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Side Tracks

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Work continues at a steady pace on the interior build out and as of this date we have completed dry walling, sanding and have begun priming the walls for painting. I want to thank everyone for their help over the last 6 months, without your help we would not be as far along as we are! With continued help and donations toward paint and train room lights we should be up and running by the first or second week of March!

The biggest obstacle we face in an effort to have our Grand Opening during the Humble show is the weather! If we don't get a dry enough period in which to pour the gravel for our parking lot we will have to postpone it. This also means we will have to put up with the lack of a culvert and a muddy parking lot until then. Realizing that we are probably not going to see any break in the weather for a while, we have decided to hold **at least** the February meeting at Larry's Hobbies!

Lastly I want to welcome our two newest members to APN, Tommy Graham, and Miguel Marcias! They have been a great help during the build out and are a great addition to the growing APN family.

Timelines and Deadlines

Throughout the remainder of January and the month of February we will be concentrating on cleanup, priming and painting. Additionally, we need to finish wiring the circuit box, install all outlets and switches, install the water heater, bathroom fixtures and floor, plus wire and install lighting to the train room.

If we receive enough donations to buy the required paint and a couple of lights for the train room we can begin setting up modules sometime around the first or second weekend in March.

This weekend February 3rd we will be having a through rafters to floor cleanup of the building in preparation for painting! Please pull up my e-mail of Monday January 29th for more details

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Calendar of Events

January 2001
All Month Work on interior build-out

February 2001
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16th Monthly meeting 7:30 pm @
Larry's Hobbies I-45 north and
1960.

Happy Birthday!

February 2001
1st Charles Richmond
7th Willie Watts

March 2001
3rd Mike Kremheller

January GATS Update

We had a very successful GATS show last weekend in spite of the auto show and the Super Bowl! Traffic and vendor participation was down during the show, but we were very busy Saturday with 7 or 8 visitors stopping by our booth. Sunday was considerably slower but over all we felt we got at least three or four very interested parties.

The general feel was one of frustration. The clubs are unhappy with what they are being paid, the vendors are unhappy with traffic! It's my opinion that GATS will trim the Houston shows to one a year in the near future if business does not improve. It will be interesting to watch!

2001 San Jac Show in Humble

The 2001 San Jac Show, now known as the Greater Houston Train Show, will be held at the Humble Civic center April 28th and 29th. As we discussed at the October meeting we will, in addition to being a part of this show, host our public Grand Opening and Open House during their "layout tours".

The only issue to be resolved is whether we will try and put up a small layout or just see if we can get table space as we did at GATS.

Please note we will decide this issue at the February meeting! If you have an opinion please let us know!

Additional Items to be Completed After Module Set Up

To give you some insight as to "where we go from here" the following is a list (in no particular order) of interior and exterior items that will be completed as funds allow:

Interior

- Finishing of the kitchen area.
- Ceiling fans meeting room
- Floor covering in the kitchen.
- Member storage lockers
- Installation of the paint booth.
- Building of work bench area

Exterior

- Finish our parking lot & driveway.
- Begin doing some simple landscaping and tidying up of the property (no real \$ investment but some sweat equity).
- Install front gate.
- Fence around air conditioning units
- Build a well house.

As usual I'm sure this "wish list" will be revised many times, but at least this outlines some of the things we will be looking at doing as time and money allows.

(As you can see this is where those future stakeholders will come in handy!)

Modular Layout Designs Proposals Due at the February Meeting

We will be discussing and voting on a modular design for the club at the February meeting. If you have an interest please plan on attending. **We will also have a design meeting, Friday night February 9th @ 7:00 at Steve Hashagen's house prior to the February meeting.** At that meeting we will be to looking at any and all designs to be considered for adoption at the February meeting. In order for a layout proposal to be considered it must be laid out to scale based on our actual modules and the size of the train room.

February 2001 Header Photos

These issues header photos were submitted by Stephen Foster and feature a rather unusual rail car and a beautiful UP veranda turbine.

Who has What?

The time has come to find out who has what that belongs to APN. I am looking for our TV, VCR, shop vac, etc. When you have time e-mail me and let me know what you are holding for us so we can begin thinking about where we are going to put it. Thanks.