



# THE BRASS POUNDER



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## Division Coming Events

(See CSD Web-  
site for further  
details)

Feb 18, 2017  
Division Annual  
Meeting  
Place - TBD

## Other Events

15<sup>th</sup> Annual NC  
Railroad Expo  
Hickory Metro  
Center  
Apr 8<sup>th</sup> - 2017

NMRA-MER Re-  
gional conven-  
tion will be in  
Harrisburg, PA, in  
October 2017

## Superintendent's Corner

By Alan Hardee

Happy New Year and welcome to 2017. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Now is the time to start working on all the trains, structures, and other railroad equipment you received from your family and friends. If you are new to the hobby and just received your first train set or been around for a while, we all have new things to learn. RMU (Railroad Modeling University) on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> is a daylong event offering courses on basic modeling skills to more complex opportunities. Check out the website [carolinasouthern.org](http://carolinasouthern.org) for all the details. Hopefully Mother Nature cooperates and doesn't snow on us this year. (*Ed Note - no snow but rain*)

As 2017 begins my second year as your Superintendent, I look back at 2016. We had several meetings at Hunter Acres Church where clinics were given. A few meetings at Members homes for layout viewing and operating sessions. We even had a couple of showings at the North Carolina Transportation Museum. Unfortunately there were some glitches along the way. Our visit to the Live Steamers in Oakboro was cancelled at the last minute by the host. I would like to reschedule them for this year if possible.

I am working with Marcus at NCTM to get a behind the scenes tour of the museum grounds for the division. So, what worked and what didn't? What do

YOU want to see and do this year? Let me know, after all, this is YOUR division. If you would like to be more involved in the division, let me know that you would like to volunteer.

## Editor's Notes

By Fred Miller, MMR

The Railroad Modelers University has come and gone. See an article about the RMU and some great pics taken by Scott Perry. Visit our Division's website for more details.

This issue of the Brass Pounder was delayed simply because I needed material to publish. Use the opportunity to be an author and get some of your photos and railroad activities, both model and prototype, in print. Send your materials to me.

**CALL FOR ARTICLES,  
NOTICES OR WHAT-EVER.  
YOUR EDITOR CAN'T  
KEEP FILLING UP THE IS-  
SUE WITH HIS OWN MA-  
TERIALS.**

**Next Issue  
Mar-Apr 2017**

**Submission Date  
March 1, 2017**

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

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## Achievement Program Progress Report for 2016

By Dave Chance,  
CSDiv.12 AP Chair

2016 was a very good year with three AP Certificates and several Merit Awards. The AP Certificates earned in 2016 are as follows:

1. Jack Monette – MB Cars – May 2016
2. Jack Monette – MB Motive Power – May 2016
3. Jack Monette – MB Scecery – September 2016

Congratulations to Jack Monette for his excellent effort in earning these three AP Certificates. Only one more to earn the MMR Certificate. Keep up the good work Jack.

We have several members currently working on AP projects. If you are working on an AP project and not listed below, please let me know so I can add you to the list. Several members listed below have only the paper work to complete. I can help with paper work but I can't do it for you. Current projects include but are not limited to the following:

1. Dick Bronson -- Electrical Engineer and Civil Engineering.

2. Jack Monette – Association Volunteer and Author
3. Dave Chance - MB Cars, MB Structures, Civil Engineer, Author, and MB Motive Power
4. Michele Chance – Electrical Engineer, Civil Engineer, MB Structures, and Author
5. Seth Gartner – Chief Dispatcher and Association Volunteer
6. Nancy Campbell - Author
7. Gil Brauch – MB Structures
8. Neal Anderson – Scenery, Association Volunteer, and Electrical Engineering
9. Ed Locklin - Electrical Engineer.
10. Dave Draxler – Electrical Engineer
11. Rusty Doss – Author and Association Volunteer
12. Jim Thomas -- Chief Dispatcher

Remember, I will be happy to help anyone who is working on an AP project, and anyone needing help getting started in the AP program. I will also be happy to come to your home to look at your layout for a Golden Spike, scenery, structures, etc. or to help with paperwork, etc. on an AP project. Let me know if you need help with your project, from understanding the requirements to assisting with the paperwork. Send me an email or call me on the phone and we will schedule my visit.

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## Railroad Modeling University

**2017**

By Doug Algire  
RMU 2017 Dean

Eleven years ago, The Carolina Southern Division of the NMRA had a dream to offer an opportunity for model railroaders to come together and share information, expertise and ideas.

RMU is a place to discover the fun of model railroading. Master Model Railroaders (MMRs in the National Model Railroad Association) and other experienced model railroader's conduct clinics (short classes in 'university speak') and hold demonstrations (lab work in 'university speak') about the various aspects of model railroading.

The RMU mission is simple: To provide a venue where modelers, from beginners to experts and:

1. Are introduced to new concepts and techniques which will assist them in taking their layouts and models to a higher level.
2. Meet fellow modelers who will become friends and mentors. RMU is a

great opportunity to learn something new and meet other model railroaders.

**Division Website:**  
[www.carolinasouthern.org](http://www.carolinasouthern.org)



## RMU 2017 Photos

Photos by Scott Perry



RMU-2017 ATTENDANCE WAS GOOD DESPITE RAINY DAY



REGISTRATION DESK ALL SET



TY BROWN DISCUSSES RESIN CASTING



JOE BURDEN OUTLINES EVERYTHING ABOUT LEDS



FRED MILLER OUTLINES LAYOUT BACKGROUND SOUND



**NEAL ANDERSON COACHES IN BALLASTING**



**HALF-WAY LUNCH TIME**



**RYAN KUNKLE TALKED ABOUT LIONEL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT**



**DICK BRONSON EXHIBITED THE NMRA LCC LAYOUT**



**ALAN BURDICK GUIDES A MODELER IN SOLDERING**



**WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE LOTS OF BOOKS & EQUIPMENT**

See the Division Web Site for more of Scott Perry's photos of the 2017 RMU



## The Susquehannock Is Coming!

2017 MER Convention

Sponsored by

The Susquehanna Division

October 12 – 15, 2017

[www.mer2017.org](http://www.mer2017.org)

The name Susquehannock appears to have originated as an Algonquin name meaning the "people of the Muddy River" (Susquehanna). Their territory ranged along the Susquehanna River and its branches from the north end of Chesapeake Bay in Maryland across Pennsylvania into southern New York, very much the area encompassed by our Susquehanna division.

Moving forward, the Pennsylvania Railroad chose to name its passenger train which ran from Williamsport to Philadelphia "The Susquehannock." Wanting to know more about this train I went to Jerry Britton's Keystone Crossings website [www.pennsyrr.com](http://www.pennsyrr.com) to look at consist lists. The April 28, 1957 edition gives the list as; (1) B60, Mail-

Baggage-Express Messenger, (1) P70CGSR, Coach, and (1) PL, Parlor Car – Buffet 10 Table seats – 24 Coach Seats. On the trip to Philadelphia the B60 was dropped at Harrisburg and the Coach and Parlor Car were attached to train #604. And on the return trip train #605 The Coach and Parlor Car were added to the B60 for the remainder of the trip to Williamsport.

The more we explore the name the more it applies to our event. The name Susquehannock and the Susquehanna Division makes this an obvious choice. The PRR route was from Philadelphia to Harrisburg, then on to Williamsport following the Susquehanna River, thus specifically designed to service the area our division services. And finally it is the perfect prototype to model, no selective compression required. So, there you have it, some very good reasons why our convention became THE SUSQUEHANNOCK!

The convention will be held at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel. Our hotel is convenient to both the Harrisburg International Airport and the Harrisburg Amtrak (former Pennsylvania RR) Station. Tours aimed at both rail and non-rail interests will be offered. For our rail fans, tours of East Broad Top Railroad, American Car and Foundry tank car plant, Strasburg Railroad, Bowser Manufacturing and more are in planning. For non-rail interests available are tours of Hershey, the Harrisburg State Capitol, the National Civil

War Museum and more. Space on tours is limited, so they are first come, first served.

Planned are some 30 +/- layout visitations as well as slots for many operators in scheduled operating sessions. Banquet, clinics, raffle, white elephant sale and a live auction round out the

very busy schedule for this event. Of note is a beautiful Peter Lerro framed print of a PRR T-1 at the Harrisburg station to be given away to a lucky early registrant. Registration is now open and we look forward to seeing you in Harrisburg next October.

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