



Joint Meet with James River Division



The Potomac Division held a joint meet with the James River Division on Nov. 4th at Battlefield Baptist Church in Warrenton, Virginia. There were clinics, layout open houses, popular model contests, White Elephant sales and AP evaluations. Some 50 members attended from the two divisions along with one visitor from Chesapeake. Superintendents **Ernie Little, MMR**, and **Phil Taylor**

(photo left) opened the morning session. The church provided its facilities for the meet free-of-charge. Meet participants in turn contributed over \$1000 to support Battlefield's Haiti relief project.



Here are several photos **(by Alex Belida & Ernie Little)** from the event, starting with the clinicians.

Ken Montero (photo right) discussed modeling tools.



John Sethian (photo left) talked about converting 3 rail O gauge to 2 rail.

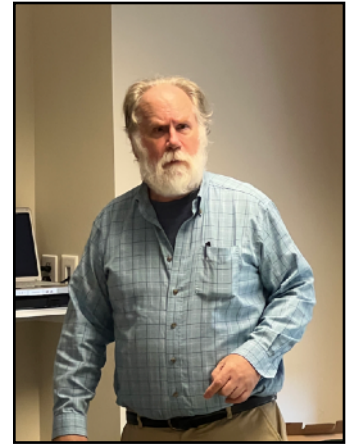
Pete LaGuardia, MMR, (photo right) covered visual aids and wiring techniques.





In the second set of clinics (after a pause for donuts and coffee,) **Mark Gionet (photo left)** discussed his recent project modeling the Salmon River Falls bridge.

Martin Brechbiel, MMR, (photo below right) reprised his popular resin casting clinic.



Chris Chapin (photo below) gave his clinic on upgrading locomotive speakers.



And throughout the morning, **George Meyrick (photo below right)** led a hands-on clinic on using Decoder Pro.



The White Elephant sales tables (and freebies table) were quiet **(photo left)** during the clinics.



The popular display models (16 in all) drew attention and many votes for both the on-track and off-track categories.

Roger Buchholz ([photo right](#)) won the certificate for his on-track display of a St. Petersburg tram ([photo below](#)).



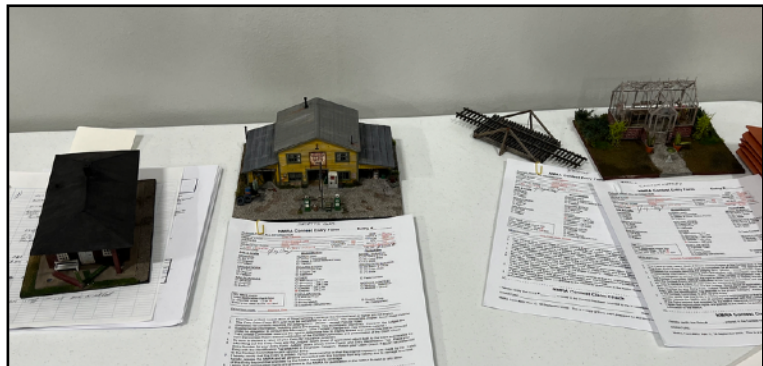
Martin Brechbiel, MMR, took the off-track certificate for his highly-detailed model of Hostetter's Store ([photo below](#)).



The interior ([photo below right](#)) was fully detailed.



Four models ([photo right](#)) were evaluated for the Achievement Program, three from Greg Cassidy and one from Lee Stoermer. Two of Greg's models received Merit Awards as did Lee's station model.



After the morning session concluded and members helped clean up and stow away chairs and tables, members were able to depart to visit three layouts: **John Swanson's** PRR Cresson Branch, **Sean Hoyden's** Dominion Southern, and **Ernie Little's** Norfolk Southern Connector. The following photos were taken by **Ken Wilson**.

John Swanson layout photos:



Sean Hoyden layout photos:



Sean Hoyden's purpose-built layout building ([photo left](#)). Sean (left) discusses plans with Lee Stoermer (center) and Phil Taylor (right) ([photo below](#)).



Ernie Little layout photos:



Ernie Little poses in front of his layout.

Ernie with Ken Montero (left) and Roger Buchholz in background. (Bob Rodriguez photo)

