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Side Tracks

Steve Hashagen

I am happy to report that after 4 months of battle with my old computer I have given up and bought a new one! This means, among other things, I will start publishing a monthly newsletter again.

Needless to say a lot has been happening since our last newsletter. The permanent railroad is coming along about 6-7 months ahead of schedule, a few industries have been approved and the narrow gauge track is being laid!

There is still a lot of opportunity for your favorite industry to find a place on the railroad, so be sure a talk to Jerry Williams about your ideas.

As I mentioned at the last business meeting we need to get back in the swing of doing our inside maintenance during our assigned month. Most areas are clear enough to at least sweep and except the meeting and layout rooms (which should be at least swept weekly), all regular sweeping moping etc should be done as scheduled.

Please check the maintenance schedules to see when you have been assigned.

July "NO"-Meeting Reminder!

Remember due to the birthday party there will be no monthly meeting for July 2003!!

APN's 22nd Annual Birthday Party

The All Points North MRRC annual birthday party will be held at Steve Hashagen's house Saturday July 19th from 2:30 pm until whenever. Marty Barkley has volunteered to compile the head count and coordinate the side dishes. Please be sure and give him a call @713-937-3967 as soon as possible. As most of you know we have both a ping pong table and a swimming pool, so be sure and bring your paddles and swimming suits!

The party will begin around 2:30 and we will be serving dinner sometime around 4:30 or 5:00 depending on late known guest arrivals.

I hope everyone will be able to join us for what is always a great time away from "the club".

If you have any questions please give me a call. I look forward to seeing you on the 19th!

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Visitors and prospective members are always welcome!

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Fall 2003 GATS Reminder

This years fall GATS show is scheduled for September 13th & 14th @ the Astrodome/Astroarena. The hours of the show are 11:00 to 5:00 both Saturday and Sunday.

We will be looking for people to help APN host its usual booth to promote our club. Please let me when you will be able to help man the booth.

Revised Electric Bill Average Billing

We have received our new electric bill "average billing". Due to the increased activity our bill has gone up from \$92.00 to \$140.00 a month. Needless to say with that kind of increase we need to be sure we are turning off all the lights and setting the thermostats to the 80 degree temp when we leave the building. We should also shut things down if we are all going to lunch, etc. We owe it to each other to help manage our fixed expenses as well as possible!

Calendar of Events

July	2003
19 th	APN birthday party @ Steve's house 2:30 pm 'till ?
August	2003
16th	10:00 am APN Monthly Meeting @ the club

November Open House Scheduled!

We have signed up for the November Layout Tour and will be open Saturday & Sunday November 8th & 9th from 12:00 noon until 6:00! More details to follow as the time approaches.

Happy Birthday!

July	2003
None	
August	2003
4 th	Jim Dunnuck
24 th	Kevin Grandjean
25 th	Jerry Williams

Maintenance Schedule 3rd Quarter 2003

July 2003

Jim Dunnuck Team Leader

Kevin Grandjean
Steve Dennis
Joe Ewing
David Funk
Steve Hashagen

August 2003

Mike Kremheller Team Leader

Scott Kurzawski
Miguel Macias
Ray McClure
Robert Miller
Charles Richmond

September 2003

David Spencer Team Leader

Matthew Sell
Will Smith
Randy Thomas
David Tumulty
Willie Watts

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.

New Member Drive

As you may be aware we have lost four members over the last several months. One passed away, one moved away and two dropped out for personal reasons. While this is not a crisis we should be aware that loss of membership impacts our financial status. For instance the loss of those four members crated a shortfall of \$1,000.00 in the layout fund and another \$960.00 in general club funds for a total of \$1,960.00.

Needless to say we need to try and guard against that kind of financial loss. With that in mind we need to always be thinking of ways to help find prospective new members. One way would be to donate some time at the upcoming shows to help man the booth and talk to the people who stop by our booth to visit. Another would be to be sure the hobby shops have our flyers available to anyone looking for a club in the area. Other places are work, church, etc. remember our goal is two new members a year and with the loss of four we have some ground to make up. Everyone should set a goal of getting one new member during the next year.

There should be no reason we can't achieve that goal. We are the only club that even begins to offer what we offer at \$20.00 a month!

Just remember warm bodies are NOT what we are looking for. We need responsible members who will add value to our membership and take care of our corporate assets. Ask yourself if this is someone you want to give a key to your home to!