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Side Tracks

Steve Hashagen

I have several issues to talk about this month so I will get started.

Elections are coming up in a few months and now are the time for any interested persons to explore the possibility of serving on the board of directors.

For those who are new, elections are held at the January meeting each year. The process starts in October when the president asks for, or appoints, three members to serve on the election committee. Their job is to compile the slate of candidates for each office, produce the ballot and oversee counting the ballots and announcing the results on Election Day. The only requirement for the election committee or to run as candidate is that you be a full member in good standing. Serving on your clubs board is a lot of work, but I can tell you from 6 years of experience it has many rewards. I look forward to answering any questions you might have about the opportunity to serve your club.

As we discussed at the August meeting we are changing the maintenance schedule to include the outside work. The expanded schedule will start in October. I have for your convenience, posted the next three months schedule in this newsletter, the balance are posted on the bulletin board at the club for your review.

I want to thank everyone for keeping current on dues! It has been a learning process but we have almost everybody keeping within 30 days current. Believe me it has helped us a great deal and I can't thank you enough!!!

Grounds Committee Chairman!

As we move toward our crews being responsible for routine outside maintenance the chairman's role will change with it. Ray will oversee the big picture and help identify specific projects that need attention and schedule the work sessions required. For instance if we determine that we need to fill in a rut, cut down a tree, or deal with any other issue that falls outside normal maintenance, Ray will schedule the project and oversee its completion.

All the members in the general membership will handle those types of projects not just the scheduled maintenance crew.

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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.

Articles must be submitted in writing or via E-mail to:

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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 @ 611 S. Magnolia Drive, Conroe, Texas 77301. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome!

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Routine Building Maintenance!

Starting in September instead of checking off an item as you clean it we are asking you initial the item in the week box in which it was done (please see the new form on the bulletin board).

The first person on the monthly list is the team leader responsible for seeing the work gets done. **If a crewmember can't work that month it is their responsibility to trade with someone else, otherwise they are expected to pull their share of the load.**

We also agreed that instead of creating separate outside maintenance schedule we would just increase the crew to 6 and expand the months work to include the routine outside maintenance, to include mowing, trimming, and weed control. As you see we will be starting the expanded schedule in October!

In addition to scheduled maintenance the crew is asked to:

- Let the president know of any items that need repair or replacement
- Supply one bag of 30 gallon or better trash bags whether we need them at that time or not (because we will in time)
- Buy any needed cleaning items such as toilet bowl cleaner, paper towels, etc.
- Supply the month's needs of gas for both the lawn mower and weed whackers.

If there are any questions about the above please let me know, otherwise we all are expected to do our share, or in the case of physical limitations, what we can do. It should go without saying if you cannot do some chores because of physical limitations you are **not** expected to do so.

Based on the expanded crews and a membership of 24 we should all be on a crew about every four months, barring any switches you make with someone else.

The next three months schedules are as follows:

September 2001

Dave Spencer Team Leader

Randy Thomas
David Tumulty
Willie Watts

October 2001

Miguel Macias Team Leader

Marty Barley
Terry Bryant
Jim Dunnuck
Stephen Foster
Aaron Coates

November 2001

David Funk Team Leader

Tommy Graham
Kevin Grandjean
Steve Hashagen
Mike Kremheller
Miguel Marcias

Future months are posted on the club bulletin board for your review.

Video Night is Scraped @ APN!

Due to lack of interest Video night has been cancelled indefinitely.

Video Library is Cataloged & Ready

I have finally finished cataloging all our videos, updating our list and cleaning the shelves, so we are open for business! I want thank Stephen Foster for his donation of most of our videos and encourage others to contribute copies of their favorite videos to the club.

We also have allotted two shelving units for books and magazines so let me know what items you think we might want to add to APN's library.

Driveway Fund Approved

By a vote of 15 to nothing the driveway funding was approved for immediate collection. Each member will contribute \$75.00 toward the expansion of the parking lot and completion of the driveway. Funds are payable ASAP to Jerry Williams and to should be noted as "driveway funds". As always those members who are unable to pay right away should contact Steve Hashagen or Jerry Williams to let us know when we can expect payment, and we will cover your payment in the interim.

We expect to complete this project by the end of September or the middle of October so prompt payment would be appreciated.

By-Laws Updates to be Reviewed & Voted Upon at the Sept Meeting!

As promised we will have the revised By-Laws for review, and approval at the September meeting! At that time we will review the By-Laws, discuss proposed changes, revise as necessary, and vote on its acceptance.

Upon completion the newly revised By-Laws will be rewritten as changed and distributed to the membership at the October meeting.

I hope to see you all at this important meeting!

As always if 'ya care be there! If not you'll have to live with your fellow members decisions.

October GATS Update

GATS is just around the corner and as always we need people to help man our booth.

To refresh your memories the show will be held

October the 13th & 14th at the **Humble Civic Center.**

The hours open to the public should remain the same 11:00-5:00 both Saturday and Sunday. As a result of the small amount of time it takes to set up our display you should plan on being there no earlier that about 10:00 or 10:30. I will get there about 10:00 to get our table and bring our stuff.

Calendar of Events

September	2001
8 th	Grass cutting and trimming the property
21 st	APN Monthly meeting @ 7:30 PM
October	2001
TBA	Grass cutting and trimming the property
19 th	APN Monthly meeting @ 7:30 PM

Happy Birthday!

September	2001
17 th	Randy Thomas
19 th	Steve Hashagen
October	2001
18 th	Joel Maye

By-Laws Vote @ the Sept Meeting

Plan on attending the September 21st meeting for a reading, discussion and vote on the revised by-laws. The plan is to read, review, and revise the new by-laws and get a copy to each member by the October business meeting.

2002 GATS Schedule has been Released

The 2002 GATS schedule has been released. We discussed the dates and decided to ask for our usual free three-table booth for both shows. The Houston shows are scheduled as follows:
January 19th & 20th Astroareana
November 19th & 10th Pasadena Convention Ctr

November Layout Tour

This is just a heads up to module owners that the November layout tour is only a few weeks off and we should strive to have them as ready as possible for the event.

The only thing that will stop us from participating this year would be the failure to get our driveway funds in time to complete work.

We still have a few things to complete inside the building but hopefully we can get those done as well. Those would include:

- Mounting the TV and video recorder
- Installing the floor and door molding
- Installing the door knobs and other hardware to the double doors leading into the train room
- Painting the doors and trim
- Purchase and installation of a fan for the meeting room
- Purchase of the slop sink for the utility room

Make up Picture for the Grand Opening!

The following people need to pick a date and time and get with David Tumulty for a make-up group picture for the grand opening plaque!

Randy Thomas

Ray McClure

David Spencer

Miguel Macias

Also, anyone who has not gotten an individual picture taken by David please let him know so he can get one.

Thanks

September 2001 Header Photo

David Tumulty submitted this month's header picture of Willie Watts's modules.

Thanks David