

The New Garrett County Transportation Museum features Rich Rohrbaugh's Home Town Model

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Rich Rohrbaugh's American Flyer train layout presents a busy view of Oakland, Maryland, during the 1950s. Everywhere one looks on the display there is work underway. The gleaming Baltimore and Ohio passenger train arrives in town at the same time Western Maryland Railway gondolas begin moving east to the port of Baltimore. A shopper is making her way toward Englander's store, while farther up the street a tractor and trailer rig patiently waits for a freight train to clear the tracks. Customers are entering the Garrett National Bank but the theatre ushers must wait until evening to seat their guests. B&O Railroad employees are working hard at the coal tipples to make sure the hoppers are filled and the engineer will be able to keep his schedule. A switch tower operator is directing traffic from the rail yard where engineers watch for the green light to the mainline.

Rich's toy train layout captures a moment in time from the 1950s, while also showcasing A.C. Gilbert's American Flyer S gauge trains and accessories from the same decade. American Flyer built quality 3/16th scale trains that closely resembled their prototypes, including smoking steam engines and whistling tenders. Many of American Flyers best selling accessories and locomotives are included in the Oakland display.

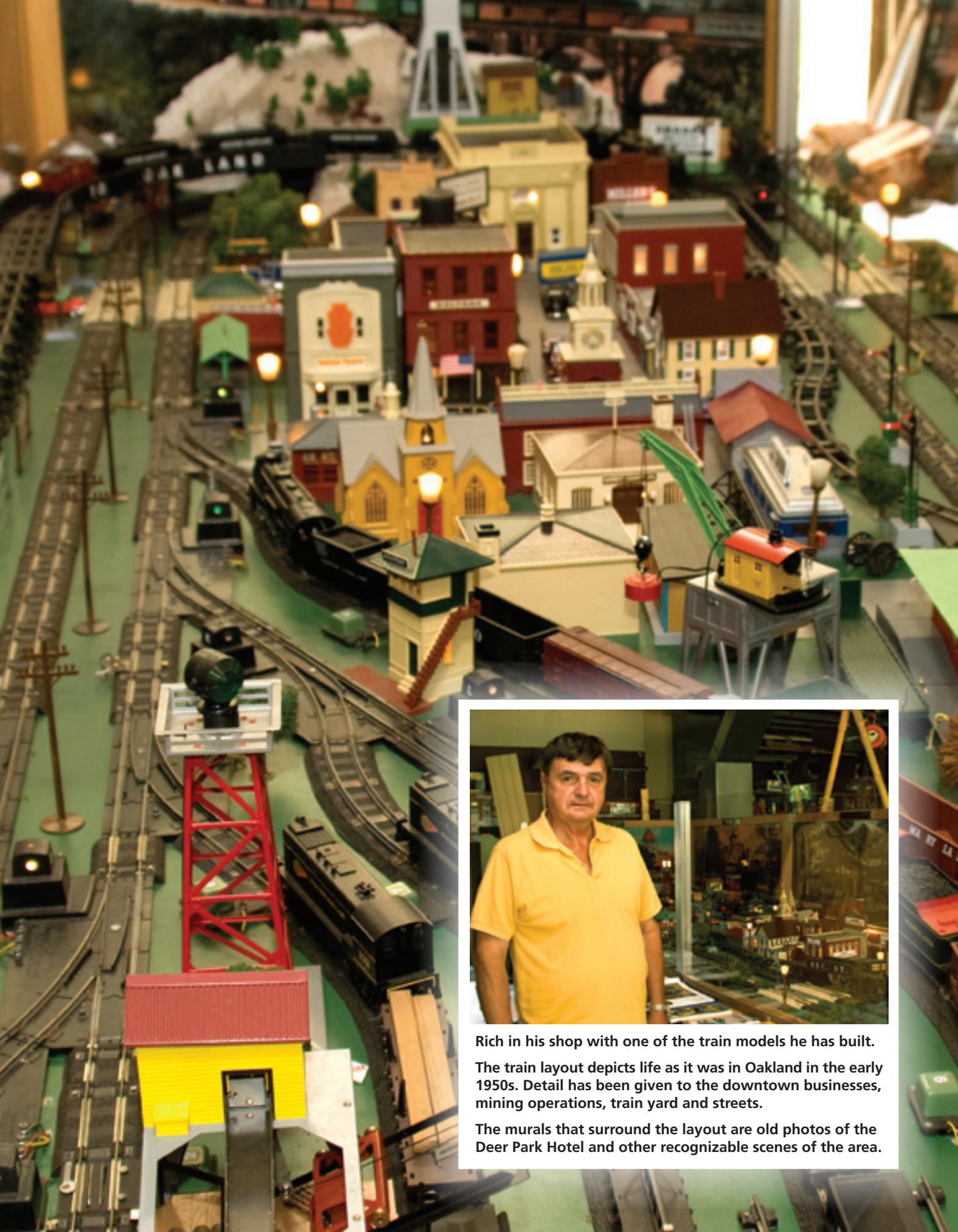
Formerly employed by Bausch and Lomb and later Simon Pearce, Rich describes himself as a "mechanical engineer who never grew up." He purchases American Flyer items needing repairs and brings them back to life. The



results of Rich's craftsmanship and love of trains are evident in the large display that will soon be made available for everyone to enjoy. The toy train layout also augments the many modes of transportation on display at the museum, including boats, snowmobiles, fire engines, buggies, a sleigh and sarry, antique automobiles, and an airplane.

Rich Rohrbaugh, a longtime Garrett County resident, was pleased to donate his American Flyer layout to the new Garrett County Museum of Transportation located at 107 South Second Street in Oakland, Maryland. It is Rich's hope that everyone from kids to seniors will enjoy the trains that have brought him so much enjoyment.





Rich in his shop with one of the train models he has built. The train layout depicts life as it was in Oakland in the early 1950s. Detail has been given to the downtown businesses, mining operations, train yard and streets. The murals that surround the layout are old photos of the Deer Park Hotel and other recognizable scenes of the area.