

The Mainline



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Side Tracks

Steve Hashagen

As every year in recent history we finished the year with our annual holiday party. We had a great turnout and everyone had a good time! It was also the time for me to acknowledge those members who made 2002 a great year at APN. The awards were as follows:

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to:

Duane Darling
David Spencer
Willie Watts

The President's Award was presented to Scott Kurzawski for his outstanding work on behalf of APN in 2002. Congratulations Scott! It was well deserved!

The layout committee was also acknowledged for their work on designing our future permanent layout. Those members were:
Scott Kurzawski, Jerry Williams, David Tumulty, Bob Miller, David Spencer, Stephen Foster, Marty Barkley, Duane Darling, Willie Watts, Terry Bryant.

Lastly, it should be noted that we have a lot to look forward to in 2003. We will begin construction on our permanent layout, pay our final installment on the Barkley loan and begin to repay our stakeholders. Membership continues to be a focus with our goal of two new quality members a year. I look forward to getting started; it should be our best year yet!

2003 Election Committee Members

Your fellow club members have elected the following to the 2003 election committee:

Terry Bryant
Dave Tumulty
Duane Darling

Their duties are to be present at the January 2003 meeting and to distribute, collect and count the ballots.

PLEASE NOTE:

Stephen Foster has been replaced with Duane Darling because Stephen Foster is a candidate for the Member-at-Large position.

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Visitors and prospective members are always welcome!

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All club modules will be labeled with a selling price that will include the modules, legs and everything on it except the structures (structures will be saved for the permanent layout). Any club owned modules left over will be offered for sale to other clubs or anyone outside the club. If we have no takers they will be dismantled and disposed of. All club owned modules must be out of the building by the March 15th business meeting. Hopefully this allows time for club members to pick the ones they want by January and then get us another couple of months to get the words out to others.

- No part of APN's Revenue may be used for the benefit of members as opposed to the general public.

Modules To Be Used For Small Layout

We will be using the following modules for the small meeting room layout.

- The two transition modules
- Mike Kremheller's module
- Will Smith's module
- The Corner module between Mike Kremheller's and Will Smith's modules
- Steve Hashagen's corner module

Research on 501-3C

Bob Miller & Jerry Williams presented the following at the July 1999 business meeting. The issue was discussed at length and voted upon by the membership.

The unanimous decision was that the disadvantages far outweighed the advantages, and it was agreed to not pursue becoming a 501- C - 3.

As always if the laws have changed or if there is a compelling reason to revisit the issue we will do so.

Tax-Exempt 501(c)(3) Organization

Advantages for APN:

- If granted, contributions to APN would be tax deductible to members.
- If granted, we would have a sales tax exemption (but **not** property taxes).

Disadvantages for APN:

- \$150 fee for application, with **very** little assurance of approval.
- Must revise articles of incorporation to limit our activities to one of the 8 categories allowed.
Note: Of the 8 categories of activities allowed, only "educational" would possibly apply, and it would require a real s-t-r-e-t-c-h to make a case that APN is a benefit to the general public.
- In event of dissolution of APN, **all assets must** be given to a like charity or given to the US government.

Ken Stanley Passes Away

Ken Stanley, one of our newest members and a Master Model railroader passed away in his home December 30th of a massive heart attack. A memorial service was held at The Woodlands Presbyterian Church on Saturday January 11th @ 3:00. There were several members of the club in attendance including Stephen Foster, Jerry Williams and Vickie, Dave Tumulty and myself.

January 2003 Header Photo

This month's header picture is of Scott Kurzawski receiving the annual President's Award from club president Steve Hashagen @ the holiday party December 14, 2002.