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What do you know, 3 in a row!

Hopefully this has gone out before the SAMRA Summer Show so that I can remind everyone to come help out during setup on Friday starting at 2:00 PM, and during the show! The trailer is all loaded and ready to go!

We will have a very large layout with the clubs from Houston, Austin, and New Braunfels. We will run both DC and DCC (with our recently upgraded Easy DCC system).

We have had additional information regarding the layout only show to be held in New Braunfels in November. It is now going to be a 2 day show, with setup on Friday November 6th. We are thinking about requesting space for both an N trak and T Trak layout. Cash prizes are to be awarded for the best 3 layouts as determined by vote of the paying visitors. We are thinking about taking a subset of our N Trak modules to make an 'L'. We need to be thinking about what we need for 'crowd pleasers' to attract more votes.

On a different subject, and of more concern is the issue of clubhouse management. It has been discovered that someone is coming into the clubhouse and leaving the AC running when they leave. This has happened twice in the last 10 days. On the first occasion the door was left open on the refrigerator as well. A sign will be posted on the exit door to remind people to turn off the lights, AC, and check the refrigerator as well as all the doors. We must keep the electric bills at a minimum!

It has also been discussed that we ought to move the monthly meeting start time to earlier in the day. What do you think of starting at 10:00 AM? Is there anyone that can't make the earlier start? Let me know by e-mail what you think.

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the website.



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 30 | 31 | | | | | 1 Workday 10A-12P FUN RUN? 12-4 PM |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Workday 12-4P | 6 | 7 | 8 Workday 10A-2P MONTHLY Meeting 2:00 p.m. |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Workday 12-4P | 13 | 14 SHOW SETUP | 15 New Braunfels Show |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Workday 12-4P | 20 | 21 | 22 Workday 10A-4P |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Workday 12-4P | 27 | 28 | 29 Workday 10A-4P |

September, 2009

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Raffle Layout

Ray and Kevin have been working on the raffle layout but they need more help!

Please get with Ray and offer your services.



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 SAN-TRAK 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, July 11th, 2009

1. **Meeting called to order** 2:00pm by Pres. Frank Houzvicka
2. **Minutes** of previous meeting: approved
3. **Treasurer's Report** and Financial Matters
 - a. We are solvent
 - b. No Electric Bills yet.
 - c. Rent paid thru July 09
 - e. Should be in good shape for rest of year.



OLD BUSINESS:

4. **Raffle Layout:** Ray Bennet needs some help. We want to start the raffle at the New Braunfels show in August and raffle it off just before Christmas at the TTM Christmas fest. Call Ray if you can help. His cell number is 210 884 6863.

5. **SAMRA Summer Show** (24-26 July) details:

- a. Pack up trailer – after July business meeting
- b. Setup at Crossroads Mall: after 2pm Friday 24 July.
- c. Setup time: 2-9pm Friday July 24.
- d. Austin N-Trak group will pack up their trailer Friday, 23 July, starting at 9:30. Frank will open for them.
- e. Russell Straw will not be able to attend so we need Bill's 8 footer..

6. **Operations 101 course** – no date set yet, but looking at first session in August for 4 to 5 people.

7. **DCC Receiver Upgrade** – Jim Ladd completed the upgrade and the unit will be available for the SAMRA show.

8. **Static Grass clinic:** We are waiting for the instructor to give us a date when he is not flying. It now looks like we will have to wait until sometime in August.

9. **2X4 Modules:** Frank has not heard from anyone needing modules so none have been ordered. Contact Frank via e-mail if you are interested.

10. **"Boxes of Stuff":** In going through the boxes we found all the missing buildings for Jerry's modules. These have now been put back on the modules. It will be assumed that everything still there by the end of the month belongs to the club for use on the raffle layout(s).

11. **Trailer:** Trailer tires have been fixed and is ready for loading.

12. **Modules inspection:** Frank reminded everyone to check their modules ASAP so that they can be loaded for the show.

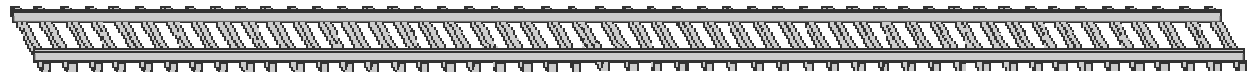
13. **By-laws and operating procedures:** An initial discussion session was held on Wednesday, July 8th. The focus was on what to do with modules that have been left when members move away. The current bylaws state that a \$25 per month charge is to be paid or the modules revert to club ownership for disposal. Bill is trying to reach the two former members to get a status.

14. **AMTRAK ride:** The **Temple Train Show** contacted SAMRA to ask if they wanted to arrange for a group to ride Amtrak to the Temple Show from San Antonio. Cost: \$35 round trip, one day. Frank said SAMRA is having a clinic on this topic in August. No one indicated an interest in participating.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Seaworld display:** Bill Carpenter met with Seaworld rep to discuss their interest in having a train display for the holidays. They wanted it from 21 Nov thru 30 Dec. Bill got them down to only 1 weekend.





They only wanted to offer a Park pass to those who attended instead of a donation to the club. We expressed no interest unless we can sell raffle tickets. Bill has until 1 Oct to decide.

2. TTM Christmas event: We need to determine if we are invited to participate in this event before we do anything with Seaworld. Fred will check at their upcoming board meeting.

3. T Trak Tables: Kevin Bergamen purchased 4 folding tables so that we can have portable T-Trak bases when Frank finally gets around to using the ones he loaned the club. Thanks Kevin!

4. Amber Oaks function: Bill Carpenter mentioned setting up a T Trak display at Amber Oaks and asked if there was any interest. The idea was well received so Bill will speak with the activities director to see what can be arranged.

5. NMRA Sustaining membership: Fred Bock mentioned that TTM has voted to become an NMRA Sustaining Member. Of those SANTRAK members present at the meeting, 6 were members of the NMRA.

6. Mexico Model Railroad Event: Fred Bock mentioned that there was going to be a model railroad event in Mexico in early November and would we like to participate. Unfortunately it is the same weekend as the New Braunfels layout show.

7. SANTRAK Library: The question was asked if we wanted to start a library in SANTRAK. It was decided that it was too much trouble to move, keep organized, and SAMRA already had one that is available to all.

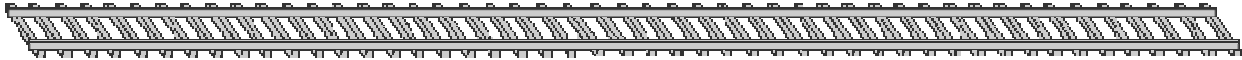
8. Fair module: Larry Donsbach has a 2x4' module for sale with a carnival fair. Pictures are below. He is asking \$300, It comes with transport case for the fair and power supply. See Larry if interested.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Harry Jackson, edited by Frank Houzvicka
Secretary pro temp





Coming Events

New Braunfels Train Show
New Braunfels Civic Center
August 15th, 2009
Sat Only: 10-5

27th Annual Temple Model Train Show
Frank Mayborn Convention Center
Temple, TX
September 19th and 20th, 2009
Sat: 10-5. Sun: 11-5

