

Yearly Division Report
Reporting Period: 2018

Division: Carolina Southern Division 12, MER

Meeting Times and Places:

Regular member meeting third Saturday each month
February 17th Annual Business Meeting;
February Board Organizational and Planning Meeting

Change in Officers from last year (including AP Coordinator):

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Achievement Program highlights: See Attached

Activities from the past year:

“Brass Pounder” Division Newsletter; (10 editions)

Division promotion display with operating Timesavers at Train Shows
Hickory, NC in April, Spencer, NC in May, Gastonia, NC July

12th annual Railroad Modeling University (RMU), January

Division Picnic, September- Postponed to October due to Hurricane.

Members Swap Meet, November

Wades Train Town Open House (2nd Saturday monthly)

11 members and spouses attended MER Convention.

Monthly activities

January, Worlds Greatest Hobby, Charlotte, NC 1/13/18
Annual Meeting. BOD Meeting 1/20/18
RMU, Railroad Modeling University. 1/27/18

February, Layout visit and Op session at Seth Gartner

March, Monthly meeting with Guest Speaker, Todd Arnette, NWHS Director talking about the convention. BOD Meeting, approved 2020 MER Convention.

April, Layout visit and Op session at Superintendents Alan Hardee,s home

May, Display at North Carolina Transportation Museum train Show,
Clinics for train show attendees. Display at NWHS convention at NC
Transportation Museum in Spencer

June, Layout visit to Jack Monette, MMR 613

July, Layout visit and OP session at Neal Anderson

August, Visit to NC Transportation Museum, Spencer NC for Guided tour and
Layout visit to Marcus Neubacher.

September, Postponed due to Hurricane weather.

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

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 12 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.

Superintendent's Name and Signature.

Curtis Alan Hardee, 1/15/19