

October 2011 Monthly News for the Central Savannah River Division, and the Atlantic Division.

This is my monthly email out to the Augusta GA area NMRA members, and a note to the Atlantic Division (Myrtle Beach, Charleston, Savannah, Brunswick).

After 25 years of service to the Atlantic Division, Nate Stone desires to turn over the reigns of the Division. Until such time as a member within the Division volunteers to be Superintendent, I've agreed to be the acting Superintendent for the Division. Nate will continue to be involved in the Division, and I hope this cooperation between the Divisions will allow for more information and activities for both Divisions.

This will be short notice for the Atlantic Division, and a reminder to the CSR folks. Our annual Division business meeting will be held next Saturday (October 22) in Aiken SC at the Aiken restored railroad station. Details on the meeting time and location are available at <http://ser-nmra.org/division/newsletter/annual-newsletter-august-2011>. The members from the Atlantic Division are welcome to come on over. The train station is a restoration of the Aiken railroad station, and includes a museum quality display layout. If anyone is interested in touring my N Scale layout as part of the trip, that can be arranged (drop me an email or phone me).

I do have the CSR Division website working within the Region website. Go to <http://ser-nmra.org/division/central-savannah-river>. I will file all of the monthly email news there, and points of contact and local links are available. I will also populate a similar page for the Atlantic Division. Amongst my other "hats" I am now the Assistant Webmaster fro the Region, so will be helping Divisions who need/want help with populating the SER website.

The SER Board meeting went well at Gatlinburg. The Gatlinburg convention next Spring looks to be an exciting one, and I will have information on the convention at the business meeting.

We are still looking at a January 28 date for layout tours in the Palmetto Division (Greenville SC area). We will also discuss this trip during the meeting. This will be an "open" trip to include non-NMRA members from the Augusta / Aiken Tuesday night operators group, and Atlantic Division members are certainly welcome to come along. We will form up car pools for the trip.

There has been a lot of discussion of privacy policy in the NMRA. You will note that the "to" address line of this email includes all Superintendents of the Divisions within the SER. However, if you are a member of the CSR or Atlantic Division, you have been "bcc" on this email to keep individual member emails private.

It is rather interesting to have a role in the Atlantic Division now. From 1989 to 1993 my last duty station in the Navy was at Charleston. I operated in a round-robin group there with Jim Behling, who I see is on the Division roster. I'd like to see if we can set up a joint meeting around the March 2012 timeframe. I will be sending out a postal mail to Atlantic Division members who do not have email after our business meeting. If you know an NMRA member not on email (or a person interested in joining the NMRA), please let them know about next week's meeting in Aiken.

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