



The Mainline

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Side Tracks

Steve Hashagen

As you can tell from the pictures above we have begun the make the dream happen! The land has been cleared, the septic/well site survey is done and the building permit applied for. If things go as expected we will begin pouring the slab by the end of this month. What does that mean? That means we will be in our new home by Halloween!

Before you get all excited let me recap what needs to happen first:

- All dues must be current and kept up.
- All late assessments must be paid in full by Sept 1st
- The August 18th assessment must be paid on time
- All Stakeholders must have their checks to Jerry Williams by August 18th

If the above are done, barring any construction delays or surprises, we will be in our new home on schedule.

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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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

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Visitors and prospective members are always welcome!

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San Jacinto Train Show Update

For the record our net for the San Jacinto show was just over \$100.00. That coupled with a new member and the sale of a couple of CD's it should be considered a very successful show! Again thanks to those people who helped make it happen.

APN Annual Birthday Party

Due to the president not remembering until a week ago that the annual birthday party was just around the corner, and the fact we have a lot on our schedules at the moment, the board decided to postpone the birthday party until November when we will make it a Grand Opening party!

Timelines and Deadlines

At the **July 21, 2000** meeting:

- Review of progress against our financial goals.
- Review building progress to date and scheduled completion of the slab.
- Continuing discussion around the balance of tree debris removal and a final action plan for its removal.
- Overview of timeline to completion of building.
- Discussion around our participation at future GATS shows.

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
Vice-President	Randy Andress
Secretary	Jim Dunnuck
Treasurer	Jerry Williams
Member-at-Large	Charles
Richmond	

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By Steve Hashagen

As everyone should know the vote was unanimous to renew the lease as written at the February club meeting. I want to thank the board for their time spent preparing this lease, and the membership for supporting the recommendation. Please join me in welcoming our newest member Terry Bryant, who joined us in February and to Lee Milne who has decided to support APN with full membership.

Editor's note: Thank God for Terry Bryant who is still with us, 'cause the building management asked us to leave just 5 months later, and Lee Milne didn't believe in our dream and left the club in 1999. So much for our hard work, but never again...you are now the landlords!

Happy Birthday!

July 2000
No July Birthdays!

August 2000
4th Jim Dunnuck
24th Kevin Grandjean
25th Jerry Williams

Calendar of Events

July 2000
21st Monthly Meeting @ Larry's Hobbies
7:30 p.m.

August 2000
18th Monthly Meeting @ Larry's Hobbies
7:30 p.m.

Food For Thought

By Steve Hashagen

This will be a new column devoted to new ideas and semi-radical thoughts open to anyone who wants to express those ideas. As I have never been considered shy, I will submit the first thoughts considered outside the norm... We have joked about passing the hat and getting \$20.00 from each member and not having to deal with the aggravation or expense of participating in GATS. That would free us up to either just not go at all, or spend \$25.00 to rent a table and promote the club without taking a layout. As we convert the modules to a more permanent layout it may be time to seriously consider that option. Over the next couple of years it will be increasing more difficult to gain support for tearing down our layout, and incurring the inevitable damage, when we have a wonderful new home in which to run trains 24 hours a day. Perhaps the time has come to consider passing the hat and running trains in comfort of our own home.

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