

The W&OD modular layout consists of the following:

- Individual modules are each 2 ft. x 4 ft. in size. Corner modules are 3 ft. x 3 ft. in size. Fabric skirts in blue and yellow are attached to the outside of the modules (see pictures) along with a clear plastic shield to prevent little hands from reaching inside the layout.
- Two continuous loops operate on the layout.
- We will also use a center yard set of modules that allows us to make up trains in the yard and then pull them out onto the main lines with little interruption in the operation of trains on the main lines.
- A set of two passing sidings also allow variations in operations including operating more than one train on the inside loop at a time.
- Other sidings have various operating accessories positioned on them.
- All modules are equipped with green carpeting and have scenery with various town, farm, amusement park and railroad buildings. Many of these buildings are either custom built or are from the Plasticville line.
- Special scenes such as a circus or Christmas scene are also displayed at times.
- Operation of trains is from one dual operation transformer. A separate transformer is used to power accessories. Electronic horn and bell controllers as well as handheld TMCC and Legacy wireless controllers are also used.



ATLANTIC COAST S GAUGERS



Washington & Old Dominion Division

(Northern Virginia / DC area)

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Membership Application

(Please complete all blanks)

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How long have you been in S gauge?

What are your major interests (you can list more than one).

- Operating
- Collecting
- Scratchbuilding
- Layout construction
- Electronics
- Other (describe)

NO DUES!

About the W&OD Division

The Washington & Old Dominion (W&OD) Division of the Atlantic Coast S Gaugers (ACSG) is located in Northern Virginia. The club collects runs and displays S gauge trains of all years and manufacturers with an emphasis on American Flyer-era trains and accessories. We have appeared in the past at numerous Greenberg Toy Train Shows and have volunteered operating displays at locations such as the U.S. Soldiers and Airmen's Home and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington, DC, Boy Scouts of America annual show in Prince William County, VA, the Manassas Rail Festival (VA), and at Fairfax Hospital in Fairfax, VA.



The fundamental principles of the club are that toy trains are fun and everyone running and observing them should have fun doing so. To that end, our modular layout is equipped with numerous operating accessories such as log, lumber and coal loaders, cattle loader, talking station, whistling billboards, cars that dump loads, mail pick-up car, magnetic crane, automatic light towers, and many other accessories that offer action and sound to entertain the viewer. Many of these accessories can also be operated by the viewers themselves thus offering them an opportunity to experience running toy trains first hand. Most of the trains we operate have smoke, choo-choo sounds, operating whistles or horns, and engine sounds thus making for a realistic railroad environment. Although we are focused on realistic

American Flyer we also run newer scale trains such as those made by MTH/S Helper Service and American Models and TMCC and Legacy trains by Lionel.

How does the W&OD Division work?

We are a "just for fun club". Our main goal is still to run toy trains at commercial and other train shows in the Northern Virginia / Washington, DC area. We do an average of five or six shows per year.

Some of the things that make us different from other train clubs are:

- (1) Members run anything from antique toy trains to modern S scale trains.
- (2) Our layout is built to be visitor friendly. We encourage viewers to stand close and see the action. No ropes or fences to keep people back!
- (3) Many modules are interactive. Visitors are invited to "push the buttons" to operate accessories. Other modules feature displays of antique toys or trains. Members are encouraged to use their imagination on their modules, as long as they are fun for the visitor.
- (4) Remember, membership is free -- there is no application fee to join or annual dues!

All members are invited to build a module to the ACSG specifications. (See back page)

Other ACSG Divisions are located in Central Virginia, Tidewater, the Carolinas, Delaware, and Georgia.