



The Mainline

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Side Tracks

Steve Hashagen

At last we have our culvert, parking lot light, and a little of the parking lot!

We now can turn our attention to getting donations for the ceiling fans before the summer heat!

Stephen Foster has donated both a small metal building and a lawn mower. Hopefully we can get the building in place soon, so we can store our paint, gasoline, and lawn care items away from our clubhouse.

We also got our appraisal based on our land and building! We came in just under what we had estimated. We had estimated about \$1,200.00 and the estimated taxes for 2001 are \$914.22!

That's good news, now all we have to worry about is our electric bills. Hopefully we can keep it down to an average of less than \$100.00 a month. As you may know last months bill was about \$91.00 so it looks like we will have to be very careful to keep it under control.

On another note, it looks like the battle with GATS is heating up for both vendors and clubs. Several vendors we talked to are not going to the October show and the clubs have been sent a letter stating that if they participated in the January 2001 show they will be "EXPECTED" to show up at the Humble show in October. Wow I'm glad nobody's going to try and tell me when I can or can't play with trains.

Please remember that starting with the May 18th meeting all meeting will be held at our club and NOT at Larry's.

Stephen Foster has donated quite a few videos to the clubs library. I am in the process of inventorying them and getting them out on the bookcase. For those who were not here when we had the library up and running the rules are simple. The movies and the sign out book are located in the bookcase near the front door. Just pick out a movie fill out the information in the "video sign out book" and take your video home and enjoy! The only rules are to be sure to sign them out/in and bring them back in a reasonable amount of time (a week or so). That's all there is to it.

If you have any movies you would like to add to the selection you have two options:

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The Mainline welcomes your contributions and comments. The deadline for all articles is the 25th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

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ALL POINTS NORTH Model Railroad Club meets the **third** Friday of every month @ 7:30 p.m. at our club located @ 611 S. Magnolia Drive, Conroe, Texas 77301. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome!

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- Donate the movie and give it to Steve Hashagen to add to the inventory
- Give the original to Steve Hashagen and he will dub it for club use and return the original to you.

If you have any questions about the video library please let me know.

We also are starting a book and magazine library so if you have items to donate let me know.

That's it for now. I look forward to seeing you at the club!

The Prez

May 18th Club Meeting Agenda

Please plan on attending the May meeting. We will be discussing the building dedication party as well as the Birthday party! Some of the things on tap are a photo of all members and a plaque listing all charter members. This will be an exciting event so come and help us plan it.

Calendar of Events

May	2001
All Month	Work on interior buildout and exterior clean-up and landscaping
18 th	Monthly Meeting @ Club 611 S. Magnolia Drive 7:30 PM

June	2001
All month	Work on freshening up and repairing modules and construction on new ones
15 th	Monthly Meeting @ Club 611 S. Magnolia Drive 7:30 PM

Happy Birthday!

May	2001
19 th	Scott Kurzawski

June	2001
No June Birthdays	

2001 San Jac Show in Humble Update

The show itself was somewhat flat, there were not many vendors, no food service, and not very many layouts set up.

We however, had a good Show! We got 5 or 6 possible members and had 17 guests (some with family) visit our new home.

This was the best turn out we have ever had for an open house in our history! I expect, that as the word gets out, attendance will get even better!

Housekeeping Reminders!

Please remember that if you bring food into the club that you need to take the food bags and wrappers with you when you leave. If they are just thrown in the trash they will begin to smell and draw ants. On a similar note if the trash bag is full take it with you and put it out with your trash!

Wanted Clinics for Future Meetings

We are looking to start having clinics immediately after the monthly meetings. For instance we could have a clinic on weathering rolling stock, using the DCC system, making trees, hand laying turnouts. In short any topic you would like to learn more about.

What can you do to help us get started? Either suggest a topic for a clinic or volunteer to host a clinic. Once we get a topic and volunteer we will schedule the first clinic. Hopefully we will be able to schedule our first one at the June meeting!

May 2001 Header Photos

Thanks to Stephen Foster for the picture of the Rock Island Line Rocket taken at Peoria in 1961.