railroading. Your members brought a new level of operations to our show. The Tidewater Division looks forward to having the Potomac Division Module Crew join us again next fall.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Brown
 Tidewater Division Superintendent

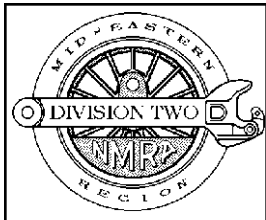
triot's from the Virginia Beach area and discovered that we had much in common. Besides the actual show, we had dinner with them after the train show set up on Friday night and had a lively discussion about modules, the divisions and railroading in general. We have been invited to participate again in September of this year. We brought 13 modules to help the Tidewater Division's own Module Crew build a forty-foot square railroad. We shared operational concepts and introduced them to DCC. Needless to say, we also left some money with vendors at the show as well.

Two weeks later, we appeared at the annual Rockville Lions Club Train Show in support of the Lions Club Charities. The railroad consisted of 44 modules. At this point, I would like to thank Tim Barr of the Prince William Model Railroad Club for bringing his two modules that have Colorado Narrow gauge railroad equipment. Jim Law, John Dallain and Ralph Douglas joined us from the Piedmont Railroaders out of Warrenton. After a planning mishap, and subsequent redesign of the railroad, all went smoothly. The planning goof was mine. I had tried to shoe-horn as much railroad into the room as possible, and at set up on Friday night, I discovered that the room was smaller than I had thought (Thank You,

Last October, several members of the Potomac Module Crew joined the Tidewater Division Modular Group for the Tidewater Division Train Show. We participated with our modular compa-

Reminder: We need zip+four from everyone. Check your mailing label—I may have it.

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From the Business Car

by Garret Nicholson
Division Superintendent

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Our latest miniconvention was the most successful that we have had in a longtime. The attendance and therefore the receipts were up from last year. The Potomac module crew and the Northern Virginia Ntrakers set up modular layouts for the enjoyment of the attendees. Members of the Northern Virginia Ntrakers gave well attended clinics not given before at the miniconvention. Ed Price and Bill Roman have revived our model contest and AP program and many people entered the contest and several entries received achievement awards. A modeler getting out of the hobby donated many boxes of kits which we sold at flea market prices.

Our keynote speaker, Norm Garner, the President of the Mid East Region gave us an update on membership requirements. Our division charter which is granted to us by the region requires that members pay dues to the division, region and national organizations. Many people do this already and participate at all levels of the organization. We realize that some people in the Potomac Division are content to receive the Potomac Flyer and go to local layout tours and do not want to join all three levels of the NMRA. The board of directors has spoken to other divisions to see how they handle this issue and at some length with the Region. We will probably develop a new category such as a subscriber which will get the flyer but not entitle these people to participation in NMRA sponsored events. As always, we solicit your comments or suggestions on this. Be advised that this issue of membership was hammered out in 1996 or 1997 and just has never been enforced until now.

A few days after the miniconvention, I got a letter from the pastor of the Dulin Methodist Church, where we had the convention. He saw or got reports of people drinking beer in the parking lot after the convention. He will not allow us to hold any conventions at his church in the future. As we will probably hold our miniconventions at churches in the future as they are affordable, I need to call attention to the fact that churches are very sensitive about alcohol on their premises and that attendees should not bring alcohol to convention sites in the future.

Achievement News

by Bill Roman & Ed Price

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The Merit Award judging at the 2001 Minicon was a major success. We had 30 models entered for popular vote and formal AP judging.

I would like to thank Monroe Stewart and Bill Roman for their judging expertise. The model contest at the mini-convention was a real success. We had 30 entries plus all the modules. I would like to use most of this column to acknowledge all the recent award winners.

- NMRA Scenery Achievement Award to Bob Minnis for his fine New England module set.
- NMRA Volunteer Award to Clint Hyde, your newsletter editor.

NMRA Merit Awards to members for contest models winning more than the required 87.5 points go to:

Structures:

- John Griffith – grist mill and section house
- Bob Minnis – petroleum storage tanks
- Don Watson – sandhouse
- Martin Brechbiel – water tank
- Clint Hyde – pool hall/saloon.

Locomotives:

- Noll Horan – 0-6-0T and 4-4-0.

Cars:

- Don Watson – caboose
- Noll Horan - EBT covered hopper, 3 bay hopper
- Martin Brechbiel – camp car, flat car, and boxcar

Winners of the popular vote contest are:

On-line structures:

- 1st Don Watson – sand house
- 2nd Martin Brechbiel – water tank
- 3rd Noll Horan – meat packing plant.

Off line structures:

- 1st John Griffin – grist mill
- 2nd 3-way tie Bob Minnis – petroleum tanks and Paul Berger - logging gantry and Bob Rosenberg – Bates Motel.

Steam:

- 1st Noll Horan – Nn3 BLW 0-6-0;
- 2nd Noll Horan - N scale shay,
- 3rd Paul Diley – PRR N scale 2-8-8-2.

Freight Car:

- 1st Noll Horan - EBT covered hopper
- 2nd ; Martin Brechbiel – boxcar
- 3rd , Martin Brechbiel – camp car



John Griffith's grist mill

Caboose: 1st Dave Freshwater – PRR cabin car.

Non-revenue: 1st Dave Freshwater – caboose.

Diorama: 1st Martin Brechbiel – car construction camp.

Favorite train:

- 1st Jim Matthews – B&O Buckeye Limited,
- 2nd Ken Jones – Acela.

Favorite Module:

- Mark Andersen – Western Maryland dinner corner module

Contest participants; please be patient I will send you the awards along with paper materials when the award certificates are completed.

by Matt Schaefer

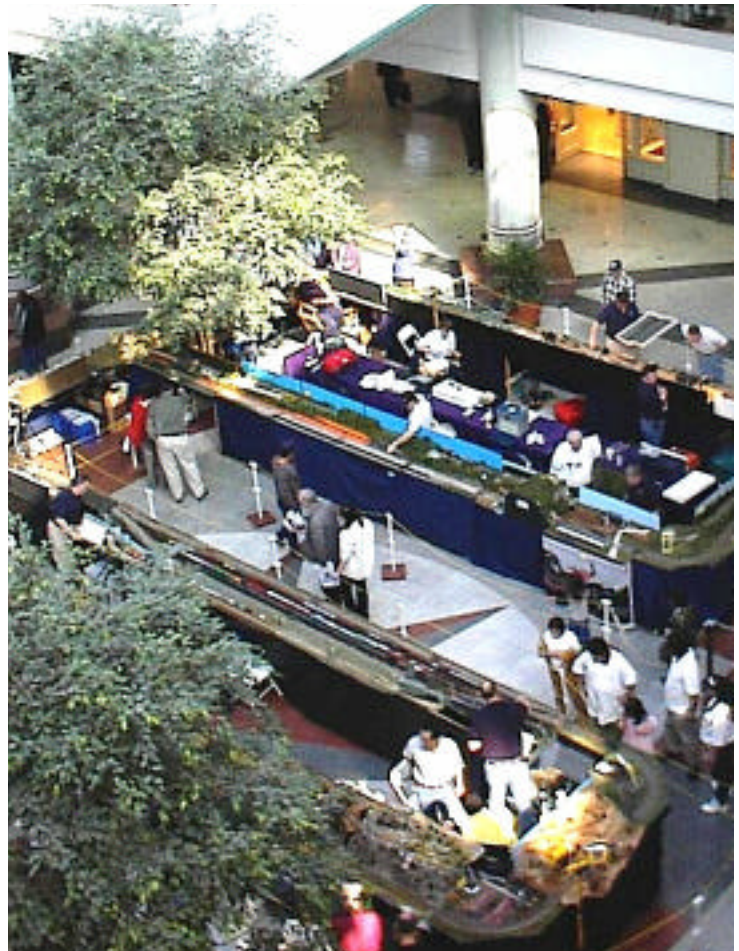
We had the usual great NTRAK shows this quarter but one stands out in my mind. Our Mini Con layout was different in that it was a wayside switching layout run on a combination of single track (oNeTRAK) and 3 track modules. The slow action is not as good for the general public but was intended to involve and entertain the hard core Mini-con modelers. Unfortunately everyone in the Mini-con did not get a run on this RR so here is the story as told by one of the train crewmen.

On Sunday March 10th we were called for J14, the "Loony Turn" out of Brunswick, Dave Davies yard. By the time we got to Loony and picked up our cut of cars and pumped off the brakes we had been delayed an hour and a half due to the track electrical gang (working under the modules). Conductor Bill Reaves picked up "most" of our waybills and the Loony dispatcher, John Steitz, gave us clearance westbound all the way to Moose Lake and to Pucketsville.

We pulled out and around LaBaugh's corners and on across the big sky country approaching Moose Lake. Bill said to me, "This scenery looks just like a picture you would see in a magazine" Actually we were just crossing a row of Bernie Kempinski's modules that had been featured in all the magazines. We were taking in the scenery as we rounded Maxey's curve and then it hit the fan. Before we knew it we took off through an open switch at Gordonsville, dumped the air and just stopped short of the rear end of a freight on the wye. It would have been nice if they had told us we would be meeting somebody at the wye! And what idiot left the switch open and I wasn't even able to see the switch because of obstructions to my view, maybe Dave D. head, not sure. I guess everyone has an excuse. Luckily no damage was done so we backed out of the wye.

We were getting our bearings when it dawned on Bill, "Hey, we forgot we had a hopper of wood chips for Maxey's." Because Maxey's had facing points westbound we used Sage Brush siding to put the hopper ahead of the engine and we eased her back around the curve and spotted the hopper in the paper mill. We saw Brian Brendel and Jake railfanning at the curve and Brian said the chips looked more like coal. We agreed and figured that was somebody else's problem and we took off for Pucketsville. We should have called the Loony dispatcher for authority for the reverse movement to Maxey's but he didn't advise us of the meet at Gordonsville and we didn't want to get into it.

Brian, Jake and Mitch Brown showed up at Pucketsville so we let them help with the cantankerous uncoupler magnets and let them throw the switches for us too. With their help we were able to get the Pucketsville switching mess sorted out except wound up with cars without waybills. We heard other crews on the radio talking about the same



screw up so we didn't worry about that either and decided to let the yardmaster at Brunswick take care of it. Traffic was heavy and several trains passed while we were in the hole at Pucketsville.

The loony dispatcher cleared us through McMillan and all the way back to Brunswick for our supper break. I wanted to stop right at the Burpy Snack Bar next to the Dave's yard office but our hard ball conductor wanted our cars put away in the yard, another 10 moves, geeze. When we got to Burpy's the other crews were out in the parking lot and making plans to go to Applebee's and exchange stories about the happening at the Mini con. So you can see these true story operations are fun, almost like an out of body experience. It is hoped as we can have more of these switching layouts with all attendees joining in as engineer, conductor or switchman. The above experiences at the mini-convention reminded me of my crew days when I was working for the big RRs in the 50's ... but that is another story.

NVNTRAK helps conventions and shows where we can by providing layouts or in assisting other clubs coordinate big shows. Conventions can attract a repeat crowds with modular layouts. For the Richmond GATS show we attracted the same old clubs from all over the world that came to our '96 Alexandria convention. For more info on your local NVN-TRAK club, the past shows and the schedule of coming activities see <http://www.nvntrak.org/>

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Colin for saving me).

We set up at the Fairfax Station Train Show on the first week of December and had a lot of fun despite the fact that it was only a 14 module railroad. We closed out the year at the Greenberg Train Show on the final weekend of the year. The railroad was 30 modules big. We were in the lobby and I can safely say that everyone who came to the show saw our layout.

The Crew made one of our semi-annual appearances at the Lyceum in Alexandria. We displayed twenty modules during our February outing there. On March 10, we joined our Northern Virginia NTrak friends at the division Mini-Convention. One of the themes of the convention was modular railroading. We presented module building and scenery building clinics in addition to presenting our two railroads side-by-side. We built several module frames and hopefully we will see them fully operational at our next outings. For our part, we presented an eighteen module layout and the Ntrak'ers showed off their oNeTrak modules. On March 17-18th, we joined forces with the Piedmont Model Railroaders, the Prince William Model Railroad Club, and the Boy Scouts to present a 100+ module railroad to support the troop's fundraising and Merit Badge qualifying efforts.

In June, we will be appearing at the Manassas Railroad Festival on June 2, 2001. This is a fun event for us. All the modular groups in the area come to this event. Besides all the modular railroads, VRE runs six excursion trains to Clifton, Amtrack plans to bring the Cardinal to show off, the Buckingham Lining Bar Gang shows how track was laid in the thirties on a real section of track, and there are other railroad related activities for the whole family.

Please come and see us at these events. We would enjoy your company and bring a train to run. We are DCC equipped but can run non-DCC trains as well. If you are interested in joining us, please check our Web site at www.members.aol.com/PMChorr01/PMC-Frame.html, or call me at 703-361-5620, or just say hello at one of our events.



Clint,

The three HO Modular Groups are planning to have a “private session” at the Saunders Middle School in Prince William County on July 21-22. If we have no July Layout tour, I will ask the contributing clubs if they would mind showing the 100+ module layout to the Division as a Sunday Layout Tour.

Bruce

DC RR doings beyond the minicon — *Clint Hyde*

Potomac Division territory is the place to be seeing good, big model railroad activities in the next few years, beginning with this year's minicon, next year's MER Fall Regional Convention (we hope—we need to find an affordable facility for it, and that isn't easy in this town), and a major NTRAK convention in 2004.

So what's a Regional convention actually like? I've only been to one, but I've been reading about others (since they always get covered in the MER Local which I'm now the publisher of). The one I attended (Hagerstown, Fall 1999) had an excellent facility, a hotel/motel with a separate building for convention purposes: a big center room that had the modular layouts and Saturday night awards and panel discussion (which included John Armstrong, who was much more entertaining than the rest of the panel) and adjacent meeting rooms for various clinics. We are hunting for a comparable location here (with no real success yet), but it's going to cost more. There are also a number of "prototype tours" that are group visits to local railroad-related businesses (like Union Station, the Amtrak auto-train location in Lorton), possibly an excursion ride if we time it properly, generally a bundle of home layout tours all on the same day, a banquet, a mountain of clinics and presentations, lots of camaraderie with fellow modelers. And for those of us who are coordinators, enough headaches to warrant carrying a jar of Excedrin :) around in the same pocket as the cell phone or walkie talkie.

As always, there are two primary aspects to this hobby, one is doing the modeling, and the other is talking about it with other people. The modeling is often a solo activity—there you are at home, building that layout, all alone. Modular layouts are, almost by definition, group activities, involving plenty of other people for a typical gathering. Both the Potomac Module Crew and NVNTRAK have a number of public displays every year, like at GSMTS in Timonium, Greenberg in Chantilly or Gaithersburg, the Manassas Railway Festival, and they always have a crowd of doers and an audience. As with any activity, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it, and the modular route is one that involves working with others to complete a project (and therefore you have regular access to help and expertise, which you probably aren't getting all alone at home).

And given the business of life in the DC area, an opportunity for a social gathering like a modular layout show is better than a lot of alternatives...

From: "Carl Barna" <cbarna@dellnet.com>
To: <chyde@bbn.com>
Subject: ltr. to the editor
Date: Sun, 27 Aug 2000 18:26:59 -0700

Just wanted to send a "letter to the editor" regarding Nick Kalis' comment on Division layout tours.

Having lived in Denver now for a year, I look back on my Potomac Division days and think "how nice it was." Nick has done an outstanding job in setting up the home layout tours. [He sure bugged me enough about it.:)] There are obviously lots of great modelers out here, too, but there sure isn't anything here that compares to what Nick has done in trying to bring folks together by arranging these visits. I'm surprised that turnout sounds so low. Folks should really take advantage of the tours for all the reasons Nick gave. Like your knees, you'll miss them when they're gone. I wish could see Vance Morrison's B&O harbor layout that y'all have planned. As you know, the feel of waterfront railroading is what I'm trying to capture. I did find a fellow out here who's modeling the "Long Giland," and he even has a moving car float !!

I've finally gotten my basement finished and will start construction of the new "North Jersey Harbor Belt" this fall. I was able to attend the NMRA convention and had the chance to look at Howard Lloyd's layout up close and personal. Howard's done a Class A job in capturing the feel of a NJ waterfront area. I hope I can do as well. Howard says he may dismantle the layout and try something new. I guess we all reach that point sooner or later.

Well, thanks for sending the newsletter. I miss the modeler friends I made, and I really, really miss Timonium. There simply isn't anything like that out here, either. Why, at Timonium they practically give the stuff away! I always got great buys. Maybe someday I'll be able to coordinate a business trip with a Timonium show weekend !

By the way, which deck is Nick working on now ? :-)

Reminder:

The Flyer is *always* accepting submissions for publication—and you get NMRA AP Author points when things get published! Don't wait, get that stuff in now! You can see that there are holes to fill.

AP Forms — *Bill Roman, AP co-coordinator*

Although all "editions" of AP forms are (as far as I know) still acceptable for use in the judging and certificate process, just for uniformity and to ensure that the most up-to-date criteria are being followed, please contact Ed Price or myself to get copies of the current forms and guidelines. Alternatively, if you have access to the web, you can access and download these forms from the NMRA or MER websites. This certainly isn't a critical item, but it does make the judges/evaluators job a little easier when they always have the same version of these forms. Thanks for your assistance, and keep up the good work on your projects.

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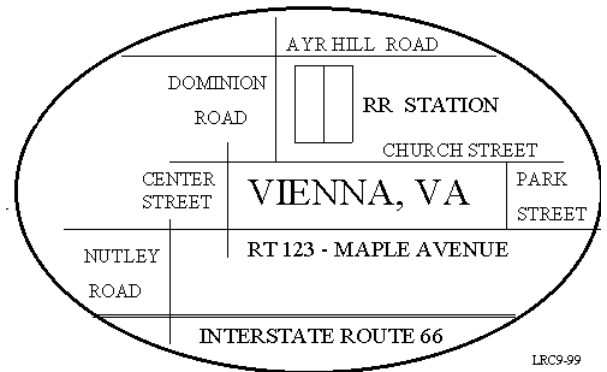
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Getting Started With Your Sectional Benchwork *By Nick Kalis*

Recently, I had the pleasure of building my benchwork before even moving into my new home. I had the assistance of an able carpenter/friend named Ed Bjarnason. We built my model railroad benchwork using the techniques popularized by David Barrow of Cat Mountain and Santa Fe fame. To see if Barrow's techniques are right for you, refer to his article in *Model Railroader* starting on page 56 of the September 1996 issue. Therein can be found photographs, drawings, instructions, and a bill of materials that should get you started. To read even more about Barrow's layout see the September 1999 issue of *Model Railroader*. Barrow wrote a four part series on his South Plains District that ends with the December 1996 issue of *Model Railroader*.

Barrow advocates building an around-the-wall sectional layout using only the finest plywood. Barrow refers to each section as a domino. Sections are bolted together. Bus wires are installed in each section before the whole is assembled. While Barrow's layout is HO scale, his technique could be adapted to other scales as well. While David models the plains of Texas, I found his technique worked well for the urban scenery I have chosen to model. David's technique has been catching on slowly. To see an actual dominoes layout in this area, contact me at 703 734-6800 and I will arrange for you to see mine.

Although my layout is not yet operational, I am very pleased with the dominoes Ed Bjarnason helped me with. Ed has an extensive shop and may be persuaded to build your dominoes for a fee.

Ed Bjarnason can be contacted at 15334 Edgehill Court, Dumfries, Virginia 22026.

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Division 2, Mid-Eastern Region, National Model Railroad Association
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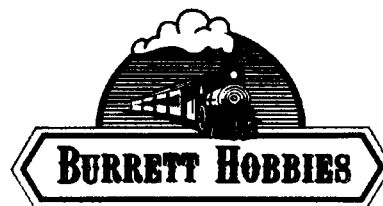
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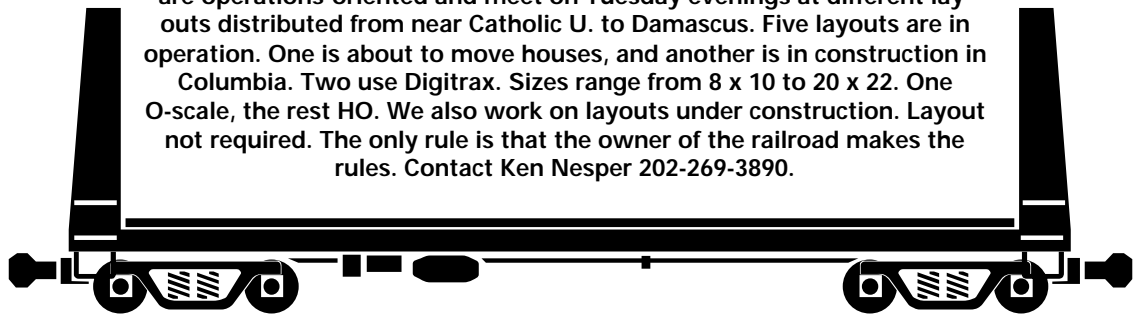
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Potomac Division Calendar

✓ Mark events now which you don't want to miss.

May

17 Northern Virginia Model Railroader's Club
Open House. see page 7.

20 Layout Tour. Alex Pope, see page 5.

June

2 Manassas Railway Festival
www.visitmanassas.org
modular layouts, a VRE excursion, the usual.

10 Layout Tour. George Kramer. see page 6.

23,4 Great Scale Model Train Show. Timonium.
Be there.

July

21, tentative! large HO modular layout, probably
22 Prince Wm County. expect an email when the
details are firm.

22 Layout Tour--Walt Schuchman's. See page 7

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