

**ABTO
Committee Heads**

Activities

Glenn Sampson

Jim Kangas

Modules

Ennis Thompson

Denis Conte

Phoenix Children's Hospital

Jerry McKenzie

Banner Desert Hospital

Bob Clark

Web Site

Mike Lewandowski

Other Positions

2008 Convention/Club

Correspondence

Mike Lewandowski
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Raffles and prizes and Librarian

Tony Vacek

Photo Archivist

Jack Slinkard

Club Interaction Facilitator

Bob Rauperstrauch

Publicity

Dave Stone

Meeting Host Coordinator

Jim Kangas - East Side

John Meyers - West Side

Shirt, Badge, & Vest Coordinator

Jim Snyder

August 26th Work Session

By Ennis Thompson



One of the most recent club work sessions took place last Saturday in the orange groves of East Mesa. Just off Val Vista Road at Mike Temenski's home, Don Halver, Jack Johnson, Bob Clark, Roy Towne, Sandy and Bob Rauperstrauch, Jim Kangas, Ennis Thompson and Mike installed some of the new road bed through the orange trees over the irrigated yard for The Temenski Railroad.

It was a good learning situation for the members involved, installing an elevated layout with the new system from Split Jaw, Inc. Mike also purchased a numerous amount of steel bridges and trestles from fellow member Dan Hoag to supplement the construction of the large railroad. It was a good work session for this team on a very interesting railroad. To see it, don't miss the September meeting.

Who are these folks?



Al Wendler (center) and Norman and Colin of Gosforth, England. These rail fans have been gracious hosts to many ABTO visitors and they never miss a season coming to the states to see railroads, visit, and tour with us as well. Al is presenting ABTO patches to them for their showing off the rails of England and Wales.

ABTO Christmas Party

Iron Works Restaurant

17233 N. 45th Ave. - Glendale

Sunday, December 3

5:00pm - 9:00pm

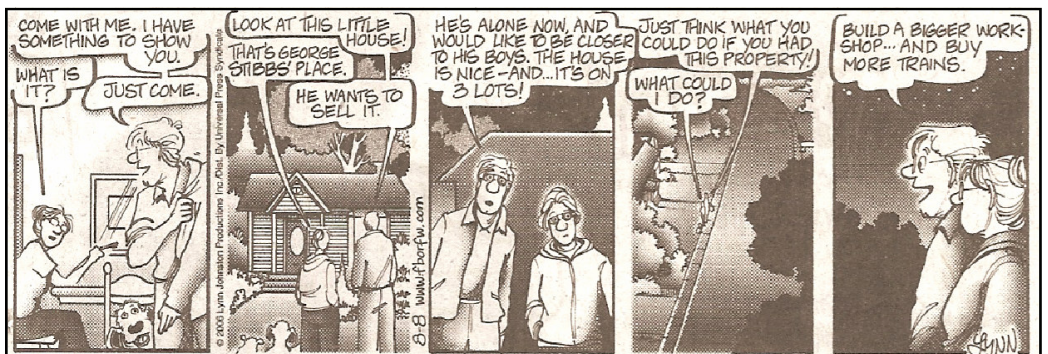
Choice of: Filet Mignon, Lemon Chicken, or Filet of Salmon

\$25.00 each—Send check and dinner selection to Glenn or Katy Sampson,



Nice Bar-B-Q! It would look great in your back yard! See the Bulletin Board, page 7

It's the train collector's dream!



SUMMARY OF UNOFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

September 2

All Board members were present.

Guests were: Tony Vacek, Ennis Thompson, Bob Clark, Sandy Rauperstrauch, Rich Hull.

Minutes of the last meeting passed out and approved.

Treasurer's report read by Don Halver and approved.

Old Business:

Activities - Glenn Sampson: Christmas menu decided.
Rich Hull: 9 members going to Tehachapi.

Modules - Ennis Thompson: Need trailer by Oct. 13.
Christmas tours—to advertise by area.

Phx. Children's Hospital - Bob R. reporting for Jerry McKenzie: Jerry has a new diesel for the hosp.

Banner Desert Hospital - Bob Clark: Bob is still staffing workers at Banner. Meeting coming up with Cheryl.

Convention - Rich Hull: Pre meeting to critique the BAGRS convention and review action items for the September meeting.

Newsletter - Sandy : No issues - Advertising discussed.

Raffles: Glenn Sampson—Starter set to be raffled in November for Christmas.

Web Site - Mile Lewandowski: changes were approved.

New Business:

Gerry gave update on trailer insurance.

Issue of advertising in newsletter tabled.

Nothing to report on Gilbert Railroad Park.



Nice home! Whose home is this? For more information, see the Bulletin Board, page 7

About The Newsletter

If you have a special train related interest and would like to share it with other ABTO members, write an article and send it to the newsletter editor. Photos are always welcome from the membership, and make the articles more interesting too.

Any new ideas, let me know!

Many of our ABTO members have had bouts with medical tests, illness, or surgeries this past year, and let it be known, you are not forgotten. We respect that you don't wish your name or illness spread out in the news, but we're thinking good things for you just the same.

Sandy - Newsletter Editor - braup@cox.net 

Banner Desert Hospital

Thanks to those of you that join Bob Clark for a little maintenance on the trains at Banner Desert. If you would like to see what's involved, call Bob. He could still use more people.

What's Cooking !

From Janet Mitchell- Tucson Garden Railroad Society
Chocolate Raspberry Streusel Squares

Set oven for 350 degrees.

Combine:

- 1 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cup Quaker Oats
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup or 2 sticks of margarine
- 1/4 tsp salt

Reserve 1 cup of this mixture in a separate bowl. Press remainder in un-greased 9" square pan.

Bake 10 minutes.

Spread 1 cup raspberry preserves over crust.

Sprinkle evenly over top:

- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup chopped almonds
- And remaining crust mixture.

Bake 30-35 minutes until golden.

Drizzle 1/2 cup melted semi sweet chocolate over top. (optional).

You'll Love These!



Plant of the Month-July
Marigold

Showy flowers in many different varieties of golds and oranges. Sun tolerant, and drought resistant, this flower is sometimes planted with vegetables to ward off bugs. Short, about 8", but full of flowers.

BULLETIN BOARD

FOR SALE:

MTH, G Gauge, 1/29 scale, articulated, 4-6-6-4 Union Pacific, two tone grey. Only track tested—runs excellently. \$800.00

Peterbuilt truck/sleeper cab, 1/24 scale, by Revell. (Car hauler, 1/24th by Revell, Plastic, custom built) Comes with 6 cars. Still in box. Both units \$125.

Call Dick Nelson: 480-854-8652

Beautiful Home For Sale, pictured on page 6.

Arizona Traditions, Adult Gated Golf Community 2 br w den, 2 full bath. Move in Ready.

Asking \$289,900

Complete waist high garden Railroad with bridges and track. **Call Dave or Pat Winkler:**

623-975-5487 or 623-910-6906 for information.

LGB Santa Fe Diesel Engine (F7-20570) \$413
LGB Santa Fe Diesel Unit (F7B-20582) w/sound \$277
Aristo Baggage Car (Art32200) undecorated
Aristo Passenger Car (Art 32305) Santa Fe
Aristo Vista Dome Car (Art32605) Santa Fe
Aristo Diner Car (Art32505) Santa Fe
Aristo Observation Car (Art 32405) Santa Fe
The above cars are \$225.00 each or buy the whole train set for \$1,700.

Call Bob Clark: 480-834-7067

Trager "Train" **Electric Bar-B-Que** and Smoker
Comes with 2 bags of wood pellets. Goes from smoker to 450 degrees. \$1,000 new, asking \$300.00

Call Dave Winkler : 623-975-5487.

Train Christmas Ornaments

*For the past 4 years, train Christmas ornaments have become a tradition for ABTO club members. They are hand painted by Brenda Schodt with a train car or engine, ABTO, and the date. It's not too late to add to, or start your collection. The cost is \$12.00 each. Please Send your check, made out to **Carole Dunshie, by September 30.***

Send it to her at:

Address changes

Please make Additions and changes to Your Roster

Dave and Nancy Stone

Photo Contest

Don't forget to send your photos to the editor.

Must include a train!

Last day is October 1



**Lunch will be provided.
Bring a dessert if you wish,
and chairs.**

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, September 16
Mike Temenski and Lynn McClure - Phoenix, Arizona**