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The End of the Line in La Plata



On February 12, **Jim Rowland**, a member of the Pope's Creek Railfan Group, took this picture of the blue GP7 at Aggregate Industries, 9622 Rosewick Road, La Plata, MD 20646. Built in 1950 as Rock Island 437, it later became Washington Terminal 81. Eventually it served as Bardon 81 at the Mid-Atlantic Materials rock plant near Sealston, VA, the closure of which resulted in its transfer to the La Plata site. In the picture above, its front is up on blocks and pieces are being removed. No. 81 has been replaced by LTEX (Larry's Truck & Electric) 2441, a GP30u built in January 1963 for the ATSF.

This Month's Meeting: Wednesday, March 1 at 8 p.m. at the Kensington Park Community Library, 4201 Knowles Avenue, Kensington, MD, featuring *A Great Railroad at Work* and *Trolley Treasure*.

Following Meeting: Wednesday, April 5 at 8 p.m. at the Kensington Park Community Library, 4201 Knowles Avenue, Kensington, MD, featuring the 1941 film *Broadway Limited*.