

# ALL ABOARD

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We are off to a very busy year!

The PowerPole connectors are in and they have been put in kits, ready for purchase and installation. Bill has set the price as follows:

Pricing:	SANTRAK NTRAK Savings		
8 pair, Standard Module			
NTRAK color shells (R, Y, B, & W)	<b>\$7.50</b>	\$11.00	\$3.50
10 pair Mountain Div module			
color shells (R, Y, B, G, & W)	<b>\$9.00</b>	\$12.00	\$3.00
2 pair, any color combination	<b>\$1.50</b>	\$3.00	\$1.50

These prices cover the cost of all parts (except wire), the crimping tool, and the kits needed to upgrade the club owned modules (the yard and mountain return loops).

Kits will be available for purchase starting this Saturday, so get yours soon!

We have started a module photo project, which is why all the modules are folded up and on the floor. Unfortunately the photos I took last week had too much parallax so I am having to redo the shots. I could use some help on Saturday morning before the clinic moving modules for the photos. If you can help, please be at the clubhouse starting at 10:30. As soon as the photos are made, we can set the modules back up and Fred/Bill can start configuring the layout for Ops.

Fred and Bill have come up with a very interesting layout to support Ops and Fun Runs! They are using every module that they can find. If you have any modules laying around that have, or will shortly have track in place, please let them know and bring them in. They don't have to be fully terrained, but need to have functioning track and wiring. Also, Fred says we are short on passing sidings, cross-overs, and turnouts between main lines. If you are willing to modify your existing module(s) or interested in building a new module with the appropriate turnouts, please see Fred as soon as possible. We can have the carpentry work done quickly if we have someone interested in building the module.

On a different subject, the Challenger - UP 3985 may be com-

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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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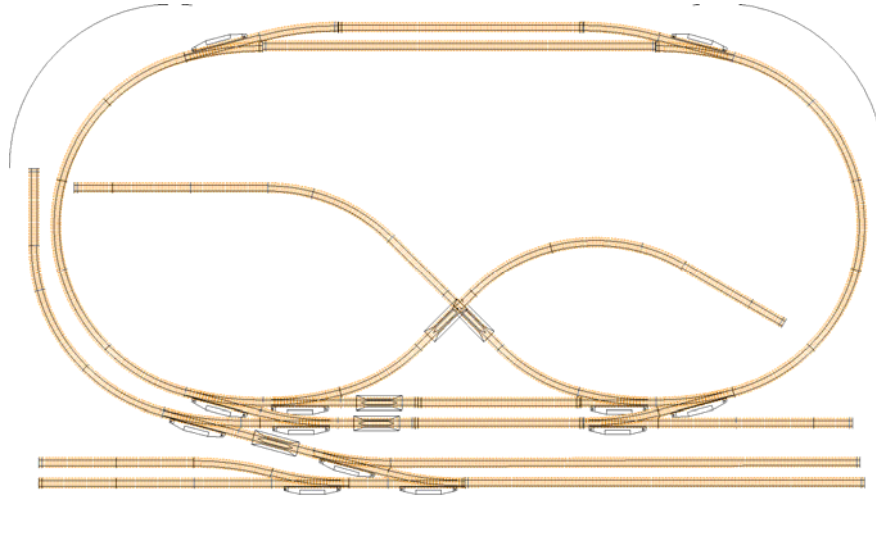
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Workday 12-4PM	4	5	6 Workday 10A-4P
7	8	9	10 Workday 12-4PM	11	12	13 Workday 10A-4P <b>MONTHLY Meeting 2:00 p.m.</b>
14	15	16	17 Workday 12-4PM	18	19	20 Workday 10A-4P <b>New Braunfels Show</b>
21 <b>New Braunfels Show</b>	22	23	24 Workday 12-4PM	25	26	27 <b>CLINIC Scratch Building Structures at Hobby Town</b>
28	29	30	31 Workday 12-4PM			

## April, 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Workday 10A-4P
4	5	6	7 Workday 12-4PM	8	9	10 Workday 10A-4P <b>MONTHLY Meeting 2:00 p.m.</b>
11	12	13	14 Workday 12-4PM	15 <b>Harlingen Centennial</b>	16	17 Workday 10A-4P
18	19	20	21 Workday 12-4PM	22	23	24 <b>CLINIC Wet/Dry Plaster Techniques at Hobby Town</b>
25	26	27	28 Workday 12-4PM	29	30	

## Raffle Layout

Here is the plan for the latest raffle layout. Work has started thanks to Robert Williams, Kevin Bergeman, and Ray Bennet. They need roadbed material and helpers. These layouts are an important revenue source and building them is a lot of fun! We will keep you posted on the progress.



### **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, February 13th, 2009

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

Those present were: Frank Houzvicka, Bill Carpenter, Jim Cottrell, Charlotte Boord, Larry Donsbach, Gary Griffin, Susan Griffin, Fred Bock, Ralph Alexander, Bob Williams, Ray Bennett, Robert Messier, Kevin Bergeman and Harry Jackson. Guests-Gloria Alexander.

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 accepted.

**Old Business:**

- Power Pole conversion was discussed. The club owns 01 crimper. Frank Houzvicka and Bill Carpenter each have one that we can use. Thanks guys! Wire still needs to be purchased. Each 4' module will need a minimum of 24'. Frank has found 200' rolls for \$70.00. A lively discussion on 12 gauge, low resistance vs. standard 12 gauge wire ensued.
- New Braunfels Train Show will be 20-21MAR10. SanTrak will be taking an 8'6" X 20' T-Trak layout only. Kevin Bergeman volunteered to be the Show Coordinator. Thanks Kevin!
- Clinics-The long awaited weathering clinic will be held on 27FEB10 at 1300-1430 at Hobby Town USA. Glad your feeling better Fred!! 27MAR10-scratch building structures, APR10-weathering structures, May10-wet plaster casting, Jun10-Bye. Please e-mail Frank Houzvicka with any other suggestions for clinics.

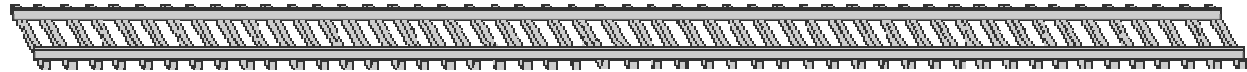
**New Business:**

- Operations for the LSR Convention-Fred discussed that there will 07 operators(guests) and 07 conductors(SanTrak members). Fred will be conducting an "OPS101" clinic to get those of us, who wish to participate, qualified.
- Annual SanTrak board member elections will be held during the JUN10 meeting. Nominations for the board were: Frank Houzvicka, Kevin Bergeman and Bob Williams. Once the elections are over then the Train Crew will decide who has which position and will the inform the general populace.
- Raffle Layout-As per Bob Williams, they raffle layout crew is in desperate need of roadbed. Please contact Bob if you can supply any roadbed or if you can volunteer your time.
- A discussion on getting the layout up and running so that can schedule a "Fun Run" for the month of APR10. We can advertise the "Fun Run" in the local hobby shops.
- Jim Cottrell stated that Hobby Town USA had become a dealer for BLMA detailing parts for Z-HO gauges. If you have any special request, please contact Jim.
- The repair of the Mountain Division was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1535.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Cottrell, Stationmaster





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ing to our area next month. Harlingen is celebrating it's Centennial April 15th and UP has agreed to bring down one of its steam engines for display. I spoke with the UP representative and he said that they were going to get the Challenger! He agreed to keep me posted on the schedule and route so we can go see it. It will be going through Houston and not San Antonio. If it isn't 3985, it will be the Northern - 844.

Don't forget, elections for two board members will be held at the March meeting!

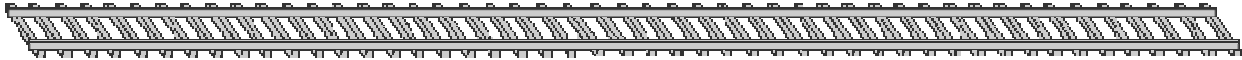
Come to the meeting, bring a friend to join! We need the dues!!



844 underway in  
Kansas in 2008

3985 paused in  
Nebraska in 2008





**Coming Events**

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

