

8<sup>th</sup> Enchanted Forest  
21-22 November 2015  
Westin Hotel, Tyson's Corner Virginia

Setup for the Tracker's 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive appearance at the Junior League's Enchanted Forest event began on Friday afternoon shortly after 12 pm and was completed a bit after 5pm with the exception layout "green" continuity, however, testing of track functions on Friday night indicated no issues. Setup went smoothly in the same "Pines" conference room as in previous years with everyone pitching in and helping with off-loading from the trailer. The 36' L x 10' W layout featured the club's standard VA corners, a three-track "geezer gate" and two 2' straight modules which provided a bit more room for staging operations inside the layout. Members participating in the show with modules were Fred Booth, Russell Ehrenworth, Jack Frost, Garrett Goldstein, Frank Hale, Joe LaCascio, Jim McDermott and assistant Trackmaster John Masiyowski. Trackmaster Joe Helsing was not able to participate this year due to unforeseen circumstances. Addition scenery was provided Frank, Jack, Jim, Joe and John on the corners. Thanks to Rick E for dropping off, loading and picking up the VA club trailer. The "Power House" was used again this year outside of the layout, to the right rear, due to limited inside space. Final setup was completed starting at 9:00 am on Saturday morning in time for a public operation starting at 10am.



The Junior League was pleased with crowd feedback regarding the Train layout on both a full Saturday (10am-5pm) and Sunday, shortened hours (10am-1pm). The layout performed very well on both days. Lots of running time for conventional trains and DCS/TMCC command trains allowed club members and the public to enjoy a variety of trains.

Frank brought his Ford dealership display with multiple "Mustangs" cars. Several members had winter scenes on their modules. Garrett brought his 4' x 1.5' reduced sized straight modules with a very long passenger platform. Jack had his mixed scene modules consisting of construction equipment and other buildings and ran a mixed freight train on Sunday which included a few flats transporting "Caterpillar" machinery. Russell ran his 25+ box car "Disney" themed freight train on both days. Recent new club member Fred participated with this Rock Island steam engine based freight train, however, around mid-day on Saturday Fred's steam engine experienced a broken rod. Fred quickly recovered by using a Rock Island diesel engine for the remainder of the day and on Sunday. Frank ran his "Thomas" train on both days along with other Sodor engines, which sometimes were chasing Frank's "Polar Express" passenger train to provide the crowd with some excitement. John ran his father's Lionel B&O "Budd" car



after a fast cleaning by Frank and a 5-car Canadian Pacific passenger train on Sunday at the start of the day. Joe ran a variety of trains on both days with the shay locomotive and log train closing out the show on the center track.

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Mike F dropped by on Sunday afternoon around 12:30pm to take photos of the layout and the participants prior to the show's closing. Take down of the layout including trailer loading was completed by ~2:35pm.

The Junior League was very happy with NCT's involvement as the model train display continues to be a major draw for the event with lots of young and old smiling and happy faces. Junior League provided an honorarium to the Trackers on Sunday and invited the Trackers back in 2016.

Respectively submitted,  
John Masiyowski, Assistant Trackmaster  
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