

Leisure World Open House

Thanks to Henry Jordan ([photo right](#)), Potomac Division members were invited to visit Leisure World's Model Railroad Club and its three layouts on Saturday, January 13th. The HO scale model railroad is the largest of the three with completed scenery and trains running over a mainline connecting two portions of an extensive hidden track system. At one end the hidden trackage represents Birmingham, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia. At the other end are Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Cleveland, Ohio. Trains operate between these points, setting off cars for local industries at one of two yards on the railroad. The smaller of these two yards is the origin for two branch line locals. Card forwarding is used during operations.



The other two layouts are N scale and O27 ([photo below right](#)). Both are display layouts with completed scenery and two separate loops for running trains. The O27 layout has a few operating accessories. The mountain ([photo left](#)) separates the N gauge layout to the right from the HO layout to the left.



Henry, an NMRA Honorary Life Member and former NMRA Meetings and Trade Show Department

Manager, says the club has about 11 active members and two regularly scheduled meetings a week. The club also hosts two one-day open houses for the community a year. The one held during last year's holidays received 300 visitors.

Here are some additional photos from the open house by **Alex Belida**.



The HO yard (above) and a backdrop (left) painted by one of Leisure World's resident amateur artists.





*Coal tower
on the HO
layout (left)
and the
long HO
bridge
(below)*





*The HO lumber yard (above)
with a scene from the N gauge
layout (right).*

