

DALE LATHAMS "PIEDMONT SOUTHERN"

Saturday, August 5, 2023

On Saturday, August 5, 2023, as a part of the Potomac Division's meet in Waldorf, Maryland, Dale Latham sponsored an open house of his Piedmont Southern railroad. His 22 foot by 24 foot HO scale model railroad is located in the former garage of his home. He models the railroad as it would have appeared in 1956 as it leaves the Shenandoah Valley, in Virginia and goes into the mountains to the Northwest. Since the last Division visit in 2022 he has made a few changes and now has, in his words, "Completed my model railroad", which all of us know a model railroad is never done.

Dale's Piedmont Southern is well-known and has appeared in several major modeling publications and appeared in Model Railroader's 2023 "The Art of Model Railroading" calendar.



One of the southern Maryland locations Dale discussed in his clinic was Pope's Creek.

While his layout does not replicate southern Maryland, he included a reference to that location in one of the many detailed scenes along the Piedmont Southern that delight visitors (photo below).



Photos by Alex Belida, MMR

Here are some additional photos taken of Dale's layout on the day of his open house.

Photos by Ernie Little, MMR

