

ALL ABOARD

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Association**

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For those that have not heard, we will not be moving into the Rolling Oaks Mall. The only space they had was far too small, 1700 Sq Feet, and they wanted \$600 per month for the utilities as that is based on square footage and not individually metered. So, unless something else comes up we are staying with ProLogis.

Annual and semi-annual dues are now overdue! As of Jan 31, 19 members have paid. If you are going to 're-up' please contact Bill Carpenter. This will be the last newsletter sent to those that have not paid their membership.

We are currently awaiting news from the staff of the March New Braunfels train show regarding SANTRAK's participation. We know that NWX and AUSTNTRAK were invited to set up together and that there was discussion about alternating with SANTRAK. Jim has gone back to them to confirm whether our N Trak modules are wanted and/or if T Trak is appropriate. We should know something by the February meeting.

Bill says the powerpole connectors have shipped and we should have them around the time of the next monthly meeting or shortly thereafter. So we need to gear up to make the modifications of the modules to replace the Cinch/Jones plugs.

If we do not have to set up for the March show, then we have no out of town setups until late June at the earliest. It may even be the end of July if the Houston N Scale convention doesn't change their mind again regarding making the layout people pay full admission.

Given these possibilities, and the fact that the LSR convention is looking for layouts to include on their layout tours and operating sessions, I propose that we do the following:

1. We need to get on with the conversion to powerpole connectors, starting with the modules in the trailer, then the remaining modules.
2. Start repairing the mountain division modules, starting with the return loops. Some need major work.

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SANTRAK Board

Frank Houzvicka
Superintendent

Bill Carpenter
Paymaster

Jim Cottrell
Stationmaster

Harry Jackson
East Side Yardmaster

Robert Williams
West Side Yardmaster

You can contact them via
the website.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Workday 12-4PM	4	5	6 Workday 10A-4P
7	8	9	10 Workday 12-4PM	11	12	13 Workday 10A-4P MONTHLY Meeting 2:00 p.m.
14	15	16	17 Workday 12-4PM	18	19	20 Workday 10A-4P
21	22	23	24 Workday 12-4PM	25	26	27 CLINIC Weathering at CLUBHOUSE
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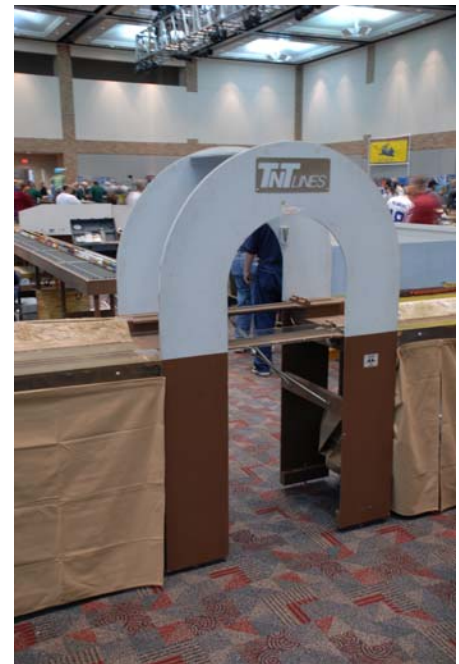
March, 2010

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14	15	16	17 Workday 12-4PM	18	19	20 Workday 10A-4P New Braunfels Show
21 New Braunfels Show	22	23	24 Workday 12-4PM	25	26	27 CLINIC Scratch Building Structures at Hobby Town
28	29	30	31 Workday 12-4PM			

Dallas Area Train Show January 2010



Battleship corners with ramp to Mountain Division.
Return loop. Alternate Geezer Gate



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, January 9th, 2009

The meeting was brought to order at 1400 by Frank Houzvicka, Superintendent.

Those present were: Frank Houzvicka, Jim Ladd, Bill Carpenter, Jim Cottrell, Charlotte Boord, Larry Donsbach, Gary Griffin, Susan Griffin, Fred Bock, Ralph Alexander, Jerry Reyes, Bob Williams, and Ray Bennett.

A quorum consisting of fifty-one percent (51%) of voting members-in-good-standing was seated.

The minutes were read from the last meeting and accepted.

The financial report was read and accepted.

Old Business:

- Power Pole conversion was discussed. To convert all SanTrak modules would cost the club \$428.50 or \$5.00 per set per module; \$6.75 for Mountain Division and \$6.50 for the Reversing Loop. The wire is an extra \$60.00 per 200' spool. Gary Griffin suggested that we hold a workday to take care of module conversion. An amended motion to purchase power pole material to include the white line was approved.
- SAMRA Jamboree-Standard "U" configuration with yard. Pack-up on 27JAN10.
- Rolling Oaks Mall is still pending for a possible clubhouse. Frank stated that he should know something by Monday or Tuesday. If we move into the mall we will need to locate a storage facility for the trailer. Blossom Storage has been in contact with Frank. He will keep the club apprised as needed.
- Discussion on the need to set-up a layout for running trains. Work to start shortly.

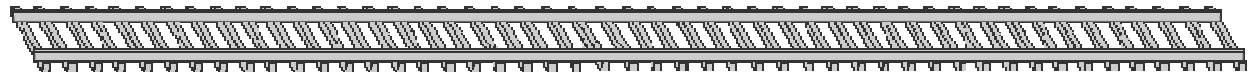
New Business:

- Saturday Clinics-On 23JAN10, at 1030, Fred Bock will host and instruct the first Clinic of 2010! This will be at Hobby Town USA located at 2501 N. W. Loop 410. The topic will be weathering rolling stock. Fred will give Frank a list of materials that we will need to bring and Frank will e-mail to the club members.
- Other clinics to follow will be: 27FEB10, Power Pole Conversion, 27MAR10, scratch building structures, APR10, weathering structures, May 10, wet plaster casting, Jun10.
- Orphie Neathery has been approached to give a clinic on geological scenicng. Time to be announced.
- The next raffle layout will be started soon and spearheaded by Bob Williams. Thanks Bob in advance for the great work!
- The need to begin repair of the Mountain Division was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1525.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Cottrell, Stationmaster.





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3. After completing the conversion, photograph the module prior to setup in a layout.

4. Invite AusTNrak to set up with us following their participation in the New Braunfels show and to remain setup until either the Houston N Scale or SAMRA shows. This would let them be part of the LSR convention activities.

5. Set up a club layout that supports operations and fun runs as soon as possible to take advantage of decent weather before the summer heat.

6. RUN TRAINS at the club house!!

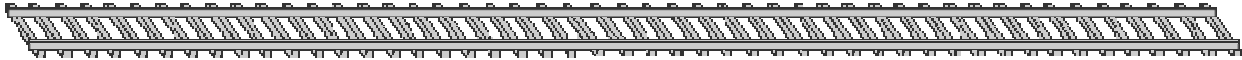
I hope to see all the paid-up members at the February meeting so we can discuss the priorities and get started on getting something ready to run!

By the way, the recent SAMRA Jamboree was one of the best in recent memory. Over 1,900 people attended and SAMRA cleared a record amount. Way to go Ralph!



SANTRAK
Scenes from
SAMRA
Jamboree





Coming Events

1st Annual Taylor
Trains, Trucks, Trac-
tors, and Toys Show
Knights of Columbus
Hall

2201 East 4th Street
Taylor, TX

Saturday, Feb. 6th
9:00 to 5:00
One day only

Greater Houston Train
Show

Stafford Center
10505 Cash Road

Saturday, Feb. 20th
10:00 to 5:00
One day only

23rd Annual New
Braunfels Model RR
Jamboree
New Braunfels Civic
Center

Saturday, Mar. 20th
10:00 to 5:00
Sunday, Mar. 21st
11:00 to 4:00

