

Carolina Southern Division Annual Report

Meetings: CSD meets monthly on first Thursday starting 7:30 PM at Williams Lodge, Cornelius, NC.

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Achievement Program highlights: 2 Golden Spike awards in 2011 – J. Howard & D. Draxler

1 Master Builder (scenery) - D. Draxler

1 Chief Dispatcher - D. Draxler

1 member working on 7th Master Builder (cars) certificate – J. Parker

A dozen others working on various certificates

Planned Activities from the past year: Conducted several railfan visits, continued restoration of Brookford layout and conducted 12 open house visits there in 2011. Conducted annual Boy Scout Railroad Merit Badge training & qualification classes (about 35 scouts attended). Continued to publish Division newsletter ("The Brass Pounder") (6 issues in 2011) and the ENews every other month. Continued to update CSD website (www.carolinasouthern.org) (a first class effort!) and conduct Operation Lifesaver classes for school kids & scouts. Conducted annual Railroad Modeling University (an all-day series of instructional classes/seminars). Now starting a semi-annual half-day RMU in addition to classes/seminars at the monthly meetings. Recommend all Divisions institute an RMU-type program! It helps with recruiting and inspires people (both potential and current members) to become more active.

Special projects and/or working with other organizations: CSD is scheduling more railfan visits to rail museums and places like Tweetsie engine repair shop. Continuing to conduct RailRun Weekend in coordination with OpSig group, including operating sessions at a half dozen or more member layouts.

Possible additional MER support: Offer more clinics similar to those given at the annual convention. Publicize Division activities in the Local and NMRA.org magazine, including railfan tours.

/s/ Bob Halsey