



November 2, 2024

Potomac Division Meet

Program

9:00 am			Doors Open - Registration @ Gym Entrance
9:20 am	Superintendent's Greeting and Announcements		<u>Fellow Ship Hall – 109</u>
	Pastor Greeting – Needs and Prayer – Passing the Bucket –		
9:40 am	<u>Room 118/119</u> Clinician: Alex Belida, MMR Topic – “Fantasy Meets Reality”	<u>Room 111</u> Clinician- George Meyrick Topic – Wiring a DCC Layout	<u>In the Gym 114</u> – Square Foot/ Ttrak Contest Model Judging AP Evaluations
10:25 am – Break and White Elephant Shopping – Popular Vote			<u>In the Gym 114</u>
10:40 am	<u>Room 118/119</u> Clinician – Ernie Little, MMR Topic – Making Car Cards and Waybills with Excel	<u>Room 111</u> Clinician – Mike Byle Topic – Reality and Model Railroading for an Engineer	<u>In the Gym</u> – Square Foot/ Ttrak Contest Model Judging AP Evaluations
11: 25 am – Break and Final Assembly			<u>In the Gym 114</u>
11: 45 am – Popular Vote Results; Raffle, Meet conclusion			<u>Fellow Ship Hall - 109</u>
12: 00 pm – Clean up and clear room by 12:30pm			Everywhere
12:30 pm – Off to Lunch (all)			On your own
1:30 pm – Layouts Open		4:00 pm – Layouts Close	

Note on Achievement Program Evaluations for Merit Awards

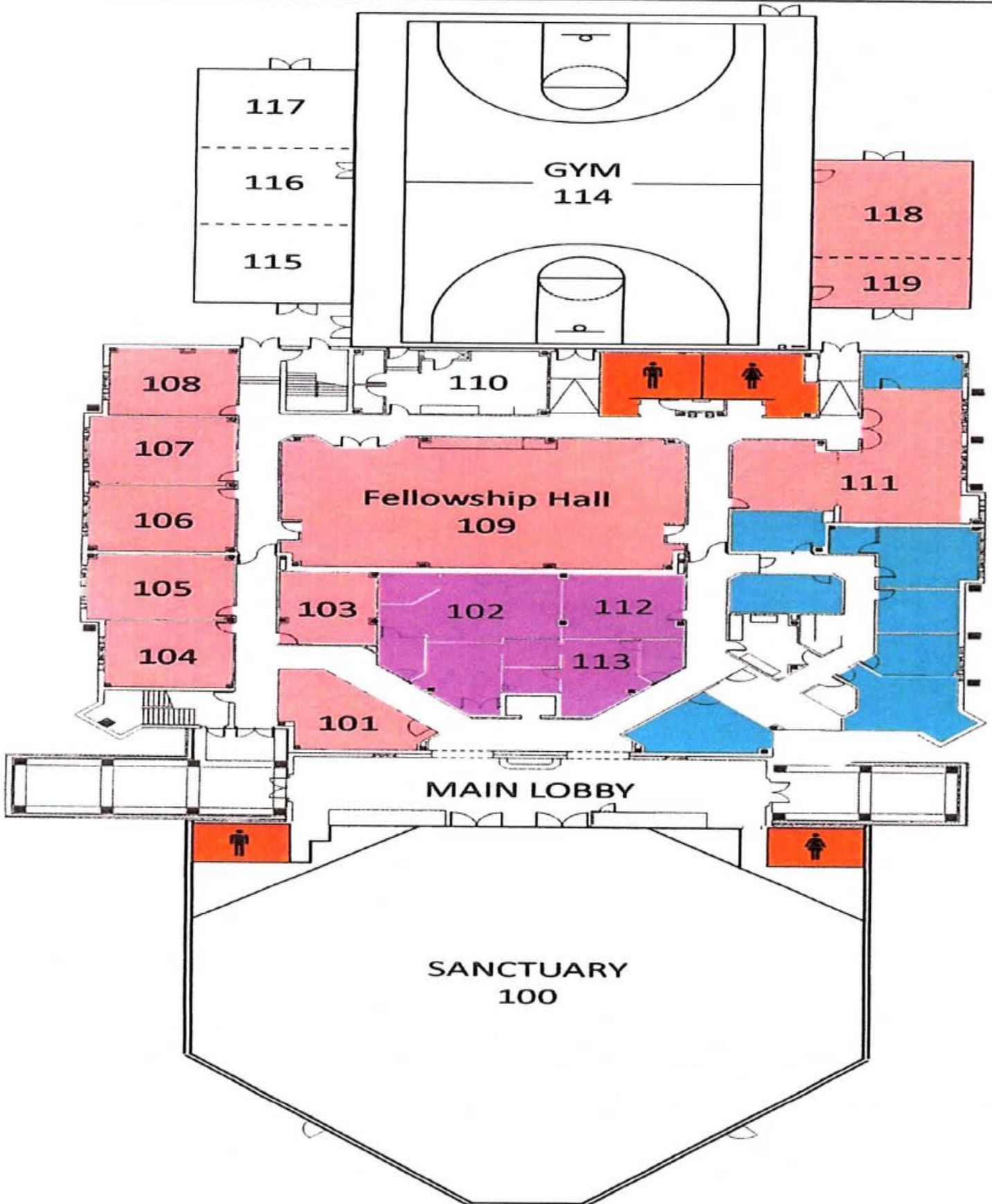
Potomac Division AP Manager Martin Brechbiel, MMR, will oversee AP judging on an ad hoc basis for any members who bring models for evaluation. All those interested in having a evaluation done should contact Martin directly as well as fill out the forms, etc. in advance. Any questions, needed forms, etc., please just contact Martin directly at Achievement-Program@potomac-nmra.org.

Note for Square Foot and T-Trak Modules

Members are encouraged to bring any kind of model to display in our popular vote contest at the Battlefield Baptist meet on Saturday, November 2nd. If you made a Square Foot diorama or a T-Trak module, we still want to see it and those entries will be given added weight in calculating the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. But all models of any kind will be eligible for the top prize and certificates. Just bring a note card or slip of paper with your name and a description of your entry to give to the contest monitor. A number will be assigned to your note card and that number will be placed by your model to keep entries anonymous. Votes will be cast for the number of a voting member's favorite choice. We will recognize the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

The winners will receive a certificate and have their photos taken and displayed in a future issue of The Flyer. The first place winner will also receive a gift.

Ground Floor



CLINICS

Clinician: Alex Belida - Topic- “Fantasy Meets Reality”

This clinic discusses the construction of Alex’s Eureka and South Pass Railroad and the creation of a background story for the line

Clinician: Ernie Little, MMR - Topic - “Making Car Cards and Waybills with Excel”

This clinic discusses using Microsoft Excel to make car cards and waybills. Ernie is in the process of starting operations on his layout and found Excel spreadsheet on the internet that he was able to export his railroad car inventory into to make the car cards.

Clinician: George Meyrick – Topic – “Wiring a DCC Layout”

This clinic discusses the electrical needs for a model railroad layout. Needs for power districts, circuit protection, detection blocks, reversing segments, power/non-power routed turnouts, and other issues when wiring a layout for DCC.

Clinician: Mike Byle - Topic – Reality and Model Railroad For the Engineer

The presentation covers for of Mike’s family history in railroading and how a lifelong interest in railroads has influenced his career and pastimes; from his first train set to complex real life design projects in under and around rail lines including Amtrack’s High speed rail clearance improvement project, CSX double stack low grade in Philadelphia and many bridges and some of the unseen realities of rail infrastructure.

1:30 pm – Layouts Open!

The layouts are open to all NMRA members and you can visit without having to come to the meet. Directions are being provided via the Division’s email list.

Layout 1 Jim Hellwege’s “Bangor & Aroostook Railroad”

Jim’s U-shaped walk-around layout is approximately 12’ by 8’ and located in his basement and has three independent mainline loops with passing sidings and interchange points. The scenery is 100% finished

Layout 2 Courtney Mallinson’s “Not named yet Railroad”

Courtney’s HO model railroad layout was built using Kato HO scale Unitrak that he started building in 2013 and is essentially complete. It is an around-the-room folded dog bone in an 8 X 19-foot room that he operates sitting down in a central location using wireless NCE DCC. The layout is primarily a point-to-point railroad, but will support continuous-running and the turnouts are remote controlled. The concept is a fictitious, primarily freight branch line featuring C&O or B&O GP9 diesel power with traffic originating from an interchange with “the rest of the world” and serving a small town. The time period is late 50’s/early 60’s. All trains are short, usually only 4 to 6 cars in length, plus a caboose. Scenery is meant to depict a rural Appalachian area with a small town and about a half-dozen small industries that are rail-served. Benchwork is primarily wall brackets supporting a sandwich of ½” plywood, 1” foam board, and ½” Homasote. Landforms, including two tunnels, are made of carved foam board covered with Sculptamold. Trees, grass, and rock formations are Woodland Scenics products. A 15” tall back drop is affixed to the walls surrounding the layout perimeter.

Access to the layout room is via a short (seven step) staircase down from the main entrance foyer of my house. No wheelchair access is available, but there is a handrail on each side of the staircase. There is ample parking across the street from the house.

Layout 3 – Marty McGuirk’s Richford Branch

Marty’s Ho scale railroad is set in the 1950’s New England area. It is controlled by a NCE system, uses mostly Mico Engineering Code 70 flex track with some hand laid turnouts, and is 18 feet by 30 feet in size.

Model Railroad Sales Tables

“White Elephant” Sales

At the November 2 Potomac Division meet, attendees will have an informal opportunity to sell surplus or estate model railroad items to the attendees. One person’s trash is another’s treasure, so here is an opportunity to change trash to cash.

Here is how it will be run:

Who may sell:

- Only **NMRA members** may conduct a sale in this White Elephant sale.
- 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 30.**
- Tables are 72” long and 30” wide.
- Requests should be sent to Kenneth Montero by email to: va661midlo@comcast.net.
- A member may request more than one table. In the unlikely event that the number of tables requested exceed the number of available tables, Ken will allocate tables and notify the requesting member of the number of tables so allocated when he sends the confirmation. All requesting members will be able to get at least one table.
- Confirmation will be sent by Thursday, October 31.
- Questions: Call Ken Montero at 804-794-5704 (land line) and leave a message or send your inquiry by email.
 - While Ken checks this voice mail frequently, please include in your message your inquiry and when he may return your call. His call may be from a different number if he calls after November 2.
 - Email will get an immediate response when read.

Sale staffing:

The member requesting one or more 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 a.m.**
- Tables will be set up in the gymnasium of the meet’s building (Battlefield Baptist Church, 4361 Lee Highway [U.S. 29 north of Warrenton], Warrenton, Virginia 20187).
- There is no parking next to the entry doors. Be prepared to carry your items at least 50 feet. The entryway has no steps, so hand carts will work well.
- Sales may commence at any time from set-up until the opening portion of the meet.
- Sellers are encouraged, but not required, to bring a table covering. “Dollar store” cheap plastic table cloths (about \$1.50 each) are suggested.

Sales:

- Sellers will handle all aspects of their own sales.
- Sellers are responsible for their own security of items brought for sale.
- Neither Kenneth Montero, the Potomac Division or any of its 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 will be closed during the opening and closing portions of the meet. Doors to the gymnasium will be closed.
- It will be open before the opening portion, during clinics, and after the closing portion.

Close-out:

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

- The seller is required to pack up any unsold items, then fold up and return to storage all tables by **12:00 p.m.** Only limited meet staff assistance may be available.