# Meeting Notes for 7/14/2025

These are notes, announcements, and other information discussed at the monthly meeting of the Capital Area SQL Server User Group:

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## CASSUG Special Events

These are casual events for networking and discussing any career/data-related topics outside of the usual meeting format. Please RSVP on [Meetup](https://www.meetup.com/capital-area-sql-server-user-group/) for all events.

**Cookout**: Saturday, August 16th at 12:00pm. Location: Ed’s House (contact for address).

The annual tradition continues! Feel free to bring a snack or drink to share. I’ll be grilling a variety of food. If you have any dietary restrictions, please contact me.

**Holiday Party**: Friday, December 12th at 5:30pm at [Nine Pin Cider Works](https://www.ninepincider.com/)

We’ll have a private room available for us. The user group will provide some light snacks/food. Feel free to order any additional drinks or food while here.

## CASSUG Upcoming Meetings

**August**: Monday, August 11th at 5:30pm at the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce

*Pallavi Varandani* presents: Data Constraints 101: The Guardians of Your Database

RSVP here: <https://www.meetup.com/capital-area-sql-server-user-group/events/305461748>

**September**: Monday, September 8th at 5:30pm at the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce

*Sunil Kadimdiwan* presents: Build powerful solutions with Power Platform

RSVP here: <https://www.meetup.com/capital-area-sql-server-user-group/events/304756415>

## Upcoming Free Virtual Events/User Groups

**The 4th Annual Software Architecture Conference**: August 5th-6th

More info here: <https://softwarearchitecture.live/>

**Database Professionals Virtual User Group**: <https://www.meetup.com/dbavug>

Frequent presentations on Wednesdays. Topics coming up include dynamic SQL, Postgres security, and SSMS 21.

**Data and AI Architecture Virtual Group**: https://www.meetup.com/data-architecture-virtual-group

No meetings currently scheduled

Had 2 meetings last month on Model Creation w/ Azure AutoML and building advanced AI models in Azure AI Foundry.

**Cloud Data Driven User Group**: https://www.meetup.com/cloud-data-driven

Frequent presentations on Thursdays. Topics coming up include Vector search in Fabric, Intro to PySpark, and a FAST intro to Fabric.

**Future Data Driven Summit:** September 24th: <https://datadrivencommunity.com/FutureDataDriven2025.html>

Free online conference with many sessions on a wide variety of data-related topics.

**Data TGIF**: <https://www.meetup.com/data-tgif/>

Presentations on the 3rd Friday of the month at 5:00pm CET (11am EDT)

Friday, July 18: Driving Business Value with Azure SQL: Features, Cost Efficiency, and Security

<https://www.meetup.com/data-tgif/events/308572831>

**SQL Friday**: <https://www.meetup.com/sql-friday>

Periodic presentations at 12:00pm CET on Fridays (6:00am EDT)

## Upcoming Free In-Person Events

**SQL Saturday Boston**: September 27th:

More info and register here: <https://sqlsaturday.com/2025-09-27-sqlsaturday1119/>

**Capital District AWS Group**: AWS Summit Field Trip: July 16th

Group info: <https://www.meetup.com/ny-capital-district-aws-user-group>

Event info: <https://www.meetup.com/ny-capital-district-aws-user-group/events/309529716>

**DevOps Days**: <https://devopsdays.org/>

Philadelhphia: September 30th - October 1st: <https://devopsdays.org/events/2025-philadelphia>

## Upcoming Paid In-Person Events

These are excellent opportunities to network, learn, and experience deep-dives into many data-related topics.

PASS Summit on Tour: <https://passdatacommunitysummit.com/about/news/discover-pass-summit-on-tour-2025/>

New York: August 18th – 19th

***Save $100 with code UGNY100***

Dallas: September 15th – 16th

Utrecht: October 1st – 2nd

PASS Data Community Summit: <https://passdatacommunitysummit.com/>

Seattle, WA, November 17th – November 21st

**SAVE $150 with code SQLSATNYC150**

***Scholarships are available:***

<https://passdatacommunitysummit.com/about/pass-summit-scholarship/>

Includes registration AND travel/hotel!

## More Events

Additional events are posted here as they are announced:

<https://sqlsaturday.com/>

<https://dataevents.co/microsoft>