November 14, 2026, POTOMAC DIVISION MEET
Arcola Volunteer Fire Department Annex
24300 Stone Springs Blvd. Sterling, VA 20166

$10.00 participation fee

The participation fee can be prepaid online using a credit card at this link: https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/LWSKGNYBURLNQ or scan the QR code with your telephone or pay at the door. The fee is to pay for break materials and Lunch is on your own. A map showing the location of the meet is provided after the Show and Tell descriptions below.

Potomac Division NMRA

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	SETUP
8:30 AM – 8:50 AM	REGISTRATION
9:00 AM -10:00 AM	AP Clinic – Cars – Clinician: Martin Brechbiel, MMR
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	BREAK
10:15 AM – 11:15 AM	Building a Portable layout – Clinician: Greg Cassidy
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	BREAK
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	How to do session. (Show and tell) 1. Comparison of tortoise and MP 10 turnout motors – Ernie Little, MMR 2. Demonstration of Micromark ultrasonic knife – Ken Wilson 3. T-trak module construction – Jim LaBaugh 4. Landform coatings – Greg Cassidy 5. Modeling a corn field – Lee Stoermer 6. HON30 Nevada Micro layout – Alex Belida, MMR
12:30 PM	Conclusion of meet
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Virginia Layout Tour (See layout descriptions below)

AP Clinic – AP cars

Martin Brechbiel, MMR, will discuss the Cars Achievement Program certificate requirements.

Clinic – Landform coatings

Greg Cassidy will discuss the various materials that can be used to create landscapes.

How to do session Open Forum (show and tell)

Six members of the division will be on hand to show and tell you about railroad related items they are either working on or have worked on. Attendees will have an opportunity to sit down with them and see their item close up and ask questions. Maybe even get to try their item out.

The topics/items are:

1. A comparison of tortoise and MP 10 motors by Ernie Little, MMR, which will cover the likes and differences between the two motors and include a demonstration of the two motors operating side by side
2. A demonstration of the recently purchased a "HOZO NeoBlade" ultrasonic knife from Micro Mark Ken Wilson, . Although it was an impulse purchase (a common occurrence when perusing a Micro Mark catalog), the knife has shown some unique benefits. The knife will be demonstrated, and members will be encouraged to try it on various materials.
3. T-track module construction by JIm LaBaugh, who will have one of his modules on hand to allow those attending to see how it was constructed.
4. Landform coatings by Greg Cassidy, where he will demonstrate five different products (hydrocal, plaster gauze, Gypsolite, Sculptamold & sanded grout) that are commonly used as a base before paint and scenery go down. He will have one piece of XPS foam showing the products already in place, and another piece of foam where he will be applying the products to show how they go down.
5. Modeling a corn field by Lee Stoermer. Do you know how to create a cornfield on a model railroad. Lee will show you how he did it and the final result.

6. Can you build an operating layout in four square feet? Alex Belida, MMR, will display his HOn30 Eureka Nevada micro layout complete with engine shed, crew shack, abandoned mine and...chickens….really!

From Route 15



Arcola VFD Annex
24300 Gum Spring Road

From Fairfax, VA

Virginia Layout Tour

1. Cam Green's Maine Central is a two Rail O Scale layout based on the main central railroad in 1960s. It consists of a 26 x 46 L-shaped space in his basement layout features



the Dover Foxcroft branch which ran from Newport Junction to Dover Foxcroft Maine. It includes a short bit of the main line around Newport Junction. The focus is the operations at Newport Junction and the local that proceeded up and back on the Dover Foxcroft branch. The layout is in the early stage of construction. All track is laid all bench workers in all electronics is in there is scenery on probably about 25% of the railroad. Entry is through the garage to the basement through a short length of stairs. The layout is not handicap accessible.

2. John Whittaker's Colorado and Silver Hope Railroad is HO narrow gauge layout. John's railroad has multiple levels accomplished without a helix. His little HOn3 steamers struggle with the steep mountain grades, and thanks to long runs and curves, John has created some spectacular views of the Rockies. He has added to his scenery and now has a waterfall.
3. Lee Stoermer's Codorus Subdivision of the Northern Central Railroad, and Stewartstown Railroad Shortline, is a HO scale model railroad modeled from New Freedom north through York, Pennsylvania. It is 17 feet by 26 feet, powered by NCD DCC, and operations is done using switch list and car cards. Bench work is 95% complete, track work is 80%

complete, and scenery and structures are 70% complete. Depending upon what he is running the layout is circa 1939 or 1981.

The following are restaurants in area of the meet site and is not a complete listing of all restaurants in the area

1 mile west. Intersect Rt50 and Stone Springs Blvd

Glory Days Grill	42010 Village Center Plaza
Wendy's	42035 Village Center Plaza
Subway	42010 Village Center Plaza
Vocelli's Pizza	42010 Village Center Plaza
Briyani Grill	42010 Village Center Plaza
Popeye's	24431 Stone Springs Blvd
Hammerdown Barbeque	41153 Little River Trnpk 2 mile west on Rt 50

3 miles east off Rt. 50 - near intersection of Rt 50 and Rt 606 (Loudoun County Pkwy)

Los Toltecos Mexican	24995 Riding Plaza
Foster's Grill	24995 Riding Plaza
Moe's Southwest Grill	24995 Riding Plaza
Tropical Smoothie	24995 Riding Plaza
Panera	25042 Riding Plaza
Manhattan Pizza	25042 Riding Plaza
Subway	25050 Riding Plaza
FIRST WATCH	25036 Riding Plaza
Dunkin Donuts	24560 Dulles Landing.
McDonald's	43250 Defender Drive
Chik-Fil-A	43310 Defender Drive
Taco Bell	43311 Defender Drive

Braddock Rd/Gum Spring Rd (on approach from Gainesville/Manassas

Dunkin Donuts	42204 McGraw Ridge
Dash In	24755 Gum Spring Rd