

5. ERNIE LITTLE'S RAILROAD OPERATIONS

My favorite model railroading activity is participating in operations sessions. I have been fortunate to attend sessions both in the NMRA Potomac and James River Divisions, and Long Island OPS and DC/VA/New Jersey Ops sessions over the past few years. These experiences have exposed me to several excellent home and club layouts including the West Island Model Club.



If you want to learn about prototype railroad operations, you should try to attend an operations session in your area. Many times, hosts will welcome new attendees and have you work their railroad with a more seasoned model railroader that has operated

on their layout as a regular crew member to allow you to learn about operations and have fun.

This is a picture (photo left) of the assignment board at the West Island Railroad Club's layout in April of 2025. This layout is in a 5,000 square foot industrial building space in Hicksville, New York. It can handle over 50 people operating and believe me the action is nonstop. It takes two dispatchers to handle the workload. *Ernie Little MMR*

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