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FROM THE CAB

BY MIKE BRAUNSTEIN, MMR

Some of you are getting a short version of this newsletter. You are the ones receiving this by mail. Those who receive the newsletter are getting the long version. The long version will be posted on the web site for anyone who is interested in reading it.

One of the 'mandates' for a division is to have elections for at least 2 officers. I am using this newsletter to ask if anyone wants to run for any position, the minimum being a Superintendent and a Treasurer/Secretary. We will crawl before we walk. There also has to be a vote on By-laws.

I will put a requirement of volunteering for a division officer as submitting your name before Dec. 1, 2010. Should we get 2 or more nominees an Officer and By-law ballot

will be mailed as part of the December newsletter.

Should less than 2 nominees be received I will solicit the SER Board to do the following: 1. Disband the Headquarters Division as the lack of interest will be approaching the 10 year mark. 2. Assign or allow the Headquarters Division members to become part of Piedmont, Cumberland or Smoky Mountain Divisions based on their locations/ desires. I have left out the Mid South Division as they are experiencing the same problems we are having.

This is YOUR division. I do not know your reasons for joining the NMRA but I hope one is to participate. *see Mike*



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THE JOB BOARD

HQ Division welcomes these new members.

None on the new roster.



Duty Roster

Officers

Superintendent-Mike Braunstein, MMR
Secretary/Treasurer - Open

Newsletter Staff

Editor -- Mike Braunstein, MMR
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AP Staff & SER Approved Judges

Mike Braunstein, MMR -AP Division Chairman

Mike Ferry - AP Judge

Tom Shallcross -AP Apprentice Judge

Volunteers Welcome!!!

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Headquarters Division #13 - SER/NMRA DIVISION EVENTS CALENDAR

Headquarters Division Member Meets/Events In Red

Sept 26, **HQ Rail Fan Day**, Meet 9:30-10:00 AM EDT in the Choo Choo lobby.

Oct. 24, **Rail Trip, TVRR Museum**, Meet at Grand Junction Depot, Chattanooga at 11:30 AM in waiting room. Group rate if over 20, \$14 Adult, \$8.50 (3-12). Shop tour included.

Dec ??, **HQ Division Holiday Party** - Date, Place and Time to be decided.

DIVISION REPORT

I would like to thank all the folks who sent me well wishes by Email, Post Office and telephone on my recent surgery. As of this update (Sept. 7) I am making progress to returning to the curmudgeon I once attained. Thanks to all.

The Division has planned several activities for the months of September, October, November and December of 2010. On September 26th we will gather at the Chattanooga Choo Choo for a Rail Fan Day at 9:30AM Eastern Time. We will car pool to several locations to watch and photograph rail operations in Chattanooga. After a lunch break, there will be maps given out so any participants can visit and stay as long as they wish. All NMRA folks are invited as well as non NMRA members as this and the October event are being considered as recruiting events. October will see us gathering at the Grand Junction Depot in Chattanooga for a train ride to the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum. We will not depart on the same train as we will have an extended tour of the museum and the shops. Arrive at 11:30 AM Eastern Time and look for the sign and the folks going on the trip. Tickets are purchased individually for the train trip but we will get a discount for the group. You must sign up as part of the group to take the extended tour. We are hoping to fill a rail car – 80 folks so we can enjoy our own group.

November is the Piedmont Pilgrimage and while we won't have a formal gathering I will be glad to put any members in touch with each other who wish to car pool to the pilgrimage. Email the super or write if you want to car pool.


In December I would like to see a Holiday gathering on a Saturday or Sunday. There is a possibility of joining the Chattanooga Railroad Club at their party. More as this is developed. Keep an eye on the web site for updates.

Headquarters and Mid South are currently working together to try to revive both Divisions. Both are small in numbers and we need your cooperation in supplying us with

current Email addresses and/or postal addresses. Some of the info that NMRA has is incorrect.

I will do a postal mailing to every Headquarters member in September of the newsletter. This may be the last newsletter you receive by mail if you don't have an Email address or do not notify me you need a mailed copy.

The Division still needs some volunteers, mainly for the Superintendent and one other position. With the possibility of the SER enabling Superintendants to become eligible for the Official's AP Certificate as well as the Volunteer AP Certificate this is a golden opportunity for those interested in the AP program to get a head start. Nominations are now open with a deadline of November 30, 2010 for a vote in December. If there isn't any interest we will no longer be able to exist as a Division since at least 2 officers have to be in each Division. Consider being an officer. I'll continue to assist anyone willing to step up.

I hope everyone has a wonderful, safe and train filled Holiday Season as our next newsletter is in December. 

CLUBS IN OUR DIVISION

Chattanooga Model Railroad Club

Web Site: www.camrc.org

Crossville Model Railroad Club

Web Site:

www.crossvillemodelrrclub.org

Headquarters Division Web Site:

[http://www.grampas-trains.com/
headquarters.htm](http://www.grampas-trains.com/headquarters.htm)

Yahoo Headquarters Division Group

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/
serheadquartersdivision](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/serheadquartersdivision)

Why The Short Newsletter, Thoughts On The SER & Some Etc.

By Mike Braunstein, MMR, Temp. Superintendent

Continuing with my thoughts on the first page I will let you know what has been happening in my life, the SER and Headquarters Division. When I took the temporary job of Super back in February 2010 I was willing to do the job for either a year or another Super was elected, whichever came first. It now looks like the year might be the first thing to happen. The rules say we have to elect 2 officers (minimum) plus have an approved set of by laws. The by laws will be done by December for a vote IF we have at least 2 officers in position by the end of the year. Otherwise we shall cease to exist as a Division early next year.


I have put aside my personal modeling and time to try to rejuvenate the Division. Plus, due to health reasons I have had to resign as Secretary of the Crossville Model RR Club as I knew I would not be able to attend 4 of the 5 last Board meetings. Turns out I've missed the last 2 regular meetings also, the first time I missed meetings since moving to Tennessee. Add to that the time involved in keeping up the Division roster, newsletters, Emails, reports for the Southerner, and the expenses so far, my time has been severely compromised. I am willing to assist anyone who wants to be an officer but I can't do everything myself.

The new SER Board is comprised of some new position officers, some old officers and a few replacements. I am getting good vibes from them that they

will no longer be doing business as usual but will be more Division oriented. I am looking forward to the meeting in Macon which if all goes as planned will be one of the most productive and change oriented meetings in a long time. I urge any Division Super who can be there to attend. Huge changes in the way the SER Board does business need to be instituted.

One of the changes I am interested in seeing happen is the eligibility of a Division Super to obtain the official certificate. Many of the Board want to see this happen, a few will resist any change. National says that any Division Super who has a vote on the region board is eligible. People should not be kept from this opportunity just because they live in a geographic area such as the SER with no provision for this path.

Keep an eye on our web page for a report on the Macon meeting in mid October.

As a last resort I am going to ask the SER Board that the Headquarters Division be disbanded. There is a core group of about 10 folks that are willing to meet, do hobby related trips and events and keep model railroading alive in the area. Without the minimum requirements being met the Division cannot be continued. Should this happen I would like the folks to form an informal group. No by laws, maybe a newsletter-web site to keep everyone up to par on happenings. Maybe in the future a Division can be reformed. 

Santa Fe U 23b's



Can you guess where these pictures are taken? If you guessed anywhere west of the Mississippi river you would be so wrong. Try again. I'll wait. Not the south either. Try Vermont. There are two units on loan to the Vermont Rail System as a trial to see if they want to purchase them.

