

# **WEST PASCO MODEL RAILROAD**

## **DESIGN TEAM MEETING NOTES**

**DATE:** 08/30/2023 and 09/01/2023

**ATTENDEES:** Ralph, Bill, Tom, Neil, Keith

**TITLE:** **Completing the circle**

It is official, both mainlines are now fully connected. The track needs to be cleaned and then test runs can be made. Timing on this is to be determined.

Installing the Tortoise switch machines is on-going.

George has suggested that the next session after the business meeting is a cleanup event. All the scrap lumber will be removed and the floors fully cleaned. After that, track cleaning and then a few meeting days of testing the tracks with members running trains....yes, running trains.

A lot of design effort will then be made to design the scenery and the industry plan.

Bill had a thought. On the mainline switches, a recessed cup design is used. Since you would have to examine the turnout manually to make sure it is aligned correctly. Adding a bi-polar LED too glow green when aligned for the main, and red if aligned diverted is suggested to give a visual indication that can be seen from a distance from the layout. This is to be tested, but is a good idea.

Garrett Pribyl has offered to make cabinet grade bezels for the panels once built. Thank you Garrett for the offer, it is appreciated.

The next club night is the monthly meeting, September 6<sup>th</sup>.