

The Mainline

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Side Tracks

Steve Hashagen

Please excuse the pun but it appears we are back on track with the monthly newsletter!

For those of you who missed April's meeting, you missed an exciting one! Duane Darling became our newest full member, and we had three more probationary members join our ranks:

John Christiansen Steve Dennis Ken Stanley

Be sure and take time to introduce yourself to them the next time you are at the club.

We also began the voting on which DCC system the club will install on the new railroad. After many months and discussion the choices were Digitrax and NCE. Each member has been notified about the opportunity to express their opinion on which they would prefer and the results will be announced at the May meeting. I have heard from almost everyone and those who were outstanding were e-mailed on April 22nd and informed of the request.

If you want to voice your opinion and were not at the April meeting, and have not already done so, please take a moment and send me an e-mail stating your preference! I look forward to hearing from you. I am also sad to announce that Joel Maye (a charter member) is in the process of moving to Amarillo and will no longer be a member of APN. It is always hard to see one of our members leave and Joel's move is especially sad, as he is the first of our charter members to leave!

Joel has graciously donated his module and buildings to APN

That's it for now. Take care, and I hope to see you at the club.

The Prez

First Annual "Train Stuff Flea Market"

Mark you calendars and dig through your train stuff 'cause APN will host it's first train stuff flea market, sale and swap meet with the NUTS Train Club Sunday August 18th @ 12:00 noon. This will be a great opportunity to not only invite the NUTS Train Club to our home but a chance to buy sell and trade stuff among the members! I

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hope you will join us for what promises to be a fun afternoon!

21st Annual Birthday Party July 20th

There will be no formal monthly meeting in July! Instead we party!!!

APN's 21st annual birthday party will be held on Saturday July 20th from 2:00 pm until whenever @ (my) Steve Hashagen's house.

As always I will provide the meat (hamburger and hot dogs) the club will provide the soft drinks and the guests will bring appetizers and side dishes. Remember the summer party is a family event so bring the kids if 'ya want. Pack your swimsuits and ping pong paddles and join us for one of our best events of the year!

Please RSVP by July 1st so we know who and how many are coming in order to better plan the meat purchase.

P.S. I will be looking for someone to help organize the side dishes and appetizers so we don't get to many of the same item. Let me know if you can help.

Calendar of Events

May 2002

18th Monthly meeting @ 10:00

June 2002

8th 7:00 PM Operation session @ Don

Bozeman's

15th Monthly meeting @ 10:00

July 2002

NO MONTHLY MEETING IN JULY

20th 21st Annual APN Birthday party @

Steve Hashagen's House starting

@ 2:00pm

Happy Birthday!

May200219thScott Kurzawski

June 2002

Miguel Macias

May 2002 Header Photo

This month's header picture was taken from Don Ross's rail spotting web site @ www.donross.railspot.com which was forwarded to me by Stephen Foster. It's a great site with lots or terrific photos. The railroad is the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Pacific.

4 Months Maintenance Schedule

May 2002 David Tumulty Team Leader Randy Thomas Willie Watts Jerry Williams Marty Barkley Terry Bryant

June 2002

Duane Darling Team Leader

Aaron Coates Jim Dunnuck Steve Dennis Joseph Ewing David Funk

July 2002

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August 2002

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