

# The Mainline



## ALL POINTS NORTH MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

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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.**

### **The Mainline**

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**The Mainline** welcomes your contributions and comments. The deadline for all articles is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month's newsletter.

Articles must be submitted in writing or via

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**ALL POINTS NORTH Model Railroad Club** meets the **third** Saturday of every month @ 10:00 a.m. at our club located @ 611 S. Magnolia Drive, Conroe, Texas 77301.

Visitors and prospective members are always welcome!

Visit our website on the worldwide web @ [www.allpointsnorthmrrc.org](http://www.allpointsnorthmrrc.org)

### **2002 Officers**

President	Steve Hashagen 936-321-1200
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## APN "Board of Directors" Elections

Elections are coming up at the January 18<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

The slate of candidates is as follows:

President	Steve Hashagen
Vice-President	Willie Watts
Treasurer	Jerry Williams
Secretary	Bob Miller
	Marty Barkley

Member @ Large                      Stephen Foster

If for some reason you are unable to attend the meeting please take a moment and cast your vote via e-mail. You may do this by sending your vote to one of the members of the election committee:

Duane Darling    [ddarling1@houston.rr.com](mailto:ddarling1@houston.rr.com)

Dave Tumulty    [dtumulty@houston.rr.com](mailto:dtumulty@houston.rr.com)

Terry Bryant    [terry-b362@yahoo.com](mailto:terry-b362@yahoo.com)

Be sure to vote for all positions and cast your vote prior to January 18<sup>th</sup>. You can also vote via e-mail even if you are not sure whether you will be at the meeting or not. You will have the option to revote or keep your e-mail vote if you attend after casting an e-mail vote. In short there's no reason to not vote, so take a moment and exercise your voting rights.

### **Calendar of Events**

<b>January</b>	<b>2003</b>
18 <sup>th</sup>	APN Business meeting 10:00 am @ club
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	GATS Astro Arena
<b>February 2003</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup>	APN business meeting 10:00 am @ club

### **Happy Birthday!**

<b>January</b>	<b>2003</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ray McClure
5 <sup>th</sup>	David Funk
11 <sup>th</sup>	Marty Barkley
20 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Miller
25 <sup>th</sup>	Stephen Foster
<b>February</b>	<b>2003</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Charles Richmond
7 <sup>th</sup>	Willie Watts

## Maintenance 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2003

### **January 2003**

**David Spencer Team Leader**

Ken Stanley  
Randy Thomas  
David Tumulty  
Willie Watts  
Jerry Williams

### **February 2003**

**Marty Barkley Team Leader**

Terry Bryant  
John Christiansen  
Aaron Coates  
Duane Darling  
Steve Dennis

### **March 2003**

**Joseph Ewing Team Leader**

Jim Dunnuck  
David Funk  
Kevin Grandjean  
Steve Hashagen  
Mike Kremheller

**Please remember that if you have a conflict that prevents you from helping with maintenance during your month find someone to switch with you and mark the changes on the roster posted on the club bulletin board.**

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### **GATS 1<sup>st</sup> Half 2003 Schedule**

Gats has confirmed our space for the January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> show @ the Astro Arena. As last year we will have a 3-table booth to promote our club. If anyone is interested in buying a table or two @ \$59.00 each contact me ASAP so they can be reserved with a credit card.

### **Permanent Layout assessment & Construction Timeline**

Following is the timeline discussed and agreed upon:

- \$250.00 assessments will be due January 18, 2003. For those who would like more time we will extend that date to the July 2003 business meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup> (that gives you eight months to pay). Asking for money from some as early as January allows us to begin construction in February.
- Layout room to be cleared out by February 1, 2003. All modules not being used in the small meeting room layout and all personal items must be removed by this date!
- Concurrently, a small layout to be set up in the meeting room throughout construction to run and program trains. This layout will be set up immediately following the January 18<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

As far as the modules go, their owners can dispose of all privately owned modules as they see fit. They can be sold, taken home, donated to the club, whatever!

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 11<sup>th</sup> @ 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.