



Carolina Southern Division Annual Report for 2012

Meetings: CSD meets monthly on the third Saturday starting 10:30 AM at the Hobbytown in Mooresville, NC.

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Achievement Program highlights:

2 Golden Spike awards in 2012: A. Perkins and C. Hardee

Merit award (scenery): A. Perkins

1 Master Model Railroader: Jack Parker

A dozen others working on various certificates

Planned Activities from the past year:

Conducted several railfan visits, continued restoration of the Brookford layout and conducted 12 open house visits there in 2012, including a swap meet. Conducted annual Boy Scout Railroad Merit Badge training & qualification classes (about 15 scouts attended). Continued to publish Division newsletter ("The Brass Pounder") (6 issues in 2012) and the ENews every other month. Continued to update CSD website (www.carolinasouthern.org) (as always a first class

effort due to our very talented webmaster!) and conduct Operation Lifesaver classes for school kids and Boy Scouts. Conducted our annual Railroad Modeling University (an all-day series of instructional classes/seminars, from basic subjects to complex electronics). As a follow-up to this, we occasionally schedule half-day RMU classes in addition to classes/clinics at the monthly meetings. Recommend all Divisions institute an RMU-type program – not only is it very popular with members and non-members, it helps with recruiting and motivates both potential and current members to become more active.

Special projects and/or working with other organizations:

CSD will schedule more railfan visits to rail museums, tourist railroads, and places like the Tweetsie steam engine repair shop. We continue to conduct RailRun weekend in coordination with OpSig group, including 4-hour operating sessions at a half dozen or more member layouts.

Possible additional MER support:

Offer more clinics (especially hands-on) similar to those given at the annual national and regional conventions. Publicize Division activities in the MER Local and possibly the NMRA.org magazine, including Railfan tours. Have MER try to arrange group tours or discounts to all rail-related locations, activities, and museums.

/s/ Bob Halsey