

DelMarVa Timetable



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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 7:30p in the club meeting room. At the church's request, all members are asked to use the parking lot and not the grass area behind the building.

Happy July Birthday to:

- David Bofil
- Bill Hudson
- Charlie Larrimore
- Tim Klaus
- DelMarVa Model Railroad Club

If I missed your birthday, please let me know. The membership list I am using is missing some members' birthdays.

Club News

White Elephant Shelving Project

Jeff Shockley

The project is winding down to the painting and wiring stages. The painting was started by applying a coat of white primer to the façade of the 3 units (thank you, Linda Long). This was followed by applying a coat of "Tin Lizzie" gray (thank you, Ginger Eby).

The wiring will allow lights on each shelf to allow customers to view all the products available. This will be accomplished with LED's along the front fascia, and back on the middle shelf. Steve Long is in charge of this step in the process.

The entire project should be completed by the middle of July.

Layout News

HO Layout

June 2026 Dispatcher's Report

HO Scale Operating Session – 6/13/26

John Gladmon, Dispatcher

On Saturday, June 13, 2026, we conducted the fourth Operating Session of 2026 on the HO Scale Layout of the Delmarva Model Railroad Club. Nineteen (19) Crew Members were present for the Session, including the Dispatcher, Parkersburg High (PH) Yardmaster, Parkersburg Low (PL) Yardmaster, Chillicothe Yardmaster, Steel Mill Yardmaster, and the Weiland and Port Charles Trainmaster. The remaining personnel were split between eleven (11) Mainline Operators and two (2) Crews on the Ohio River Subdivision. Several personnel were conducting training activities in various positions on the Railroad, in addition to performing Crew duties of running trains. There are often times when personnel who regularly operate in certain positions can't make on a particular day and a substitute is needed. Having the training ahead of time to fill in can be beneficial.

The Session began at 12:00 PM with a briefing from the Dispatcher and concluded with the last train tying up at 4:30 PM. In honor of the Big Boy #4014 being to the north in Pennsylvania, Railroad management graciously offered to fund a special Steam Excursion train, which ran first on the day. The Engineer for this special event was selected through a lottery drawing of all eligible crews. The winner was Caitlyn Robbins, who was accompanied on the trip by her father, Chris Robbins. Management selected the legendary C&O #544 J-2 Class 4-8-2 Mountain-type Steam Locomotive, built by the American Locomotive Company (ALCO) in 1922, with 6

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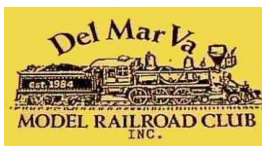
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cars for this special run on the Railroad. #544 made its trek from Cincinnati, OH to Grafton, WV, with numerous photography and servicing stops along the way. The trip was enjoyed by both passengers on-board and railfans along the tracks.

The regular Railroad started its day at the top of the Schedule, moving 16 trains with 189 cars Westbound on the Mainline and 17 trains with 196 cars Eastbound on the Mainline. The Ohio River Subdivision handled 129 cars on 10 trains through the Parkersburg Low Yard, and an additional 35 cars on 6 trains on the W&PC. The C&O/Portsmouth Sub moved 4 trains with 15 cars along the lines there. A grand total of 53 trains moved 564 cars during this Session. One train was annulled (GR94), and all trains that set out on the Railroad were reported complete at the end of the Session.

There were no reported derailments during this Session. There was one reported MU-related issue, though it is not believed to have been related to any of the previous command station issues. The Dispatcher continued authorizing all train movements across the entire Railroad for all Mainline and Branchline trains. This will continue to be the normal operating procedure on the Railroad.

The next regularly scheduled Operating Session will be on Saturday, July 11, 2026. The Crew Call for this Session has already been sent out (see below) via email by the Superintendent. Please be sure to RSVP as indicated in the Crew Call. The session will start on the Schedule where June's session left off, complete the remaining train assignments that didn't get done, then move back to the top of the Schedule. As always, ALL ARE INVITED, regardless of whether you are a Club member or not, and regardless of what scale you may model. Sessions can always use more Operators. Sessions start at Noon, but please feel free to come early to get acquainted, or re-acquainted, with the Railroad. Any time after 11:00 AM is typically good.

Clear Tracks On Your Travels ----- John G.

2026 HO Scale RAILROAD TOTALS

	Staff	Trains Run						Cars Moved					
		West	East	OR Sub	W&PC	C&O	Total	West	East	OR Sub	W&PC	C&O	Total
Feb							0						0
Mar	14						51						565
Apr	22	16	16	11	0	4	47	150	156	110	0	34	450
May	17	17	15	8	7	0	47	186	167	92	33	0	478
Jun	19	16	17	10	6	4	53	189	196	129	35	15	564
Total	72	49	48	29	13	8	198	525	519	331	68	49	2,057

Crew Call for DMRRC Club Prototype Operating Session

When: Saturday July 11, 2026 12:00 pm (please try and arrive around 11:30am to be ready to roll by 12)

Where: Delmarva Model Railroad Club

103 East State Street 2nd Floor (stairs only)

Delmar, DE

For Map: <https://delmarvamodelrailroadclub.org/>

please park in the St. Stevens Church parking lot

More Layout Info: <https://delmarvamodelrailroadclub.org/ho-scale-layout/>

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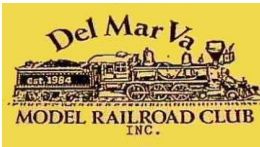
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RSVP to: Operations@delmarvamodelrailroadclub.org

It makes for a better session if we know how many are planning on attending, also let us know if you want to work with an experienced crew member.

The Sessions are open to anyone interested in Prototype Operations. Members of the club do have seniority on choice of positions. We get around 12 to 15 people per session but can easily accommodate twice that amount.

The rolling stock and motive power is all on the layout and staged. *Please do not bring any rolling stock or motive power.*

We use FRS Radios. The control system is DCC by Digitrax with Duplex wirelasses. We have UT 6 Ds and FRS radios available to sign out for those that need them. Please bring your own if you have them. *If you bring your own 6 series throttle it will need to be set on expanded slot mode.*

We use Car Cards and Waybills and a loose TWC / OCS (Track Warrant Control / Occupancy Control System). The Dispatchers panel has full main line occupancy visibility, turnout control and the main line is signaled. Track Warrant Control authorizes the dispatcher to verbally instruct the train to proceed, via radio. This is sometimes called the Mother May I Move Method. The dispatcher selects the stations or mileposts between which the train may move.

We model primarily one sub-division of the B&O (Parkersburg Sub of the Ohio Newark Division) mainline from Parkersburg, WV (PH) to Chillicothe, OH (CH). Parkersburg is fed from the east by a staging yard, Grafton, WV (GR) on the PH Sub of the Monongah Division. There is a small amount of this Parkersburg Sub on the Monongah Division Modeled between GR & PH. Then the West end staging is at Cincinnati, OH (CI) feeds almost directly into CH. We also model the OR Sub from Parkersburg low yard to Huntington WV. The low yard is feed from Wheeling another staging yard.

The time period modeled is early to mid-70's Chessie System with some modelers license to include passenger traffic based on the mid to late 60's.

We also have a few interchange tracks with the NYC @ Athens, OH and PRR out of Zanesville, OH which are both Penn Central in the 70's. No Conrail or Amtrak in this little part of the past yet.

Special: America 250 – How the Railroads are Commemorating America in 2026



(Maryland Southern & Chessie System Heritage Units – CSX Transportation System)



(Rio Grande Railway Heritage Unit – Union Pacific Railroad)

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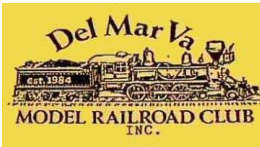
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Below – North Shore Scenic Railway (Duluth, MI)
Above Right – Metra (Chicago, IL)
Below Right - Canadian National (Memphis, TN)



Railroad News

From the *Scranton Times*



Big Boy's Visit to Steamtown USA

During the two-week Union Pacific Big Boy No. 4014 visit in June 2026, 55,000 to 100,000 people flocked to the Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton, PA. This shattered previous records, with roughly 35,000 rail fans packing the site in just the first two days alone.

The massive crowd size for the 4014 can be broken down into a few distinct records and statistics:

- Advance Tickets: Over 55,000 tickets were reserved for the opening days and the two-week display period, with over 25,000 reserved for opening day alone.
- Official Park Estimates: Prior to this, Steamtown's annual attendance was about 60,000 visitors. Officials estimated this single event would reach or exceed 100,000 visitors.
- Previous Record: For comparison, Steamtown's largest prior crowd was 30,000 people during its entire opening weekend in 1995.
- Line Wait Times: Wait times to see the locomotive up close in the railyard took upwards of 3 hours, with lines spilling out into nearby Lackawanna Avenue.

Upcoming Events

(Mid Atlantic Train Show List, Model Train Shows And Schedules 2.0 Facebook page and subscribers)

(Highlighted events signify club participation. Highlighted events signify tentative club participation and information.)

Ongoing 2026 – Tour the Red Caboose. PRR 477123, built in 1917, at the Lewes Junction Railroad & Bridge Association. 1st & 3rd Sundays. Hours: 10a-2p, weather permitting. The caboose is located between the Lewes Public Library and the Lewes History Museum, 111 Adams Ave., Lewes DE. For more information, please visit: www.lewesjunctionrr.org.

Ongoing until October, 2026 – HO Scale Operating Session. DelMarVa Model Railroad Club, 103 E. State St., Delmar, DE. Time: Noon-5p. Watch the “HO Layout News” section of the *DelMarVa Timetable* for exact

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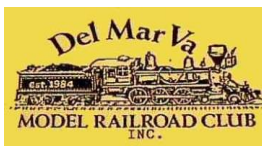
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dates. Anyone with an interest in railroad operations is invited to participate. Club membership is NOT a prerequisite For more info, contact: info@delmarvamodelrailroadclub.org.

Ongoing until November 2026 – Steaming Day at the Marshall Steam Museum at Auburn Heights. 3000 Creek Rd., Hockessin, DE. 1st Sunday of each month. Hours: 12:30-4:30p. Admission: \$15-Ages 13+, \$10: Ages 12 & under. FREE: Infants under 1 and Friends of Auburn Heights Members.

Ongoing 2026 – Delaware Train Gang. Monthly meetings, 2nd Wednesday. Smyrna Diner, 99 S. Cory Ln., Smyrna, DE. Starting at 1:30p. For more info, contact email: samtrains@outlook.com, or call Sam Eaton 302-373-0534.

July 11-12, 18-19 & 25-26, 2026 – Christmas in July Open House. Carbon Model Railroad Society, 539 Ore St., Bowmanston, PA. Hours: 1-4pm. Free admission. Two floors of model railroading. Trains and accessories for sale. For details, please visit: <https://cmrs.info/> or send email to Gary Mack at mackgjtt@ptd.net.

August 1, 2026 – Wyoming Peach Festival. Railroad Ave., Wyoming, DE. 9a-3p (rain or shine.) Details to be forthcoming. For more info, visit: <https://wyoming.delaware.gov/peach-festival/>.

August 7-9, 2026 – Eastern Shore Threshermen & Collectors Association, Inc. Annual Wheat Threshing Steam and Gas Engine Show. 5806 Federalsburg Hwy., Federalsburg, MD. Hours: 10a-6p. Admission: FREE. For more info, visit website: <https://www.threshermen.org>, email: threshmen@gmail.com or call: 410-673-2414 or 410-754-8422.

August 16, 2026 – ECTP and Collectibles LLC presents the Wayne Train Show. Elks Lodge, 2491 Hooper Ave, Brick, NJ. Hours 9a-2p. For details contact John LaLima at 732-845-5966. Go to eastcoast train parts and click on the Wayne Show

August 22, 2026 – Harrington Heritage Day. The 49th Annual Harrington Heritage Day. 9a-3p. There will be food, craft vendors, demonstrations, and three museums filled with our local history for you to explore. For more info, visit: <https://heritagedayde.com/>

August 29-30, 2026 – Riverhead Railroad Festival. Railroad Museum of Long Island, 418 Griffing Ave., Riverhead, NY. Hours: 10a-4p both days. For details, please visit <https://www.rmli.org>.

September 12, 2026 – Patcong Valley Railroad Club Open House. 1308 US 40, Richland, NJ. Hours: 10a-3p. For more information, see our website: <https://www.petcongvalleyrailroad.com>.

September 19, 2026 – Delmar Heritage Day. Railroad Ave., Delmar, DE. Rain date: September 26. Hours: 10a-2p. There will be free carriage rides, a live band, a rock-climbing wall for the kids, craft and food vendors and more! For info, visit: <https://www.townofdelmar.us/heritage-day.htm>

September 19, 2026 – TCA Keystone Division Meet. Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd. Lancaster, PA. This is the intersection of US Route 30 and PA Route 72. Hours: 9a-1p with Keystone members admitted at 8am. For details, please contact Russ MacNair, Meet Registrar, email russmacnair@gmail.com or call 717-664-2335.

September 19, 2026 – 6th Annual Hemlock Train Show. Ag Expo Building at Hemlock Fairgrounds, 7370 Fair St., Hemlock, NY. Hours: 10a-4p on Sep-19 and 10a-3p on Sep-20. For tables, please contact: Tom Frey at 585-734-1662 or Bob Kleinman at 716-440-3156.

October 3, 2026 – Hurlock Fall Festival. Main St., Hurlock, MD. Hours: 10a-5p. The Fall Festival offers a full day of events – a kick-off parade down Main Street at 10 a.m., arts & craft show, flea market, food, family activities, music by Last Call Band with Buddy Bloom and Chain Break Band with Paul Baker, and train rides in two passenger cars. Advance Train Ride tickets (\$10 per person) can be purchased at the Town of Hurlock office at 311 Charles St. (8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. **NOTE: Tickets not on sale as of press time.**). Limited

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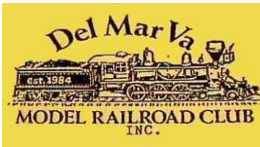
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tickets will be available the day of the event. The train departs from Hurlock Train Station for a round trip to Federalsburg at 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. For more information call the Town of Hurlock at 410-943-4181 or visit: <https://www.hurlock-md.gov>.

October 10, 2026 – Patcong Valley Railroad Club Open House. 1308 US 40, Richland, NJ. Hours: 10a-3p. For more information, see our website: <https://www.petcongvalleyrailroad.com>.

October 15-18, 2026 – Tracks to Tidewater-NMRA Eastern Region Convention. Holiday Inn-Virginia Beach, 5655 Greenwich Rd., Virginia Beach, VA. For more info, visit: <https://mer-nmra.com/savethedate/index.html>.

October 20-24, 2026 - Fall Train Collectors Association (TCA) Eastern Division York Meet. York Expo Center, 334 Carlisle Ave., York, PA. TCA membership required to attend. Future dates at <https://easterntca.com/read-more.htm>.

November 14, 2026 – Central New York NRHS Great New York State Model Train Fair. NY State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd, Syracuse, NY. Hours: Sat.: 10a-5p; Sun.: 10-4p. For details: please visit <https://www.modeltrainfair.com>.

November 21, 2026 – Hartly Train Show. Hartly Volunteer Fire Co., 2898 Arthurville Rd., Hartly, DE. 9a-2p. Admission: \$5, kids 12 and under FREE. Over 150 tables of toys and trains. A model train will be on display in the engine bay. Food is available for purchase made by the Ladies Axillary. For more info, visit: <https://hartlyfire51.com/>

November 28-29, 2026 – Thanksgiving Model Train and Vintage Train Show. Roberts Wesleyan University, 2301 Westside Dr., Rochester NY. Open at 9:30 for TTCS

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