



The Mainline

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Side Tracks

Steve Hashagen

I would like to begin this column with a thank you to **Willie Watts** for his tireless work in getting the club ready for occupancy. Willie has been largely responsible for the completion of the electrical and water service to the building, as well as a major player in the framing to date. Without his efforts we would not be anywhere near as far along as we are today.

I also want to thank Scott Kurzawski for his help with the electrical and well wiring, along with Charlie Richmond, Bob Miller, Jim Dunnuck, Mike Kremheller, Terry Bryant, David Funk, Ray McClure, and Stephen Foster for all their help this past weekend with getting the well ready and framing.

We have made great strides in the last two weeks. Thanks to your response to my challenge we now should have enough money to get most of the inside complete (maybe even all), and I hope we can continue our current rate of progress.

As it stands now we are about 40% finished with framing in just one day! However there is still much to do before we set up our railroad.

We still have to install the bathroom fixtures and air conditioning, plus finish the framing. Then we have to, run the electrical wiring in the building, install outlets and lights, as well as, dry wall, tape and float the interior before we can set up our railroad. The reason for the wait is drywall dust created by floating the walls is highly abrasive to the track, engines and rolling stock. Plus the air conditioning people need a clear working space to install our heating and air conditioning. Hopefully with everyone's help we can get these projects completed and set up a railroad by the end of November.

STAKEHOLDERS STILL WELCOME

The question has been asked, "If I still want to be a stakeholder, can I?" The answer is YES! We still need funds to complete our interior, parking lot and driveway so all new stakes are welcome. We see the stakeholder program, as an on-going opportunity to help the club achieve it's long and short term goals.

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Please talk to Steve Hashagen if you have any questions about the "Stakeholders Program" or wish to make a contribution.

APN Passes on November 2000

Layout Tour

Per our discussion at the September meeting, we have decided to pass on being a part of this years November layout tour. It was felt we would not be ready to present our home to the public until we are further along with the interior and parking lot.

We did, however, inform them we look forward to participating in next years tour schedule.

September GATS Update & 2001 Plan!

We had a very successful booth @ GATS this year. Many members of other clubs came by to see what we were up to as well as 8 inquiries about membership opportunities.

Based on our success, I have submitted our request for the same set-up at both 2001 GATS shows. I will keep you posted on any developments as I get them.

If we find that we are ready to go with the train CD's we can either request another "vendor" table at the going rate or turn our 3-table booth into a paid vendor table.

Timelines and Deadlines

At the **October 20, 2000** meeting:

- Tour of our new homes progress to date.
- Review of progress against our financial goals.
- Review building progress to date.
- Latest update of timeline to completion interior build-out, air-conditioning, and driveway.
- Discussion around location of APN Christmas party.
- Discussion of when and what kind of building dedication party to have.

Calendar of Events

October

2000

All month
20th Work on interior build-out
Monthly meeting at our new home,
17 S. Magnolia Drive,
Conroe, Tx

November

2000

All month
17th Work on interior build-out
Monthly meeting @ club 7:30 pm with work session to follow

December

2000

?? Set-up modular layout in train room

Happy Birthday!

October

2000

18th Joel Maye

November

2000

7th David Spencer
23rd Terry Bryant

Header Pictures

The pictures at the top of this month's newsletter were provided by Bob Miller and depict our progress as of about two weeks ago, prior to the buildings completion.

President's Challenge Update

I want to thank those people who stepped to the plate on my build out fund challenge! We raised **\$1,600.00** between your contributions and my match and should now be in a position to either complete or come very close to completing all the interior work (except the kitchen fixtures)! Thanks for your support!!!!

Building Priorities Update and General Time Line

In an effort to keep everyone updated as to what remains to be done before we set up modules, listed below is a **general**, (as of today), outline of what still needs to be done, and their approximate order:

- Finish framing the administrative area including the a/c platform
- Secure the building with jimmy proof deadbolts and re-key all locks
- Install mail box.
- Install the heating and air conditioning

- Install the bathroom shower & fixtures
- Install water heater and sloop sink
- Install plumbing to bathroom and deadhead to the kitchen area
- Build out work bench area
- Wire the building for lights and electricity
- Install the lighting and wall switches and outlets through out the building
- Drywall, tape and float all framed areas
- Paint drywall, doors and molding.
- Install ceiling fans in at least the layout area

I'm **sure** I have forgotten some things, and I'm **sure** the priorities will change as we go along, but you can see we have a lot of work to do over the next few weeks to get ready for our modules.

Additional Items to be Completed After Module Set Up

To give you some insight as to "where we go from here" the following is a list (in no particular order) of interior and exterior items that will be completed as funds allow:

Interior

- Finishing of the kitchen area.
- Ceiling fans in the kitchen, meeting room and office.
- Floor covering in the kitchen.
- Member storage lockers
- Drop ceiling in the hall, bathroom, kitchen, and office areas.
- Installation of the paint booth.

Exterior

- Finish our parking lot and driveway.
- Begin doing some simple landscaping and tidying up of the property (no real \$ investment but some sweat equity).
- Install front gate.
- Fence around air conditioning units
- Build a well house.

As usual I'm sure this "**wish list**" will be revised many times, but at least this outlines some of the things we will be looking at doing as time and money allows.

(As you can see this is where those future stakeholders will come in handy!)

Attention APN Members

In case you somehow missed all the e-mails and references in this newsletter, we are holding the October 20th meeting at our new home... because of the construction on I-45 you need to allow enough time to get there. There are several ways to get to our home without taking I-45 until the construction is completed to Conroe. If you are unsure what alternates are available, check with one of your peers or a club officer. Be warned I-45 on a Friday night is not the route you want to take for now! I truly look forward to seeing all of you on the 20th.