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Everyone is asking "What's the latest on the Hobbytown opportunity?" Well, here it is as of 23 Sept.

The Hobbytown owners have signed the lease on their new 14,000 sq ft location, the old Bennie's TV store, in the North East corner of 410 and Vance Jackson. They have hired carpenters to make the modifications but are having some difficulty in getting them to show up. This is their prime concern at the moment as they can't move in until the modifications are made. The owners are out of town but have promised to give me an answer when they get back. They are still thinking about security issues related to having us in the back.

In the meantime, we have rented trailer storage space at Blossom Storage and have approached SAMRA about contributing \$25/month for the continued storage of their raffle and display modules. I expect an answer after their next board meeting.

SO, we are on hold until Clark and his wife make their final decision, hopefully by the end of September.

On to other matters.

We had a great trip to the Temple Show, both those that drove and those that took the AMTRAK train. We linked up with the TEX-N club out of Plano and made an interesting 'Z' layout.



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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 SHOW SETUP	3 Workday 10A-4P AMRE SHOW
4 AMRE SHOW	5	6	7 Workday 12-4P	8	9	10 Workday 10A-4P MONTHLY Meeting 2:00 p.m.
11	12	13	14 Workday 12-4P	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Workday 12-4P	22	23	24 CLINIC @ Hobby Town 10:30 AM
25	26	27	28 Workday 12-4P	29	30	31

November, 2009

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Raffle Layout

Ray, Robert, 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, September 12th,

The meeting was brought to order at 1400, 12SEP09 by Frank Houzvicka, Superintendent. Regular Members present were: Jim Ladd, Frank Houzvicka, Bill Carpenter, Jim Cottrell, Robert Williams, Ralph Alexander and Charlotte Boord. Associate member present was Kevin Bergeman. Regular members Gary and Susan Griffin were there prior to the meeting but had to leave. Since, technically, there was no quorum present no formal business could be conducted.

It was discussed that at the end of the Temple Show we will leave the rail box at the end of the trailer for easy access. We will be receiving three (3) new gauges for the track to join the modules. The old track will be measured and brought up to specs. Jim Cottrell has volunteered to spearhead these conversions.

It was discussed that Joe Cox will be bringing his "Geezer Gate" and may let us keep it while we duplicate it. A Geezer Gate is a bridge that is hinged so that there is easy access to the middle of the layout.

Hobby Town update: We are waiting for Hobby Town to get their signed lease agreement before we get the go ahead to move. That should be in about 10 days to 2 weeks as per Frank. We will not have to pay any rent only utilities at a cost of \$1.78 per kilowatt hour. Frank will check with our insurance company to see if having an alarm system will lower our rates.

Frank has had preliminary discussions with Prologis about our return if our anticipated deal with Hobby Town falls through. They said that they would welcome us back but the rent would probably increase.

Fred Bock is looking into renting/buying mobile offices for possible set-up at the Texas Transportation Museum.

The Superintendent felt it necessary to bring to the attention of the regular voting members that there is no membership vote needed to pay bills. With the exception of one dissention the voting members approved of both the Hobby Town and the Blossom Storage facility arrangements. Blossom Storage has agreed to prorate a refund if necessary.

The A. M. R. E. Show is on 03-04OCT09. (2 weeks after the Temple Show).

The New Braunfels Railroad Museum model layout extravaganza will be held on 07-08 NOV2009 at the New Braunfels Convention Center. Frank Houzvicka will be in Germany. Jim Ladd or Jim Cottrell volunteered to pull the trailer while Bob Williams and Jim Cottrell volunteered to get the modules ready to travel. Show times will be 0800 to 1700 on Saturday and 0900 to 1600 on Sunday. Set up will be 0800 to 1000 on Friday. We need to fluff up the modules as there is prize money for the top 3 layouts.

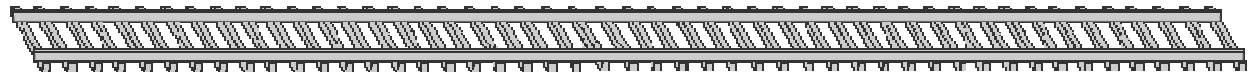
Ralph Alexander stated that SAMRA will not have Crossroads Mall for their summer show. The mall is sold and the convention center will be turned into medical office space.

The SanTrak division of T-Trak will have a layout for Christmas at the Texas Transportation Museum.

Bill Carpenter stated that he will contact Sea World and decline offer for a Christmas layout.

The new bylaw changes were read and discussed with the final vote being held on 10OCT09.

Jim Cottrell, MLT, CMOM



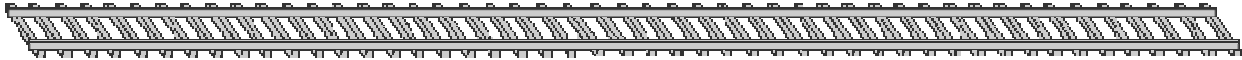
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The Plano group had several very interesting modules. Here are a couple of examples:



Don't forget, we have the AMRE Show coming up October 3rd and 4th at the Live Oak Civic Center. See you there!!





Coming Events

21st Annual AMRE Train Show
And Swap Meet
Live Oak Civic Center
October 3rd and 4th, 2009
Sat: 9-5, Sun 10-4

Lockheed Martin Recreation Association
2009 Annual Railroad Show
3400 Bryant Irvin Road
Fort Worth, TX
October 10th and 11th, 2009
Sat: 10-5, Sun: 11-4

Model Train Show
Marshall Civic Center
2501 E. End Blvd. S.
Marshall, TX
Oct 31st and Nov 1st, 2009
Sat: 10-5, Sun: 11-3

New Braunfels Modular Layout Show
NB Convention Center

Nov 7th and 8th, 2009
Sat: 8-5, Sun: 9-4

