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Carolina Southern Division Events

Carolina Southern Division Annual Business Meeting Saturday February 1, 2014

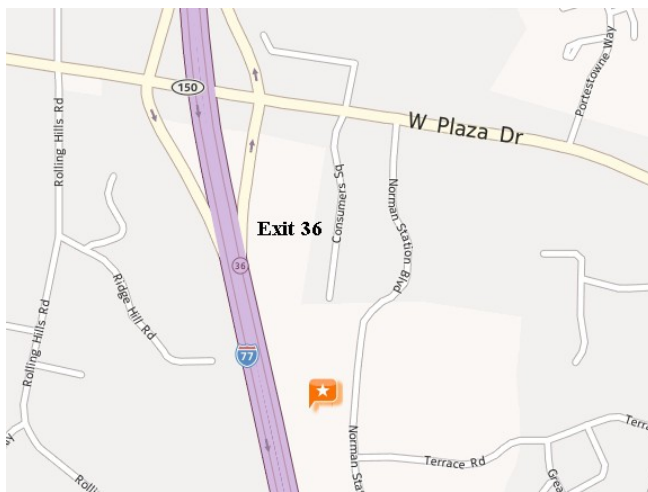
**11:00 at Lonestar Steakhouse, Mooresville
I77 Exit 36, 1 mile west on NC 150
Lunch available after meeting.**

Saturday Monthly Meetings

Saturday February 15 10:30 Topic TBD

HobbyTown USA,
168-W Norman Station Blvd., Mooresville

North on I 77 to exit 36; Right at end of ramp;
Right at Wal-Mart sign



Railroad Modeling University (RMU)

**Saturday January 25, 2014 9:00-4:00
Northside Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC**

Full day of sessions on all aspects of model
railroading.
Special guest speaker **Lou Sassi**.

Information and registration online at

<http://www.carolinasouthern.org/RMUmain.htm>

Wade's Train Town Open House

**Saturday January 11 10:00 – 2:00
Saturday February 8 10:00 – 2:00
Brookford Town Hall**

Calendar of Events

Asheville Model Train Show

Friday February 28 12:00 - 7:00
Saturday March 1, 9:00 – 5:00
WNC AG Center
NC Hwy 280
Fletcher, NC
<http://asheville-trainshow.com/>

Streamliners At Spencer

May 29 – June 1
NC Transportation Museum
Spencer, NC
<http://nctrans.org>

Division News

by Jack Haynes

Annual Business Meeting: The Annual Business Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2014. I will be at 11:00 at the Lonestar Steakhouse in Mooresville. From I77, take exit 36. Go about 1 mile west on NC 150. All are welcome to stay after the meeting for lunch. See Agenda below. Contact Bob Halsey if you have any other business items you want on the agenda.

There will be elections for Director 2016 and Superintendent. If you are interested in either office, or wish to nominate someone, contact Bob Halsey at superintendent@carolinasouthern.org.

NC Railrun 2014: Marcus Neubacher is planning the NC Railrun event for next year. He is scheduling it for Labor Day weekend. If you can help, or offer to have your layout available, contact Marcus at mneubacher@carolina.rr.com

Railroad Modeling University 2014: Larry Paffrath is well along in plans for the next RMU on January 25. contact him at: larrypaffrath@bellsouth.net if you can help out that day.

Railroad Modeling University 2014

by Jack Haynes

RMU 2014 is coming up soon on January 25. Organizers have a full day of sessions on many model railroading topics. The current list of sessions is:

Feature presentation at lunch by Lou Sassi

How to model trees and rocks

Tricks and Tips from a Master Model Railroader

From Vocation to Avocation

Track Laying Solutions

Modeling a Steel Mill

The History and Manufacturing Processes of Lionel

Freight Forwarding – How Freight & Cars Can Be Moved Across Your Railroad

Model Railroading in Limited Space

Designing an Operating Session to Challenge Every Experience Level

NMRA Achievement Program Paperwork

Watts an Amp?

Troubleshooting Electrical Problems

Model Railroading in Small Spaces

JMRI Control Panel Editor

Installing LEDs and Interior Detailing

Handlaying Track

Track Cleaning Methods

The Train Doctor

Details on the session schedule and online registration are available on the CSD web site:

www.carolinasouthern.org.

Get a start on making that new train set work smoothly or enhance your modeling skills by learning advanced techniques used by others. Everyone can find something to learn at RMU. Sign up today to ensure your first choice of sessions.



Turning foam into scenery at 2013 RMU

November Division Meeting

by Jack Haynes

The November Division meeting at the Mooresville HobbyTown featured a modeling contest sponsored by the store. There were excellent models on display including 3 freight cars, 2 dioramas, 5 buildings(4 with scenes), a custom train, and G-scale live steam locomotives.



First place award went to Mike Gilbert's factory complex



1st Runner-up was Bob Halsey's Alby's Grill



2nd Runner-up was Chris Potter's Reagan Feed Mill



There were two beautiful scratch built G-scale live steam locos including this Shay.



This is a model of an historical mill building in Salisbury



This diorama included a custom painted train.



Rolling stock included these two highly detailed cars



This Produce Shed was scratchbuilt and highly detailed.

The display of models got the attention of many shoppers at the store. Perhaps we will get some new model railroaders.

There were a couple of models for which my photos did not come out good enough to publish and do justice to the model. My apologies if your model was missed here.

Thanks to all who participated.

Division Swap Meet

by Jack Haynes

The Division held its annual swap meet at the Brookford Town Hall in conjunction with the monthly open house for Wades Train Town. There were plenty of good deals available. Jack Parker brought a lot of surplus items from the P&W club and friends of Carl Baumgart brought many buildings and cars, both completed and unassembled kits as well as a lot of modeling materials. Other members with fewer items shared a couple of tables.

December Division Meeting

by Fred Miller

The meeting started with the usual announcements from Div Super Bob Halsey, then I gave a presentation on using Background Layout Sound. The presentation was an expansion on my article published in the August issue of NMRA Newsletter. I discussed Sound "Players" including available units with pre-recorded sounds and units requiring "user-provided" sounds. I also presented techniques and sources for recording sounds for player devices. The power-point presentation also outlined various ways to "activate" sound devices. The presentation concluded with demonstrations of four sound devices as shown below.



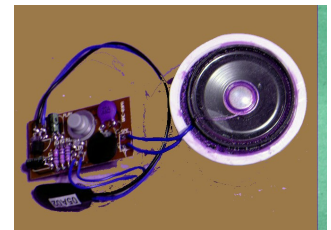
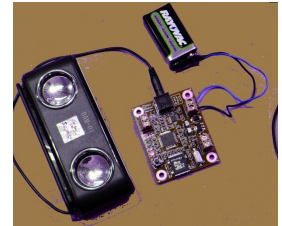
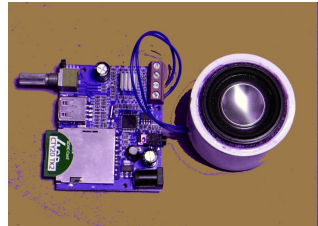
Jack had a table full of models that had been given to the P&W



Three tables full of materials, kits, and finished models



The Train Town layout always draws the attention of children of all ages.



This was followed by a quick overview by Gil Brauch on using Christmas LED lighting sets for various layout lighting applications.

We had three visitors: the Hobbytown owner chatted with us briefly, another visitor asked advice about his AC train set, and a third brought in a collection of HO kits and supplies owned by his deceased dad. There were a bunch of "old" kits and details which we all drooled over, buying many of the items, and Bob purchased the remaining stuff for sale at a later Division sale.

Streamliners At Spencer May 29 - June 1, 2014

The N.C. Transportation Museum's next major railroad event, "Streamliners at Spencer," will be a four-day festival for lovers of classic streamlined locomotives of the 1930s through the 1950s. These engines will be gathered around the 37-stall Bob Julian Roundhouse turntable for daytime portraits, special operations, nighttime photos and more. Don't miss it!

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Please contact me by direct email if you are interested.

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At the Throttle

2014 Event Days

March 1, 8, 22 and 29, April 5, 12, 26

Take the reins of the "Iron Horse". At the Throttle is back at the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer. You can power down the tracks behind the Lehigh Valley Coal #126. Participants will enjoy a full half hour operating the engine.

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P.S. Your editor had the pleasure of participating in this program last year. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity. The people running it were great. I highly recommend it. I received it as a gift so drop some hints now before it fills up.

NMRA Event at Spencer

Jack Dziadul,
Carolina Piedmont Clerk,
MER Director

The NC Transportation Museum is sponsoring a 1st generation diesel event in Spencer, NC May 29 through June 1, 2014. We have made initial contact with the museum to inquire about a group discount for a NMRA event on Saturday, May 31st.

The purpose of this post is to gauge interest. So far the museum has ten E and F operating units scheduled to participate representing one or two from the following roads: DL&W, NH, ACL, Southern, NS and the Pennsylvania RR. Details at

CSD Annual Meeting Agenda
1 February 2014
Lonestar Steakhouse, Mooresville

- Welcome & introduction of any new members or guests present
- Discussion of October 2013 MER Convention? Next will be ? (no mention in latest Local)
- Next NMRA Convention will be July 13-19 in Cleveland, Ohio
- Reports:
 - Paymaster (John S.)
 - Membership (Dave D.)
 - Brookford Project and website (Gil B.)
 - Newsletter (Jack H.)
 - Achievement Program (Dave C.)
 - Railroad Modeling University (Larry P.)
- Need new Program Committee/Calendar Coordinator (Asst. to Supt.)
- 501(c)3 designation waiting on decision by NMRA HQ
- Plans for 2014:
 - Monthly meetings (with training sessions) (next business meeting in April)
 - Swap meet (November?)
 - Railfan trips: Spencer May 29 – June 1, others?
 - RailRun weekend (Labor Day weekend) (need rep to work with Marcus N.)
 - Boy Scout Merit Badge Day at the Explorium (May 10) (Bob H. and ?)
 - Modeling contests (2 divisions – rolling stock in May, dioramas in November)
- Election for Director:
 - Floor nominations? Introduction of Director candidate(s)
 - Voting for Director
- Recognition for services rendered
- Member suggestions and other business
- Adjourn (optional gathering for lunch)

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Submissions For Brass Pounder

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 March 2014 February 26, 2014

Articles are welcome on any railroad topic,
 model or prototype. Your editor is available to
 assist in preparing the materials.

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