



November 1, 2025, Joint Potomac and James River Divisions Meet

The November 1, 2025, Joint Potomac and James River Divisions Meet will be held Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM, at the Battlefield Baptist Church, 4361 Lee Highway, Warrenton, Virginia 20187 (Map attached)

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	SETUP		
8:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Gym	REGISTRATION (Ken Wilson/Chris Chapin)	
9:00 – 9:20 AM	Fellowship Hall	OPENING, SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (Greg Cassidy and Phil Taylor) WELCOMING (Pastor Travis)	
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Gym	White Elephant Sale	
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Gym	Modeling Contest (Alex Belida)	
9:20 AM -10:10 AM		MODELER'S CLINICS SHOWCASE I (individual presentations) – 40 minutes each	
	111	1.	Jack Dziadul: Ipswich Hobbies Models – How they came to be. (one hour)
	106	2.	Pete Laguardia/Rich Steinmann: Car Cards and Timetable
	107	3.	Stan Stocker: 3D Printing fleet cars
10:10 AM – 10:25 AM	BREAK		
10:25 AM – 11:25 AM		MODELER'S DEMONSTRATIONS (Simultaneously, attendees are free to go from table to table after brief introductions)	
	Gym	1.	Greg Cassidy: Pan Pastels – Painting and Weathering
	Gym	2.	Pete LaGuardia, MMR: Track Cleaning & Tortoise Edge Connector
	Gym	3.	Brett Jones: Foxcraft Models, how to make buildings from foam
11:25 AM – 11:45 AM	CLOSING Model Contest Award (Alex Belida/Phil Taylor) Closing Comments (Greg Cassidy/Phil Taylor)		
11:45 AM	CLEANUP		
12:00 PM	LUNCH – ON YOU OWN		
1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM	LAYOUT TOUR (MAPS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE MEET SITE) John Swanson's PRR Cresson Branch Cam Green's Maine Central Mainline at Newport Junction and Dover Foxcroft Branch Bryan Kidd's C&O Railway Bill Mosteller's Virginian Railway		

Achievement Evaluations will be done, on request. Contact Martin Brechbiel, MMR and Achievement Program Manager for the Potomac Division to schedule.

CLINIC DESCRIPTIONS

Ipswich Hobbies Models – How they came to be.

Clinician: Jack Dziadul

This clinic will cover the subject of the models Jack has created and how they came about. He will have kits available for purchase.

Car Cards Waybills and Timetable

Clinicians: Pete LaGuardia, MMR and Rich Steinmann, MMR

This Clinic will cover the subject of Waybills, Blocking Codes, and Train Schedules as used in model train operations sessions.

Tortoise Edge Connectors and Track Cleaning

Clinician: Pete LaGuardia, MMR

This clinic will cover the subject of Tortoise Edge Connectors and explain the difference between Tortoise edge connectors, and which one is the perfect match and rack Cleaning explaining the different methods and items used in cleaning track and on Atlas recommendations on cleaning the track.

3D Printing fleet cars

Clinician: Stan Stocker

This clinic will cover the subject of 3D printing of fleet cars at a cost of \$20.00 per car including trucks, couplers, and decals.

Pan Pastels – Painting and Weathering

Clinician: Greg Cassidy

This clinic will cover the subject of painting detail parts with paint and using Pan Pastels for weathering items. Greg will show you how to combine those activities to get a variety of colors and shades on your details using Pan Pastels giving you a very flat finish, and the ability to blend shades in a way that you can't with paint.

LAYOUTS

JOHN SWANSON'S PRR CRESSON BRANCH

The HO scale layout is a 33 foot by 48-foot model railroad modeling the area from Punxsutawney, PA to the PRR system at Cresson, PA, with access to the B&O in Cloe and the NYC System in Mahaffey. The layout is ADA accessible. Please park on Arthur Hills Drive and NOT on Birkenhead Place due to limited parking availability.

CAM GREEN'S MAINE CENTRAL MAINLINE AT NEWPORT JUNCTION AND DOVER FOXCROFT BRANCH

The O scale 2rail layout represents a short section of the Maine Central Mainline at Newport Junction and the branch to Dover Foxcroft. It has the mainline in and running, the branch line is partially constructed but incomplete. The main line and Newport Junction is Atlas code 148 track. The branch is hand laid code 125 rail. Most structures will be scratch built to fit the locations. The layout is in a basement with access through the garage. There is a stairway to the basement.

BRYAN KIDD'S C&O RAILWAY

The HO scale Chesapeake & Ohio layout is set in the early 1950s and based on the railroad's 79-mile double-track Alleghany Subdivision between Clifton Forge, Va. and Hinton, W. Va. It replicates the subdivision's busy operations which saw as many as 40 trains travelling each day between Hinton and Clifton Forge. Many of those were coal extras requiring helpers as far as Alleghany where helper engines were turned and returned to Hinton. C&O also had an extensive passenger operation that served the railroad's Greenbrier Hotel at White Sulphur Springs. Bryan's layout is fully signaled and dispatched via a virtual (JMRI) Union Switch and Signal-style CTC panel. The layout is ADA accessible through double basement doors via outside stairs or through the yard. Please park on the street and walk up the driveway to his home.

BILL MOSTELLER'S VIRGINIAN RAILWAY

The 13' by 39' HO scale layout uses Digitrax as the control system and recreates the Virginian in 1959 (no steam, last year of independent operation) between Norfolk and Roanoke. The layout is in a basement room and is not ADA accessible.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALES

At the meet, attendees will have an informal opportunity to sell surplus or estate model railroad items to other attendees.

Who may sell:

- Only **NMRA members** may sell. Dealers who also are members may participate as sellers.
- Sellers may sell only railroad-related items (model or prototype).

Table Reservations:

- Table reservations must be requested **no later than Wednesday, October 29th.**
- Tables are 72" long and 30" wide.
- Requests should be sent to Lee Stoermer by email to: clerk@potomac-nmra.org
- More than one table may be requested. If the number of tables requested exceeds the number of available tables, Lee will allocate tables and notify the requesting member of the number of tables allocated when he sends the confirmation. All members will be able to get at least one table.
- Confirmation will be sent by Thursday, October 30.
- Questions: Call Lee Stoermer at 928-580-3209 (cell phone) and leave a message or send your inquiry by email.

Sale staffing:

The member requesting tables will have to staff his/her tables (set-up, sales, close-out), either alone or with the help of one or more fellow attendees.

Set-up:

- Starts from **8:00 AM.** Tables will be set up in the gymnasium.
- There is no parking next to the entry doors so be prepared to carry your items at least 50 feet.

- Sales may commence at any time after registration.
- Sellers are encouraged, but not required, to bring a table covering. “Dollar store” cheap plastic table cloths.

Sales:

- Sellers will handle all aspects of their own sales. Sellers are responsible for the security of items brought for sale. Neither Lee Stoermer, the Potomac or James River Division, or any of their members assisting with this sale accept any liability for items brought to the meet for sale.
- If away from one’s tables, such as during a clinic, a seller may want to use a “Dollar store” plastic tablecloth to cover the sales items to indicate that the seller is away momentarily.

Sales Times:

- The sales area before the opening portion, during clinics, and after the closing portion of the meet. It will be closed during the opening and closing portions of the meet and the doors to the gymnasium will be closed.

Close-out:

The sales area will remain open after the closing portion of the meet.

POPULAR VOTING CONTEST

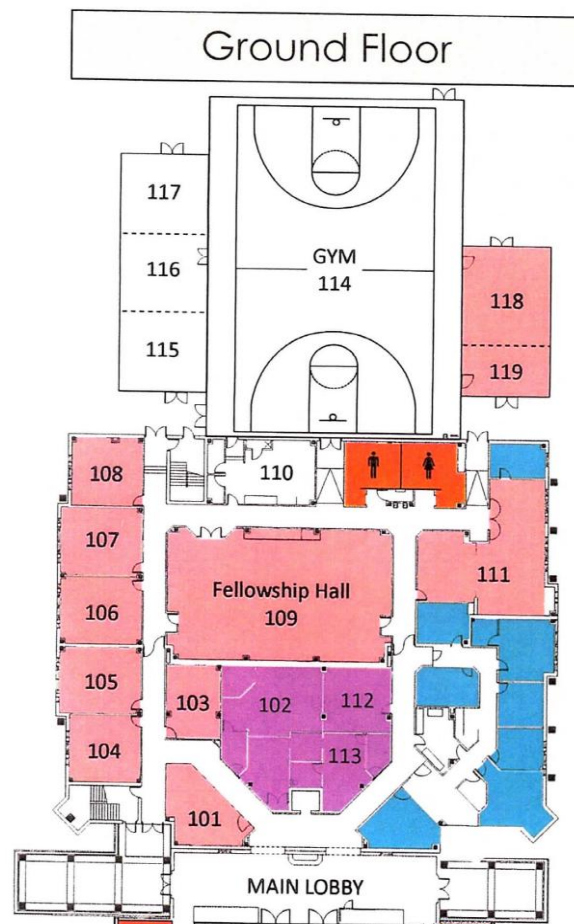
The Popular Vote Contest is for flatcars with or without loads.

If you bring a model to display, please bring a 3x5 card or a slip of paper with your name and the name of your model and hand it to the contest monitor. We will place a number next to each model. If you want to place information about your model with the display, make sure your name is not on it.

Those attending the meet will be able to cast ballots using the numbers next to each model to identify their choices. Voting slips will be provided along with a ballot box.

We will recognize the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

The winner will receive a plaque courtesy of James River Division and a book courtesy of the Potomac Division. The 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive certificates. All winners will their photos taken and displayed in a future issue of *The Potomac Flyer*.



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