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Side Tracks

Steve Hashagen

Fall has finally arrived and the weather has been spectacular! With the great weather we were able to get the new driveway and parking lot in without any problems! We also got an additional load of dirt fill to cover the septic tanks and fill other holes around the property. The final cost was \$335.00 more than estimated due to the load of dirt and the need for one more load of crushed concrete to level the parking lot. From now on (if we are careful driving on the surface for a while until it settles), we should only need to add a load or two for the next couple of years until the soft spots stabilize. We also still need the balance of the driveway money from those who still owe their contribution.

I am also happy to report that the cause of the septic smell inside the building has been identified and eliminated! The problem was due to stagnant water in the wells holding tank. Our water usage was so small that the water in the tank had become stagnant. All we need to do is drain and refill the tank from time to time to keep it fresh.

Grand Opening & Charter Member Pictures

Final reminder!!! Those who still need to see David Tumulty about their picture please do so ASAP as we will be starting the picture wall very soon, and "no picture means, no place in the set-up".

To my knowledge the following people need to pick a date and time and get with David Tumulty for a make-up group picture for the grand opening plaque!

Randy Thomas

Ray McClure

David Spencer

Miguel Macias

Also, anyone who has not gotten an individual picture taken by David please let him know so he can get one.

***** 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 starting with the October meeting.

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

The Mainline

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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.

Articles must be submitted in writing or via E-mail to:

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ALL POINTS NORTH Model Railroad Club meets the **third** Saturday of every month @ 1000 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.

If there is any questions about the above please let me know, otherwise we all are expected to do our share, or in the case of physical limitations, what we can do. It should go without saying if you cannot do some chores because of physical limitations you are **not** expected to do so.

Based on the expanded crews and a membership of 24 we should all be on a crew about every four months, barring any switches you make with someone else.

The next two months schedules are as follows:

October 2001

Miguel Macias Team Leader

Marty Barley
Terry Bryant
Jim Dunnuck
Stephen Foster
Aaron Coates

November 2001

David Funk Team Leader

Tommy Graham
Kevin Grandjean
Steve Hashagen
Mike Kremheller
Miguel Marcias

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

By-Laws Updated at the Sept Meeting!

The by-laws have been updated and approved. Each of you has been sent a copy via e-mail. If for some reason you do not have them by now, let me know and I will get another set to you.

Thanks for everyone's help in getting them updated.

October GATS Reminder

To refresh your memories the show will be held October the 13th & 14th at the Humble Civic Center. The hours open to the public should remain the same 11:00-5:00 both Saturday and Sunday. As a result of the small amount of time it takes to set up our display you should plan on being there no earlier that about 10:00 or 10:30. I will get there about 10:00 to get our table and bring our stuff.

Calendar of Events

October	2001
13 th -14 th	GATS Show Humble Civic Center
20th	APN monthly meeting @ 10:00 AM
November	2001
10 th	Open House Tour 12:00 – 6:00
17th	APN monthly meeting @ 10:00 AM

Happy Birthday!

October	2001
18 th	Joel Maye
November	2001
7 th	David Spencer
23 rd	Terry Bryant

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 Saturday November 10th from noon until 6:00 pm.

Aaron Coates Nomination for Membership

Just a reminder that all comments regarding Aaron Coates request for membership are due ASAP. As stipulated in the by-laws, now is the time to forward any objection to, or praise of Aaron, to the board for consideration.

We will be making the decision prior to the October monthly meeting Saturday the 20th.

Election Committee to be appointed at the October Meeting

Anyone wanting to serve on the election committee for the upcoming election of our clubs officers at the January 2002 meeting please let me know. If we do not get enough volunteers I will be appointing members at the meeting. The duties are easy (explained in the September issue of The Mainline), basically preparing a printed ballot (I have the template) and counting the ballots on election night. I went over the duties at the September meeting and will do so again before picking the members at the October meeting. This is an excellent opportunity to serve your club as a committee member.

As a heads up! Not being at the meeting does not guarantee you will not be picked...in fact it is sometimes the best way to get on the election committee! Many times your fellow members who are at the meeting, nominate those who are not at the meeting, to serve on the committee.

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.

October 2001 Header Photo

Wondering why I used a picture of the slab? Just a visual reminder of how far we have come in just a little over a year! That header picture was taken last August! We should all be proud of what we have accomplished in 14 months.

I am also in need of some new photos for upcoming issues!