

Carolina Southern Division

RailRun 2014 Meeting Agenda, February 27, 2014

A board meeting was held at Rick Knight's house with Gil Brauch, Larry Paffrath, John Stevens, Jack Haynes, Morgan Feldon, and Rick Knight in attendance to discuss an opportunity for CSD to organize this year's RailRun operations.

Marcus Neubacher invited CSD to handle registration, Paypal payments, and website maintenance for the event. Originally started in 2006 by Mike Penny, RailRun weekend has seen a number of operating layouts open their doors to guests.

Issues raised during the meeting:

- To avoid miscommunication, Rick Knight will confirm that Marcus Neubacher is the main point of contact for RailRun, and that decisions and policies are communicated effectively.
- Is the chosen date (Labor Day weekend) flexible?
 - In 2012, RailRun was rescheduled to October to avoid a conflict with the DNC with a positive effect on attendance numbers.
 - Holding RailRun on Labor Day may be an imposition to layout owners.
 - We reviewed the 2014 Calendar in September-October and found open weekends.
- It is our understanding that OPSIG (Operations Special Interest Group) promotes and publicizes regional events and operation sessions put on by local clubs, but does not organize its own events.
- If RailRun 2014 is operated by the local division (Carolina Southern), it could be branded as: "North Carolina RailRun 2014 sponsored by Carolina Southern Division in conjunction with OPSIG".
- 11 layout operators have volunteered their layout for inclusion in RailRun 2014.
- For insurance liability reasons, each layout owner must be a full annual NMRA member to fall under the umbrella of NMRA's insurance during an event.
- Discussed maximum numbers for the weekend based on how many operators can comfortably operate each layout. Some guests travel from out-of-town and expect a full weekend schedule, while others only visit one or two layouts.
- In the past, RailRun has cost \$20 with a \$5 discount for OPSIG members. Discussed whether this revenue could go towards an award or thank-you dinner for layout operators.
- Recapped RailRun 2012, what worked, and the layouts which were involved.
- Discussed if RailRun could be operated annually instead of on even-numbered years? This would require a full-time manager, as Railroad Modeling University (RMU) does.