

# ALL ABOARD

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February 2013

We welcome in February with the first train show of the year under our belts. We look forward to the next show in April which will be in New Braunfels. We had our clubhouse on the train layout portion of the SAMRA show in January and attracted a few visitors and possible new members. All in all a good show and we had lots of fun.

The New Braunfels show in April will feature TTrak also and we will be on the stage again this year. Look for more details in next months **All Aboard** .

For those who haven't already done so, take a trip over to the improved website and see some of the new stuff available. Things are moving right along on the website and also on the module inventory database. Be sure all your modules at the club are properly marked for the database.

If you haven't paid your dues by now this is probably your last issue of the newsletter. So pay those dues to continue with your insight to the goings on of the Best N scale model railroading club in San Antonio. Otherwise we may have to send Vito and Louie by to see what the problem is with you.

We have started a new raffle layout and had it available to get a first glimpse of during the Open House. Thanks to Ray, Kevin and Nathan for working out the design and getting it up and running for the Open House. Our plan is to take it to New Braunfels (both shows), National Train Day and AMRE and sell tickets. It will be a work in progress as we will work on the scenery and such during the shows. This will also draw people into small impromptu classes on scenery, landscaping and such. We tried this on the last raffle layout and it worked quite well.

Our clinic this month is a first in a series dealing with DCC systems. It will be at Hobbytown USA.

Ever onward.

Bob Williams  
Editor



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Robert Williams  
Stationmaster

Frank Houzvicka  
South Side Yardmaster

Harry Jackson  
North Side Yardmaster

You can contact them via  
the website.



# February 2013

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## Meeting Agenda for February 9th 2013

**Standing Business**

- Minutes of January Meeting
- Financial Report
- Membership Report
  - Dues past due
  - Expiring NMRA Memberships?
- Train Show Participation
  - Recent Shows
    - SAMRA – Jan 26-27, 2013
  - Upcoming Shows
    - New Braunfels Model Railroad Jamboree – Apr 6-7, 2013
      - Someone to pull trailer?**
      - T-TRAK – 9 Tables “h”
      - Sell Raffle Tickets
      - Scenic Raffle Layout?
    - National Train Day – May 11, 2013
      - May Business meeting moved to May 4
      - T-TRAK – 3 tables “L”
      - Sell Raffle Tickets
    - SAMRA 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Show – July 27-28, 2013
      - N-TRAK
    - 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Temple Model Train Show - Sep 14-15, 2013
      - Conflicts with Sep Business Meeting
      - Invited?
      - N-TRAK or T-TRAK?
    - AMRE San Antonio Train Show – Live Oak - Oct 12-13, 2013?
      - Conflicts with Oct Business Meeting**
      - N-TRAK or T-TRAK?
    - NBHRMS 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Train Show - Nov 16-17, 2013
      - N-TRAK or T-TRAK?

## Clinics

- Jan 26, 2013 – Conflicts with SAMRA Jamboree
- Feb 23, 2013 – DCC Overview at HobbyTown (N Oxhandler)
- Mar 23, 2013 – DCC Programming: Easy DCC & Others at SANTRAK (N Oxhandler)
- Apr 27, 2013 – DCC Speed Matching & Consisting at HobbyTown (N Oxhandler)
- May 25, 2013 – Conflicts with Memorial Day weekend
- Jun 22, 2013 - Painting Skyboards at HobbyTown (G Griffin & ?)
- Jul 27, 2013 – Conflicts with SAMRA Summer Show
- Aug 24, 2013 – Animation at Hobbytown (R Jones)
- Sep 28, 2013 – Installing DCC Decoders?
- Oct 26, 2013 –
- Nov 23, 2013 – Conflicts with Thanksgiving weekend?
- Dec 28, 2013 – Conflicts with Christmas/New Years week?

**Old Business**

- 501(c)3 Application - Kevin
- Module photos - Frank
- Module Inventory Database - Eric
- SANTRAK T-TRAK Module Checklist – Gary & Eric
- Raffle Layout 2013 – Ray/Nathan
- Building Fund & Contingency Fund
- Update/delete SANTRAK address in NMRA Magazine - Kevin

**New Business**

March Train Crew Elections - expiring terms for:

Bill Carpenter

Bob Williams

Frank Houzvicka

Wednesday Work Sessions move to Tuesdays – Frank

Model Railroading Adult & Community Education Classes - Kevin

## 501c3 Committee

Application for 501(c)3 scheduled for submission in January 2013.

### NMRA Membership

**As of July 1st 2011 all members are required to be NMRA members. This goal has been met. Keep the membership up to date.**

**The website is: <http://www.nmra.org/nmrastore/index.html>**

### CHANGES IN CONTACT INFORMATION

If you change an address, e-mail, phone #, etc., please let us know.

**If you don't tell us, we don't know!**

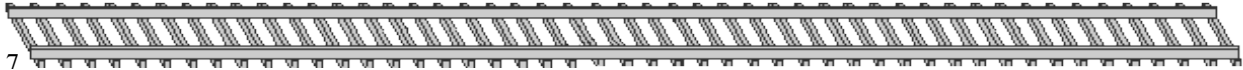


## "CANS"



Remember to bring your empty aluminum cans to SANTRAK for recycling. The money made from recycling cans goes into the general fund to help pay for the needs of the club. This is an easy way to put some extra money into the treasury without digging into your pockets.

**PLEASE HELP!**



**SANTRAK General Membership Meeting, January 12, 2013**

1. The meeting came to order at 10:35 am by Superintendent Kevin B.
2. Members in attendance were Kevin, Pam, Eric, Bob W, Bill, Gary, Susan, Dick, Frank, Ralph, Ray, Harry, Alan, Doug, Rebecca, Nathan, and Charlie..
3. Minutes were approved as adjusted.
4. Bill C presented the Treasurers report. Motion made and accepted as read.
5. We reviewed the membership/NMRA status report. Approved.
6. Dues are due no later than Jan 31st 2013.
7. Upcoming shows:
  - 7.1 37th annual SAMRA Jamboree January 26th and 27th 2013. Live Oak Civic Center. We will also have an Open House at the clubhouse Saturday 2-7pm and Sunday Noon-4pm. Frank and Dick have volunteered to man the Open House.
  - 7.2 April 6th and 7th 2013. New Braunfels Model Railroad Jamboree. NB Civic Center.
  - 7.3 May 11, 2013 National Train Day. Meeting for May will be on the 4th of May.
  - 7.4 Clinics: February, March, and April will feature clinics on DCC systems. May clinic will be on painting clouds and doing sky boards. August will be on Animation.
8. Old Business:
  - 8.1. 501c3 information will be submitted after we receive a copy of State incorporation papers.
  - 8.2 Website is up and running. Photos are needed of the modules and shows.
  - 8.3. Work is progressing on module inventories.
  - 8.4 A TTrak checklist will be made up similar to the NTrak checklist.
  - 8.5 NMRA still has our old address in their records. This will be updated.
9. New Business:
  - 9.1 March 23 and 24 AustNTrak Big Setup. We will not attend as a club.
  - 9.2 Raffle layout type to be determined. Ray has done some preliminary design work. Ray has also purchased a Bachman set to use for the layout. We will reimburse him for the discounted cost. Motion made and seconded.
  - 9.3 Live Oak shows will now continue at least till end of July. Therefore the SAMRA Summer show will be July 27th and 28th. It will be NTrak and probably combined clubs.
  - 9.4 Suggestions have been made to start a Building Fund and Contingency Funds.

Adjourned at 11:45 am

Report by Stationmaster Robert Williams



## **Superintendent's Corner**

### **Superintendent's Corner – February 2013**

Well the 501c3 application is now out of our hands. It went into the mail this past Wednesday along with a \$400 check. All we can do now is wait to hear from the IRS. And hope & pray of course.

The SANTRAK Yahoo discussion group has been active on two topics: the Module Inventory Database; and a possible way to expand our Education offering beyond the traditional Clinics. If you haven't been paying attention, I encourage you to check it out. After all if you don't add to the discussion, you've got no reason to complain.

The 2013 Raffle Layout is coming along. A track plan was selected, and during the SAMRA Show Layout Tour, Ray got the roadbed down, the track assembled/tacked down/soldered, and the power drops installed/tested. Ray we all appreciate your efforts. There is a tentative plan for the scenery, but that is very flexible. We'll have four opportunities to sell tickets (New Braunfels Spring, National Train Day, AMRE, and New Braunfels Fall), and then draw the winning ticket at the 2013 SANTRAK Holiday Party.

It went so well last year, we decided to do it again.

The Wednesday work-group has expressed a strong desire to move to Tuesday.

Train Crew elections are coming up in March, so think about if you'd like to run for one of the vacancies.

Kevin Bergeman  
Superintendent



## Photos

### Some shots from the SAMRA 37th Annual Jamboree



1st row l-r 1. Layout looking South, 2. Through the middle and 3. Looking North  
 2nd row 1. Coal train running on the layout 2. Justin and Eric talking trains 3 Same two 3 hours later  
 3rd row 1. Kevin talks with attendees 2. What's that hobo doing under that water tower 3. Raffle layout side view  
 4th row 1. Raffle layout long view 2. Semi aerial view 3 Raffle layout train set

**REGIONAL TRAIN SHOW SCHEDULE 2013**

February 9-10, 2013  
Great Train Expo – Houston

February 16-17, 2013  
Greater Houston Train Show – Stafford

March 2-3, 2013  
J.E.T.T.S. Annual Train Show - Longview

March 23 -24, 2013  
AustNtrak Big Setup - Austin

April 6-7, 2013  
NBHRMS 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Train Jamboree

April 26-27, 2013  
Cotton Belt Historical Society Train Show - Tyler

May 4-5, 2013  
OKC Springtime Show

May 11, 2013  
National Train Day – AMTRAK Station

May 29 – Jun 2, 2013  
Lone Star Express 2013 (NMRA LSR Convention) – DFW Airport

July 14-20, 2013  
Peach Tree Express (NMRA National Convention) – Atlanta, GA

July 19-21, 2013  
National Train Show – Atlanta, GA

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November 9-10, 2013  
29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fort Worth Train Show

November 16-17, 2013  
NBHRMS 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Train Show

December 7-8, 2013  
Oklahoma City Train Show

