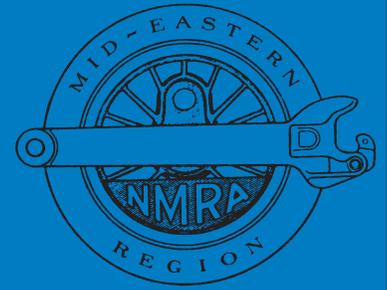


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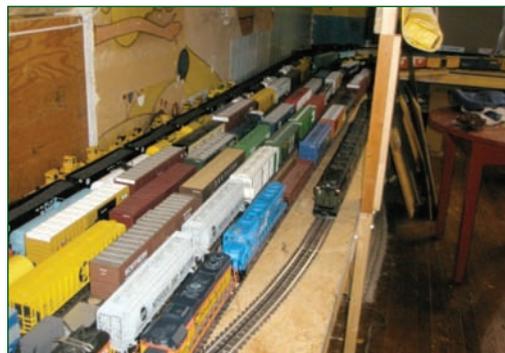
Story and photographs by Don Jennings
NMRA MER Director

THIS DIFFERENT LAYOUT operating club has been around for 27 years. The name of the club is the Delmarva Model Railroad Club and is located in DelMar, Delaware. I say different layout operating club because there are not many model railroad clubs that can boast having every size and gauge of model train layouts up and running permanently all year long. Also there are so many different layouts to operate on. This is truly an operator's heaven. Now if you go looking for the Delmarva Club on a map, it is the last town in the State of Delaware. When I say the last town in Delaware, I mean just that. The town is on the state line. The town buildings on the north side of the street are in Delaware. The town street has a double yellow line down the middle of the roadway and the buildings on the south side of the street are in the state of Maryland.

On Saturday January 19, 2013, I drove to attend a NMRA MER Board of Director's meeting in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. From there I drove to a motel and the following morning traveled to the Delmarva MRR Club. I was invited to see (and operate) on this club's layout by a friend Jeff Shockley. [see footnote] There were about six members present that gave me a warm welcome to see their club in operation. I was given a tour of their 6,200 square foot layout room which is located on the second floor of a church building. The club is complete and has every model railroad size and gauge there is. This includes:

- A small "Z" gauge layout
- A portable "N" scale layout

- A "G" gauge train riding on track near the ceiling of one of the train rooms.
- There is an "O27" Lionel gauge and "O" scale layout sharing a large table in the middle of the room.
- An "S" gauge or American Flier layout is located in this same room as the "O27" & "O" scale layouts.



Lionel 3-rail Staging Area

Most, if not all of these, are at a height for small children to see and enjoy. A Thomas the Train layout is also set up to view.

- The Lionel O-Scale 3-rail layout goes through a room wall into the main train room. There is plenty there to see and to bring back memories of your childhood trains.
- They have in this main train room a huge "N" scale layout you would die for to have.
- This is shared with an "HO" Scale layout that needs about 20 people to really

justify operating it.

- A large MRR Library room and a break room being upgraded and modeled to look like a dining car.

• This will have tables and chairs for coffee and snacks. It doubles as a business meeting room for the club members.

[FOOTNOTE] Jeff Shockley is also a member of The First State Model Railroad Club in Dover, Delaware and is editor of **The Delmarva Timetable** the club's publication.

A couple of the layouts have some work to be done on it but every one of the



Lionel 3-rail Staging Area

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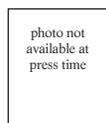
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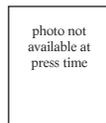
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From The Business Car

By John Janosko
MER President

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK Steve Kindig for all the years that he has been Editor of **The Local**. Due to increased job requirements Steve had to give up the job as Editor. If you have been reading **The Local** for the past number of years you can see the great job that Steve did. Steve I wish you the best in all of your future endeavors, we will miss you.

Earl Hackett has agreed to take Steve's place as Editor and this issue will be the first of hopefully many to come. If you read the July–August issue of **The Local**, you can see Earl has a lot of experience doing newsletters. I hope you will welcome Earl aboard and provide the same support you gave to Steve. When you see Earl at the convention please thank him for taking on the job of Editor. It is not an easy task meeting all of the deadlines and get-

ting enough articles into the local that is of interest to the modelers in the MER. If you have some interesting ideas or articles you can contribute, please contact Earl.

By the time you read this we will have elected new Directors to the MER. If you come to this year's convention in Rockville you will get a chance to meet the new Directors. Even better come to the Board meeting Thursday evening of the convention and get to see what is going on with the Region. Who knows, you might be interested enough to run for office in next years election. I know a lot of people like to complain on how this was done or no one cares about my input. If you really want to have an input, run for office.

See you in October in Rockville. 📧

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layouts is operational. The club uses a car card and way bill operations system and is powered by DIGITRAX. I was in awe to see such model railroading by one club. I spent three plus hours



“S” Gauge
or American
Flyer

observing and photographing the layouts. I believe I saw most of the entire club and all of its layouts through the viewfinder of my camera. WOW! The Delmarva club finished a two weekend open



A Thomas
the Train
layout

house on January 5th & 6th and January 12th & 13th. The weekend before I arrived there. I was told that some 3900 people attended this yearly open house event. The club is open for mem-



Front side of
Lionel “027”
scale
& “G” gauge
on upper level.

bership to help operate and enjoy all the model railroading they have to offer.

The “N” Scale layout and the “HO” Scale layout were all filmed as videos on my camera.



Back side of
same layouts.

They are not transferable to here. But, hopefully this will give you an idea of the GREATNESS of the Delmarva Model RR Club and all it has to offer visitors and members alike. The club works on

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Keeping In Touch...

By Bob Price
MER Business Manager

SUMMER TIME PRESENTS MEMBERS with an opportunity to attend the annual NMRA convention. This year's convention was held in Atlanta, Georgia, just south of the MER border. National conventions offer many of the same activities found at Regional conventions, just on a larger scale. One can attend clinics, visit prototype facilities, see home layouts and partake in various hobby related auctions. The clinics covered a wide range of topics. One of the clinics we attended had a demonstration of the new NMRA website. Another showed attendees step by step how to build and tie down transformer loads for a depressed center flat. The bus tours were a convenient way to see the sights without the hassle of driving. Friday brings the National Train show which offers attendees the opportunity to meet manufacturers, view modular layouts and spend more money on hobby related items. Conventions also present the opportunity to mingle with old friends and meet new ones. In addition to the many current MER members we saw at the convention, we found many transplanted

former South Jersey members in attendance too. If you did not make it to the National convention, consider attending the upcoming MER Regional convention. You never know what or who you will find.

We are still offering members the opportunity to purchase official MER shirts (see the ad page), but time is running out. Shirt orders have not met expectations and we will probably discontinue the sale of the shirts soon. So if you have an interest, get your order in now while they are still being offered.

As a reminder, one of my other roles in the MER is official Archivist. With the duties of Business Manager requiring most of my attention, this is a position that I would like to find another member to fill. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact me or any member of the MER Board.

As always *Keep in Touch* with any questions or changes in your subscriptions or addresses. A current address on file saves the MER some money. 📧

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the layouts usually on Fridays (Friday nights). The third Sunday of the month is operating day for the club and with its members.



The O Scale 3-rail layout is in big train room. The "N" Scale layout is behind the yellow sign. The "HO" Scale layout is to the right of the picture on the entire half of the room.



Garden Railway train is near ceiling.

If you want to see this club in person, the dates for the 2013-2014 Open House season are November 30-December 1, and December 7-8, 2013 and January 4-5 and 11-12, 2014. 📧

NOTICE TO ALL MER MEMBERS ANNUAL MEETING

THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING of MER members will be held on Sunday morning, October 13th in conjunction with the MER Fall Convention in Rockville, MD. Exact time and room will be announced at the convention.

Mike White
MER Secretary

MER Positions Open:

Archivist:

The position requires maintaining the paper and electronic documents of the MER along with responding to member queries for information from those documents. The full list of duties is spelled out in the MER Executive Handbook. If you are interested or have questions, contact Bob Price or President Janosko. 📧

Some Other Open Houses

Earl T. Hackett, Jr.

IN THE LAST ISSUE we published photos from some of the layouts available for visiting during the convention. The convention website has photos or links to many of the other layouts. However, there are a few that lack photos. So here are some photos of other layouts well worth visiting.



Fred Lagno Silo Tunnel

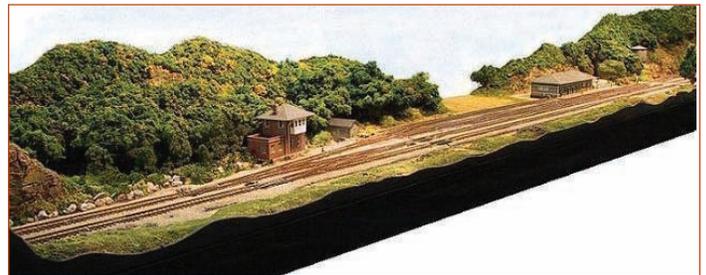
Fred Lagno's HO Allegheny Central is not a giant layout, but it is a masterpiece of modeling artistry. If you are more of a builder than an operator or want to see some world class modeling, this is a must see.



Bryan Kidd's Allegheny Subdivision

by staging yards with a future-world game-plan of modeling them as active yards. Allocated layout space is three rooms: 26'x16', 20'x8', and a 2'x30' extension. Scenery: 10 percent underway. Control system: radio Digitrax DCC. Not handicap accessible (stairs).

Phil Raymond's Altoona and the Horseshoe Curve in HO are key features on this modi-



fied John Armstrong plan of the Pennsylvania Railroad's Middle Division. The 21x18 layout includes lower level staging controlled by panels programmed using JMRI. Track is complete and the radio

Digitrax DCC system is operational. The large engine terminal includes a roundhouse and a automatically indexed turntable. Structures are in place for a coke plant and steel mill. A custom photo backdrop creates much of Altoona. Scenery has been started and an operating scheme is being develop. The layout is not handicapped accessible.



Phil Raymond's Altoona and the Horseshoe Curve in Gainesville, VA

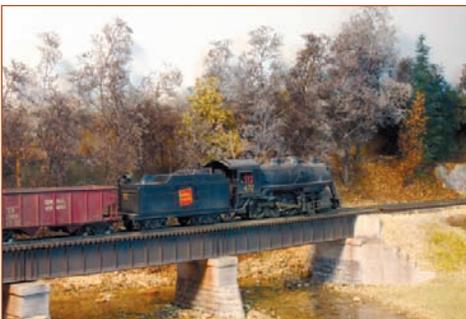


Pete LaGuardia's New York Cen-

Marty McGuirk's Central Vermont Railway, with some Boston & Maine, in Manassas, VA.



Marty McGuirk's HO – Central Vermont Railway, some Boston & Maine. Many scenes based on specific prototypes. 16 x 48 feet with staging loops in second room, operational, 25 percent scenery, Easy DCC wireless. Not handicap accessible (stairs).



Bryan Kidd's Allegheny Subdivision. Begun in the fall of 2012, the Allegheny Subdivision depicts the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway between Hinton, WV and Covington, VA circa 1949 – 1956. Central to both the prototype and model are helper (pushing) service between Hinton and Allegheny, VA, and the significant passenger and freight operations at the C&O's posh Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, WV. Also located on the modeled portion – by virtue of a modeler's license – is a mining branch accessed via switchback. Hinton and Covington will initially be represented

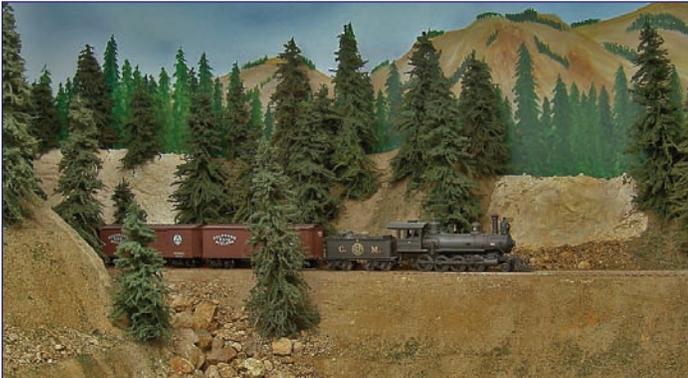
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tral's Western Illinois Division (WID). The HO scale New York Central's Western Illinois Division (WID), set in 1953, operates from Kansas City, Omaha, and Des Moines on the west, through Moberly (MO) and Hannibal (MO), to Danville (IL) and Indianapolis (IN) on the east. Bench and Track work are 99 percent complete and Scenery was started in January 2013. The WID fills a 35' by 32' room. The control system is radio NCE with 6 power districts. Activities include a yard and engine facility with an 18 stall roundhouse with programmable indexing. Modeling includes a meatpacking plant, paper mill, city scenery and a harbor with car float. Not handicap accessible. 🚶



Pete LaGuardia's New York Central's Western Illinois Division (WID),



Westbound mixed freight near Torquoise Lake on Andrew Dodge's Colorado Midland



From the Editor

AS I WRITE THIS I'm putting together the September – October issue. When submitting material for publication it would be helpful if material was in an easily edited format. Text should be in a .txt, .rtf, or .doc format all by itself. Photos that are inserted into a doc format are received in very low resolution and there is very little I can do with them. So please send photos by themselves in at least a medium format, around 1200 x 600 pixels. The photo file should have a descriptive name, even if it's just your RR and a location such as "my C&O A Cabin", so it won't get lost and I can create a caption to go with it – anything but "img1234." This allows me to adjust the size or crop them and position them for best presentation in an article.

One thing to avoid is sending files in pdf format. Extracting text isn't too bad, but photos are a problem. When extracted they don't come out as jpg files, but as a block of data that can only be pasted into a text document. This can present problems for Julianne when she arranges all the bits and pieces for publication.

In summary:

Photos – Separate files in jpg, tiff, or raw formats in as big a size as your bandwidth will tolerate (I have many terabytes of storage) with a descriptive title that relates to the text.

Text – Separate files in txt, rtf, doc or similar format.

Earl Hackett

Editor of **The Local** 🚶

Help Make the Convention Fun!

In keeping with the tradition of ensuing quality door prizes, we are asking those who are planning to attend or support the Convention to donate new (or –as-new) engines, rolling stock, structures or other items of value to the Mid-Eastern Region. We'll pick the very best donations for door prizes. Being a nonprofit organization, a tax deduction is appropriate for each donation. Donors of items should email Clint Hyde (chyde@cox.net) in advance of the Convention; when you give your donation to Clint in the Auction/White Elephant Room at the Convention, he will give you a receipt for tax purposes. 🚶

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It's Here: The Rockville Convention!

Rockville, Maryland, October 10-13

By Bill Day, MMR

DUST OFF YOUR SUITCASE, register if you haven't, call the Crowne Plaza or Sleep Inn in Rockville, and make final plans for C&P Junction, the Mid-Eastern Region Convention. It all happens on the long Columbus Day weekend, October 10 to 13.

The Potomac and Chesapeake Divisions say they have produced an outstanding program and, to prove it, they have scheduled 47 layout open houses, 11 call board opportunities and 38 clinics.

In the Crowne Plaza you'll attend clinics, enter contests, find White Elephant bargains and see modular layouts from as far away as Richmond. You'll enjoy the Banquet with its traditional contest results, raffle and auction—a live auction that, as always, will be conducted by inimitable auctioneer Bob Charles. Tony Koester, an author known to everyone, will be Banquet speaker. Outside the hotel you'll visit outstanding home layouts and tour prototype facilities.

During the Convention you'll find old friends and make new ones. You'll meet National Model Railroad Association President Charlie Getz and Administrative Vice President Dave Thornton who, additionally, will lead a clinic on handlaying turnouts. Other national clinicians include Neil Besouglou, editor of *Model Railroader*, who will discuss what's new at the magazine.

The roster of clinics lists steel mill modeling, resin casting, painting backdrops, establishing signaling, modeling harbor operations, kitbashing anything, building O Scale two-rail lines, tips and tricks, building with Plexiglas, Civil War modeling, layout construction in small spaces and layout photography, among others. Marty McGuirk will bring us up to date on his Central Vermont—Winooski Division, now building, and Tony Koester, as clinician, will describe his emerging Nickel Plate layout.

The Potomac and Chesapeake Divisions have enlisted other nationally-known clinicians. Paul Dolkos, perhaps the most-published freelancer around, will lead a clinic, as will expert modelers Bernie Kempinski and Fred Lagnos. As noted, a special Steel Track series of clinics will cover basic steel mill modeling, narrow gauge trackage in mills, slag car modeling, prototypical operations and virtually everything else connected with blast furnaces and open hearths.

At some point before, during or after the Convention, open houses will include Howard Zane's Piermont Division in Columbia, Maryland; John Glaab's C&O Peach Creek Division in Silver Spring, Maryland; J.D. Smith's Rathole Division in McLean, Virginia, and Monroe Stewart's N Scale Hooch Junction in Oxon Hill, Maryland, all layouts covered in the national hobby press. A number of layout open houses are open for visitors coming to and going from the Convention.

Special prototype experiences have been announced. On Friday, October 11, at 10:00 am, a tour of The Baltimore Light Rail Facility in Baltimore is ready for those interested in rapid transit, traction and urban modeling, conventioners paying a modest \$5.00 fee. Additionally, visitors to the B&O Museum in Baltimore are

welcome at any time during the convention, but on Sunday, October 13, at 11:00 am, a special guided tour is scheduled. If you belong to NMRA, a half-price ticket of \$10.00 has been arranged that includes a special Museum tour by a BANTRAK modeler and railfan rides on an excursion train with a steam-driven loco.

Here's a bonus: some modelers may plan to take the B&O Museum tour in the morning and visit the Custom Model Railroad facility in the afternoon. Custom Model Railroads, not open to the public, is owned by NMRA member Jeff Springer, a designer and manufacturer of model railroads and structure kits in a number of scales. His layout construction workshop and laser-kit manufacturing facility will be open for Convention registrants on Sunday, October 13, 1 – 4 pm in Baltimore.

Sunday morning features the MER business meeting. It also suggests visits to prototype tours, more layout open houses and trips to destination attractions in Washington and Baltimore. On Sunday and Monday, in the Nation's Capital, conventioners can visit the Newseum, the Capitol, Air and Space Museum and a dozen other attractions, most of them free. In Baltimore, visitors can dine in the Inner Harbor, board the *USS Constellation*, see Fort McHenry and visit the National Aquarium.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel serves as headquarters for everything—a premium hotel with free shuttle to the nearest Metro stop and anywhere within three miles. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in the Atrium Restaurant; that notwithstanding, there are dozens of excellent Rockville restaurants nearby. The hotel is offering a daily breakfast buffet consisting of scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, home fries, French toast, crepes, dry cereal, oatmeal, orange juice, milk, coffee, tea, yogurt, granola, Danish, bagels all for \$11.99.

The Crown Plaza has informed us that the rooms with two double beds are sold out. The hotel still has rooms with a king or queen size bed for \$89/night and a suite with a king size bed for \$106/night.

We have also obtained a block of the rooms with two double beds at the Sleep Inn next door, about 150 feet away, at 2 Research Court, Rockville, Maryland 20850-3212 (phone: 301/948-8000). The Sleep Inn will offer rooms with two double beds, a standard bed, or a queen size bed for \$79/night. This hotel also offers a free breakfast in their lobby. Please follow the instructions on the web page to book. Any problems please email local arrangements chair Tom Brodrick, t.brodrick@verizon.net.

So, if you haven't had a chance to register, now is the moment to call or click. Here's the official recap:

Rockville, Maryland, October 10-13, 2013, Columbus Day Weekend, C&P Junction, Mid-Eastern Region Annual Convention, hosted by Potomac and Chesapeake Divisions. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3 Research Court, Rockville, Maryland, 20850 (just off I-270, Shady Grove Exit) (www.cprockville.com). Reservations: 877/270-1393).

For more info and updates, google C and P Junction-Comcast.net or visit our website <http://home.comcast.net/~CandP2013/>. Email CandP2013@comcast.net. 

Tichy Train Group Tour

April 6, 2013

By Vic Bitleris

THIS PAST SATURDAY our Division, CPD13, had our (sort of) annual pilgrimage to Tichy Train Group, in Alamance, NC. Tichy Train Group is a manufacturer of Model Railroad kits and scratchbuilding supplies and parts. Don Tichy, the proprietor, very graciously allows us to come for a visit to tour his factory and purchase his goodies at a decent discount. This is our 3rd tour to Tichy Train Group.

There were about 30 of us from the MER that came this past Saturday. There is some confusion that the Model Railroad products Don makes is not his primary income, but that he does some



That is Mrs. Tichy in the center. And some customers checking out parts on the right.

work for the medical industry. Don's wife corrected this confusion and said that there are a few items Don makes for the medical industry, but he is phasing that out, because his real love is Model



The parts display racks.

Trains and his PRIMARY business is the Train Group.

We started the visit by entering the shop where model parts are normally packaged into the boxes and bags we get when we buy



Don is explaining how the injection molding process works. This machine was spitting out ore car sides.

these items. For Saturday, this was nicely transformed into a sales area and Mrs. Tichy provided coffee, juice and bagels. That was really nice. I think she was buttering us up to buy more things, though that was not necessary. Men in a model train store are probably worse than our fairer sex in a shoe store.

Here are some photos of our entry and prior to actually starting the tour on the factory floor.

Don gave us a tour of his factory floor and lab where all the good stuff takes place. He showed his smallest machine with the safety covers removed so we can see it operate.

The styrene is injected in at about 450 degrees F. The pressure to inject is about 2 tons and once injected the die is cooled with 45 degree F water, then ejected.

One of the nice things about the styrene Don uses is that it can be recycled into new stuff. He takes the various waste sprues and runners and puts them into a grinding machine where they become pellet fodder to be used in new parts manufacturing. Don says the styrene he uses can be recycled like this pretty much indefinitely. Some of the other plastics used, such as the nylon for the truck bearings on the arch bar trucks for the crane have a one time shot and may not be reheated. They turn into formaldehyde when reheated and cause all kinds of problems with the equip-



Here is a photo of the ejected parts, ore car sides.



Here is a photo of some runners that have had parts removed from them. These will be ground up and used to make new parts.

ment. In fact, when doing injection molding of these types of parts, the operator watches the machine closely to insure no jams occur. Overheating causes the gas pressure from the formaldehyde to rise rapidly.

The sprue is the long thing sticking up by itself. The things sitting on the machine with the parts attached is called a runner. Don explained this. Us modelers call runners, sprues.

Don also has a lab area where he maintains and creates the



Here are some photos of Don's other machines.



Notice the crane, it says 4,000 lbs. Don uses that crane to install and remove the molds. Some molds weigh 600 lbs. or more, that's a bit more than Don can physically wrestle in and out of the machines.

molds. It is a time consuming painstaking job that can only be called a labor of love. Don is by education, an Electrical Engineer,



Here is a photo of a finished runner with the sprue attached.

but has become a self taught master machinist and tool maker. He has some very cool machine equipment in his lab. His most favorite machines are the CNC mill and a specialized grinder from Germany that he uses to make very fine tooling to be used in the CNC mill.

The CNC mill once setup and ready to go can run for many hours, anywhere from 12 to about 30 hours, or more, depending on the complexity of the mold it is cutting. Don does all of the CNC programming himself. He showed us the program he wrote while aboard an airplane when he went to visit his son in California. The particular code he showed us makes windows that were requested by one of the Craftsman Kit manufacturers.

Many of the dies for his rolling stock kits initially came from a fellow named Bill Gould, but Don also added to the inventory and keeps on adding. Don got more heavily involved into making



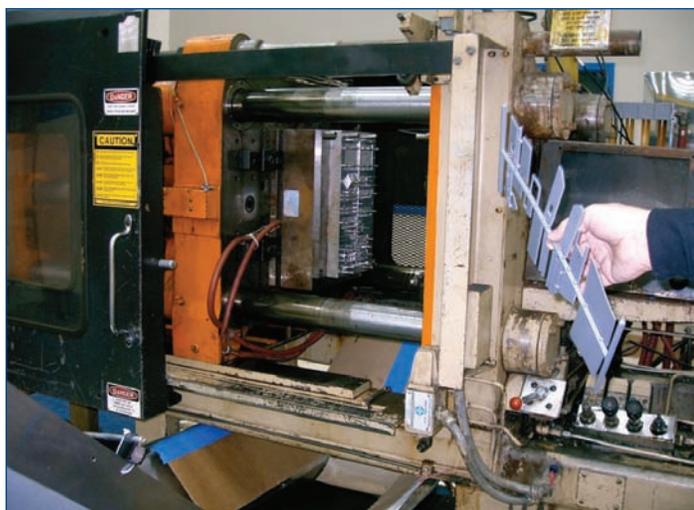
The laser making the glass windows.

doors and windows for the Craftsman Kits when a bunch of manufacturers ganged up on him and begged him to make doors and windows for them, because they could not get what they need to be able to ship their kits. Don gets regular request for new windows and doors and not only does he provide them for the Craftsman Kit manufacturers, but we also get to buy them.

Don purchased this and started providing glass just a few years ago. If you have a large number of windows or doors in your inventory that do not have glass, but you would like some, and if you know the part numbers, you may send an email to Don at Tichy Train Group, <http://www.tichytraingroup.com/> Don will try to provide these at a reasonable cost for a limited period of time.

Don also showed us a pad printing process he uses for his

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Here is one of Don's bigger machines making parts for the cooling tower.



Here are some dies that need maintenance. The dies (above) have some ejector issues. Sometimes they need cleaning and lubing to prevent getting damaged.

painted and lettered items. This was a really cool thing, since I have never seen a pad printer before. He also has wire straighteners, since he sells various sizes of wire us modelers need. He uses phosphor bronze, because it is

more flexible than brass and doesn't break as easily as brass does. Phosphor bronze solders just as easily as brass does, so there is no loss of that feature.

All in all it was a great trip and we all had a wonderful time. I am hoping we get to do these kinds of trips in years to come as well.

We are very blessed to have Don Tichy here in North Carolina. He plans on making the kits and parts for us for a few years yet. He is a very young 60 years old. 🚂

Convention Layout Tours Schedule

Layout Tour Group "C" (Chesapeake Division Layouts)

Friday 2:00 - 5:00 pm

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David Vaughn

Howard Zane

John Teichmoeller

Dan Vandermause

Friday 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Anne Arundel County

Noel Widdifield

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Fred Lagno

Chesapeake & Allegheny Live Steamers

Sunday 12:00 - 3:00 PM

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Monroe Stewart

Mike White

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John Glaab

Tom Brodrick

Andrew Dodge

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Roger Sekera

John King

Dean Ripple

Brian Sheron

Larry Nyce

Saturday 10 am-1 pm

Northern VA

Marty McGuirk

Pete LaGuardia

Phil Raymond

Mat Thompson

Tom Potthast

Saturday 2 pm-5 pm

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Jim Hellwege

J. D. Smith

Rich Steinmann

Steve King

Bill Day

John Sethian

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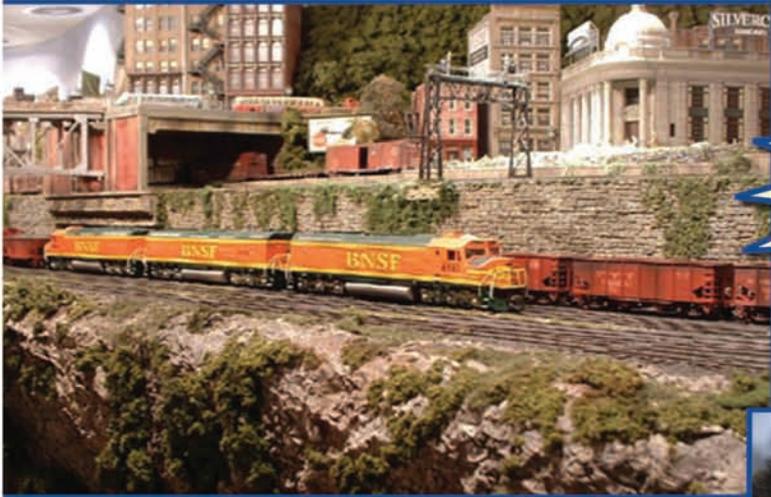
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on his Central Vermont,
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C & P Junction Clinic Schedule

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013						
TIME	CLINICIAN	TITLE	CLINICIAN	TITLE	CLINICIAN	TITLE
1900-2000	Steve King	Intro to Timetable and Train Order (two-hour clinic, sign up required)	N/A	MER Board Meeting	Bill Ataras	Turnout Construction
2030-2130			Martin Brechbiel	Training to be a MER Judge	Stan Knotts	Building a 1930s – Vintage Model Tannery
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2013						
0900-1000	Tony Koester	Creative Structure Kitbashing	David Vaughn	Introduction to 2 Rail O scale	Matt Chibbaro	Model Railroading in Small Spaces
1030-1130	Paul Dolkos	Paper or Plastic – Thoughts on Structure Modeling	David Vaughn	Moving Heritage Layouts	Chuck Diliak	HANDS ON – Tricks with Bricks
1130-1300	LUNCH					
1300-1400	Bernie Kempinski	Intro to Modeling Railroads of the Civil War	Bruce deYoung	Modeling Slate Roofs	Terry Terrance	Launchpad for Model Railroading
1430-1530	Marty McGuirk	Modeling the Central Vermont Railway of the 1950s	Bill Ataras	Signaling Practices on Prototype and Model RR	Dave Emery	An hour's Worth of Tips
1600-1700	Neil Besougoloff	What's New at Model Railroader Magazine	Ben Hom	Green Dot at 28	George Downer	HANDS ON – Using Paper for Scratchbuilding Models
1700-1900	DINNER					
1900-2000	Bruce deYoung	Modeling Tips & Tricks	Gerry Fitzgerald	Chemistry and the Iron Horse	Mat Thompson	Building the Yardmaster's Office
2030-2130	Tony Koester	Update on the NKP		Open		Open
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013						
0900-1000	Bernie Kempinski	"Aquia Harbor Line: Modeling a Civil War Railroad"	John Glaab	<i>The Steel Track*</i> Steel Modeling 101	Andrew Dodge	Creating a Fleet of Steam Locos
1030-1130	Fred Lagno	Photographing Model Railroads	Bill Wolf	Tidewater Steel	Clint Hyde	HANDS ON – Air brushing
1130-1300	LUNCH					
1300-1400	Steve Williams	Building and Operating the HO B&O	Mike Rabbitt	Open Hearth Furnace	Dave Thornton	Hand laying Turnouts
1430-1530	Andrew Dodge	Structures with Plexiglass	Richard Buchan	Prototypical Steel Mill Operation	Marshall Abrams	Computer Generated Switch lists
1600-1700	Arthur Boyd	Getting Started in Model Railroad Operations – A Simple Switchlist System	John Glaab	Narrow Gauge in the Mill	Marshall Abrams	Creating Backdrops

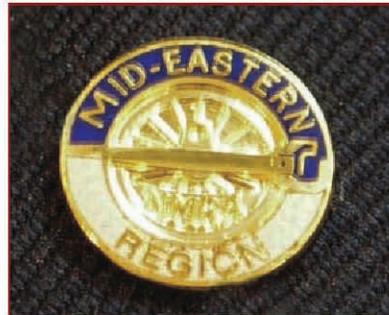
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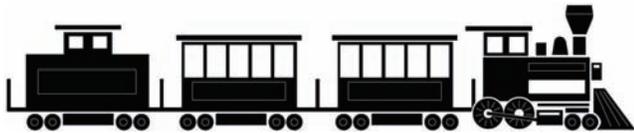
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Achievement Program Update

By Charlie Flichman, MMR
MER AP Manager

Since the last report in **The Local**, the following Achievement Program certificates were earned and awarded:

Division 1 – New Jersey

Michael J. Scotto – *Golden Spike*
Robert W. Price – *Model Railroad Engineer – Civil*

Division 2 – Potomac

William R. Lyders – *Master Builder – Scenery*
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Division 13 – Carolina Piedmont

Steve Benezra – *Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical*
Steve Benezra – *Chief Dispatcher*
Steve Benezra – *Association Volunteer*
Steve Benezra – *Model Railroad Author*

Division 14 – Chesapeake

Kurt Thompson – *Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical*

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