



THE BRASS POUNDER

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Next Division Meeting

Date: January 17, 2009

11:00 - 12:00 Tour of Charlotte Trolley
Museum (not yet open to the public)
1507 Camden Rd.
Charlotte

12:30 pm Annual Division Business
Meeting
Jillians Restaurant
200 E Bland St
Charlotte

“A” on map below is Jillians. Museum is
one block away Camden and S Tryon
Check web site for updated info:
www.bytedesign.com/CSDiv/timetable.htm

NOTICE

Annual Division Business Meeting

The Annual Division Business Meeting will be held 12:30 pm, January 17, 2009 at Jillian's, 200 E Bland St, Charlotte, NC.

Election of Officers:

Asst Superintendent
Director(2011)

Board of Directors Nominations:

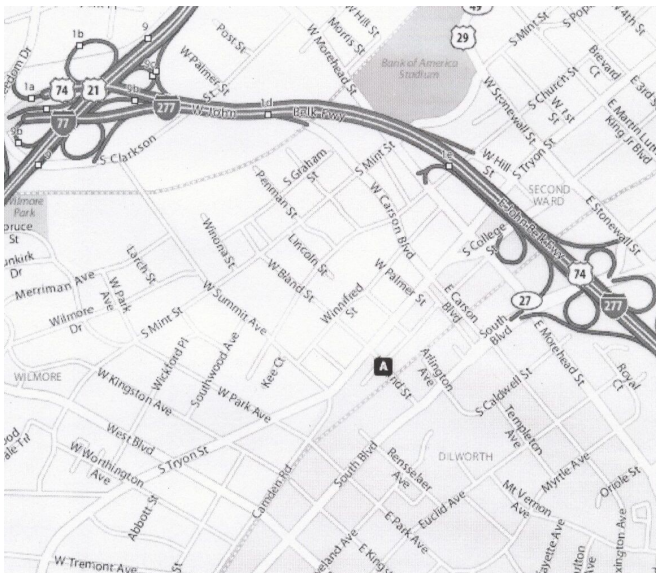
Asst Sup. Joe Howard

Director (2011) Fred Miller

Division members may make additional nominations at the meeting.

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See full meeting agenda below.



Calendar of Events

- January 24 & 25 Cape Fear Model RR Club
Show and Sale
American Legion Post 10
702 Pine Grove Drive
Wilmington, NC 28409
- February 20 & 21 18th Annual Land 'O Sky
Division Train Show
Asheville Civic Center, Asheville, NC
- February 28 & March 1 Central Railway Model
and Historical Association Train Show
Easley, SC
- March 28 & 29 Great Train Expo Show
Dixie Classic Fairgrounds,
Winston-Salem, NC
- April 4 7th Annual NC Railroad Extravaganza
Hickory Metro Center,
Hickory, NC
- June 12-14, 2009 SER Regional Convention
Pensacola, FL
[http://www.trainweb.org/pmrc/Convention/
home.htm](http://www.trainweb.org/pmrc/Convention/home.htm)
- June 27 6th Annual NC Rail Fair
Metrolina Expo Center,
Charlotte, NC
- July 5 - 11, 2009 NMRA National Convention
Hartford, CT <http://www.HN2009.org>

Superintendent's Message by Steven P. August

Hello, to all my fellow Model Railroaders. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Steve August and I am the new Superintendent of Carolina Southern Division. I took over from our former Superintendent who retired after serving the division for 4 great years. I would like to say that things in division could not have been in better hands than with Rick Knight. Rick left the division to pursue his other main interest with the Boy Scouts of America. Please join me in congratulating Rick on a job well done.

Let me tell you a little bit about me, I currently live in Charlotte, and have been involved in Model Railroading for some 20+ years. Although, I have had other layouts in the past my current layout will be the first layout that I take as far as possible with the help of many great modelers that we have in the Carolina Southern Division. My railroad is a fictitious railroad called the "GREEN MEADOWS RAILWAY". Named after a park I used to play in as a kid many years ago. I have a double main line setup with many different switching opportunities available. Here is a picture of the layout as it is today. The yard is still under construction with the hope of finishing it soon.



Well, I will update you again soon on the “GREEN MEADOWS RAILWAY”.

Let me tell you about some of the great things the division officers and I are planning for 2009. Plans are underway for another edition of Railroad Modeling University. We are also planning a layout tour of division layouts; we would like to show others what the Carolina Southern Division has to offer. If you have a layout and would like to be added to the layout tours, regardless of the state of construction, please get in touch with me at your earliest convenience. We are also planning to have some clinics be presented at the division meetings, and the big event for the Year 2009 will be what we hope will be the first of the Annual Carolina Southern Division Operating Session weekend. Letters will be going out soon to a lot of modelers in the area to gauge participation levels of interest in this event. Keep an on eye on the website for more information.

We are also going to be making a push towards higher membership numbers in the division, as well as trying to help anyone interested in the Achievement Program to gain Master Model Railroader status. This is a great honor and is well worth the time and effort you put into the program.

A lot of great things will be happening at the Regional and National Levels of NMRA also. If you know someone who is interested in joining the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) please contact me and Mid-East Region will pay for their first 6 months of membership. One last thing before I leave, many of you filled out and returned a survey sent out by the division, for that I say thank you. To those of you who did not fill it out and return it, it is not too late. We are using this information to gauge what you are interested in. So please if you have a survey or just a note with an idea or two, do not hesitate to drop me a line. My email address is steven@august.org.

Gotham City HO Traction Modules go to the Museum

By Fred Miller, MMR

I am happy to report that four of my HO traction modules are now on an extended loan to the new Charlotte Trolley Powerhouse Museum on Camden near Bland. Although the museum is still accumulating exhibits and will not be officially open until sometime next year, the building is already being used for special events.

Major emphasis of the new museum is on education, specifically how the Streetcar systems enabled the growth of Charlotte and other cities. Although my modules are aimed at a "typical" city of the 1920s, signage placed by the museum relates each module to aspects of Charlotte's streetcar system of the period. The showcases built by the museum make a very nice presentation.

A full size cosmetically restored Connecticut Streetcar is placed inside the museum and will be used as a classroom to further enhance the educational role with children in mind.

Further information about the museum can be found at: www.powerhousemuseum.org



Editors Notes:

Fred's modules will be on display at the Trolley Museum tour at our January meeting. For more information on the modules, take a look at his web site:

<http://www.fnbcreations.net/tractionfan.html>

The modules were also featured in Nov 02 MR.

**Summary Minutes
Carolina Southern Division Officers
Meeting
Saturday, December 13, 2008
(See full minutes on Division web site)**

The meeting was held at 12:30 at the Hickory Tavern, Charlotte, NC.

Attendees:

- Steve August, Superintendent
- Joe Howard, Asst Superintendent
- Dick Bronson, Paymaster
- Jack Haynes, Clerk
- Fred Miller, Director
- Roy Becker, Director

Steve opened the meeting at 12:35.

Bylaws:

Jack Monette is researching possible issue of compliance with MER guidelines.

Nominations:

The Directors nominations are: Joe Howard for Assistant Superintendent, and Fred Miller for (reelection) Director 2011.

Membership:

Fred and Steve will work on determining if there is interest among NMRA members in York and/or Lancaster counties in SC moving to our Division

(and MER).

Survey:

Steve reviewed the results of the membership survey that was sent out in October.

Paymaster:

Dick Bronson presented the current Paymasters report.

Roy and Fred will arrange for a review with Dick and report at the Annual Meeting.

Plans 2009:

Steve suggested that we target having a meeting every other month in 2009.

For the January meeting, we will try to set up a tour of the new Trolley Museum which is not scheduled to open until spring.

The subject of having a raffle or White Elephant sale was discussed.

Award:

Steve will work with Joe to get a plaque with appropriate wording to present to Rick Knight.

Web Site:

Jim Allen has obtained the rights for the Division to the domain name CarolinaSouthern.org. Steve will contact Gil, Martin, and Jim to discuss an update of the site.

RMU 2009:

We are targeting sometime in February for the next RMU.

Op Session Weekend

Steve will send a letter to layout owners and see what the response is. If there is sufficient interest, he will try to schedule it for the fall 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00

Respectfully submitted

Jack Haynes
Division Clerk



CAROLINA SOUTHERN

Division 12 of the Mid Eastern Region, NMRA



Annual Division Business Meeting

The Annual Division Business Meeting will be held 12:30 pm
January 17, 2008

Location: Jillian's Restaurant, 200 E Bland St, Charlotte, NC.

Following a tour of the Charlotte Trolley Museum @ 11AM

Located at 1507 Camden Road, Charlotte, NC

Meeting Agenda:

Call to Order -

Approval of minutes of last year's meeting.

Treasurers report.

Clerks report.

Elections: Assistant Superintendent
Director 2011

Board of Directors Nominations:

(Division members may make additional nominations at the meeting)

Assistant Superintendent – Joe Howard

Director – Fred Miller

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Superintendent plans for the year.

Old Business.

New Business

Adjourn

Carolina Southern Division to visit the Powerhouse Museum

By SP August

Have you ever wondered how Charlotte got its transportation start? The City of Charlotte got its start on horse-drawn trolleys back in 1887. In 1891, Charlotte's leading citizen at the time Mr. Edward Dilworth Latta, started the first electric trolley which quickly replaced the horse drawn trolleys. The trolley progressed nicely for many years in Charlotte, becoming the leading the form of transportation in the growing city. In 1910, Southern Utilities, a forerunner of Duke Power Company took over the trolley system.

Charlotte became a fast growing city, growing by leaps and bounds, until 1938 when City grew too big for the overworked trolley system. The first city buses took to the streets, and the rest as they say was history. Just before the demise of the trolley system in 1938, the now famous Car #85 was built, this was to be the last trolley car to run in City of Charlotte for many years. What happened to the Car #85 you may ask. After the trolley system shut down, this trolley car had many interesting uses. It was sold to the Air National Guard and used as an office at the airport. It was moved to Huntersville and used as a diner. Car #85 was sold to Ms. Daisy Mae Trapp Moore for \$125-\$150. In 1987, the Historic Landmarks Commission, rescued the trolley car #85 and began its restoration.

Charlotte Trolley, Inc. has moved into its new home at 1507 Camden Road in the Historic South End neighborhood of Charlotte. Dubbed the Charlotte Trolley Powerhouse Museum, the new 5,000 sq. ft. facility is open now for pre-arranged workshops, special programs, walking tours and event rentals. The much-loved history organization is providing regular program activities from the Powerhouse Museum in cooperation with Charlotte Area Transit System

and other local attractions. In mid-2009, the organization plans a public grand opening with new exhibits and regular museum hours.

“We’re taking a multi-phase approach to our exhibit development,” explains Charlotte Trolley Executive Director Ron Tober. “Right now, the initial exhibits support our pre-arranged education programs. They include Car 1339 – a true vintage streetcar – as well as an HO-gauge model streetcar layout designed and created by Charlotte resident, Master Model Railroader and streetcar fan Fred Miller. The layout is an intricate, detailed and accurate replication of what a city like Charlotte looked like in the 1920s when streetcars were in their heyday.”

The Carolina Southern Division of the NMRA will visit the Powerhouse Museum on January 17, 2009. We will meet with Ron Tober, the museums director, and tour the museum at 11 AM just before our annual business meeting which will be held at Jillian’s Restaurant located within walking distance of the museum. Hope to see you at the meeting later this month.



2008 AP Report for December issue

Dave Chance

December 11, 2008

At the recent MER Convention in Reston, Virginia, the MER President, during the “MER Business Meeting, commended the CS Division 12 for our success in the Achievement Program this year. He said, considering the small number of members, we are doing very well. We are actually doing as well as most of the larger Divisions.

This year started off with a bang, then eased off, but was still a good year for the CS Division Achievement Program. I am very encouraged by the number of AP projects that our members are working on.

The six awards earned in 2008 are as follows:

1. Dick Bronson --- Golden Spike, January 24, 2008
2. Dick Bronson --- Association Volunteer AP, January 30, 2008.....[his first!](#)
3. Jim Allen --- Master Builder Scenery AP, March 11, 2008.....his second.
4. Jack Monette --- Model RR Engineer Civil AP, March 31, 2008.....his second.
5. Steve August --- Chief Dispatcher AP, March 31, 2008.....[his first!](#)
6. Jim Allen --- Model RR Engineer, Electrical AP, September 1, 2008.....his third.

We have several people currently working on other AP projects. If you are working on an AP project and you aren't listed below, please let me know so I can add you to the list. Current projects include but are not limited to the following:

1. Dick Bronson is working on Electrical and Civil Engineering Aps.
2. Jim Allen is working on MB Locomotives AP.
3. Steve August is working on Golden Spike, Electrical & Civil Eng, and Volunteer
4. Jack Parker is working on his seventh AP, MB Cars.
5. Gil Brauch is working on Electrical Engineer.
6. Dave Chance is working on MB Locomotives, MB Cars, and Civil Engineer.
7. Ed Locklin is working on Association Volunteer and Electrical Engineer.
8. Carl Baumgart – MB Structures
9. Frank Binder – MB Structures
10. Michele Chance – Electrical Engineering
11. Seth Gartner – Chief Dispatcher
12. Jack Haynes – Association Volunteer
13. Jack Monette – MB Cars
14. Carl Wessel - Chief Dispatcher
15. Jim Thomas - Chief Dispatcher

Several others have told me they are working on at least one AP project. A good many of these projects are a matter of doing the paper work! Again, anyone needing help with your project, from understanding the requirements to assisting with the paper work, just let me know. Send me an email or call me on the phone and we will schedule my help.

The Division Brass

Superintendent.....Steve August
Asst. Superintendent.....Joe Howard
Clerk.....Jack Haynes
Paymaster.....Dick Bronson
Director 2008.....Fred Miller
Director 2009.....Jack Monette
Director 2010.....Roy Becker

AP Chairman.....Dave Chance
Webmaster.....Gil Brauch
Newsletter Editor.....Jack Haynes

Division Website:

www.bytedesign.com/CSDiv/

Submissions For Brass Pounder

Next Issue	Submission Date
March 2009	February 20, 2009

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

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