

ALL ABOARD

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Happy New Year!

Well, we made it through another year with money in the bank! We had an exceptional year for revenue with the additional proceeds from the World's Greatest Hobby show, our 1st place finish at the New Braunfels Layout Show, and the 2 raffle layouts. With those increases we almost broke even.

Since we can't count on those events for 2010, we had to raise our dues to \$100 per year as voted on by the membership at the December meeting. It was decided that members could pay their dues either in one payment or split the payment in half for 6 month membership. This makes bookkeeping easier for the Paymaster. If you have questions or issues with the payment, see Bill Carpenter.

The primary reason for our increased expenses in 2009 was our move into warehouse space rented from Prologis. While the move allowed us to gather up more modules, bring back old members, gain new members, and provide us with a place to set up and run, it had a down side - temperature. Cold in the winter and hot in the summer. We thought that we had the perfect solution with the proposed move into the back room of Hobby Town on Austin Highway. Unfortunately, that option fell through when Terrell Plaza let Hobby Town out of their lease.

So, what to do? I went back to Terrell Plaza to see if they had a change of heart on letting us occupy some of their increasing vacant space. They thought we could work something out but they would require some rent be paid along with utilities. This would amount to around \$500 + per month which we can not afford.

I then went to Rolling Oaks mall on 1604 and Nacogdoches. They have a few vacant stores with more coming available after Christmas. They seemed interested in having SANTRAK occupy one of their spaces. Unfortunately, they will not be able to make a decision until after the first of the year, when their management staff returns from holiday vacations. This would be a much better location than Terrell Plaza as it has a lot more public traffic. Keep your fingers crossed.

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the website.



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

February, 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Workday 12-4PM	4	5	6 Workday 10A-4P
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Raffle Layout



Our second raffle layout was being worked on right up until Ester pulled the winning ticket - held by Susan Griffin!



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, December 12th, 2009

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

Those present were: Frank Houzvicka, Jim Cottrell, Bill Carpenter, Bob Williams, Harry Jackson, Gary Griffin, Susan Griffin, Larry Donsbach, Ralph Alexander, Jim Ladd, Charlotte Boord, Nathan Shumway, Fred Bock and Ray Bennett. Guests present were: Corine (Harry's Mom) and Dewey from the McAllen N-Trak club.

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

The minutes were read from the last meeting and accepted.

The financial report was read and was accepted.

Old Business:

Championship showing at 1st. Annual New Braunfels Layout Show. SanTrak collected \$300.00 and T-Trak collected \$50.00. A big thank you to all who participated!

SanTrak is now, not only an award winning N-Trak club and the biggest N-Trak clubhouse in the Lone Star State but we are now an Internationally known N-Trak club with the introduction of the Munich N-Trak club in Munich, Germany!! Frank is having talks to establish a "Sister Club" relationship. Thanks Frank!

We have sold an additional 122 raffle tickets! Thanks to all who are helping with the raffle layout but we still need volunteers to man the layout at Hobby Town USA on Sunday and next Saturday when the drawing will be held.

Discussion on changing all modules to power pole. Jim Ladd and Bill Carpenter to spearhead. SanTrak will be participating in the SAMRA Show on 30-31JAN2010. We will be joining in with Northwest Crossing. We will need as many volunteers to help set-up and tear-down as possible.

Thanks to some quick moving on our part and some convincing on Franks part, Prologis has agreed to NOT raise our rent in 2010. Way to go Frank and everyone who helped with the move!!

New Business:

We have two options that would give our club climate control and allow us to run our trains without the need of a heavy jacket in the winter and next to nothing in the summer. 1) Terrell Plaza has said that we could move into vacant space and pay month to month, \$200-\$300 plus utilities. 2) Frank is also talking with Rolling Oaks Mall for SanTrak to move into the vacant space next to Radio Shack and pay only utilities. He will keep the cub apprised as the situations change.

If we succeed in either Terrell Plaza OR Rolling Oaks Mall we will need to find a space for the trailer. There are two options available for this also. 1) Storage facility that will cost \$90 to \$120 monthly and 2) storing the trailer where Larry Donsbach stores his. If the second option is approved then the trailer will need some repairs to make her water proof.

A discussion to increase the dues to \$100.00 dollars yearly to keep SanTrak solvent was brought to the floor with the use of 2 payment installments if necessary. It was moved and accepted. The dues will be due by 31JAN2010.

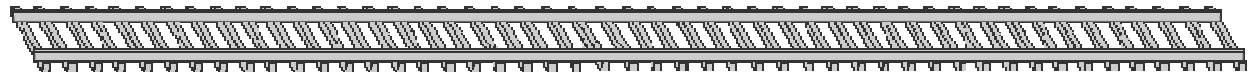
We need to get the layout up and running and use the club for what it is supposed to be used for instead of a gab fest. This will hinge on the possible move to either Terrell Plaza or Rolling Oaks Mall.

Happy Birthday to Bill Carpenter and Charlotte Boord!!

The meeting was adjourned at 1440.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Cottrell, Stationmaster.





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Where ever we go, or stay, we need to get a layout up and running. We have been down since July. As soon as we hear from Rolling Oaks mall, one way or the other, we need to start work on the mountain division modules and get something running!

The clinics we started last fall seem to be very popular so we would like to continue them. If you have a suggestion for a clinic that you would like to present, or one that you would like someone to put on, send me an email. I would like to restart the clinics on January 23rd if possible. We will finalize details at the meeting on January 9th.

GO TEXAS, BEAT ALABAMA!!

Here are some more photos of modules from the N Trak Convention in Germany.



Alien getting gas.



Harry Potter, look hard for the witch flying above house and car in tree.

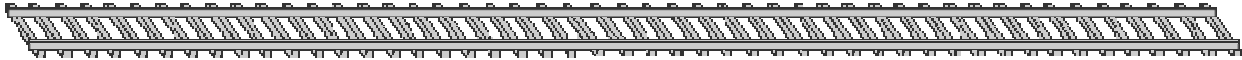


City module



Train Station





Coming Events

Waco's Railroad Wintertime Train Show

Heart of Texas Fairgrounds
4601 Bosque Blvd.
Waco, TX

Saturday, Jan 9th, 10-4
Sunday, Jan 10th, 11-4

Admission \$5

North Texas Council of
Railroad Clubs
Dallas Area Train Show

Plano Civic Center
2000 East Spring Creek Pkwy

Saturday, Jan 16th, 10-5
Sunday, Jan 17th, 10-4

Admission \$7

SAMRA 34th Annual Model Rail-
road Jamboree

Live Oak Civic Center
5101 Pat Booker Road

Saturday, Jan 30th, 10-5
Sunday, Jan 31st, 10-4

Admission \$6

