

## Division Coming Events

**OUR JULY Meeting  
and Activity is at**

**Abiding Presence  
Lutheran Church  
323 North Congress  
Street, York, SC  
29745**

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CLINICS AND  
DISCUSSION OF  
TECHNIQUES**

## Superintendent's Corner

By Andrew Stitt

Those members who were able to attend the June meeting at the Dreams Come True (outdoor) Railroad were treated to a good time by our hosts, Neal Anderson and Scott Davenport. What was forecasted to be a pleasant day (by South Carolina standards) did indeed happen. We were treated to as many rides through the pine woods as we wanted, and I saw several members take their hands to piloting a train as well. We were also treated to a nice meal, and some good conversations.

I recently took a more in depth look at the current CSD roster sent to me by the MER. I thought I would share something that I learned after looking at it. Currently, we are listed as having approximately 120 members (I know of several members whose names are not on the list). Given this information, it turns out that 33% of CSD members reside in Mecklenburg County, nearly 16% reside in the counties in South Carolina, 12.5% in Gaston County, and 10% in Cabarrus County. The remaining counties hold the rest of our members. While Mecklenburg County dominating the membership role may not be surprising to many, I was surprised that our South Carolina counties came in second. As such, it makes sense that our

July meeting is going to be held at the Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in York. We certainly owe it to these members to hold a meeting (or two) annually nearer to them going forward.

Speaking of meetings, I recently went over the upcoming schedule with some of the CSD BOD members. Given that the [2023 SER Convention](#) in Georgia is the third weekend in September, and our [2023 MER Convention](#) in Pennsylvania is the third weekend in October, it was decided to move the CSD meetings for those months to the second Saturday. This will allow

our members the opportunity to attend both our meetings and the conventions without a schedule conflict. Further, it was noted that both the Concord Area Modelers, and the Metrolina Area Modelers as well as other railroad special interest groups have their meetings the third Saturday of each month. So, I hope this schedule adjustment will increase the attendance for those with prior commitments at our meetings going forward. Perhaps we will stay on the second Saturday for monthly meetings in the future. Let me know what you think?

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**Fellow member Doug Algire arranged for us to hold our July monthly meeting and activity for July at his church:**

**Abiding Presence Lutheran Church  
323 North Congress Street  
York, SC 29745**

**Saturday, July 15th  
10:00am – 12:00pm**



## **What's on the agenda?**

- Superintendent Andrew Stitt will do a short presentation on resin casting.
- The Church pastor, Charles Aurand has been asked to talk about growing up in a railfan household
- The Reverend will also talk about his continued interest in Lionel trains.
- Ed Smith will present a clinic about how he scratchbuilt rolling stock for his AP CARS certificate working toward MMR.
- Possible opportunity to observe scratchbuilt model evaluation by AP Chairman Neal Anderson, MMR

**In case you're not familiar with the area, Doug Algire also provided some directions to the church and some spots to enjoy lunch after the meeting.**

### **From Charlotte, Concord, Kannapolis, Salisbury:**

I-85 South to I-77 South into South Carolina. Then follow Rock Hill directions.

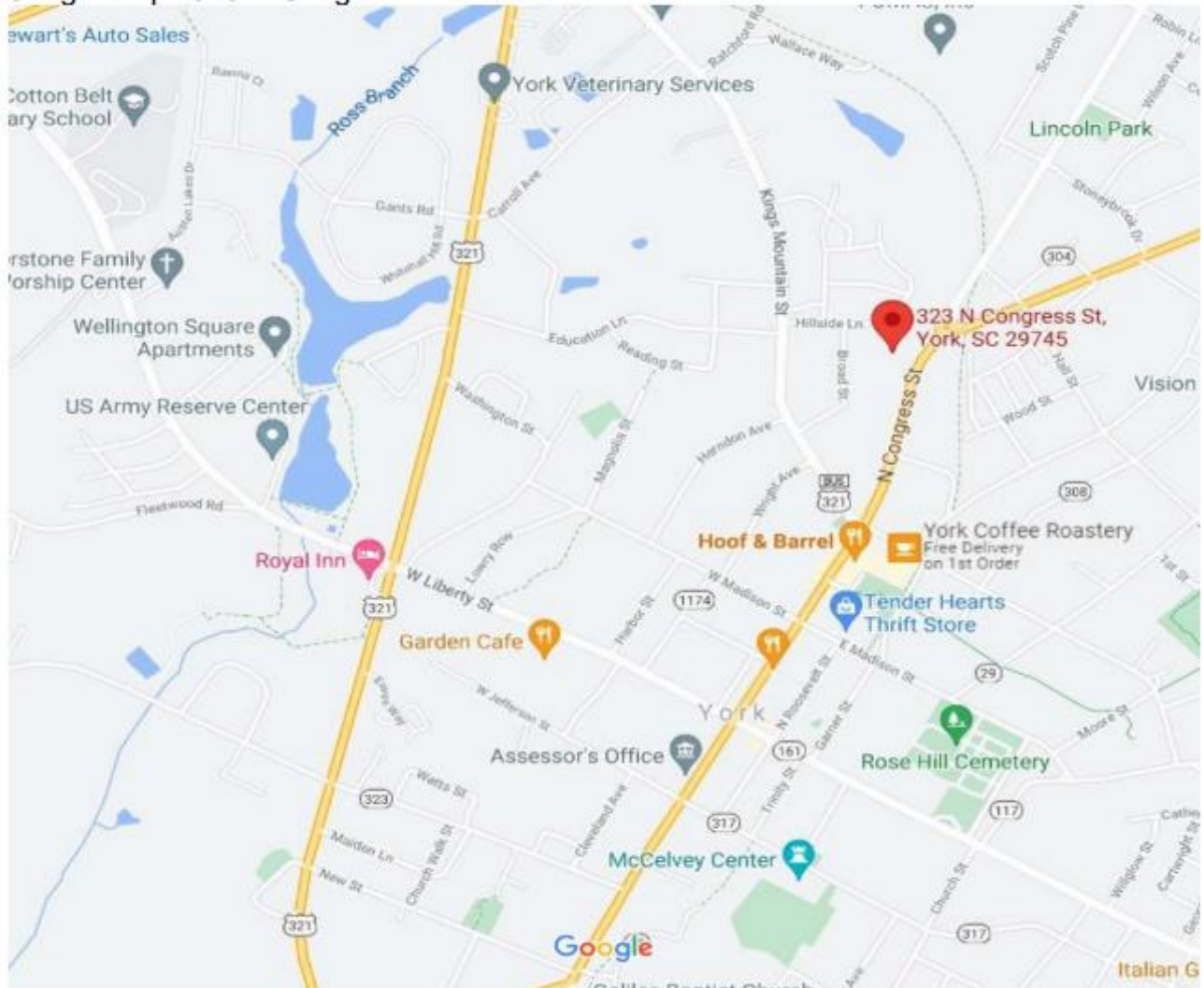
### **From Statesville:**

I-77 South into South Carolina. Then follow Rock Hill directions.

### **From Rock Hill:**

Using South Carolina 161 (exit 82C on I-77 to York). 161 and Route 5 merge outside of York and become East Liberty Street. You will pass a Lowe's and Wal-Mart on the left. In downtown York (the old Courthouse is on the upper left) turn right on to North Congress Street (Route 49). Go about 6/10 mile and the church is on the left.

**Abiding Presence Lutheran Church**  
Google Maps 323 N Congress St



**Places to eat in York:**

**Southern Grill 321** (American South food in the Food Lion Plaza)  
300 Sharon Rd  
York, SC 29745  
803.684.7900

**Hoof & Barrel** (burgers, steak, hot dogs, chicken)  
122 North Congress St.  
York, SC 29745  
803.818.5554

**Rosita's Café (Mexican)**  
42 N. Congress St.  
York, SC 29745  
803.818.4567

**Italian Garden Restaurant**  
502 East Liberty St.  
York, SC 29745  
803.628.0270

**Tony's Pizza and Italian Restaurant**  
40 North Congress St.  
York, SC 29745  
803.684.7333

**Fast Food (All on East Liberty St around Wal-Mart):**

McDonald's  
KFC  
Bojangles  
Zaxby's  
Taco Bell  
Burger King

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## **UPCOMING AREA TRAIN EVENTS**

**There are no train shows or other train events scheduled in the nearby area in the next three months.**

## **Editor's Notes**

By Ed Gumphrey

This month I am starting my search for a new editor. I am term limited as Clerk in January of 2024, and will also resign my position as editor of this newsletter. The December edition of The Brass Pounder will be my last.



You'll have to know the difference between there, their and they're as well as its and it's, along with some basic story telling/writing skills. I've been having fun with it for the last five years. If you'd like to take over, send me an email and we'll start working on turning over the reins.

## **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

**I target the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month for publication. Please submit articles for publication by the 27<sup>th</sup> of each month.  
The preferred format is MS Word, but I can convert most other formats.  
For questions and help, email me at [editor@carolinasouthern.org](mailto:editor@carolinasouthern.org)**

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## DIVISION AND REGIONAL NEWS

By Ed Gumphrey

### Train Town Update

Contributed by Ed Smith

Here's the June update on Wade's Legacy Room at the Newton Train Museum:

#### Train Town Box Score

June 2023

Open Houses        4

Attendance         70

Hosts: Keith Iritsky, Ed Smith, Gil Brauch, Tim Rust, Larry Paffrath, and Bob Halsey

**To volunteer, go to:**

<http://carolinasouthern.org/ttvolunteerrequest.html>

(#)=frequency (r)=first time host

I want to thank all our volunteers and especially Tim, who has become one of our docents. We could always use more volunteers, so if anybody's interested, we'd still like to see volunteers to help. See the link in the score box above or on the CSD website.

### June Activity

The Division's meeting and activity for June was an outdoor event at Dreams Come True Railroad in Cassett, SC. Thanks to Neal Anderson, MMR, who arranged and hosted the event for the Division. And our special thanks to David & Denise Schleper, owners of the railroad, for inviting us to share in the fun of their outdoor railroad creations.

I didn't make it to the event, and I haven't received any details about the visit. But judging from the photos, it looks like a decent turnout considering the drive to Cassatt from the Charlotte area, and it looks like those who were there had fun. If you want to see more, check out all the posts on the Dreams Come True Railroad [Facebook Page](#).

My thanks to Andrew Stitt and Neal Anderson for the photos, presented here in no particular order



Neal Anderson, MMR, speaking to the visitors.  
Andrew Stitt photo



Additional group discussion.  
Neal Anderson photo.



The turntable provides a means to transfer equipment from trucks and trailers onto the railroad.

Andrew Stitt photo



From the hand motions, you might think Henry Reeves is talking about aircraft dogfights. Nah, it's all railroad talk.

Andrew Stitt photo





Neal Anderson, MMR speaks with co-owner David Schleper. That's David's live steam locomotive.  
Andrew Stitt photo



And the ride through the pine trees begins. Riding behind a live steam model is a lot of fun – try it sometime.  
Andrew Stitt photo



Neal Anderson, MMR, let some of the other visitors operate his Mead. Thanks to Neal for setting up our visit.  
Neal Anderson photo



Another view of Dave Schleper's live steam locomotive, pulling some happy riders through the pines.  
Neal Anderson photo

## CLOSING PAGE BONUS



**Hope you enjoyed 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

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