



The Mainline

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Side Tracks

Steve Hashagen

As 2001 winds down, it's time to reflect on the first year in our new home. We managed to complete **all** major projects both inside and outside. All that remains is some trim work and painting on the interior and on-going yard work on the exterior. We met our membership goal of two (2) new members and operated fiscally as planned and on budget! Lastly, we have begun the process of designing our permanent layout. Quite a list of accomplishments for our first year.

Looking forward to 2002, we will again set our goal of two (2) new members, we will continue to clear and clean up our property, and begin to make use of the internet with our new website @ allpointsnorthmrrc.org.

We will also finally have time to begin clinics, and operating sessions at both our club and others. I will try and work out another trip to the Texas State Railroad at reduced prices! In short 2002 should be a year to begin the enjoy some of the fruits of our labor of the last couple of years.

I want to thank everyone for their hard work, focus and dedication to our goal. The most difficult tasks are behind us and with continued fiscal responsibility 2002 should be our best year ever!

***** **IMPORTANT NOTICE*******

APN Monthly Meeting Change

By a vote of 16 to 5 with three (3) "no response" our monthly meeting date and time has been changed to the third Saturday of the month @ 10:00 am. This change will be in effect immediately.

***** **IMPORTANT NOTICE*******

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The Mainline welcomes your contributions and comments. The deadline for all articles is the 25th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

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ALL POINTS NORTH Model Railroad Club meets the **third** Saturday of every month @ 10:00 a.m. at our club located @ 611 S. Magnolia Drive, Conroe, Texas 77301.

Visitors and prospective members are always welcome!

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Routine Building Maintenance!

Just a reminder starting immediately, instead of checking off an item as you clean it we are asking you initial the item in the week box in which it was done (please see the new form on the bulletin board).

The first person on the monthly list is the team leader responsible for seeing the work gets done.

If a crewmember can't work that month it is their responsibility to trade with someone else, otherwise they are expected to pull their share of the load.

We also agreed that instead of creating a separate outside maintenance schedule we would just increase the crew to 6 & expand the months work to include routine outside maintenance, such as mowing, trimming, and weed control. We will be starting the expanded schedule this month! Each month's crew will need to decide if and when they will schedule the outside maintenance!

About two weeks before a crew's month the team leader should call all team members and discuss the plan for your shift!

In addition to scheduled maintenance the crew is asked to:

- Let the president know of any items that need repair or replacement.
- Supply one bag of 30 gallon or better trash bags whether we need them at that time or not (because we will in time).
- Buy any needed cleaning items such as toilet bowl cleaner, paper towels, etc.
- Supply the month's needs of gas for both the lawn mower and weed whackers.
- Replace the two (2) furnace filters with fresh ones.

The next two months schedules are as follows:

November 2001

David Funk Team Leader

Tommy Graham
Kevin Grandjean
Steve Hashagen
Mike Kremheller
Miguel Marcias

December 2001

Joel Maye Team Leader

Ray McClure
Bob Miller
Joe Osbolt
Charlie Richmond
Mathew Sell

Future months are posted on the club bulletin board for your review.

Lastly a discussion was had about those who are not helping with the monthly maintenance. It was decided that if a crewmember does not help during their month they would be placed on the next month's crew. If they continue not to help for three (3) months (their month plus the following two months) they will be subject to disciplinary action. A committee comprised

of David Funk, Miguel Marcias, and David Tumulty will look into what those "probationary guidelines" should be. They will meet, discuss and make a proposal to the membership at a meeting in the near future. If you would like to be on that committee please contact one of the members ASAP. The reason for the committee is simple. We have had no more than 50% cooperation from the crewmembers and those who are cleaning and cutting the grass feel that everyone needs to help as promised.

October GATS Recap

GATS was held October the 13th & 14th at the Humble Civic Center. As expected both vendor and club participation was down from prior shows. In fact there were no HO scale layouts at the show at all! There were a couple of very small N scale layouts, the live steamers, and one Lionel layout. In fact there was very little in the way of legitimate train stuff! There were a lot of t-shirts, hats, pins, vehicles, and junk but little in the way of items for the HO modeler. That coupled with the fact the layouts were on uneven dirt packed floor and the vendors were in a building with no walls made this GATS one of the shows better forgotten! We will see how things go for 2002!

Calendar of Events

November	2001
11 th	Open House Tour 12:00 – 6:00
17 th	APN monthly meeting @ 10:00 AM
December	2001
15 th	Annual Holiday party @ Steve Hashagen's House

Remember there is no monthly meeting in December

Happy Birthday!

November	2001
7 th	David Spencer
23 rd	Terry Bryant
December	2001
31 st	Joe Osbolt

2002 GATS Schedule has been Released

The 2002 GATS schedule has been released. We have been confirmed for our usual free three-table booth for both shows.

The Houston shows are scheduled as follows:

January 19th & 20th Astroareana

November 19th & 10th Pasadena Convention Center

November Layout Tour

This is just a heads up to module owners that the November layout tour is only a few weeks off and we should strive to have them as ready as possible for the event. Hopefully we will be able to put our best foot forward for our anticipated guests.

We are scheduled to be open on Sunday November 11th from noon until 6:00 pm.

Aaron Coates Offered Membership

Aaron Coates has become APN's newest member! Please take a moment and welcome him to our family.

Election Committee appointed at the October Meeting

In the tradition of APN the following people who were not at the October meeting were appointed to the Election Committee:

Willie Watts

Scott Kurzawski

Jim Dunnuck

As our election committee for this year election they will be checking credentials, preparing the ballots, and supervising the election on January 19, 2002 (to include being sure all voting members are in good standing, counting ballots, and announcing the results).

Please note that if any of the above election committee members run for office a new member will be appointed to replace them.

Setting the Clubs Thermostats

As we move into the fall and winter months there may be a need to move from cooling to heating the club.

All you need to do is move the switch at the bottom of the thermostat from cool to heat and set the temperature.

When you leave be sure the thermostats are set as follows:

If cooling set at 85 degrees

If heating set at 60 degrees.

Holiday Party Scheduled

The annual APN holiday party is schedule for Saturday December 15th at Steve Hashagen's house. The Party will start at 5:00 with dinner @ 6:30. As usual I will be donating the turkey and ham, the club will supply the soft drinks and members will be asked to bring a side dish. I will let you know who will be helping organize the event to help organize the side dishes.

November 2001 Header Photo

Thanks to Union Pacific and Steve Hashagen for the great picture of the Challenger #3985 coming around the Old Town Spring Wye and headed for Bryant College Station on Saturday October 27, 2001. As always I am always looking for additional pictures for upcoming issues.