



THE BRASS POUNDER

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Next Division Meeting

Date: January 30, 2010

8:30 - 12:00 **Railroad Modeling Univ.**
Northside Baptist Church
333 Jeremiah Blvd
Charlotte

1:30 pm Annual Division Business Meeting
Texas Ranch Steakhouse & Saloon
1310 West Sugar Creek Road
Charlotte

Exit 41 from I85, N on W Sugar Creek Rd,
Right on Roman Road to end.

“A” on map below is NorthSide Baptist

“B” is Texas Steakhouse & Saloon

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 1:30 pm, January 30, 2010 at Texas Ranch Steakhouse & Saloon, 1310 West Sugar Creek Road Charlotte, NC.

Election of Officers:

Superintendent
Asst Superintendent
Paymaster
Clerk
Director(2012)

Board of Directors Nominations:

Superintendent	Steve August
Asst Sup.	Bob Halsey
Paymaster	Dick Bronson
Clerk	Jack Haynes
Director (2012)	Jim Rager

Division members may make additional nominations at the meeting.

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See full meeting agenda below.



Calendar of Events

- January 16 9:00-5:00
 38th Atlanta Model Train Show
 North Atlanta Trade Center
 1700 Jeurgens Court
 Norcross GA 30093
- January 30 8:30 - 12:00
 Carolina Southern Division
 Railroad Modeling Univ.
 Northside Baptist Church
 333 Jeremiah Blvd
 Charlotte
- March 13th and 14th, 2010
 The Model Train Show
 Cobb Galleria Center,
www.themodeltrainshow.com
- April 10 NC Rail Expo
 Hickory Metro Center
 Hickory,NC
www.bytedesign.com/CSDiv/images/Apr10trainshow.pdf
- April 24 Spring Rails Train Show
 Whitmire Activity Center
 301 Lily Pond Road
 Hendersonville, NC
- July 11-18, 2010 NMRA National Convention
 75th Anniversary
 Milwaukee, WI <http://www.nmra75.org/>

Superintendent's Corner Steve August – Superintendent

Hello Fellow Model Railroaders – as I look back on 2009, I see a great year that we had in Carolina Southern Division. We did lots of things together including OpSessions, visiting layouts, Train Shows around the area and several great clinics. We had another very successful Model Railroading University in January 2009.

We are nearly finished with increasing the size of the CS Division with the annexation of 3 South Carolina Counties which are just across the border. This will add 14 new members to the division. Technically they will become members in February 2010. We have added 7 new members since January 2009, which is about an 8% increase in membership a good portion of this is due to the RailPass Program.

There are several things that going to be happening in the Carolina Southern Division in 2010 and there are a couple things that I could use your help. The division will be incorporating in early 2010. The primary reason for doing is to protect not only the Carolina Southern Division and its members from liability in case a problem should arise.

I am asking each of you as CS Division members to vote for this proposal when the time comes. In the meantime, if anyone has any helpful information or if you have any experience with incorporations of non-profits please do not hesitate to contact me.

Another thing that I am asking your help with is to design a new logo for the Carolina Southern Division. If you have any experience with graphic design or know someone who does then please contact me and we can go from there.

The current logo shown here is based on Classic Southern Railroad "Arrow" logo. The attached file

is a rough scan of one so you get the idea of what it was. When you make a 'patch' out of it is where you get the oval shape.



Current Division Logo



Southern Railroad Arrow

We would be looking for a couple different designs that represent railroading, so when people see the logo they can relate the logo to the Model Railroading and the Carolina Southern Division. Once the designs are completed they would be submitted to general membership for a vote, and the members of the CS Division would make the final decision.

As a wrap up, I hear lots of comments about different things when I talk to people at different events. I get lots of emails about things people hear, but the one thing that is needed to make the Carolina Southern Division a success is not me as the Superintendent. It is not the other officers who are elected, really and truly to make this division a success we need you.

I need your ideas for things to do, things you hear

about or places you would like to go. If you know of something that fellow model railroaders would be interested in then contact one of the officers with the information and together we can make it happen. Looking forward to great new year and a new decade in the Carolina Southern Division.

**Minutes
Carolina Southern Division
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, December 12, 2009**

The meeting was held at 10:00 at the Hopewell Presbyterian Scout Hut, Huntersville, NC.

Steve opened the meeting at 10:11

Attendees: Steve August, Dick Bronson, Bob Halsey, Roy Becker, Jack Haynes

RMU:

Steve reported that he had 7 registrations so far. Advertising would begin in a week or so. Bob will contact newspapers in early January. There have been some name changes to some classes. Tony Sissons will do weathering locos. Dave Chance will do a session on AP Judging. The MER is pushing some significant changes in its guidelines for judges, primarily in the area of providing feedback to the modeler. They are looking for a place to roll it out. Steve has been in contact with Charlie Flichman, MER AP Chair.

Annual Report:

Steve presented his draft of the Division Annual Report. Gil is sending his final report on Brookford and Steve will update accordingly. Directors reviewed and suggested a few minor corrections.

Web Site:

There was discussion on ways the web site could be improved. Gil also has requested some direction from Steve and the Board on how long to retain content before archiving it. This led to further discussion on general retention and backup issues for Division data.

Steve will discuss changes with Gil with the objectives of having a simpler home page, promoting upcoming Division events, streamlining navigation to content, and facilitating performing incremental updates with current information. He will also get information on what space various content requires to consider in providing guidelines for archiving.

It was felt generally that the Division web site should be a resource for Division members, but also a place that anyone interested in model railroading can go to for activities in our area either with basic information listed or by links to other local groups. Anyone who has information posted on the site should be asked to maintain it by sending updates to our webmaster.

Incorporation:

Steve has information from NC Secretary of State department on incorporating as not-for-profit. He wants to form a committee tasked with:

1. Look into what needs to be done.
2. Get necessary paperwork started.
3. Once incorporated, get not-for-profit and 501(c)3 status so we can accept contributions that will be tax deductible. This requires documentation of educational purpose and activities.
4. Prepare motion for Annual Meeting to authorize Division to proceed with the process. Bylaws may have to be revised. Steve has copy of Carolina Piedmont Division bylaws and their application for incorporation. They have already incorporated. The advantage of these is that they have already been reviewed by an attorney and accepted by the Dept of State.

Bob Halsey will chair the committee. He will assemble a committee of at least three members

and at most five. Jack Haynes offered to assist. The committee will prepare a proposal for the Annual Business Meeting and a draft of new bylaws.

2010 Calendar:

Incorporation process: Proposal to incorporate-January 30; draft of new bylaws submitted to membership for comment-March 1; finalize bylaws and approve motion to submit to membership for approval March 30; Mail out paper ballot on bylaws - April, return by mail by early May (date to be determined), or bring to Division Business Meeting in May.

Steve hopes to have more frequent board meetings so they will be shorter with fewer items for discussion.

Steve presented tentative schedule of events and possible events for the Division in 2010. He is in contact with several sites and groups to finalize arrangements.

MER Convention:

MER asked the Steve for the Division to host the Regional convention in 2011. He felt we might consider 2013, but need seed money. We may be able to get enough from future Ops Weekends and RMU's, but we are not in a position to support it now.

Meeting adjourned at 12:26

Respectfully submitted

Jack Haynes
Division Clerk

Annual Division Business Meeting

1:30 pm January 30, 2010

**Location: Texas Ranch Steakhouse & Saloon
1310 West Sugar Creek Road Charlotte, NC**

Meeting Agenda:

Call to Order	Steve August
Approval of minutes of last year's meeting.	Steve August
Treasurers report.	Dick Bronson
Clerks report.	Jack Haynes
AP Report.	Dave Chance
Web / Brookford Report.	Gil Brauch

Election Nominations:

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Assistant Superintendent	Bob Halsey
Director 2012	Jim Rager
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Superintendent Plans for 2010

OpSession Weekend – October 8 – 10, 2010

Old Business

Jim Teese Award

Annexation of SC Counties

New Business

Incorporation of the Division (March 2010)

Amendment to the by-laws to include the SC Counties

Adjourn

RAILROAD MODELING UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____

EMAIL Address: _____

Additional Attendees From Same Address: _____

I would like to attend these 3 Sessions:

- Things to Consider for Your First Layout
- Additional Tips for Building Your First Layout
- Demonstration & Wiring Considerations for DC & DCC
- Refining & Enhancing Your Ready To Run Models
- Weathering Engines & Rolling Stock
- The ABC's of Scenery Installation
- Painting a Backdrop for Your Layout
- Operations – All Types
- Rail Fanning, Part I
- Scratch Building Sound for Your Engines
- How to Install a Turnout in Existing Ballasted Track
- AP Made Easy & Merit Award Judging (Bring your models for judging)

Assignment to sessions will be made as registrations are received. Since space in each session is limited, register early to get the sessions you want to attend. The session schedule is shown on the program announcement.

Cost per person is \$5.00 payable at the door.

To register, mail a completed copy of this registration form to:

**CSD RMU
c/o Joe Howard
P O Box 668
Cornelius, NC 28031**

**RAILROAD MODELING
UNIVERSITY**

The Carolina Southern Division is pleased to offer the fourth annual RMU to both individuals, new to the hobby of model trains, and experienced modelers, an opportunity to improve their modeling abilities. A wide assortment of classes will be offered.

If you have just purchased your first model train, there are classes designed to help you with the questions everyone has when they first start to enjoy their model train.

For advanced railroad modelers, we have a wide range of topics for you. They range from a class on how to enhance your ready to run models by world famous modeler, Tony Sissons, to how to program special sounds for your layout by Master Modeler, Fred Miller. Jack Parker will again present his highly popular class on weathering rolling stock. Attend classes to learn how to improve the background and scenery on your layout and how to easily add a turnout to your existing track plan.

The specific classes to be offered are listed on the Registration Form at:

www.carolinasouthern.org

or call 704-896-7903

January 30, 2010 from 8:30 AM until Noon
Northside Baptist Church
333 Jeremiah Boulevard
Exit 41 (Sugar Creek Road) I-85
Registration Fee: \$5.00 payable at the door

The Division Brass

Superintendent.....Steve August
Asst. Superintendent.....Joe Howard
Clerk.....Jack Haynes
Paymaster.....Dick Bronson
Director 2009.....Jack Monette
Director 2010.....Roy Becker
Director 2011.....Fred Miller

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

Division Website:

www.carolinasouthern.org

Submissions For Brass Pounder

Next Issue	Submission Date
March 2010	February 19, 2010

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

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