

ALL ABOARD

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May 2016

Yes we are still in business and thank you for enquiring.

After what seems like an eternity, we meet yet again. At Franks house, this Saturday, to be exact. Yes, it has been well over a month since we last set eyes on some of you, except of course the group that has been meeting at Hobbytown for Fun Runs and raffle sales. So lets get down to the meat and potatoes of this here publication.

Our last train show in New Braunfels was a rousing success as far as shows go. We met many people at the layout and the sales table, at least for Jim Ladd's estate went well. The club portion didn't fair quite as well as we did at the SAMRA show in January but we still did sell some items. We appreciate all those who were able to help out at the layout and the sales tables.

As mentioned previously, we had a few sessions at Hobbytown to sell tickets for the raffle layout. We had a few additional modules attached to the raffle layout to show the flexibility of the layout. I am unsure of the exact amount of ticket sales but we did generate a lot of interest in the trains. I'm sure more opportunities will be made for additional sales and such at Hobbytown.

As far as upcoming shows are concerned its looking mighty slim pickings. With the SAMRA summer show cancelled this year. Our next show would not have been until Temple in September. But it appears the planners of that show failed to remember we existed and didn't include us in the layout plan. So therefore our next show would be the AMRE show in October. Normally I'd say we were going, but who knows what's up with any of the shows. After that would be the New Braunfels Fall Train Show at the end of October.

We will be setting up a working NTrak layout in one of Franks graciously provided garage bays. We will be a clubhouse kind of, sort of, maybe, but not really. We will set up the NTrak modules following the meeting and the show and tell for new or interesting items we are working on now. The layout should be about the size we had at the Landmark location or a little larger. I'm not sure of the exact dimensions, but it'll be a sizable layout to run trains on for sure.

Also after the meeting we will have more options to purchase items from the Ladd estate that have been inventoried and added to the lots already available. According to the powers that be we should buy and buy often. Layaway is available and I have started draining my retirement account to cover my purchases. Yeah like I need more train stuff to hoard, err run at future train shows.

We have moved to a single storage unit and have reduced our storage costs with a new larger unit.

Well let us not dilly dally with the small stuff, On With The Show.

Bob Williams
Stationmaster



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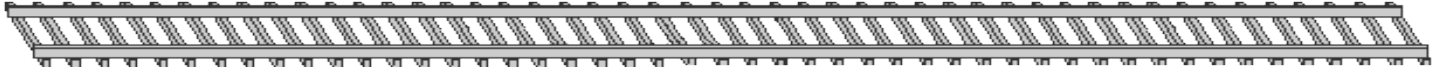
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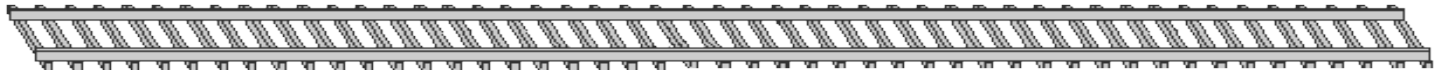




May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Monthly Mem- bership meeting 10:30
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Armed Forces day
22 International Bio-Diversity Day	23	24	25	26	27	28 National Burger Day
29	30 Memorial Day	31				

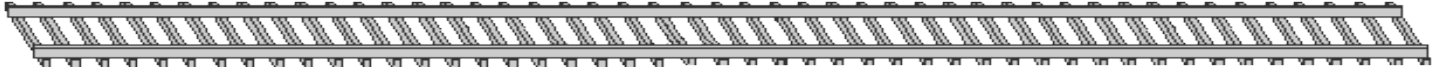




June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7 National Chocolate Ice Cream Day	8	9	10	11 Monthly Mem- bership meeting 10:30
12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20 Summer Solstice	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		





**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!

This space available for general ads for members in good standing or whatever.
Please note this is to see if you really read the newsletter. We have not approved any
of this, its just an idea.



SANTRAK Business Meeting Agenda
May 14, 2016 - 10:30**Frank Houzvicka's House**
22104 Las Cimas Drive, Garden Ridge, TX

Agenda for Next Meeting

Standing Business

1. Minutes of April Meeting
2. Financial Report –
3. Membership Report
4. Train Show Participation

Recent:

April 9 - 10, 2016- Went well, sales tables did well.

Upcoming:

July 30 - 31, 2016 - 14th Annual Family Summer Train Show – Has been cancelled by the sponsor.

Sep 17 - 18, 2016 – 34th Annual Temple Model Train Show – We have not been asked to participate.

Oct 1 – 2, 2016 - AMRE 2016 Train Show – Need show coordinator

Oct 29 – 30, 2016 – NBRRM 8th Annual Fall Train Show – Need show coordinator

5. Clinics and such

May 28, 2016 -

Jun 25, 2016 – LSR Convention?

Jul 23, 2016 – Week prior show?

Aug 27, 2016 -

Sep 24, 2016 – Week prior show?

Oct 22, 2016 – Week prior show?

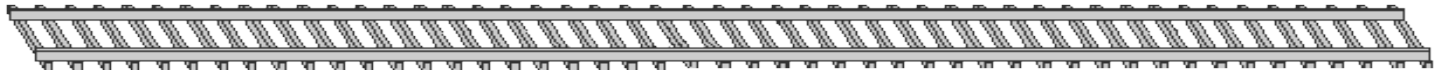
Nov 26, 2016 – Thanksgiving Weekend

Dec 24, 2016 – Christmas Eve

6. Raffle Layout – The raffle layout will be available in the plywood plains format for the NB Train show.

Old Business

1. Clubhouse Search – Frank – The search continues.
2. Module Inventory Database – Eric A Available for test.
3. DCC Decoders for DC Control – Nathan/Kevin
4. Module Racks – new/improved – Dick & Frank
5. Discussion of one-day mini setups.



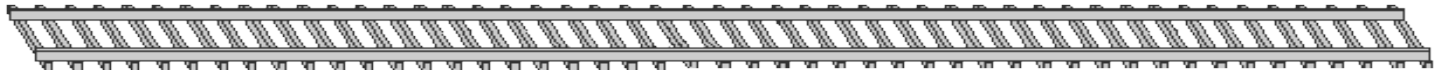
SANTRAK General Membership Meeting Minutes April 2, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 10:30 am by Superintendent Ray B.
2. Members present: Bob W, Pam, Eric, Frank, Ray, Bob A., Tom, Mark, Kevin, Gary, Susan, Lydia, and Charlotte.
3. Minutes were read and accepted as written.
4. Financial report was read by Bill.
5. Membership report shows 22 members, 19 Full, 3 student/associate.
6. Train Shows
 - 6.1 New Braunfels Railroad Museum 28th Annual Jamboree April 9th and 10th 2016.
 - 6.2 SAMRA Summer show July 30th and 31st 2016 CANCELLED
 - 6.3 Temple Centra-Mod Show September 17th and 18th, 2016.
7. Clinics
 - 7.1 At this time, clinics will not resume pending work sessions will be setup instead..
8. Raffle layout 2016
 - 8.1 Raffle layout workdays/sales days at Hobbytown April 23 & 30, May 7 & 21.
9. OLD BUSINESS
 - 9.1 Eric updated us on Module database.
 - 9.2 Work session at Frank's house after meeting May 14th.
 - 9.3 Module racks - Completed modifications to current racks.
 - 9.4 Clubhouse search. On going.
 - 9.5 Venues for layout setups
10. NEW BUSINESS
 - 10.1 Storage options: Reducing storage space and possibly charging members for space in storage unit.
 - 10.2 IRS Form 990

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 pm

B Williams
Stationmaster





Superintendent's Page

From the Superintendent's Desk:

From the Superintendents Corner

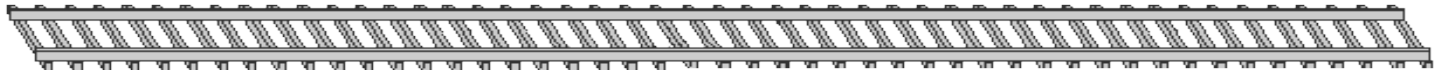
Well the club has moved into a new, larger, and best of all cheaper, storage location. The move will save the club quite a bit over the year. We will also be setting up N-Trak modules in Frank's garage starting this Saturday. Frank has generously allowed the club the use of one stall for N-Trak.

We may be able to hold our regular meetings at HobbyTown. I will ask if there is sufficient interest from the club membership. The advantage is that it will make it easier to have potential members visit the meetings and we could set up T-Trak on the long table. This approach is similar to how the T-Trak clubs in Japan initially operated. They would meet at a restaurant and after the meals set up on the banquet tables.

Remember we will be having a "Show and Tell" after the business meeting and then club members will have the opportunity to purchase more of Jim Ladd's estate. Bill and Frank have cataloged additional items so there will be new things to look at.

If you have any questions please feel free to Email me or call me in the evenings [210-884-6863](tel:210-884-6863)





REGIONAL TRAIN SHOW SCHEDULE 2016

Centra Mod Train Show
September 17th and 18th 2016
Temple, Tx

AMRE Fall Train Show
Oct 1st and 2nd 2016
Freeman Coliseum Exhibit Hall A
San Antonio, TX

NBRRM 8th Annual Fall Train Show
October 29th & 30th, 2016
New Braunfels Civic Center
New Braunfels, Tx

Oklahoma City Train Show
Dec 3rd and 4th, 2016
Oklahoma City, OK

