## Yearly Division Report Reporting Period: 2017

Division: Carolina Southern Division 12, MER

Meeting Times and Places:

Regular member meeting third Saturday each month February 18th Annual Business Meeting; February Board Organizational and Planning Meeting July BOD Meeting

Change in Officers from last year (including AP Coordinator): No Change

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Achievement Program highlights: See Attached

## Activities from the past year:

"Brass Pounder" Division Newsletter; (6 editions)

Division promotion display with operating Timesavers at Train Shows

Hickory, NC, April Spencer, NC, May

11th annual Railroad Modeling University (RMU), January

Division Picnic, September

Members Swap Meet, November

Wades Train Town Open House (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday monthly)

5 members and spouses attended MER Convention.

## Monthly activities

January, RMU, Railroad Modeling University. February, Annual Meeting. BOD Meeting

March, clinic, building a RR fusee by Fred Miller, MMR.

April, clinic, Adventure in Scratchbuilding by Scott Perry

May, Display at North Carolina Transportation Museum train Show,

Clinics, How to give a clinic. Layout and Yard design

June, 4 roundtable mini clinics/

July, BOD Meeting, OP session at Neal Anderson

August, Visit to Southeastern Narrow gauge Museum, Newton NC

September, Annual Picnic and layout visit to Jack Parker's Piedmont & Western Railroad.

October, Clinic, Using Arduinos for sounds and lighting for layouts and buildings by Fred Miller, MMR

November, Monthly meeting. Annual swap meet and show. Hickory, NC

## Special Projects or working with other organizations

Sponsor Boy Scout Model Railroad Merit Badge with multiple Councils Maintain & repair model train display at Levine Museum of the New South.

Any successful or new ideas that your division has tried that might be helpful to other divisions.

The Division has held a Railroad Modeling University for 11 years. This event has been a half or full day collection of classes, clinics, demonstrations, and hands on work sessions on many aspects of the hobby. It is scheduled for January and always includes some classes targeting beginners. Some of the beginner classes have been run every year and consistently get 8 to 12 attendees. We often have several people who had their first exposure to model trains at Christmas and are curious about what more they can do with them. We typically have 4 to 6 concurrent one-hour classes at all levels of expertise, so anyone can learn something from the day. Attendance has been in the range of 60 to 80.

Where in your opinion could the MER provide support to your division?

Superintendent's Name and Signature.

Curtis Alan Hardee