

AFRM Show Report
March 5-6, 2022
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This year we had more modules participate in the show than in any previous year. Twenty-five straight modules, 4 corners and a geezer gate produced a layout 44' long by 24' wide. The room is large enough to accommodate a layout with 27 modules. In the future we will limit the length to 40' or less to provide more room for wheel chairs to move around the layout. This would mean that we would have a max of 8 modules long by 6 on the two ends with an 8' aisle on all 4 sides.

We started set-up at 1:30 on Friday with seven members participating in the initial set-up. Richard Eudy delivered the VA trailer at 3:30 and by 6 we had half the layout set up. At 8 AM Saturday we continued set up with 13 members helping. The track work was finished and we were running trains at 10:00 AM. Members continued to add items to scenery on the modules finishing by 11:00 am.

At 11:30 the left Transformer right side handle failed, causing us to lose power to the inner loop. Don & Rich immediately removed the transformer from the power cabinet and using the spare from the trailer, had the inner loop back up and running in 15 minutes. The rest of the day ran smoothly, with lots of run time for each member.

Janet McFarland & Beverly Tomb from the Eleanor Wilson Chapter, District of Columbia DAR set up punch and cookies in support of the show. The AFRH provided lunch tickets to all our members and the ladies from DAR.

We resumed running trains around 9:30 AM on Sunday and continued all day. Janet McFarland, Beverly Tomb, Monique Helfrich Danella Walker, and Susan Stonesifer joined us and served punch and cookies all day. Steven Briefs provided each of us with a lunch ticket on Sunday.

Beginning to pack up at around 3:30 PM, by 6:00 PM the room was empty, our trains were in our cars and trailers and we wished each other a safe trip home.

I would like to thank everyone who participated, especially Ed Beaver who created the drawings for the show. Our contacts at the home: Steven Briefs and Marla McGuinness simplified the process of running a show in light of COVID restrictions and were wonderful hosts.

Respectfully Submitted

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