

The Official Newsletter of the Prince William County Model Railroad Club

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We provide a forum for model railroaders to learn and enjoy the hobby of model railroading. But more importantly, we are an organization who likes to have **fun!**

OH ME OH MY ISSUE 40 HAS ARRIVED!!!

Welcome. This is the first of what I hope will be a regular quarterly newsletter to all the members and friend of the Prince William Model Railroad Club. The main purpose of this newsletter is to keep all members informed as to what is taking place in the club (and a lot has happened over the summer) and what other items of interest members would like to pass on. So I hope this project becomes a success and is enjoyed by all.

That was the opening paragraph for Issue Number 1 of the PWMRC News in September 1993. Ten years later we have reached a landmark with Issue Number 40. Ten years of newsletters is a lot for a non-profit group. And as editor for all 40 issues I can say that there have been a lot of changes.

Issue 1 was a four page newsletter composed on DOS WordPerfect with an IBC XT computer and printed on a dot matrix printer. The total numbers of copies distributed were about 10. Today, the newsletter is prepared using a variety of software and technologies including Pentium grade computers, the latest word processing software, digital cameras, and the internet. Instead of scanning photos, most photos are taken digitally and imported into our newsletter. Some digital photos and the accompanying article are e-mailed to the editor for inclusion in upcoming issues. Software for publishing the newsletter has gone from word processing software to Adobe Acrobat which allows anyone to see the final result as it was intended. That has saved our club the cost of printing using a commercial print shop.

We electronically distribute the PWMRC News to over 60 members and affiliated organizations as well as to thousands of others over the internet. People read our newsletter from all over the country and around the world! That's fast and efficient and saves on postage.

All this shows how information technology has changed in just 10 years. It has been a real pleasure composing the PWMRC News for our club each quarter. Because this is a benchmark Issue, we will be putting together a special edition of the PWMRC News later this summer. In that issue we will feature four spectacular home layouts of our members. These layouts were voted the favorites among our club members last winter. We hope you enjoy this Issue and our upcoming Special Layout Feature Issue later this summer. See you all for Issue 80 in another ten years!!! ☒



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MODULAR SHOW SCHEDULE

JULY

12 - 13 Great American Train Show - Richmond, VA.

AUGUST

16 - 17 Greenberg Train Show - Chantilly, VA

SEPTEMBER - TBA

OCTOBER

11 - 12 Great Scale Model Train Show - Timonium, MD

Unconfirmed

-and-

Manassas Freedom Festival - Manassas, VA

Unconfirmed

-and-

Potomac Junction 2003 NMRA MER Convention -

Reston, VA. **Unconfirmed**

NOVEMBER

15 - 16 Bull Run Library Show - Manassas, VA.

DECEMBER

13 - 14 Chinn Park Library Show - Lake Ridge, Virginia ☒

YOU ARE SUSPENDED!

CAN'T RUN TRAINS, CAN'T VOTE, CAN'T GET NEWSLETTERS, CAN'T PLAY!!

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES BY NOW THIS APPLIES TO YOU!

CLUB BYLAWS STATE THAT YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP SHORTLY IF YOUR DON'T PAY. SO PAY & PLAY. MAKE DUES PAYABLE TO PWMRC.

FROM THE CAB

By Bill Lyders

Oh where oh where have all the snippets of my train time gone? I happen to get my bursts of energy and enthusiasm to go work on my layout or on a train project after getting energized by a train story, a club outing, reading a model railroad article, reading emails from club members on train topics of interest to me, and a myriad of other snippets of train related events. But there have been too much interference in my galaxy of train events lately and no real progress is happening in my train world.

I read about all the fun and enthusiasm that the Rip Track crew is experiencing and I want to go down and join in too. Then I get stuck at work late or run into that dreaded rush hour traffic (that I didn't use to have to be concerned about for 20 years) and poof, the energy to go is gone.

Or I go to Tampa, FL for a wedding and was hoping to find a 'treasure' in the "Largest Train Store in FL", according to an advertisement in Model Railroader, just to discover that, yes it's a larger physical store than most in northern VA but the HO selection is not as good or as varied as some we have here. Poof, nothing to buy, so not enough energy is transferred.

While looking at some brochures at the hotel, I discover the Henry Plant museum. Henry Plant was a key developer of Tampa in the 1890s. He had a railroad empire and a steamship empire that he integrated in 1898 when he got Tampa designated the Spanish American War debarkation point. I looked forward to seeing lots of stories and pictures of his railroad empire as my knowledge of Tampa history was nil to non-existent. I was familiar with Henry Flagler's railroad history in my hometown of West Palm Beach that eventually became the ACL. But the Plant Museum in Tampa was mostly about the huge, beautiful, and architectural intriguing Tampa Bay Hotel with only one portion of one room showing some pictures of the old Georgia and Florida railroads that eventually became part of the SCL. Poof, there is not enough energy to take home.

I finally get some free time. With my brother coming to visit soon, I go down and clean up my layout, operate a couple of diesel engines to pull a track cleaning car, stage some trains, and make sure I can show off my empire. The big day arrives, he comes with his significant other. My N&W locomotive sounds off and starts down the track. Then it stops in a location I can barely reach and derails. I notice a buckle in my roadbed on the mainline that wasn't there before. It can't be fixed easily. Bummer! Poof, another opportunity resulting in a deflation in energy.

My real goal is to do what Pete is doing. Take my current layout and spread it out into a more viewer and operator friendly environment like a couple of members have today. But I am frozen in time as my basement is a warehouse and won't be "free" until probably September. I'm also semi-actively considering moving to a new house that has a larger basement area that I can confiscate for my layout. Each time my wife and I go looking at new houses, I check out "my new train room". Boy, the dreams that is allowing me to have. But, alas nothing is happening. Poof, I have no energy to rebuild in the current location.

Now I could do something about these energy drainers. I could retire from my present job and get one in Manassas so I would have more time available. I could intensify my search for that retirement house with that large basement awaiting my new layout. In **SEE CAB, PAGE 6 COL. 1.**

BOARD BRIEFS

A Summary of Club Business Meetings

MAY

- Some of the club members will be visiting the Danielson's layout on Saturday, May 31st.
- Railfest is on Saturday, June 7th, and club members can meet at the IHOP on Route 28, in Manassas at 6:00 A.M. for breakfast then go to set up at 7:00 A.M. or report directly to the setup at 7:00 A.M.
- Sign up requests for the GATS show in Richmond in July were solicited by John D.
- One member was voted in as an active member.
- A motion to round the collection amount up to \$500.00 for the donation fun in Art Hawck's name, the motion was seconded. The motion carried, then additional discussion took place. Another motion was made and seconded to hold off on deciding what the club should do with the donations until the collection time period is over. This would be May 31st as originally planned. The motion was carried.
- PWMRC recognized Tim Hall for his work as Treasurer of the club for his time of service.

JUNE

- Tim Barr reported that the club collected in excess of \$500 from club members for a donation in the memory of Art Hawk. The club added \$100 to make the total donation amount \$600.
- John Huntzinger discussed with members of the Board of Directors about a dinner for a departing member and his wife before they leave for Florida. A date and location will be set.
- The Board Of Directors approved giving the Danielson's a PWRMC Club Car as thanks for providing a layout tour for the club. One member will get it to them.
- John Huntzinger is going to send out an email to the club members looking for members who are interested in working together on building new modules.
- John Huntzinger solicited topics for future Board of Director meetings. Updating of the club web site with the recent shows and Riptrack activity was suggested. Anyone with other topics needs to advise one of the Board of Directors.
- Tim Barr stated that he was in the process of going through the club materials provided by Tim Hall to sort out financial items from other items. As soon as he is done with this he will forward the non-financial items to Ernie Little.
- Russ R. asked if the post office box rental had been paid for the year or not. Tim Barr is going to check into this to make sure it has been done.
- The Communications Committee has taken the original concern list and added some additional items suggested at the last club meeting.
- Discussion of the club email distribution list took place. Concerns were expressed that everyone is not on the mail group list and therefore everyone may not be getting all the information being sent out.

- Railfest was canceled due to the heavy rainfall.
- The individual who has been making shirts for us is moving and will not be able to make shirts for us any longer.
- A member was voted in as an Active Member.
- Four members are going to the Timonium show to give clinics in June. The club will receive \$25.00 for each clinic given. ☒

QUANTICO UPDATE

Information about our Future Home



Photo by J. Connal

Like a slow freight train, our arrival at Quantico will be delayed a little longer. Originally scheduled for the last quarter of 2003, contract logistics have delayed station renovation until later this year. As a result, PWMRC is expected to move into the station sometime in the first quarter of 2004.

We are still working on getting a blueprint of our proposed space in the south end of the station from the Virginia Railway Express so that the layout committee can finalize some long standing design questions.

As 2004 approaches, PWMRC will become more involved in how the club will operate in the new station. The good news is that by the time we move in, Digitrax and Soundtraxx could have the latest and greatest DCC gizmos for us to purchase and use on our new, permanent layout. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available. ☒

INTERNET POSTINGS

"So where is my copy of the club module standards?" you ask. Well if you lost it under those building kits you bought at Timonium last Spring, fear not. Through the good work of the module standards committee, PWMRC's module standards were approved and posted on our website (www.pwmrc.org) for reference. Now you can download a pdf copy of the standards anytime you need them.

The By-Laws committee is in the process of finalizing and posting the revised By-Laws on our website as well. Isn't the internet wonderful? Great work guys! Thanks for your efforts. ☒

PWMRC CONDUCTS INTELLIGENCE MISSION

By Ernie Little

Virginia, May 31st - Members of the Prince William Model Railroad Club and their wives carried out a top secret intelligence gathering mission in this community locate what was rumored to be an astounding and complete Lionel collection and layout. Club member Jim C. had provided the PWMRC group intelligence that the Danielson family had railroad related items in their house, and through secret negotiations with the Danielson's arranged for a club outing to allow club members to see it for themselves.

At 1000 hours on this date the members made a successful insertion, via personal cars, and on their arrival were met by our inside contacts, Hope and Dan Danielson. Hope and Dan provided those in attendance with complete access to their home, Lionel collection and train layout, as well as provided good ole Southern hospitality that made all in attendance feel very welcome and a part of their train family. The Danielson's didn't appear suspicious of the purpose of the club's mission, as the members were speechless due to several of the "mission team" downing sodas and other munchies that were provided. There was an air of concern that member Robin B. might have to get out a saw or some other "jig" to make it possible for "some members" to extricate themselves back out the doors we had come in due to the amount of goodies that were ingested.



Club members tour the Danielson's layout (foreground) and train collection (background)
Photo by E. Little

The PWMRC group knew something was up when they entered the home as the familiar "To the Trains" sign was readily visible. The sign directed the members to the basement where they were surrounded by a train collection amassed by the Danielsons. (PWMRC being an HO scale club were concerned for their lives for about a millisecond until they came to their senses.) The collection consisted of locomotives; cars; and other Lionel items; that represented a period from the pre- World War I years to the present. Yes, even Huey, Dewy, and Louie were there on the side of the Disney cars that were made during the period. Dan has been collecting trains since his early childhood picking up items during

his many sales trips during which he sought out the local train stores. Dan even showed those of us in attendance the first train he was given when he a youngster. Hope, on the other hand, not only collects train-related items but also collects miniatures. All of these collection items were displayed on shelves and in cabinets that allowed them to be examined in detail. Hope and Dan also have a significant quantity of railroad memorabilia of items such as newspaper articles, railroad passes, and the like that takes you back to the era when passenger railroads were in abundance.



A table setting offers some of the many delicious snacks offered to PWMRC members during their visit.
Photo by E. Little

The operating layout that they have is typical of a model train layout with buildings, bridges, and other scenery that is of high quality and detail and can keep anyone who participates in the model train world there for hours on end watching the trains go by on the rail.



A steam train exits one of the tunnel portals on the Danielson's home layout.
Photo by E. Little

It was a great time of fellowship and the PWMRC membership thanks Hope and Dan Danielson for opening their home to the club for a visit to their collection. I heard that the club is giving them a PWMRC club car that would really set off their collection! ☘

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Membership Updates

PROMOTIONS

Two members were promoted to Active Membership this quarter. Congratulations.

MOVING ON

One member is headed south to Florida for his retirement. He and his wife have bought a single level home with enough room for a layout. They are leaving in July. Club members hosted a dinner in their honor and wished them well in their new home. Good luck, you will be missed.

RETURN TRIP

Several members have been inactive due to work and family commitments. Now they are returning to our club and look forward to participating in future club activities. It should also be noted that one member is due to be a new papa again this month as he and his wife are expecting the birth of their child in late July. Congratulations in advance and welcome back!

IN MEMORIUM



Art Hawck 1947 to 2003

PWMRC is sad to report that one of our members, Art Hawck, passed away on April 21st after suffering a massive heart attack. Art was 55 years old. Art joined PWMRC on July 27, 1997. His easy going personality quickly earned him many friendships with our club. Art was very active in PWMRC, serving as Secretary / Treasurer and Event Coordinator. Art also took on the task of obtaining insurance for PWMRC. Art was involved in the Quantico Station project and attended many meetings with VRE and PRTC staff to discuss the project.

Art's fun loving nature was enjoyed by all who knew him. His nickname "Kato Man" was dubbed onto him after he was heard at many shows blaring over his headset "Kato, Kato".

Art enjoyed model railroading as much as most of us. His home layout featured overhead electric catenary lines for his Amtrak AEM7 locomotive. Art's latest "find" was a pair of Guilford Railroad locomotives. Art was from New England and he was extremely pleased when he found a train painted in a New England scheme. His collection also included some Chessie System, Erie Lackawanna, Western Maryland, and New York - New Haven trains among others. Art shared his hobby with his wife, Lynn, who showed an interest in N Scale trains and pink hopper cars.

Club President, Bill Lyders said this about Art: "...He always had a chuckle and a laugh and volunteered for everything he could - many times until he had more than he could handle. Nobody can think of Art and not think of his favorite place to go and report back on his latest purchase - M.B. Kleins in Baltimore. "

Art is survived by his wife, Lynn, and three children.

Art's train has pulled out of the station for the last time. He will be missed. But we can only hope that he is holding the best siding open for each of us when we arrive at that great train station in the sky. So long Art, we'll miss you! Kato, Kato! ☼☼

MODULAR MAINLINE

News About our Modular Layout

On June 28th, members of PWMRC gathered at the RIP Track hobby shop and held a module building clinic. Vice President John Huntzinger reported the following:

It was really good to see so many people come out and join in our impromptu module making session Saturday (June 28th) at the Rip Track. Module makers included Fred S., Max H., Dave R., Brion B., John D., Pete L., Robin B., and Lynn K.. Also, a shopper at the store was observing what we were doing and lent a hand when another was needed.

Fred S. used a semi-pre-made set of 1" x 4" pieces which were very light and a piece of plywood across only the front so he can make interchangeable scenery across the back. Max H. made good progress on his Fredericksburg station module. Dave R. now has a three dimensional module that can either stand alone with a mini harbor scene in it or it can be part of John Huntzinger's harbor scene module. M. Everett got a pre-made module from Brion B. and was laying cork and track on it. He got the electrical buss wires run underneath it. Dave K. also stopped by and got some cork and track installed on his module.

Tim B. and Fred S. looked like old buddies as they worked assembling the wood, fastening the plywood, and getting cork roadbed down. Tim also was helping other people with various aspects of assembling modules, laying cork, track, and wiring. He also laid cork for one of Brion's modules.

It almost seemed like a club meeting as other members stopped by and lent hands and ideas throughout the day

Finally, Mother Nature cooperated with no rain, but enough sun to convince us that another work session on Sunday wasn't the smart thing as several of us hadn't applied enough (or any) sun block.

Thanks to everyone who came out, we had a good time and with luck we'll have a batch of new modules to admire and run trains on in the near future.



PWMRC module construction in winter 1995.

Photo by R. Rodriguez

Thanks John. As the above photo shows, club members had fun in 1995 too when the first modules were constructed. Back then we worried about frost bite instead of sun burn! We look forward to seeing those new modules at future shows. ☼

Cab, From Page 2.

expectation, I could apply the Matt T. principle of building lots of scenes for that future layout. I could actually build structures I already have, paint figures I already have, and spend time designing how I would transfer the portions of my current layout (including that helix that Tim B. loves so much) into my new spread out layout. I could, I could, but I need some energy to get some progress. I need a real strong PWMRC train fix...like an outing or a fun operating session with lots of people energy that I can feed off... ☒

RAIL PICS

Highlights of Club Activities from the Last Quarter.

Well, after the snow thawed the rain started, and continued, and continued, and...well, you get the idea.

In May we traveled to Central Library for one of our annual library shows. Despite the wet weather, the crowds were light. Yet, any excuse to run trains is a good excuse and there were plenty of trains running at the library throughout the weekend.



Club members operate trains in the Central Library Community Room. Photo by R. Rodriguez

The rain didn't let up in June either, and like a cat with nine lives, number nine was the deadly number for the Manassas Railfest. Torrential downpours hammered downtown Manassas in the morning and throughout the day. Yet PWMRC made a point of gathering for an early morning breakfast at a local restaurant and then motoring into Manassas. The water literally rolled off our tent and small rivers of runoff flowed beneath. At about 7:45 am the power that be pronounced the event cancelled. We knew it had to happen sooner or later and number nine was the one. Eight years of great weather is nothing to complain about. And of course we'll be back next year. If not with trains, then remote controlled boats!

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PWMRC poses for the first annual Manassas Rainfest. Photo by R. Rodriguez



John D. returns to PWMRC's tent to tell us the festival is a washout. Photo by R. Rodriguez

In July we headed back to Richmond after a few years hiatus to participate in the Great American Train Show. We assembled a massive 32' x 48' layout that won us second place in the layout competition. Beautiful clear, cool days kept the attendance moderate. But we had a good time, ran trains and spent some money too!

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Railpics, from Page 6.



PWMRC set up a large 32' x 48' layout at GATS - Richmond. Photo by R. Rodriguez



The local police have their hands full taking an accident report on the taxi that rain the crossing signal. I hope the driver didn't leave the meter running! Photo by R. Rodriguez



Tall buildings dwarf the scale trains on Lynn K's Big City module. Photo by R. Rodriguez



Ed M., Jr. displays his latest acquisition on his modules: a set of VRE leased Sounder bi-level commuter cars manufactured by Athearn. Photo by R. Rodriguez

That wraps it up for this issue. See you all this Fall. ☼

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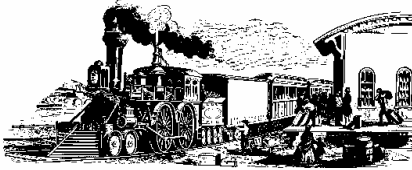
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THE TIME TABLE

July 8 (Tuesday)

Club Meeting -
Woodbridge, Virginia

July 12 - 13 (Saturday - Sunday)

Great American Train Show - Richmond, Virginia
Setup: Sat. 6 - 10:30a. Show Times: Sat. & Sun 11a-5p

July 22 (Tuesday)

Club Meeting -
Woodbridge, Virginia

August 12 (Tuesday)

Club Meeting -
Manassas, Virginia

August 16 - 17 (Saturday - Sunday)

Greenberg's Train & Toy Show - Dulles Expo Center,
Chantilly, Virginia. Setup: Friday 3-6p, Sat. 8-10am.
Show times: Sat. 11am - 5, Sun. 11 am - 4pm.

August 26 (Tuesday)

Club Meeting -
Mount Vernon, Virginia

September 9 (Tuesday)

Club Meeting -
Arcola, Virginia

September 23 (Tuesday)

Operations Session -
Dumfries, Virginia

October 11 - 12 (Saturday - Sunday)

Great Scale Model Train Show - Timonium, Maryland

AND

Manassas Freedom Festival - Manassas Airport,
Manassas, Virginia

AND

National Model Railroad Association Mid East Region
Potomac Junction Convention - Reston, Virginia

October 14 (Tuesday)

Club Meeting - Manassas, Virginia

October 28 (Tuesday)

Operations Session - Manassas, Virginia

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= Clinic Scheduled

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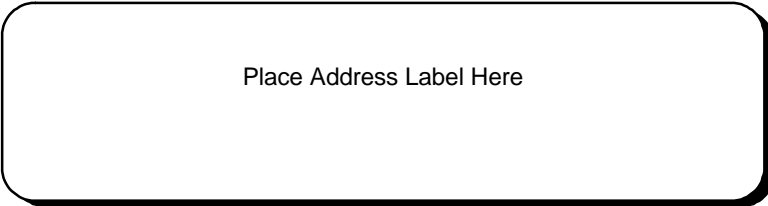
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