



ABTO Members
It's a Christmas Open House
And You're Invited!

At the Thompson's Home
Marcia & Ennis

Saturday, December 2, 2006
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

See You There!

New members

We do have some new members, but this late in the year, they are opting to wait until 2007 to sign up.

About The Newsletter

More members are getting treatment , or therapy, or surgery. We 're wishing you well as our thoughts and prayers are with you.

A new year is coming up fast. Call a board member if you would like to host a meeting.

No newsletter in December.

Have a Very Special Holiday Season!

Sandy - Newsletter Editor -



BULLETIN BOARD

For Sale

100 4" x 4" x 12" interlocking block edgers
 (Radius nose at one end, pocket at other end.)

\$25 - call

(Would also make a good track bed.)

Banner Desert Hospital

Bob Clark thanks all who have volunteered to help maintain trains at Banner Desert. He could still use more people. If you would like to see what's involved, call Bob

What's Cooking !

Sandy's Pumpkin Pie Dessert

So easy, so good, and just in time for Thanksgiving!

Grease a 9" x 13" cake pan.

Make your favorite pumpkin recipe, enough for 2 pies.
 (Or follow the directions on a pumpkin can.)

Pour into greased pan.

Sprinkle 1 yellow cake mix over pumpkin mixture.
 Drizzle with 2 sticks of melted butter or margarine.

Top with 1 cup chopped pecans
 Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until solid.

Another great dish for potlucks!



Plant of the Month - November

Hen and Chicks
 (Sempervivum Tectorum)

Common name for a group of small succulents that propagate off-shoots, hence the name. Grows close to the ground in well drained, rocky soil.

Needs to dry out between watering.

Best in sun but tolerates shade. Comes in many shades of green and flowers after 3-4 years.

Protect from frost



Arizona Big Train Operator's Annual Christmas Open House Train Tours Saturday and Sunday, December 9th, 10th and 16th, 17th 6 PM - 9 PM

SEE OUTDOOR MODEL TRAINS IN GARDENS ALL OVER THE VALLEY

EAST VALLEY HOMES

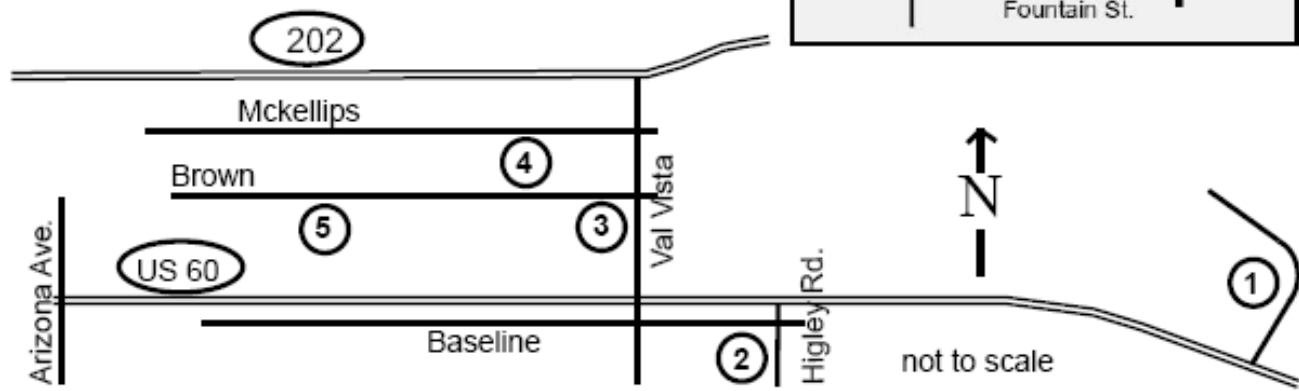
1 SUNSET AND BOULDER RAILROAD Dennis & Dana Busby 7097 E. Cuernavaco Way, Gold Canyon, AZ 85218 480-288-4680 Email: debuz@earthlink.net

3 TRAINQUILITY JUNCTION Ed and Carole Dunshie 3326 E. Fairfield St. • Mesa AZ 85213 480-807-3575 • edune59@msn.com

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2 PHOENIX EAST VALLEY RAILROAD Gerry Pfeiffer 833 N. Thunderbird Ave. • Gilbert, az 85234 480-924-8844 • Email: gerry_pfeiffer@msn.com

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For more information about ABTO and Garden Railways, go to: <http://azbigtrains.org/>

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 Jack and Dorothy Johnson
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Closed
December 9th & 10th

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Not to Scale

SUMMARY OF UNOFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

October 14 at McCormick Stillman

Board members present: Bob Rauperstrauch, Glenn Sampson, Don Halver, Gerry Pfeiffer. Roy Towne absent.

Minutes of the last meeting waived in Roy's absence.

Treasurer's report read by Don Halver and approved.

Old Business:

Activities - Glenn Sampson:

Modules - Ennis Thompson:

Phx. Children's Hospital - Bob R. Volunteers sufficient.

Banner Desert Hospital - Bob Clark: Bob is still staffing.

Convention - discussion of convention volunteers

Newsletter - Sandy: No issues - Advertising tabled

Raffles: Glenn Sampson—Starter set to be raffled in

November for Christmas.

Web Site - Mile Lewandowski:

New Business:

Convention volunteer registration was discussed and tabled.

Newsletter advertising, tabled.

Board approved new trailer tires.

Short meeting due to Module activity. Minutes by Gerry Pfeiffer.

SUMMARY OF UNOFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

November 4

All board members were present.

Guests were: Tony Vacek, Ennis Thompson, Sandy R.

Minutes of the last meeting adjusted, and approved.

Treasurer's report read by Don Halver and approved.

Old Business:

Activities - Glenn Sampson: Ramada has been reserved for April. Need Christmas dinner sign-ups. Jim Kangas: Durango trip proposed.

Modules - Ennis Thompson

Christmas tours - Maps are ready to go.

Phx. Children's Hospital - Gerry McKenzie (Bob R.)

Red Hat Society to have recognition and

appreciation of trains on Monday, November 13.

Banner Desert Hospital - Bob Clark (Bob R.): Meeting to be scheduled with Cheryl.

Convention - Board approved keeping ABTO member in charge of General Store.

Newsletter - Sandy: No issues - Board voted to do away with paid advertising. Members may put train related items for sale in the Bulletin Board, same as before, no charge.

Raffles - Glenn Sampson: Starter set to be raffled at BEGINNING of the November meeting. No other door prizes at this meeting.

Web Site - Mike L.: not present—no issues.

New Business:

Insurance : tabled

ABTO funds to be used for some items at Nov. meeting.

Cross bucks for open house tours to be done by

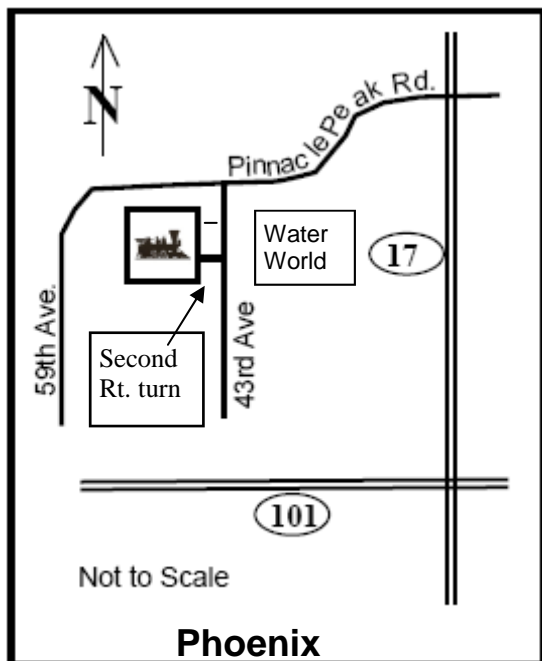
Tuesday.

All board members signed non-profit-status papers.



Convention Vests

We have quite a few Convention Vests left—one might have your name on it! If you are working at the convention, \$15 for vest and patch is very reasonable so don't be left out. Tucson members are also buying so call Sandy to place your order.



General ABTO Meeting

Saturday, November 18

8:30 am - noon

Adobe Mountain Railroad

Follow the map

Phoenix, Arizona

This will be a potluck breakfast meeting with

Arizona Garden Railroad Society

See their G-scale outdoor display in progress.

2 demos are planned.

Meet in the club house for good food and a good time!

There will be time to ride trains if you wish to,

hosted by Maricopa Live Steamers

Fun! Fun! Fun!

EVERYONE ATTENDING,

please bring a breakfast dish

to go with Pancakes.

Arizona Big Train

ABTO OBJECTIVES

Membership in Arizona Big Train Operators is open to anyone with an interest in gardening and creating, constructing, and operating large scale model railways. At our meetings, items of mutual interest associated with the hobby are discussed and demonstrated.

Our members represent a wide variety of interests ranging from gardening, collecting trains, and model building, to operating trains in the garden railroad environment.

Meetings are typically held at member's homes, where they have the opportunity to showcase their railway creations.

Meetings are usually held on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

ABTO MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership fee is \$35 per family, per year, and entitles you to one vote per family membership.

Membership entitles you to attend all meetings and events and receive the monthly ABTO newsletters and one name badge. Additional badges may be purchased for \$7.00 each.

ABTO BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

Board meetings are usually held on the first Saturday of the month.

Board meetings are open to members who are current on their dues and have an item for the agenda. **If you plan to attend, call a board member to confirm location, time and date.**

ABTO NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

Members are encouraged to contribute articles, letters, illustrations or photographs related to garden railroading to include in the newsletter. Items may be used at a later date.

ABTO Members who have hobby related items for sale or trade may submit an advertisement for publication at no charge using four lines; Name, Item, Phone # and Email.

Submissions must be in to the editor by the 1st Saturday of the month by US Mail or Email using WORD.

ABTO will also accept business card sized advertisements for \$10.00 a month. **Advertisements must be submitted with payment, (check to ABTO) to the newsletter editor by U.S. mail, by the first Saturday of the month. Editor reserves the right to decline ads.**



ABTO Newsletter Editor
Sandy Rauperstrauch

To:

Next meeting, Saturday, November
Arizona Garden Railroad Society - Phoenix, Arizona