

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CAROLINA SOUTHERN DIVISION 12  
MID-EASTERN REGION, NMRA  
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2010**

(As of 01/31/11)

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## **DIVISION WEB SITE ADDRESSES:**

The Division maintains a web site at <http://www.carolinasouthern.org> . The division's activities, newsletters and AP progress is displayed along with other information helpful to the division membership. There is an email link for visitors to ask questions or seek help on model railroad related topics.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

Membership increased by (25) during 2010 from 94 to 123. This includes the fourteen NMRA members from outside the Division's geographic area who were annexed into the Division in early 2010. There are 10 additional members who receive the newsletter and attend some Division events.

## **FINANCIAL STATUS:**

Division has a current balance of \$1,194.35. Net income from events have been: from the OpSession weekend \$234.34; Model Railroading University \$225.00; Turnout clinic \$165.00; a donation \$77.50. The net change from last year is \$730.03.

## **DIVISION EVENTS:**

The Division continued meeting almost every month in 2010. Meetings included visits to nearby club layouts, home layouts and display layouts. The OpSession normally held by the Division was cancelled this year. Next year this even will be held in conjunction with the NC Rail Run held Labor Day Weekend. The 2011 event is scheduled for September 2 – 5, 2011

## **ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM:**

The AP Program cooled off somewhat this year. Things are being discussed as to regain the momentum of 2009. This past year we awarded:

- 1 – Golden Spike
- 2 – Volunteer

For the year 2011, we have members working towards 11 more Achievement Program Awards, including one member who may become a *Master Model Railroader* as he is working on his 7<sup>th</sup> award.

## **CONVENTION ACTIVITY:**

8 members attended the MER Regional Convention in Princeton, NJ. Two members presented clinics there. 11 members attended the National Convention in Milwaukee, WI. 6 members are planning to attend the NMRA Convention in Sacramento, CA.

## CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Wade's Train Town. They have had 11 open houses this year, with 982 visitors. This includes one weekend in which 200 boy scouts were hosted in association with a local jamboree. About two-thirds of the layout has been restored. Five members have worked over 310 hours on the restoration. The restoration committee is hosted by three members: Carl Wessel, Mike Lethcoe, and Gil Brauch who is the Committee Chairman. They have received about \$1,724.00 in donations most of which has gone back into materials and supplies for the restoration work. They have a cash balance of \$411.00 to meet future needs.

The Help Line on the Division web site responded to four requests, one for information on local model railroad activities, and the other from a local museum that needed help with a model train that was part of an historical display. Division members assisted the museum in resolving multiple issues with the operation of the train.

The Carolina Southern Division is also in the process of building a display layout for a local hobby shop and has been helping to get other things installed on the layout. The shop itself is building all the structures and doing the scenery for the layout. It is an "N" scale layout.

## NEWSLETTER

Each year, the Division plans to publish 4-5 issues of the Brass Pounder, our newsletter. So far, in 2010, 6 issues have been published. Almost all distribution to members and friends is by posting an Adobe .pdf format file on the Division website and sending an email with the link and notice that it is available. The newsletter currently has a distribution of about 160. The Brass Pounder contains reports of previous meetings, the schedule for future division meetings and other events of interest, other pertinent news, and modeling articles.

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

The Carolina Southern Division plans to continue meetings on a bi-monthly basis, approximately 6+ times per year. Meeting host sites will be a mix of home layouts, clubs, and prototype. The fourth annual Railroad Modeling University was conducted on 22 January 2011. There were about 90 attendees at RMU who attended classes at the event.

The Division incorporated in 2010 as a North Carolina Corporation. The name of the corporation is "CAROLINA SOUTHERN DIVISION." The division will be seeking 501c3 status' in 2011. A committee has been formed to work on this.