



The Mainline

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Side Tracks

Steve Hashagen

Well another birthday has come and gone for APN and we now begin our 23rd year as Houston's premier model railroad club! We have a lot to look forward to in the coming months. The hammering of the last spike and the running of the first train on the completed track work of the permanent layout. Construction of industries and towns, a seaport, a train station etc.

We will also be paying the last installment on the Barkley loan and begin to pay back additional stakeholders at the end of 2004.

Over the next year we will need to look at what remains to be done on the railroad prioritize and cost out these items and agree on an action plan and time line to complete phase two of construction.

One of the areas we will need to focus on to help us finance our construction is additional membership. We have lost 5 members in the last few months which has resulted in lost future revenue of \$2,450.00. It should be everyone's goal to bring in one new member during the next 12 months! Please see more detail about membership in the article titled "New Member Drive Update" in this issue! This means we need people to keep our flyers stocked at the local hobby shops, keep the web site updated and relevant, have member participation at GATS and the Humble Show to promote APN and its' value, and generally talking about APN to friends, co-workers, fellow church members, etc. Anyone who might be interested in Model Railroading!

The bottom line is we need new members! It's up to all of us to make it happen.

APN's 22nd Annual Birthday Party Was Held July 19th

The All Points North MRRRC annual birthday party was held at Steve Hashagen's house Saturday July 19th.

Turn out was very good with about 28 people helping us celebrate our 22nd year as a model railroad club!

I want to thank Marty & Barbara Barkley for their help in organizing the food again this year. As usual everyone had

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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

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a great time. We had a few swimmers and the ping pong table got another work out.

I look forward to celebrating our 23rd year next July!

APN's Insurance Paid for Another Year

We have received and paid our building insurance for this August through August 15th 2004. We came in \$7.00 under projection at \$979.00.

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.

A sign up sheet has been posted on the club bulletin board to sign up for a time to man the booth. As of now we still need people for both days, plus we do not have anyone scheduled for the end of the day either Saturday or Sunday

Calendar of Events

September 13 th & 14 th	2003 GATS @ the Astrodome/Astroarena
20th	10:00 am APN Monthly Meeting @ the club
October 18 th	2003 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! Please plan on attending a least a couple of hours during the event to help introduce APN to our visitors and prospective new members!

Happy Birthday!

August 4 th	2003 Jim Dunnuck
24 th	Kevin Grandjean
25 th	Jerry Williams
September 17 th	2003 Randy Thomas
19 th	Steve Hashagen
29 th	Tommy Graham

3 Month Maintenance Schedule

September 2003

David Spencer Team Leader
Matthew Sell
Will Smith
Randy Thomas
David Tumulty
Willie Watts

October 2003

Jerry Williams Team Leader
Marty Barkley
Terry Bryant
John Christiansen
Barry Cottrell
Duane Darling

November 2003

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 Update

You may not be aware that we have lost another member due to a transfer, Joe Ewing. That brings the total to five over the last several months.

While this is not a crisis we should be aware that loss of membership impacts our financial status. For instance the loss of those five members created a shortfall of \$1,250.00 in the layout fund and another \$1,200.00 in general club funds for a total of \$2,450.00

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!

****** APN Web Master Urgently Needed ******

We need someone to take over managing the APN web site. It has not been updated with photos since 2002 and the calendar of events is still showing June 2003. This is an important vehicle to advertise our club and must be kept current.

Please see me if you can help with this important task.

August Header Photo

This month's header photo provided by David Spencer. It is of his train making a pass around our new layout!

Thanks David.