



The Mainline

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Side Tracks

Steve Hashagen

I'm happy to say we have come to the end of the most successful and exciting year in APN history! We are running over two years ahead of our building plans and have completed the clubhouse construction, installed the well, septic, and heating/air conditioning. Additionally we are well on the way to completing the interior build-out and the installation of our driveway and parking lot!

I want to thank everyone for their support at the Saturday work sessions. We have been able to make remarkable progress because of the weekly turnouts. Keep up the great work!

As a united group we have achieved what many felt was impossible. Make no mistake about it, there is still much to do, and many challenges before us. I know however, that the group who "did what could not be done" will rise to the occasion!

2001 marks the 20th anniversary of APN and what better way to celebrate than with our own home! This is the time to be proud that you are part of All Points North Model Railroad Club, I know I am! Thank you for all you have done and let's move forward into the new year and century looking to do even bigger things!

Urgent Year-end Dues Reminder!

Thanks to those people who are current with dues for 2000. As we stand today we are short only \$295.00 going into the New Year.

The following people are at least two months behind and need to make arrangements with Jerry Williams @ 281-292-5102 to get their dues up to date ASAP:

Kevin Grandjean, Joel Maye, Joe Osbolt, and Will Smith.

The following are only behind for December but we would like to close the books on 2000:

Terry Bryant, Stephen Foster, David Funk, and Charles Richmond.

Starting in January be prepared to pay dues at or before the monthly meeting. Without everyone's dues we are not going to be able to continue the

interior build-out. Starting in January the lion's share of the monthly dues must be set aside for loan repayments, taxes and operating expenses.

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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** Friday of every month @ 7:30 p.m. at our club located @ 611 S. Magnolia Drive, Conroe, Texas 77301. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome!

2001 Officers

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Only after those dollars are set aside, will we have money to continue building out the club. How does that really convert to available dollars? If as little as 5 people are late we will not be able to free up money for construction. **IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO ATTEND THE MEETING SEND YOUR CHECK.**

APN Holiday Party

The APN holiday party was held at Steve Hashagen's December 9th and a good time was had by all. We want to thank Sandy and Jim Dunnuck for their organizational help, Betty Hashagen for donating the ham and turkey and the time to prepare it for our club. Everyone else brought lots of other goodies, so there was no shortage of food! As the header pictures indicate, some members sat around and caught up with the latest gossip, while others retired to the game room to test their "skill" in a game or two of pool.

Timelines and Deadlines

Throughout the month of January we will be concentrating on the two largest remaining projects that must be completed before we run trains, finishing the drywall and painting! As it stands now we are all but finished with the hanging and now we need to focus on the taping and finishing, as well as painting. Be aware we have work sessions every Saturday beginning @ 9:30 am. Please plan on lending a hand when ever possible. The sooner we get done, the sooner we run trains!

DRIVEWAY STAKEHOLDERS FUND

We have started a new stakeholders fund for the completion of the driveway and parking lot. It appears it will take somewhere around \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00 to complete this project. As of now we are off to a good start with \$1,000.00 already in the fund. If you were contemplating a "stake" this would be a great opportunity to help complete a very worthwhile project!

Calendar of Events	
January	2001
All Month	Work on interior build-out
19 th	Monthly meeting 7:30 pm @ our club 611 S. Magnolia Drive, Conroe

February	2001
All Month	Work on interior build-out
16 th	Monthly meeting 7:30 pm @ our club 611 S. Magnolia Drive, Conroe

<u>Happy Birthday!</u>	
January	
2001	
4 th	Ray McClure
5 th	David Funk
11 th	Marty Barkley
20 th	Bob Miller
25 th	Stephen Foster
February	
2001	
1 st	Charles Richmond
7 th	Willie Watts

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:

- Install the heating and air conditioning (in progress)
- Install the bathroom shower, fixtures and Tile floor
- Install water heater and sloop sink
- Tape and float all framed areas
- Paint drywall, doors and molding.
- Secure the building with jimmy proof deadbolts and re-key all locks
- Install mailbox.

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 several weeks to get ready for our modules. I would hope that if the money holds out and we continue our steady progress, we should be ready for trains in the next 8 or 9 weeks.

2001 San Jac Show in Humble

The 2001 San Jac Show, now known as the Greater Houston Train Show, will be held at the Humble Civic center April 28th and 29th. As we discussed at the October meeting we will, in addition to being a part of this show, host our public Grand Opening and Open House during their “layout tours”.

The only issue to be resolved is whether we will try and put up a small layout or just see if we can get table space as we did at GATS.

Please note, we will decide this issue next meeting! If you have an opinion please let us know!

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 meeting room
- Floor covering in the kitchen.
- Member storage lockers
- Installation of the paint booth.
- Building of work bench area

Exterior

- Finish our parking lot & 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!)

January 2001 Header Photos

This issues header photos were taken at the December 9th APN Holiday party at Steve Hashagen’s house! Is that a famous pool player from Minnesota? No, I guess that’s Charlie Richmond.

APN’s Official Address

We now have an official address of the club. At first we thought it as 17 South Magnolia, but our address is actually:

611 S. Magnolia Drive
Conroe, Texas 77301