

THE BRASS POUNDER



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Division Coming Events

Our Annual Railroad Modeling
University will be held on
Saturday, March 8th 2025 at
West Concord Baptist Church,
225 Warren C Coleman
Boulevard, Concord, NC 28027
First class starts at 9:00.

Superintendent's Corner

By Andrew Stitt

By the time you read this, the annual Railroad Model University for 2025 will be upon us (March 8th to be exact). While we use this event to try and interest non NMRA members in joining us, this is also a great opportunity for our members to enjoy a daylong fellowship with other members. This event will feature a T Trak display hosted by several members well versed in building and operating of this modeling technique. We will have a model evaluation room open to anyone who wishes to bring in a model to learn more about successfully modeling structures, motive power or rolling

stock. We also plan to have a room dedicated to buying and selling model railroad equipment, structures, kits, and related items.

First and foremost, however RMU is the opportunity to listen and learn from some more detailed presentations on a number of modeling topics. Whether it is fundamental things like decaling or making a water scene or making trees to more intense things of interest to us like learning something about JMRI, installing decoders, or making a structure look rusty, you will find it at this event. We were very fortunate to have an in-depth and well-presented clinic on 3D printing at our February meeting, but more frequently than not we won't have the time to devote ourselves to such an experience. RMU provides our presenters with time.

While there is a wide variety of model railroad topics on YouTube and other internet programs, they do not offer the give and take discussions that can occur at our event. I find being able to ask why you do or don't do something at the time of the talk helps me to better understand the subject. Such discourse might also lead those around me in the room to think a little more about such things being presented and ask additional questions. We do not currently have the ability to record and post these clinics online. Zoom will not be available for this event. So please consider attending, even if you don't or can't spend the day with us!

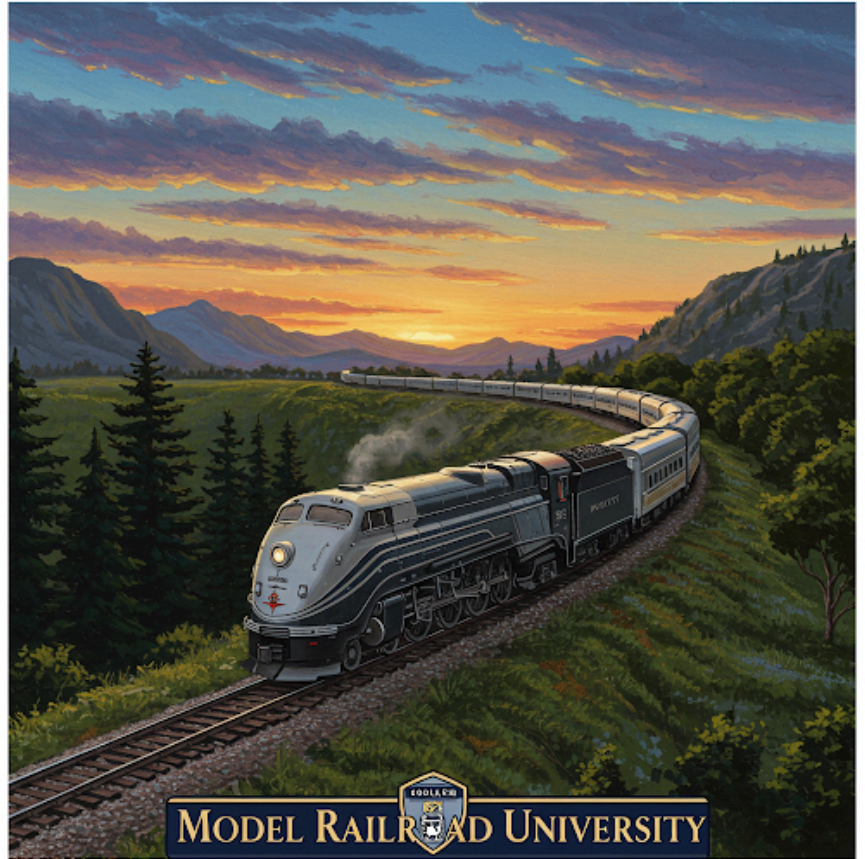
Editor's Notes

By Chad Barnette

Hey there CSD folks! Hope all is well in your neck of the woods. The CSD woods span a large swath of land, so there must be tons of fun modeling going on in our division. That's another shameless plug for you to share what you're doing with me. Even just a photo and an email saying what you're up to. I would love to feature some of these activities in the Brass Pounder.

I really enjoyed getting to see Roy Becker's presentation last month on 3D printing. Wow, did he have some pretty great ideas that I had never thought of. You see I've only ever used my printers for buildings. Roy has been really getting into the world of 3D printing and has made tools that help in the construction of model railroads. Thanks again Roy for your time!

Finally, it's that time of year again. Railroad Modeling University (RMU). We hope to see everyone there this Saturday, March 8th. An unbelievable range of topics will be shared by many of our division members. Don't miss it!



Division and Regional News

Wade's Train Town

Wade's Train Town – February Stats

Open houses: 4
Attendance: 78
Volunteers: Gil Brauch(2), Tim Rust, Ed Smith, Chad Barnette



AP Awards from the Plywood RR Desk

Contributed by Neal Anderson, MMR

National AP Manager - Ray Persing has awarded Andrew Stitt and Joe Skorch the following:

- Model Railroad Engineer - Civil.

Congratulations! Additionally, during February's monthly meeting the following was reported. "Golden Spike" certificates were awarded to Gordon Miller, Marcu

Neubacher, and James Thomas. Certificates for "Master Builder – Scenery" were awarded to David Myers and Andrew Stitt at the meeting. Congratulations everyone!

Railroad Model University

Contributed by Andrew Stitt

The Carolina Southern Division (MER Division 12) is pleased to announce that the 2025 edition of Railroad Model University will be this Saturday, March 8th!. It will be at the West Concord Baptist Church in Concord, NC. The event will have a number of clinics and presentations on a variety of topics related to model railroading. Additionally we will have a T-Trak display, a model evaluation room, and a white elephant sale room. The cost is \$10/person for the event. Registration to attend, as well as information on what classes to sign up for are on the Divisions website:

<http://carolinasouthern.org>

CSD Monthly Meeting Notes

Contributed by David Myers, Clerk

Carolina Southern Division, Mideast Region
National Model Railroad Association
Monthly Meeting
February 15, 2025

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, York, SC

Attendance: 14 in person, 1 online

The Superintendent called the meeting to order at 10:35.

The Superintendent reported on preparations for the upcoming Railroad Modeling University (RMU). He reminded all that presenters must register for RMU and sign-up for their own clinic. There will be a "White Elephant" room. Doors will open and registration will begin at 8:30.



Neil Anderson reported on the Achievement Program. "Golden Spike" certificates were awarded to Gordon Miller, Marcu Neubacher, and James Thomas. Certificates for "Master Builder – Scenery" were awarded to David Myers and Andrew Stitt.

Ed Smith reported that Chad Barnette has offered to be the fourth docent at Wade's Train World.

The Superintendent noted that the Hickory Train Show has been moved to the convention center. The Division will have two tables. This may serve as the April Division meeting.

Roy Becker presented an instructive clinic on 3-D filament printing. He displayed his printer and showed several examples of pieces he had produced with it.

Chad Barnette presented an instructive clinic on 3-D resin printing. He, also, displayed his printer and showed several examples of pieces he had produced with it.

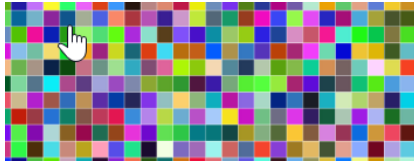
Roy and Chad conducted an informative discussion of the pros and cons of each method of 3-D printing.

The Superintendent thanked Doug Algire for coordinating with his church to permit us to meet there and requested that our thanks be passed on to the church's pastor. The pastor's O scale holiday presentation was still in place and was enjoyed by all attendees

The Superintendent adjourned the meeting at 11:55.

Submitted by,
David Myers, Division Clerk





Digital Distractions

A Look at our hobby online



Ron's Trains N Things features Ron Marsh covering a variety of topics. Arguably a very well-rounded channel that covers a multitude of modeling topics. Presentation is good and the production quality is excellent. Ron had recently taken some months off, but thankfully has returned to releasing videos on the regular. Go check it out!

<https://www.youtube.com/@RonsTrainsNThings>

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