# Meeting Notes for 9/8/2025

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

## Sponsors

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* [Troy Web Consulting](https://www.troyweb.com/) (U2025-U2026)
* [New England SQL Server User Group](https://www.meetup.com/nesqlug) (F2024-F2026)

If you know of other companies or organizations that would benefit from sponsoring us, please let me know!

## Speakers!

Looking for speakers for next year. Lots of great ideas recently, but need to become presentations. Would prefer local/regional to non-local. Interested? Know anyone?

We need Feb 2026, and April 2026+

## 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.

**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.

PLEASE RSVP here: <https://www.meetup.com/capital-area-sql-server-user-group/events/308328354>

## CASSUG Upcoming Meetings

**November**: Monday November 10th at 5:30pm at the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce

*Ken Schwartz* presents: An introduction to Query Store by Someone Who is no Expert on Query Store: RSVP here: <https://www.meetup.com/capital-area-sql-server-user-group/events/307069442>

**January**: Monday November 12th 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/310485464>

## Upcoming Free Virtual Events/User Groups

**Capital District AWS Group**: <https://www.meetup.com/ny-capital-district-aws-user-group>

No meetings currently scheduled

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

Frequent presentations on Wednesdays. Topics coming up include , Azure security, Powershell, DBAChecks, and data loss prevention.

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

No meetings currently scheduled

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

Frequent presentations on Thursdays. Topics coming up include PowerQuery, Fabric Notebooks, Contained Availability Groups, and Monitoring/Governance.

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

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

No meetings currently scheduled

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

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

No meetings currently scheduled

## Upcoming Free In-Person Events

**SQL Saturday Pittsburgh**: October 18th:

More info and register here: <https://sqlsaturday.com/2025-10-18-sqlsaturday1123/>

**SQL Saturday Toronto**: October 25th:

More info and register here: <https://sqlsaturday.com/2025-10-25-sqlsaturday1131/>

**Data Saturday Chicago**: March 14th:

More info and register here: <https://datasaturdaychicago.com/>

**RPI DevFest 2025: October 31-November 1:** Focused primarily on software development, AI, and security: [*https://gdg.community.dev/events/details/google-gdg-hudson-presents-devfest-troy-25/*](https://gdg.community.dev/events/details/google-gdg-hudson-presents-devfest-troy-25/)

**Collab Days**: Community-run events focused on tech. Primarily the Microsoft platform, but does not compete with other platforms and hosts sessions on other tech as well: <https://www.collabdays.org/>

**New England**: Friday, October 17th @ Microsoft, Burlington, MA: [CollabDays New England 2025 | The coolest CollabDays around :)](https://www.collabdays.org/2025-ne/)

Some are virtual!

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

Montreal: October 14-15: <https://devopsdays.org/events/2025-montreal/welcome/>

## Upcoming Paid In-Person Events

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

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

Seattle, WA, November 17th – November 21st

***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>

Microsoft CFS: <https://www.communitydays.org/calls>

## Job Opportunities

From Dave Asher @ Wasabi (spoke at CASSUG in July!):

Senior DevOps Infrastructure Engineer:

<https://job-boards.greenhouse.io/wasabi/jobs/4864902008>

## CASSUG Today

***Taiob Ali*** presents: SQL Server Detective: Investigating Logs and Traces for Optimal Performance