

The Official Newsletter of the Prince William County Model Railroad Club

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Reminder:

PWMRC Proudly Supports The World's Greatest Hobby Campaign

The Prince William County Model Railroad Club is a non-profit 501(c)(7) Corporation.

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!**

PARDON ME BOYS, IS THAT THE CHATTANOOGA CHOO CHOO?



PWMRC Members pose with the USO Liberty Belles.

Photo by J.Connal

Some PWMRC shows are better than others and as the photo above clearly reveals, the Manassas Freedom Museum's 6th Annual Festival of Freedom was enjoyed by many PWMRC members! PWMRC attended this event for the second year in a row. The event held at Manassas Airport in October celebrates all those who gave their life to secure our freedom in America. As the only model railroad club appearing at the event, the layout was a big draw. However, a bigger draw were the many vintage aircraft and displays on hand for the 2 day event. Displayed were vintage fighter planes, bi-planes, bombers, helicopters, jeeps, tanks and more. All depicted the technology of various areas from World War I through the present. Most aircraft were of the World War II vintage.

Attendees toured the various displays and walked around the tarmac viewing the numerous aircraft on display. For a fee, attendees could take a plane ride in one of several combat planes. Re-enactors provided entertainment and information on various exhibits. Musical numbers were performed by the "USO Liberty Belles" with comedy provided the team of Abbot and Costello.

PWMRC provided a nice size layout for the event. Despite some DCC gremlins and some dirty track, the layout was well received by attendees. At one point during the weekend event, a rain storm developed for a period of time, sending visitors into the main exhibit hall where PWMRC's layout was located. Many people were impressed with the fine modeling of PWMRC members. Robin B's military airfield was undoubtedly the most favored model at the show.

At the end of the weekend, club members had satisfied their taste for vintage airplanes and headed home. Next year's festival is scheduled for October 8 and 9, 2005. Until then, PWMRC has a full plate of activities ahead in 2005!!! ☒



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MODULAR SHOW SCHEDULE

January

No Shows Scheduled

February

5-6 Great Scale Model Train Show – Timonium, Md

March

No Shows Scheduled

April

2 – 3 7th Annual Boy Scout Train Show – Dale City, Va.
16-17 Great Scale Model Train Show – *unconfirmed*

May

TBA Library Show – *unconfirmed*

June

4 Manassas Railway Festival
25–26 Great Scale Model Train Show – *unconfirmed*

July

No Shows Scheduled

August

6-7 Great American Train Show – Richmond – *unconfirmed*

September

TBA Library Show – *unconfirmed*

October

8-9 Festival of Freedom – Manassas, Va – *unconfirmed*
8-9 Great Scale Model Train Show – *unconfirmed*
TBA Library Show – *unconfirmed*

November

19-20 Greenberg Train Show – Chantilly – *unconfirmed*
TBA Library Show – *unconfirmed*

December

TBA Library Show – *unconfirmed*

Unconfirmed shows are listed for reference only. The PWMRC membership will decide at upcoming meetings if the club will attend each show. ☼

FROM THE CAB

A Message from our President
By John Huntzinger

Phases in model railroading. Are there phases in the hobby of model railroading? If you read some of the model magazines you might think that as you get more and more into the hobby that there are different levels of expertise, or phases, that model railroaders go through, with operations (op sessions) being the ultimate phase one could hope to achieve. I'll admit that my interests and expertise in the hobby have changed over time (do you ever go back and re-read the modeling magazines and find that some articles now catch your interest?). If I were to try and categorize my phases I'd start with:

- (1) collecting (like it, got to have it)--quantity is the name of the game.
- (2) Quality takes on new meaning--I still remember getting my first Athearn engine and how much better it ran than my train set quality engines--wow! Think many of us have seen something like that more recently as the recent engines have phenomenal detail and run superbly (even sound has gotten better).
- (3) Layout (I) - I was so happy with my first "big" layout (it was a double oval), but it got boring to operate even before I got scenery on it. I learned about things like minimum track radius and its corollary in turnout sizes (#6 work better than #4s).
- (4) Layout (II) - The next layout was so much better to work that I've started to build buildings (structures) for it. I'm also trying to think about how towns and sidings so they'll work if and when I do an ops session.
- (5). Structures (I) - almost like phase 1--quantity.
- (6) Structures II - very similar to Phase II-quality. But, some day I'm determined to kit-bash a building and build a craftsman-type kit.
- (7) Operations. I recently downloaded a trial copy of Ship-It!, a program to help you move cars from one spot to as part of a scheduled train. Guess what--you need to know not only what car(s) you want to move (by car type and car #), but the names and types of the industries they're being shipped from and going to. It's necessary to name your towns, sidings, interchanges, etc. It's a bit daunting.

Are phases something you do sequentially and do you do all of them (or are there other phases)? I keep telling myself that "it's a hobby, you can do whatever you want", although I try and push myself to finish a project before moving onto another (without total success I might add).

One thing I've found with the Club is that there are guys in every one of the phases I've described and is very willing to share their expertise and enthusiasm. As one of our new guys found when he asked some basic questions about building a layout, we're good at sharing and helping each other. Thanks guys. ☼

TICKETS PLEASE....

**2005 DUES ARE OWED NOW.
DON'T GET LEFT ON THE PLATFORM.
PAY EARLY AND ENJOY ALL THE EXCURSIONS!**

SEND DUES PAYMENTS TO:

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BOARD BRIEFS

A Summary of Club Business Meetings

OCTOBER

Membership committee report

- Dave M. is up for permanent membership which was placed on hold by the membership.
- Dave P. is due up for permanent membership.

Web Committee

Jim Connal reported that we have a new ISP, Division Point Multimedia.

Club Outings.

- Norfolk/Western mini conference on November 6th. Five members signed up
- Big E show has 10 members signed up and there is still room for 5 more.
- Bill P.'s layout tour on October 21st.

Public Relations POC.

No one has volunteered to take the position.

Scrap Book .

Dave R. is collecting materials for the scrapbook.

Boy Scout merit badge- T. J. High School

The Boy Scouts have requested us to put a merit badge session together for March 5, 2005.

Insurance Policy

Requested assistance with looking into the new insurance policy to assure it is what we need.

Freedom Festival issue

There was significant discussion of our participation in the Freedom Festival the weekend of October 15-17. There have been changes in the availability in parking, access, and several other areas of this event. A motion was made to not participate in the event. After more discussion a vote was taken on the motion and it failed to pass.

NOVEMBER

Treasurer's report

Accepting payment for the 2005 dues.

Standards.

Discussion took place regarding the need for a committee to examine what needs to be done to prepare a layout for the NMRA convention in 2006. A motion was passed to establish a committee to work on this item.

Yard Modules

No luck finding the missing yard module.

2004-2005 Calendar

Dave Ruebsamen is collecting names of members interested in hosting a meeting in 2005.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Dinner. • The dinner will be held on December 4th with set up at 5:30 P.M. an dinner at 6:30 P.M..

2005 Train Shows

Participation discussion • There was significant discussion of **SEE BOARD, PAGE 6, COL. 1.**

QUANTICO UPDATE

Information about our Future Home



Photo by J. Connal

Well, we've come full circle and the moment of truth is before us. Since before this club was officially organized there has always been an interest in the Quantico train station. Back in 1990, then President and founding member, Jerry Lechter, sent a letter to an unknown, and still in the planning stages railroad, known as the Virginia Railway Express. In that letter, Jerry proposed that PWMRC utilize the old Railway Express Agency baggage room on the south end of the station for a model railroad display. At the time, Jerry proposed "sweat equity" in lieu of rent to fix up the area and construct a layout for the members and the public to view.

Many years have passed and many more discussions have taken place over the last decade and a half. It has not been an easy task and has been frustrating at times. However, the goal of a permanent home has driven this organization forward over the years and in the end we hope that persistence will pay off.

Although the current proposal is not ideal, it is still worthy to pursue in the hope of establishing a permanent base of operations. The areas inside the Quantico station offered to PWMRC by the Virginia Railway Express have grown and shrunk over the years, but now the space offered is final and it is what we sought almost 15 years ago, the old Railway Express Agency baggage room.

The offer has changed over the years too. Because Federal funds are involved in the renovation of the station, the Virginia Railway Express is bound by Federal Law and must comply with a specific set of criteria to order to find the most worthy tenants for the station. That means PWMRC must compete with commercial interests for the south end area as part of a Request for Proposal (RFP).

PWMRC has a lot to offer Town of Quantico and the surrounding community and the space will provide an area for members to meet, learn, operate trains and enjoy the hobby of model railroading. It will also serve the public as a resource for the World's Greatest Hobby to view a model railroad layout as well as a location to obtain information about our hobby.

A committee of PWMRC members is working diligently on the Quantico RFP to be presented to the Virginia Railway Express in mid February. The membership will also be asked to provide another vote of commitment at our first meeting in February. If all goes well, we should be in the Quantico Train Station by June.

It has been a long road, but the end of the road is within sight. **SEE QUANTICO, PAGE 6, COL. 1.**

MAINLINE HOBBY TOUR MEETS WITH GREAT SUCCESS

By Ernie Little

Manassas.....September 25, 2004 Residents of the Manassas area reported sighting the grey ghost tour ship going down Route 234 this morning. Reportedly it made a sudden turn into the Shoney's parking lot and a six member crew got out, ate breakfast, and then just as suddenly departed in a Northerly direction. (Toward Maryland?) Could this be the same tour ship that was seen on I-95 speeding Northward through Maryland to Massachusetts on a cold and rainy day last February ? Nah, similar tour ship BUT a different crew and yes they were on the way to Maryland, specifically the Mainline Hobby sale and tours.

The crew consisting of Pilot Tim B., Navigator first class Lew R., foreign correspondent John E., and mission specialists Pete L., Don E., and Ernie L. went to the big sale at Mainline Hobbies located in Blue Summit, Pennsylvania, and then proceeded to attempt set a world record. That record being the most miles ever driven to see three train model train layouts in the shortest time.

Equipped with the latest in guidance systems, a map provided by Main Line Hobbies, Navigator Lew provided directions for Pilot Tim to follow from layout to layout. But wait a minute, nobody told Lew and Tim that PDOT had changed the exit numbers on I-83 going south out of York, Pa., and after going about 15 miles out of the way Pilot Tim got off the interstate and parked in the middle of a paved lane to work with Lew to figure out just where the tour ship was. And where the heck was Max and GPS when you need him ? Sound familiar, but the crew didn't spend two hours in the Bronx, only about 10 minutes trying to get their bearings straight and in doing so didn't get lost. Darned navigation instrument problems once again try to foil a grey ghost tour ship mission.

Finally the tiny ship found an HO model railroad club in York, which had a nice layout housed in a forty foot by 90 foot building that the club owns. Still using DC operation with blocks, electrical switches, and baling wire the laout worked very well, had a working turntable, and many of the crew were to be fooled by the 10 pound weighted HO boxcar. Mission Specialist Ernie almost fell over when it was handed to him for evaluation. Not that Don and Pete helped him any by giving him a warning.

And off the crew went to the next stop, a layout in the basement of an NMRA member north of York. Nice layout that is very capable of providing hours of operations sessions that would even make those familiar with Sheppardsfield cringe. Even saw a consist of steam engines slipping on the hill while pulling a load of freight cars. No sanding though, just give them a little more throttle to make it to the top. Nice scenery and plenty of goodies for the folks to eat and digest. The owner told the crew that he has a pool party and invites the operators that make at least three sessions over every summer. Hmm, perhaps the boys back at the Nickel City RR should hear about this.

And once again on the road to a layout near Harrisburg, but wait a minute what the heck are those large, round, tall chimneys. Three Mile Island, didn't we read about that a few years ago. The chimneys are getting closer and the crew can see the seams in the concrete. Why is everything around this subdivision glowing? The grass is very green. Ah, but finally the last layout is found and into the basement the crew goes using the side entry technique. You want to see computers, go to this layout and you

will see computer being used for everything but opening and closing the throttles. Seems the owner of the layout has a Masters degree in Computer Engineering. And to boot is a branch line that runs behind his house and a train going by during the visit. Good time, the layout is open to folks who make contact with the owner and want to operate on it.

And off the team goes, but it is late and time to return to the mother ship, Manassas, dinner in Thurmont, Maryland, and home at last. Another successful grey ghost mission and good times had by all. Thanks to Pilot Tim for driving and supplying lots of entertainment on the road.

Till next time !!! ☒

BUCKSHOT COAL CARS

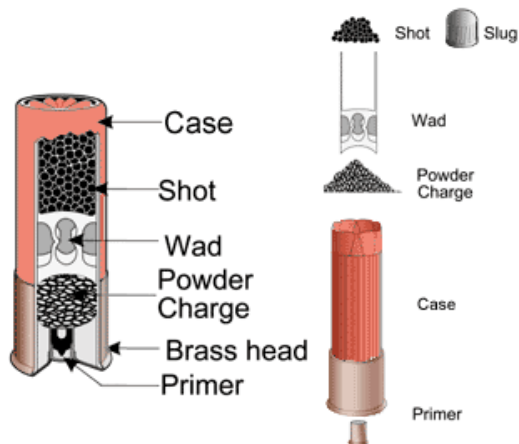
A Simple Way to Add Weight to Your Coal Hoppers

By Bob Rodriguez

I have been slowly adding weight to all of my rolling stock over the past year so that each car conforms to the NMRA standard of 1 ounce of weight plus ½ ounce per inch of car length. Box cars and tank cars are easy. They provide hidden areas to place weights which cannot be seen when fully assembled. Intermodal cars are also easy to weigh down if you have a trailer load on each car. Simply place your weights in the trailer to get the car up to the standard weight.

Coal and other types of hoppers present more of a challenge, especially if you want to simulate empty loads like I do during my operation sessions. You could always place weights in each car then cover them with a nice coal load insert and call them empty, but I like the visual cue of seeing an empty car when my train crews are looking for empties to switch.

To accomplish my project I obtained some number 8 Shot from fellow member Robin B. Shot is made up of tiny lead pellets which are loaded into shotgun shells. Robin, a competitive shooter, had some Shot on hand that we has willing to off load to me. You can find number 8 Shot at most gun stores. A 12 to 15 ounce bag weights 25 pounds!!! Although I used Number 8 Shot, Number 9 is better as it is smaller and easier to conceal.



Anatomy of a Shot Gun Shell

SEE COAL LOADS, PAGE 6, COL. 1.

AD HOC MEETING HELD

By John H untzinger

A special ad hoc meeting of the PWMRC was held October 9, 2004 at the home-away-from-home of Howard Zane at the state fairgrounds in Timonium MD. Members present included:



The Great Scale Model Train Show in Timonium, Maryland.

George H. (and spouse), Mat T. (and spouse), Ed M. Jr (and spouse), Pete L., Roy G., Ernie L., Don E., Max H. (and spouse suitably attired in an ATSF Super Chief shirt and carrying her new AFST 4-8-4), Bill L., Harvey, John E., and John H. (and probably more). Seen at departure time on the arrival track was Brion B.

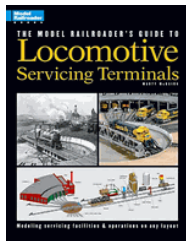
During lunch purchases and good deals were discussed. No Club business was discussed. Some members gave individual financial reports and were later seen looking for the ATM machine. The meeting adjourned late in the afternoon. ☒

Learn and Enjoy – three Great New Model Railroad Books

Review by Mat Thompson

Kalmbach has published three new magazine-sized books that should inspire every one of us to attach the layout with a fresh breath of creativity. Even an armchair modeler will be entertained for hours. The three are *The Model Railroader's Guide to Locomotive Servicing Terminals* (\$17.95, 80 pages), *The Model Railroader's Guide to Freight Yards* (\$19.95, 88 pages), and *The Model Railroader's Guide to Industries Along the Tracks* (\$18.95, 88 pages).

Kalmbach publishes Model Railroader and all three books show the family heritage. Prototype practices are explained clearly and with a minimal of technical terms. Illustrations enrich the text with a combination of prototype and model photos. Uncluttered diagrams and well-explained track drawings provide graphic summaries.



Locomotive Servicing Terminals and *Freight Yards* both begin by explaining prototype practices from the steam-diesel transition period through modern railroading. A short middle section covers general design concepts for modeling.

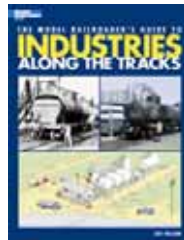
Both books conclude with practical articles for building these features into your layouts.

Modeling articles are a mix of plastic models and more demanding kits – for instance *Locomotive Servicing Terminals* has an article on how to detail an Atlas water tank and next to it an article on building a laser-cut wood water tank kit. The book devotes space to both steam and diesel facilities and provides tips on modeling the transition of facilities just as real railroads did.



Freight Yards has useful articles such as how to lay turnouts to create yard ladders and how to weather yards using ground foam and white glue. Yards illustrated range from a few tracks to monstrosities that would overwhelm virtually any home layout. The final discussion covers using a yard in model railroad operations to

include using car cards and waybills.



The Model Railroader's Guide to Industries Along the Track covers six industries; grain, petroleum, coal mining, automotive, produce and livestock. There is more prototype discussion and less modeling than the other two books but each industry has diagrams showing how sidings and buildings could be arrayed on a model railroad. At the back of the book there is an extensive listing of structure kits

that can be used to build each industry. Rail cars serving each industry are discussed in detail to include the evolution of cars so modelers would know the appropriate cars for their layout's time period.

All three books are great reads and will increase your hobby knowledge and skills. Buy and enjoy. ☒

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Membership News of the Prince William County Model Railroad Club

Arrivals: Dave M., Dave P., Scott H. and Dan L. joined the club this quarter. Welcome gentleman. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings and events.

Life Membership: Life Membership was conferred upon Ed B., Ed M., Sr. and Eric N. for their devoted service over the past decade to PWMRC. Congratulations gentlemen, you earned it!

Departures: Eric N. is headed north to Rochester New York where a new home and new wife are waiting. Eric has been a member for almost a decade and has been an active part of the web committee development of the club web page. Eric, we'll miss you but we wish you all the best. P.S. Bundle up! ☒





Board from Page 3

how to get participation up for the shows we are doing.

DECEMBER

Membership committee report

Jeff B. on hold until the January, 2005 business meeting. Scott H. voted into permanent membership.

Standards.

A committee for the 2006 NMRA convention was established consisting of Bill L., Dave R., Brion B., and Tim B.

Web Committee

Traffic on the website is back to normal, approximately 46,000 hits for the month.

Yard Modules

A replacement module has been built and will be worked on at the Bull Run show..

D & J Railroad ops session.

The last ops session on the D & J Railroad is scheduled for January 15th, from 9am to until it is over at Ken M.'s house.

BOD meeting

There is a need to have a B.O. D. meeting in January.

Public Relations help needed.

Still looking for someone to take the lead on public relations for the club..

Railroad Merit Badge session (March)

John E. and Dave R. are going to head this session up for the club.

Life Membership

A motion was passed to make Eric N. a life member of the club.

Inventory.

Dave R. is working on an inventory of club owned equipment. ☒

Quantico, From Page 3.

Whichever way the final RFP decision goes, PWMRC can be proud that it represented itself in a professional manner and provided the best opportunity to benefit the community and PWMRC members.

Stay tuned to the next issue for an update. ☒

Coal Loads From Page 4.

The supplies you need to accomplish this project are:

- 1 – 25 pound bag of Number 8 Shot
- 1 - Bottle White Glue
- 1 – Bottle of Matte Medium (50:50 mixture of white glue and water)
- 1 – Bag of coal ballast
- 1 – Scale (postage or other small scale suitable for measuring car weight. I use a postal scale.)



STEP 1: Weather your car.

It is easier to do the weathering before you weight the car rather than after. I air brush my coal cars with a light coating of dust, mud and rust. I apply a heavier coating of mud and rust to the interior of the hopper since the paint in the prototype is quickly chipped away after a few years of use. The resulting exposure to the weather coats the interior with rust very quickly.

STEP 2: Calculate the car's weight.



Measure the car. My coal cars measure 5.5 inches. I use a printed scale which shows the measurements in fractions of an inch on the bottom and the NMRA recommended weight (1 ounce + ½ ounce per inch of car length) on top. My 5.5 inch coal hopper should weigh 3.75 ounces.

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COAL LOAD, From Page 6.

STEP 3: Weigh the car.

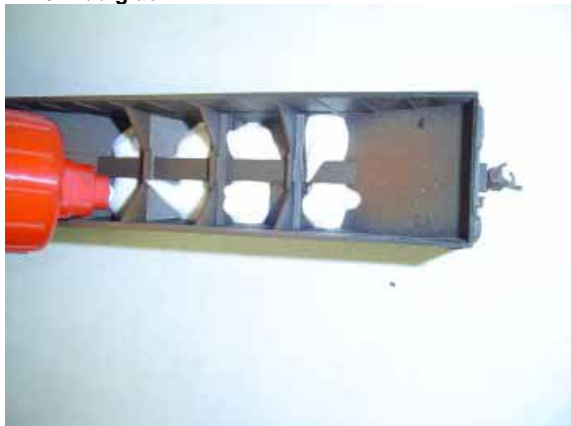
My car's actual weight was 2 ounces. That's 1.75 ounces too light.

STEP 4: Add weight.



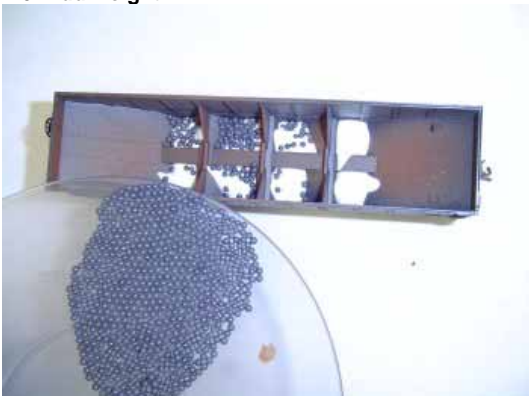
While your car is on the scale, simply pour the shot into the pan or the hopper interior. Add enough shot to bring the car up to 3.75 ounces.

STEP 5: Add glue.



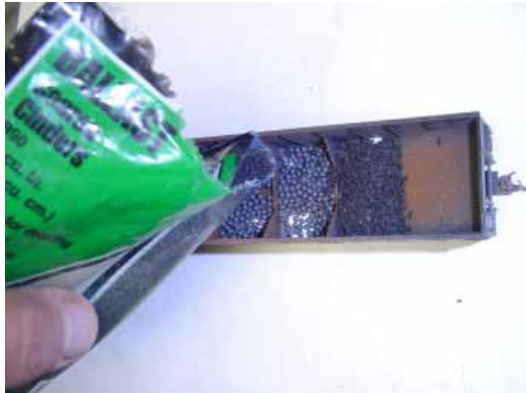
Pour a small amount of glue into the base of each well inside the hopper.

STEP 6: Add weight.



Evenly distribute the shot you measured out in Step 4 into equal amounts into each well.

STEP 7: Add ballast.



Pour just enough coal ballast to cover the shot. If you prefer, you can paint the shot first (after the glue has dried) with flat black paint, then cover it with ballast.

STEP 8: Apply Matte Medium.



First wet the ballast down with water in a spray bottle. This will even out the ballast and allow the Matte Medium to flow evenly between each granule. Don't over soak.



Once the ballast is damp, apply the matte medium to the ballast.

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COAL LOAD, From Page 7.

STEP 9: Let dry overnight.



Allow the glue and matte medium to dry over night. The next day you can touch up any exposed areas that were overlooked.

That's it. In about an hour you can have a fleet of realistic looking empties each of which contains some residual coal in the hopper. The added weight will provide better tracking and fewer derailments. The weathered look and the small amount of ballast inside each car will make an impressive looking coal consist on any layout. ☼

SMALL RAIL NEWS

News From Our Members' Home Layouts

SO LONG D&J!



A three engine consist moves a fast freight across Ken Meade's D&J Railroad.
Photo by J. Connal

Several issues ago we reported a facelift to Ken M.'s D&J Railroad. Unfortunately, a facelift wasn't enough and after much consideration, Ken has decided to tear down the D&J in order to refinish the basement.

After looking at all options, Ken decided that the only way to achieve the lighting and room comfort he wanted for the railroad

was to tear everything out and start anew. Following in the footsteps of some famous model railroaders like Tony Koester and Allen McClelland, Ken plans to redesign and install a new and better D&J Railroad once the basement has been finished.

Besides better lighting and comfort, the D&J will conceptually be a double decked layout with longer runs and more operational capability.

While it is always a tough decision to tear down years of work, it is often refreshing to start anew and apply some refined skills one has developed over time. In a couple of years the D&J will run again and we're sure it will be better than the old.

Ken, we look forward to the grand opening in 2007! ☼

THE EXPRESS CAR

Latest News on Club Excursions

PWMRC has been busy beyond model railroading. The club has been coordinating visits to area museums and other points of interest for the membership. Information is distributed to the membership and car pooling arrangements are made amongst the members. Here are some of the activities that have occurred or are planned in the near future:

SEPTEMBER 2004

Mainline Hobby Open House and Layout Tours

OCTOBER 2004

Great Scale Model Train Show Shopping Excursion

NOVEMBER 2004

Norfolk and Western Historical Society Mini Convention

January 16, 2005

B&O Railroad Museum and Baltimore Society of Model Railroad Engineers tours, Baltimore, Md.

JANUARY 29-30 2005

Big "E" Train Show Shopping Excursion – West Springfield, Ma.

February 2005 – TBA.

J.D. Smith's Rathole Subdivision of the Southern Railroad layout tour.

May 2005 – TBA

Steamtown – Scranton, Pa.

Other events in planning

Summer 2005 –

Camden Yards – Baltimore Orioles Baseball Game

Altoona Railroad Museum and Horseshoe Curve – Altoona, Pa

Strasburg Train Museum, Strasburg, Pa.

Western Maryland Scenic Railroad – Cumberland, Md.

Cass Railroad, Cass, WVA

Northlandz – Flemington, New Jersey

SEPTEMBER 2005

Mainline Hobby Open House and Layout Tours

As you can see, there's a lot of activity planned in 2005 besides model railroading. Don't miss out on all the excitement! ☼

MODULAR MAINLINE

Latest News from our Modular Layout

PWMRC saw a few new additions to its modular layout. Martin E.'s farm module was a point of interest for many visitors at Chinn Park library. The small house and large barn are typical of scenes all across America. Martin's module captures the essence of Americana and is pleasing to the eyes of the viewer,



Martin E.'s farm module.

Photo by R. Rodriguez

Jim F.'s rural store module was also a wonderful addition. Jim's rock work and scenery were impressive as well as a great photo stop as well for photographers.



Jim F.'s rural store modules.

Photo by R. Rodriguez

Thanks gentlemen for all your efforts! ☼

RAIL EXCURSIONS

Events Highlights From the Last Quarter

PWMRC rounded up 2004 with a lot of shows and activities. In October we headed back to Manassas Airport for the annual Festival of Freedom (see Cover Story). In November we shook up our library schedule somewhat by displaying at Chinn Park Library in November. PWMRC set up an impressive display that showed off some of our new modules as well as the regulars. The crowds were constant throughout the weekend and many a child and adult enjoyed railfanning in the library community room.



Visitors take a closer look at Martin's module at Chinn Park Library.

Photo by R. Rodriguez

The new Loco Cam made its debut as well; installed in a custom painted shell by Brion B.. The picture is a significant improvement over our former Loco Cam. As usual, the video display was a big hit with visitors who gathered around the color TV to see the miniature world from an engineer's view.



The new loco cam painted by Brion B. was a big hit! Photo by R. Rodriguez

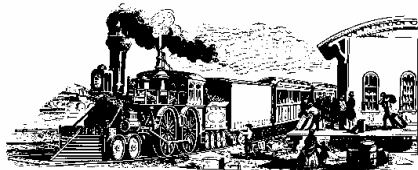
In December we headed to Bull Run Library. The cold and dreary weather brought in many spectators despite the timing of the event so close to Christmas. Trains ran throughout the weekend and another set of new modules made their debut. There were plenty of complements to go around and a good weekend was had by all.



Cool and dreary weather brought in the crowds at Bull Run library.



Photo by R. Rodriguez

With Winter in full gear, there are many more activities planned to keep the membership busy. Stay tuned to our next issue for a recap of our shows and activities in the first quarter of 2005! ☼




THE TIME TABLE

January 11 (Tuesday)

Club Meeting –
Manassas, Virginia  



January 25 (Tuesday)

Club Meeting –
Chantilly, Virginia 

January 29 – 30 (Saturday – Sunday)

Club Excursion – Big E Train Show
West Springfield, Mass.

February 5-6 (Saturday – Sunday)

Great Scale Model Train Show – Timonium, Maryland
 

February 8 (Tuesday)

Club Meeting – El Portal Restaurant –
Quantico Vote to be taken.


February 12 or 13th – TBA

Club Excursion – Rathole Subdivision Layout tour –
Falls Church, Virginia

March 5 (Saturday)

Club Activity – Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Clinic.
Alexandria, Virginia.



March 8 (Tuesday)

Club Meeting –
Woodbridge, Virginia 


March 22 (Tuesday)

Club Meeting –
Manassas, Virginia  

April 2-3 (Saturday – Sunday)





BSA Troop 964 Annual Train Show – Saunders Middle
School – Dale City, Virginia (Friday Setup Mandatory)
 

April 12 (Tuesday)

Club Meeting –
Lake Ridge, Virginia 

April 26 (Tuesday)

Club Meeting –
Stafford, Virginia

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 = Clinic Scheduled

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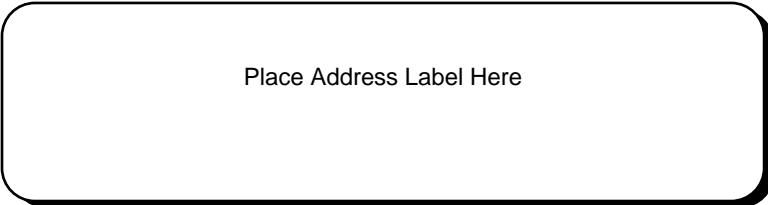


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