



The Mainline

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Side Tracks

Steve Hashagen

We are heading into the second third of this historic year, and this is the part of the year we will be preparing our land for our new home! Over the next four months I will be calling on each of you to help with such chores as cutting trees, clearing brush, building fences, and gates. There will be work parties going out to the property almost every weekend beginning in at the end of May, so there will be ample opportunity for each of us to help several times during May, June, July and August! Please come prepared to sign up for your favorite weekends at the May meeting!

We are also in need of equipment such as chain saws, brush hogs and other items to help clear the land.

Year 2000 Assessment Schedule

I want to thank most everyone for being current with both their dues, and the March assessment! As agreed upon at the January 21st meeting, there will be one more assessment of \$200.00 due August 15th

The prompt payment of any late monies and the August assessment will be critical to us having our new home built on schedule. Please make arrangements to be on time with your commitment, without them we **will not** be able to start construction this fall!

Grounds Committee Members Needed!

As of this date the following members have volunteered for the grounds committee:
David Funk
Steve Hashagen
Ray McClure

Needless to say with all the work that needs to be done many more people must give us a hand! Please contact either David or Steve to be a part of this important committee!

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Visitors and prospective members are always welcome!

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San Jacinto Train Show Humble Civic Center

I want to thank those people who helped during the **Greater Houston Train Show** at the Humble Civic Center on April 8th and 9th. We had a great kick-off of our marketing campaign surrounding APN's future home. The building mock-up, built by Willie Watts was a huge hit, and the video added visual interest! We also used the show to introduce our new train photo cd's being produced by Stephen Foster, which did well for the first time out! We also had quite a bit of interest from both former and new prospective members including Tommy Graham who will be seeking membership as soon as possible! Several of our members had the opportunity to meet Tommy at the show in Humble and look forward to introducing him to the membership at the May meeting!

New Membership Requirements

Because we are beginning to accept membership applications I felt it was good idea to reprint our agreed upon "new member requirements". Please make a copy of these requirements so that, if asked, you can speak to someone about APN and our membership policies.

Prospective members will submit their application along with a \$100.00 application fee. They will then enter a (4) month probationary period. While on probation they must pay non-refundable, regular monthly dues, but will not have a key to the building. At the end of the probationary period the prospective member may apply for membership along with an additional fee of \$100.00 or ask for a refund of the application fee of \$100.00 and withdraw their application. Either party may also withdraw the application at any time during the probationary period without notice.

As the above is now our official "new membership" policy feel free to inform any prospective members of these requirements for membership!

Timelines and Deadlines

At the **May 19, 2000** meeting:

- Review of progress against our financial goals
- Review and vote on grounds committee recommendations
- Updated construction timeline to include projected completion date based on updated financial options and projections.
- Setting up of work teams to begin clearing and staking out our building site and grounds!
- The setting up of a "stake holders" meeting for all people contributing additional funds to the construction of our building!
- Setting up of work schedules for the property.

The Jessie James Gang Spotted in Conroe



This rather motley crew was on hand at APN's home for the filming of the club promotional video prior to the **Greater Houston Train Show** in Humble! For the record left to right are Bob Miller, Marty Barkley, Steve Hashagen, and David Funk.

On this Day in our History

Excerpts from past newsletters...

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For the record the officers in 1997 were:

President	Steve Hashagen
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Secretary	Jim Dunnuck
Treasurer	Jerry Williams
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As I'm sure you have already heard, we have been told that after the August GATS we will have to find a new home. Our building has been sold and we have to be out by the end of August! We had a great discussion at the June meeting and agreed to maintain our current dues structure for as least the balance of 1997, as we begin our search for a new home! (Editor's note: NEVER AGAIN)

I also want to welcome Bob Miller, our newest member. He has attended several meetings and Friday night sessions, and still wants to be a member! So if you haven't done so already take a minute to welcome him to our club!

Happy Birthday!

May		2000
19 th	Scott Kurzawski	
June		2000
No birthdays in June		

Calendar of Events

May		2000
19 th	Monthly Meeting @ Larry's Hobbies	
	7:30 p.m.	
20 th	Walk of Property with builder to determine building site	
June		2000
?	Stakeholders meeting @ Champs restaurant I-45 and 1960	
16 th	Monthly Meeting @ Larry's Hobbies	
	7:30 p.m.	