



THE BRASS POUNDER

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Carolina Southern Division Events

Wade's Train Town Open House

Saturday June 14 10:00 – 2:00
Saturday July 12 10:00 – 2:00
Brookford Town Hall

NMRA National Convention **July 13-19, 2014** **Cleveland, Ohio**

<http://www.2014cleveland.org/>

MER Regional Convention **October 16-19** **Hagerstown, MD**

<http://www.smdnmra.org/hubcity.html>

Announcement:

Rick Knight has notified the Board of Directors that he is resigning his position as Superintendent effective May 22. Larry Paffrath, Asst Superintendent, will be the Acting Superintendent until the BOD appoints a replacement to serve until the next general election.

Calendar of Events

May 29 – June 1

Streamliners At Spencer
NC Transportation Museum
Spencer, NC

AND

May 30 or 31, 2014

The Streamliner Special
Exclusive roundtrip excursion from the new Charlotte Regional Intermodal Facility (CRIF) to the North Carolina Transportation Museum (NCTM) in Spencer, N.C.

Details on both events at:

<http://nctrans.org>

Saturday, Jun 21, 2014

11th Annual NC Rail Fair
Metrolina Expo Center, Charlotte, NC
<http://www.gserr.com/shows.htm>

Friday, August 29, through Sunday August 31.

NC Rail Run 2014
<http://www.ncrailrun.blogspot.com>

Cherryville Division Meeting

March 15, 2014

by Jack Haynes

The Division gathered on Saturday, March 15 for a visit to the Depot at Cherryville. The members of the museum there have continued to make progress there since our last visit.



The Cherryville Depot Museum welcomes visitors

Outside, there is a growing collection of railroad signal devices.



Inside, they had trains running on all their layouts, including O, G, and HO. The featured trains on the O (Lionel) layout were two circus train models provided by our presenter for the day. Robin Frye was the Performance Director for the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus. He has modeled several of their trains from different eras.



Circus trains from two eras run on the Lionel layout.

Overhead, there is a loop around the whole space with G-scale trains. There is also a more standard height G-scale table.



A G-scale logging train circles overhead.



G table includes this large engine house

The HO layout is the largest. It has had a lot of scenery, structures and track work done since our last visit.



Trees are growing on the mountside.



Mining and lumber are the primary online industries.

After we had time to tour the layouts, we gathered in the waiting room for a presentation from Robin. He had many stories to tell about life and work around the circus. He reviewed some of the history of the circuses themselves and of the circus trains. They have changed over the years as new equipment and technology has become available. His models reflect many of those changes.



Robin talks about his time with the circus and the changing equipment on the train.

Originally, flat cars were adapted to carry the large wooden-wheeled circus wagons that circuses used to get around without trains.



Circus wagons loaded on flat cars.

Later, shipping containers became the preferred way to ship cargo and surplus containers were readily available so the circus adapted to the new equipment.

Division Board of Directors Meetings

March 31, 2014

by Morgan Feldon, Clerk,
and Jack Haynes, Editor



The "new" circus train with containers on wheels loaded on flatcars.

It is difficult to do justice to Robin's excellent modelling work, but here are a few more photos of his models. We all recognized and appreciated the quality of his work especially the fine detail.



The primary topic for discussion was the NC Rail Run event being planned for the upcoming Labor Day weekend. The following statement was subsequently drafted and approved by the BOD. Recently, the event organizers have announced that the MER is sponsoring it which may relieve some of the BOD concerns.

At the Board of Directors meeting on March 31, the Board discussed the relationship of the Division with the NC Rail Run being planned for Labor Day weekend by several OPSIG members. Over the last few weeks, we have offered our assistance and feedback for this popular event. However after much discussion, we have come to a mutual understanding that this year's NC Rail Run event will be managed separately and independently from the Carolina Southern Division.

The Board felt compelled to clarify the Division's position so that participants do not assume that the NMRA is officially involved and that they look to the event organizers for a clear definition of responsibilities. As the NC Rail Run will not be sanctioned by any NMRA Division, the Board believes that the NMRA insurance program will not apply and we suggest that layout operators discuss liability with their insurance companies so they are prepared for any contingency during their operating sessions. The long-running NC Rail Run has been held nearly every year since 2006 and we wish them well for their 2014 event and beyond.

For 2015, the Carolina Southern Division will be bringing back our RailOps event which occurs in the latter part of each year. Dates will be determined with input from potential layout hosts and coordination with other Division and area events. There are some incredible layouts in our area and we look forward to featuring them.

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014

**THE 11th ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA
MODEL TRAIN AND RAILROAD ARTIFACT
SHOW & SALE**

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Four Full Days
featuring classic streamliner
locomotives of the 1930s - 1950s



May 29 - June 1
at the N.C. Transportation
Museum Bob Julian Roundhouse

**STREAMLINERS
AT SPENCER**



May 30 or 31, 2014

Experience a trip you won't soon forget, aboard the private varnish Streamliner Special. Two chartered trips will be offered on May 30 and May 31, providing a rare opportunity to visit the new Charlotte Regional Intermodal Facility, then travel aboard one of four private business class cars through North Carolina's Piedmont Region to the N.C. Transportation Museum in Spencer.



CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

CAB COUNT: 26 Units

The FT Demonstrator is officially the 26th locomotive to be confirmed for "Streamliners at Spencer." A bonus, last minute addition, the unit was created in 1939 to convince business and corporate leaders that diesel engines were the future of rail travel. The engine did the job. Jim Wrinn, editor of Trains Magazine, calls it, "the alpha to the rest of these streamliner locomotives."

<http://nctrans.org>

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

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