

ALL ABOARD

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August proved to be an interesting month!

Following the monthly meeting I visited with the Hobby Town staff and arranged that our new 'monthly clinics' will be conducted in their air conditioned training room on the 4th Saturday of each month at no cost to the club. The first clinic will be Part 1 of Tree Making presented by Kevin Bergeman. An email has gone out telling you what to bring.

We had a successful one day show in New Braunfels. It was well attended and we made money for the raffle layout, 2 contributions, and a nice 'gift' from the show management. It pays another month's rent!

Last Sunday I learned that Hobby Town has found a new location for their store. It will be in the shopping center located at Hwy 410 and Vance Jackson. They plan to move into the location in October. Unfortunately (for them) the management of the Terrell Hills center where they are currently located decided not to let them out of their lease as the Super K-Mart has been delayed. This is a reversal of what Hobby Town had been told. It has been decided that they will retain a scaled down store at the current location for the remainder of their lease, roughly 2 years. They plan to occupy only the front half of their existing store.

Unfortunately, this gave me another one of my 'ideas'. While I am pleased that our arrangement with Prologis has resulted in the growth of our club, both in membership and number of modules, the lack of temperature controlled space has meant that we have had very little inclination to run trains or work on modules. SO, I met with the manager's of Hobby Town to see if there would be any interest in having SANTRAK move our modules into the back half of their Austin Highway location. The room is about 2,500 sq ft which is larger than Clubhouse #1 and is fully air conditioned. The biggest downside

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 Workday 12-4Pm	3	4	5 Workday 10A-4P FUN RUN? 12-4 PM
6	7	8	9 Workday 12-4P	10	11	12 Workday 10A-4P MONTHLY Meet- ing 2:00 p.m.
13	14	15	16 Workday 12-4P	17	SHOW SETUP	19 Temple Show AMTRAK TRIP
20 Temple Show	21	22	23 Workday 12-4P	24	25	26 CLINIC @ Hobby Town on TREES 10:30 AM
27	28	29	30 Workday 12-4P			

October, 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 SHOW SETUP	3 Workday 10A-4P AMRE SHOW
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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, August 8th, 2009

A quorum was seated at 1405 and the Superintendent, Frank Houzvicka, called the meeting to order. Regular Members present were: Jim Ladd, Bill Carpenter, Frank Houzvicka, Jim Cottrell, Ralph Alexander, Bob Williams, Gary Griffin, Susan Griffin, Ray Bennett, and Charlotte Boord. Associate Members present were: Fred Bock, , Kevin Bergeman, and new returning member Justin Hodge.

The Old Minutes presented in the August issue of 'All Aboard' were approved.

The Financial Report was read by Bill Carpenter. Expenses were:

- \$72.20 - EZ DC upgrade to command station
- \$50.35 - License tag for trailer
- \$400.00 - Rent for two (2) months

We remain solvent. The Financial Report was approved.



Old Business:

- * All materials for the raffle layout construction (less scenery materials) have been acquired with the exception of a single throttle power pack. A dual power pack is has been donated but a single is desired.

New Business:

- * Frank asked if we should start selling raffle tickets for the new raffle layout at the New Braunfels show this coming Saturday. The questions was discussed and it was decided that we will start selling tickets at the upcoming show.

- * Ray Bennett informed the club that there is a new hobby shop on Bandera Road called Hill Country Hobby. They do not have train stuff yet but they will give a 20% discount through the end of the month.

- * We need scenicers for the raffle layout. Please see Kevin Beregman or Ray Bennet if you are interested.

- * The Amtrak Christmas Carol train will be at Sunset Station 14-16AUG09.

- * Frank suggested that we start moving the modules from the "Big" room into the smaller room so that Prologis could rent the bigger area if needed. After a short discussion it was decided that we will start moving the modules as time permits.

- * Gary Griffin stated that there were some great bargains on the M.B. Klein website.

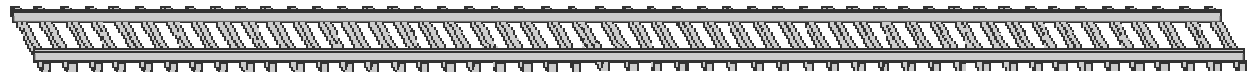
- * The Temple Show will be 19-20SEP09. Those of us that can and will be going will be leaving 18SEP09 if possible. If you cannot come up for the full weekend, Amtrak will be offering a trip up there and back on the 19SEP09. Frank will have full details after SAMRA meeting Friday.

- * The By-Laws will be revised to include T-Track and to bring them into the 21st Century.

- * Jim Ladd discussed the need for power pole connectors and DCC.

- * If you have any interesting train trip pictures please get them to Frank.





* Gary stated that we should start having clinics to help us all improve our skills in tree making, engine PMS and repair, weathering, etc. Fred stated that Hobby Town had has a specific workshop area that is free of charge. Frank mentioned that Wood-Land Scenics would sell us their basic kits for about \$15.00 each. Kevin propose that we have a clinic every fourth (4th) Saturday. The discussion was tabled.

* Welcome aboard to our newest returning member, Justin Hodge!!

The meeting was adjourned at 1645.

Respectfully Submitted by Jim Cottrell, Stationmaster

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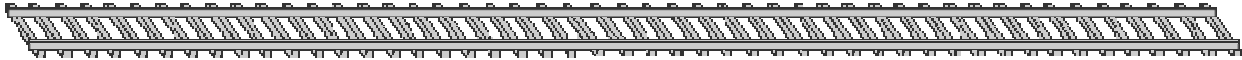
would be that there is no place to park the trailer. I think that there would be several significant advantages to SANTRAK **IF AND ONLY IF** we can make an appropriate arrangement with the owner's of Hobby Town. At present the owners are out of town but the current and future store manager's thought that the idea had merit. Their biggest concern was finding a way to restrict access between the two halves of the facility. This can be addressed by installing a sliding metal partition. We are in the early stages of discussion, so there will be time for discussion.

I hope to see a good turn out for Kevin's clinic. See you there!

Frank Houzvicka
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For those that saw the strange passenger train going through New Braunfels on Friday the 14th, it was the Federal Transportation Bureau 'Office of Safety' test train pulled by the UP Heritage MOPAC engine caught here at Cuero, TX.



Coming Events

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

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

