

7. Ernie Little's Pulaski Train Depot



The historic Pulaski, Virginia, train depot, referred to by many as the Grand Old Lady of Pulaski, was originally built in 1888 by the Virginia-Tennessee Railroad, just two years after the Town of Pulaski was chartered by the Commonwealth of Virginia. This long one-story former station was crafted from Peak Creek granite by Italian stone masons. It was covered with a slate roof punctuated by tall, paneled brick chimneys and decorated with iron cresting along the ridgeline. The curved and hipped dormers also have cresting and are further adorned with iron finials. The roof extends to form a deep overhang, which is supported by the roof's rafters and metal columns with curvilinear brackets.

In 1994 the Town completed a major renovation of the depot and the station held strong until it was destroyed by fire on November 17, 2008. The Town completed a thorough historical restoration with the original stone walls intact. The restored station was rededicated in June of 2011. *Ernie Little, MMR*

(Editor's Note: Although this Challenge was intended for model train stations, the last Potomac Flyer issue didn't specify that. So I decided to give Ernie a break. He may also have decided to submit it in view of the fact that our next Challenge will be for real engines, not models. After being called out, Ernie recovered nicely as you can see on the next page.)