

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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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