



The Mainline

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Side Tracks

Steve Hashagen

Again I want to start by thanking those people who have given all or part of their weekends to help us work on the building! Because of them we had another **GREAT** week at the club! We have almost completed framing and started the electrical wiring this weekend. In addition, work on the A/C has begun and should be complete by the end of November! Once the electrical and plumbing are completed we will begin dry walling. **Remember we will have work sessions every Saturday starting at 9:00 am until further notice so plan on giving us a hand when you can!**

We have also started the "soda fund" again. We are asking everyone to donate one 12 pack of their favorite soda to seed the fund. Sodas will be available at a cost of only 25 cents. All you have to do is put your quarter in the cup inside the refrigerator door. When we run low we will send someone out to get more soda using the money in the fund, or you can purchase soda, and take the cost from the soda fund. This is an honor system if everyone puts in their money when they take a soda and only buy replacements when they are sale priced we should be able to keep the fund going indefinitely.

DRIVEWAY STAKEHOLDERS FUND

We have started a new stakeholders fund for the completion of the driveway and parking lot. It appears it will take somewhere around \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 to complete this project. As of now we are off to a good start with \$1,000.00 already in the fund. If you were contemplating a "stake" this would be a great opportunity to help complete a very worthwhile project!

November 2000 Layout Tour Schedules

The schedule of this year's layout tour is published and available at Larry's Hobbies. We also have a limited supply at our clubhouse for your convenience.

This might be a good year for members to visit other layouts and get ideas for our future layout!

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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.

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ALL POINTS NORTH Model Railroad Club meets the third Friday of every month @ 7:30 p.m. at our club located @ 17 S. Magnolia Drive, Conroe, Texas 77301. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome!

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9 th	Holiday party @ Steve Hashagen's House
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<u>Happy Birthday!</u>	
November	2000
7 th	David Spencer
23 rd	Terry Bryant
December	2000
31 st	Joe Osbolt

APN Holiday Party

We will hold our annual Holiday party at Steve Hashagen's house, Saturday December 9th starting @ 5:00 PM. Sandy Dunnuck will be coordinating the side dishes and the club will supply the Ham, Turkey and soft drinks! I hope everyone will be able to attend this year's party as we have a lot to celebrate!

Please RSVP to either Sandy Dunnuck @ 281-292-4741 or Steve Hashagen @ 936-321-1200 and let us know what you planning to bring to the party, so we don't end up with 23 kinds of dip and no salad!

2001 GATS

We have been confirmed for both 2001 Houston GATS shows. The shows are scheduled for January 27th & 28 at the Astro Arena, and October 6th & 7th at the same location! As this past September we will be provided with a three-table booth with power strip at no charge provided we do not use this space to sell or raffle any items.

We still have the option to either change to a rented space or buy an additional table if we are ready with the Train CD's or something we feel will generate enough revenue to pay for the tables.

Timelines and Deadlines

At the **November 17, 2000** meeting:

- Tour of our new homes progress to date.
- Review of progress against our financial goals.
- Review building progress to date.
- Latest update of timeline to completion interior build-out, and progress of the driveway.
- Final planning of the Holiday Party

Calendar of Events	
November	2000
All month	Work on interior build-out
17 th	Monthly meeting @ club 7:30 pm with work session to follow
December	2000
All month	Work on interior build-out

Building Priorities Update and General Time Line

In an effort to keep everyone updated as to what remains to be done before we set up modules, listed below is a **general**, (as of today), outline of what still needs to be done, and their approximate order:

- Install the heating and air conditioning (in progress)
- Install Plumbing
- Install Electrical
- Install the bathroom shower, fixtures and Tile floor
- Install water heater and sloop sink
- Secure the building with jimmy proof deadbolts and re-key all locks
- Drywall, tape and float all framed areas
- Paint drywall, doors and molding.
- Install mailbox.
- Build out work bench area
- Install ceiling fans in at least the layout area

I'm **sure** I have forgotten some things, and I'm **sure** the priorities will change as we go along, but you can see we have a lot of work to do over the next few weeks to get ready for our modules.

Additional Items to be Completed After Module Set Up

To give you some insight as to "where we go from here" the following is a list (in no particular order) of interior and exterior items that will be completed as funds allow:

Interior

- Finishing of the kitchen area.
- Ceiling fans meeting room
- Floor covering in the kitchen.
- Member storage lockers
- Drop ceiling in the hall, bathroom, kitchen, and office areas.
- Installation of the paint booth.

Exterior

- Finish our parking lot & driveway.
- Begin doing some simple landscaping and tidying up of the property (no real \$ investment but some sweat equity).
- Install front gate.
- Fence around air conditioning units
- Build a well house.

As usual I'm sure this "**wish list**" will be revised many times, but at least this outlines some of the things we will be looking at doing as time and money allows.

(As you can see this is where those future stakeholders will come in handy!)

2001 San Jac Show in Humble

The 2001 San Jac Show, now known as the Greater Houston Train Show, will be held at the Humble Civic center April 28th and 29th. As we discussed at the October meeting we will, in addition to being a part of this show, our public Grand Opening and Open House during their "layout tours".

The only issue to be resolved is whether we will try and put up a small layout or just see if we can get table space as we did at GATS.

We will be discussing this issue at the November meeting.

No Official December Meeting of APN

Just a reminder that we will not have an official meeting the third week of December. As always the Holiday Party to be held December 9th will serve as our official gathering!

The Dunnuck's Donates Refrigerator to APN

Thanks to Jim & Sandy Dunnuck for dropping off their old refrigerator to the club. Scott Kurzawski and Tommy Graham wired an outlet for it and it's plugged in and ready to go. We placed it on the train room side until we finish the dry walling, but's it ready to go and we will be placing the sodas in it next Saturday!

U P Header Pictures by Stephen Foster

The Union Pacific Passenger Steamer and the Rotary Snow plow come from the collection of Stephen Foster.