

The Mainline



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Side Tracks

Steve Hashagen

Another milestone has been reached, the teardown and disposal of our modules. Many of them have been with us for many many years, and I'm happy to say for the most part, they will not be missed. We still have a fair amount of odds and ends to dispose of but we should be ready to begin construction at once. If you do have personal items left in the train room please make every effort to get them removed this weekend February 1st & 2nd.

There are a few club and privately owned modules still for sale so if you want any now is the time to inquire about them. I am aware of the following for sale (there may be others as well):

- 6' Straight with the lake and UP bridge (See Steve Hashagen)
- corner module that has lake (See Steve Hashagen)
- Both (2) transition modules (See Steve Hashagen or Board Member)
- The passenger station modules (See Steve Hashagen or Board Member)
- 6" Straight (See Joe Osbolt)

If you have other modules for sale please post a notice on the bulletin board or in the train room.

As you probably know we have set up a small layout in the meeting room for you to run trains on during construction. As in the train room please be sure the layout is turned off prior to leaving the building.

The next few months will be an exciting time as we build our new layout. Please take time to read the layout updates and be prepared to lend a hand in its construction. The more help we get the sooner we will be up and running.

I look forward to seeing you at the club.

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2003 Election Results

The annual elections for the board of directors were held at the January 18th business meeting. The results were as follows:

President	Steve Hashagen
Vice-President	Willie Watts
Treasurer	Jerry Williams
Secretary	Bob Miller
Member @ Large	Stephen Foster

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I also want to thank the 2002 board members for their work on the clubs behalf throughout last year. It was a pleasure working with each of you.

Calendar of Events

January	2003
18 th	APN Business meeting 10:00 am @ club
25 th & 26 th	GATS Astro Arena
February 2003	
Every Saturday	Work on the new layout
15 th	APN business meeting 10:00 am @ club

Happy Birthday!

February	2003
1 st	Charles Richmond
7 th	Willie Watts
March	2003
3 rd	Mike Kremheller

Three-Month Maintenance Schedule

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

April 2003

Scott Kurzawski Team Leader

Miguel Marcias
Ray McClure
Robert Miller
Joe Osbolt
Charles Richmond

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.

January GATS Recap

The semi-annual GATS show was held in the Astro Arena January 25th & 26th. As last year, we had a 3-table booth to promote our club. Attendance and vendor sales were good both days in spite of the rainy, damp and cold weather plus the Super Bowl!

We had lots people stop at the booth and gave out over 50 flyers during the two days. Hopefully some will take the opportunity to visit the club in the coming weeks.

The next GATS is scheduled for September 13th and 14th @ the Astro Arena.

Permanent Layout Assessment & Updated Construction Timeline

Following is the timeline discussed and agreed upon:

- \$250.00 assessments were due January 18, 2003. For those who need more time we will extend that date to the July 2003 business meeting on July 19th (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 essentially cleared out by February 1, 2003. All personal items must be removed by this date!
- A small layout has been set up in the meeting room. It will remain there throughout construction to run and program trains
- All club modules have been labeled and are available for purchase. The price (to be determined) will include the modules, legs, skirting, 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 by March 15th.
- 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.

John Christiansen is our Club Librarian

John Christiansen has volunteered to take up the duties of Club Librarian. If you have any video or print donations please talk to John about what you have and when you can bring it in.

We are also looking for railroad memorabilia that we can display throughout the club.

APN Makes its First Repayment to a Stakeholder

APN has taken its first step in repaying our “Stakeholders” with the first \$500.00 pay back. The winner of the first random drawing was Scott Kurzawski. We will revisit our financial position in July and see if we can repay another \$500.00 stake before the end of the year.

February 2003 Header Photo

This month's header picture was taken January 18th as we began tearing down our old modular layout to make way for construction of our new permanent railroad.