

# November 12th Open House Tour - Dale Latham's Piedmont Southern Railroad

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After a long COVID delay, our Division's regular Open House Layout Tours resumed featuring layouts in Waldorf, MD. A healthy number of members and guests enjoyed the tours.



**Dale Latham**

1. What is the name of your layout? **Piedmont Southern Railroad**
2. What scale is your layout? **HO**
3. Does your layout have a specific era and/or location?  
**I'm modeling the middle section of the Piedmont Southern, circa 1956, as it leaves the Shenandoah Valley and begins to attack the mountains to the northwest. My major yard is the division point, about halfway between Richmond and Connellsville.**

4. What are the overall dimensions of your layout? **Approx. 22' x 24'**

5. How do you control your layout? **Digitrax DCC**

6. When did you start making your layout? **Too many changes and total restarts to know.**

7. Do you host operating sessions or would you consider doing so? **Yes, I host about 20 sessions a year with an average attendance of seven people, including myself.**

8. What type of track (sectional, flex track or hand laid) and switches are on your layout and what is its code?  
**Combination of hand-**





laid and Atlas flex. Switches are Atlas, Walthers and Peco. All track is code 83 with some code 70 sidings.



9. If you were to brag about your layout what would you describe as its outstanding feature: Probably the scenery. Other than continuing to add more trees and bushes and fine detail, the layout is close to 100% complete.





Dale's layout has been featured in the 2009 and 2020 issues of Great Model Railroads and appears in Model Railroader's 2023 "The Art of Model Railroading" calendar.