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**SPRING OPEN HOUSE TOURS
TRAIN LAYOUTS TO SEE
ALL OVER THE VALLEY!**



Sat April 14th 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sun April 15th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Pick any home to start - collect maps to the next homes as you go.

East side open houses

Busby, Dennis & Dana (Sat & Sun) 7097 E. Cuernavanco Way Gold Canyon, AZ 85218
Johnson, Jack & Dorothy (Sun) 739 E. Prescott Dr. Chandler, AZ 85249
Nagel, Bill & Herta (Sun) 1236 S. Longmore Ct Chandler, AZ 85248

Mesa/Gilbert

Sirrine, Dennis & Lizabeth(Sat & Sun) 1929 N. 24th St. Mesa, AZ 85213
Haas, Terry & Adrienne (Sat & Sun) 1861 E. Fountain St. Mesa, AZ 85203
Dunshie, Ed & Carole (Sat & Sun) 3326 E. Fairfield Mesa, AZ 85213
Pfeiffer, Gerry (Sat) 833 N. Thunderbird Gilbert, AZ 85234
Halver, Don & Gail (Sun) 559 E. Eagle Ct. Gilbert, AZ 95296
Thomson, Duncan (Sun) 520 W. Rawhide Ave. Gilbert, AZ 85233

Scottsdale

Nathan (Sat) 5128 E. Kelton Scottsdale, AZ 85254
Casull, Brian & Rebecca (Sat) 7938 E. Las Piedras Way Scottsdale, AZ 85262

Phoenix area

Hoag, Dan & Patience (Sat & Sun) 4007 N. 22nd Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85015
Benner, Rodney & Janet (Sat) 15837 N. 21st Pl. Phoenix, AZ 85022
Sampson, Glenn & Katy (Sat) 4222 W. Monte Cristo Phoenix, AZ 85053
Meyers, John & Pat (Sat) 3235 W. State Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85051
Job, Pius (Sun) 4032 E. Tanglewood Phoenix, AZ 85048
Alberti, Gary (Sat) 7549 N. 28th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85051
Derr, Randy (Sun) 3417 E. Manso St. Phoenix, AZ 85044

North Phoenix

Bartholomew, Paul (Sat) 26923 N. 45th Pl. Carefree, AZ
Frank, Gene & Roberta (Sat) 4134 W. Pershing Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85029
Adobe Mountain RR (Sat & Sun) 23280 N. 43rd Ave. Phoenix, AZ

West Phoenix

Liesegang, Terry (Sat) 7222 W. Saint John Rd. Glendale, AZ
Sun City Grand Club House (Sat) 19944 N. Canyon Surprise, AZ 85387
Bob & Eleanor Batt (Sat) 10745 Meade Dr. Sun City, AZ

There will be an Open House Dinner, (Dutch Treat) for all to meet!

Location: Dennis Serrine's home - 1929 N. 24th St, Mesa (see map in Jan. Newsletter)

Saturday, April 14th at 6:00pm for "Dutch Treat" buffet dinner

Cost \$15.95 (includes non-alcoholic drink and 1 raffle ticket)

Other prizes awarded with raffle ticket purchase - Donations to Make a Wish

RSVP by calling Dan at 602-276-8101 no later than March 31

Let 's have a fun weekend visiting different train layouts!

**ABTO
Committee Heads**

Activities

Glenn Sampson - 602-938-9752
gksamaz@juno.com

Jim Kangas - 480-659-1756
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Modules

Ennis Thompson - 480-813-0114
Egtrailing@aol.com

Jim Kangas - 480-659-1756
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Phoenix Children's Hospital

Jerry McKenzie - 520-466-5938
sparetimeaz@msn.com

Banner Desert Hospital

Bob Clark - 480-834-7067
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Web Site

Mike Lewandowski - 623-536-1954
fun2rr@msn.com

Other Positions

2008 Convention/Club

Correspondence

Mike Lewandowski - 623-536-1954
conv_secretary@msn.com

Raffles and prizes and Librarian

Glenn Sampson - 623-566-9274
gksamaz@uno.com

Photo Archivist

Jack Slinkard - 623-979-3075

Club Interaction Facilitator

Bob Rauperstrauch - 480-753-9690
braup@cox.net

Publicity

looking for a volunteer for this position

Meeting Host Coordinator

Jim Kangas - East Side
480-659-1756
jkangas@cox.net

John Meyers - West Side
602-841-7564
jtprmeys@cox.net

Shirt, Badge, & Vest Coordinator

Jim Snyder - 480-893-8456
jim22@qwest.net

April 1 is Picnic in the Park!

It won't be long until Spring will be here and with that comes another fun ABTO event!

Date: Sunday, April 1, 2007

Time: 11:30 - Lunch: 12:00

Place: McCormick Stillman RR Park

Scottsdale Rd. and Indian Bend Rd. - Scottsdale, AZ

Cost: \$5.00 - 12 and under, free

One train ticket for each person attending

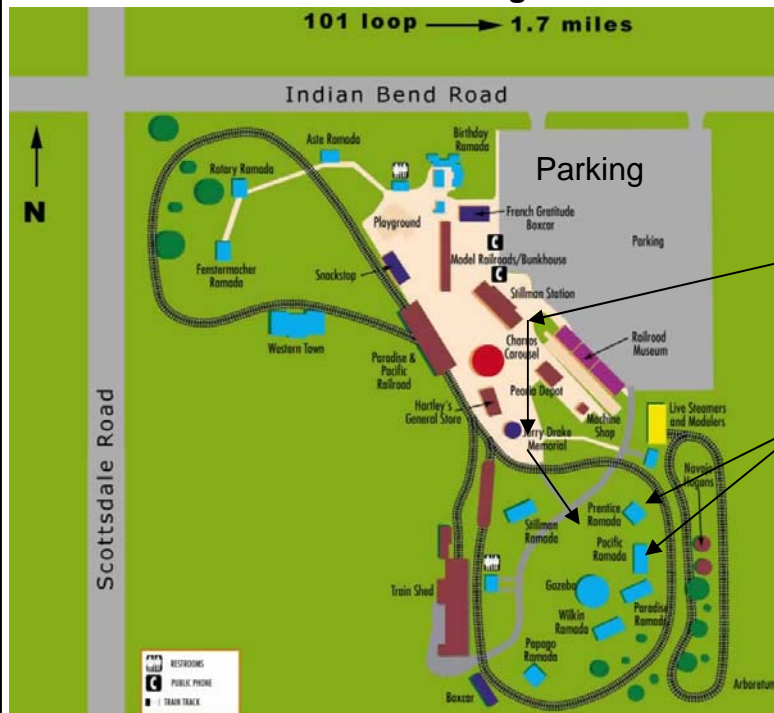
Bring Potluck to go with Hamburgers/Hotdogs

Drinks Provided



Paradise and Pacific Ramadas
SE corner of the Park

Sign up and pay at the March meeting or call Jim Kangas:



Enter the park here.

Ramadas for the Picnic are here.

Convention Update

The quarterly planning meeting was held Jan 27. All committees are finalizing plans in their areas.

For committee heads, mark your calendar!

Next pre-quarterly meeting will be on March 21st at Rich Hull's home, at 1:30 pm.

Next Quarterly meeting will be March 31st at the San Marcos.

Sandy



New ABTO Members

We'd like to present ABTO's newest members.
Please make them feel welcome next time you meet them.
Please add these names to your roster.

Kerry & Alyce O'Keeley
9953 E. Palermo Ave.
Gold Canyon, AZ 85218

Home: 480-288-0102
E-mail: kokako@hotmail.com

Steve & Kathy Gurley
1104 E. Campus Dr.
Tempe, AZ 85282

Home: 480-804-1469
E-mail: kjwk@cox.net

Ed Fries & Sandi Cocoran Home: 480-899-8793
1202 E. Juniter Place
Chandler, AZ 85225

Changes!

Dean Bierly

E-mail: deanbierly@wbhsi.net

Welcome new members!

There's a lot going on with the ABTO membership so if you like to run trains, there's always something to do. And it's not just the trains - it's a great way to make friends too.

Modules are a portable train setup that ABTO displays at different events where you can help run trains and promote the hobby. Call Ennis Thompson 602-527-0402 or Jim Kangas, 480-659-1756.

Activities are members who plan the special events like picnics and train trips. Call Jim Kangas. 480-658-1756

Phoenix Children's Hospital is where ABTO has a train atrium that brings joy to a lot of very sick kids. Call Jerry McKenzie 520-466-5938 to help out as there is always daily maintenance.

Banner Desert Hospital is where we help maintain another train atrium and there is also daily maintenance. Call Bob Clark, 480-834-7067

Did we mention the train trips, day trips, outings, & picnics?

*If you have some spare time, come join the fun!
It's as simple as a phone call.
You can always call an ABTO board member
for more information.*

We are always looking for new faces to have fun running trains and the social hour at breakfast and lunch is a good time to share ideas, solve train problems, and get to know other members too.

See you there!

BULLETIN BOARD

Banner Desert Hospital

Finally, a meeting is in the works for the middle of March with the Hospital staff. Meantime, Bob Clark can always use extra help. Call him at 480-834-7067 if you are interested donating a few hours helping to keep the trains running at the hospital. It takes daily maintenance, so your time is appreciated. Thanks Jim Kangas, Gerry Pfeiffer, and Dick Melling for taking over on Thursdays for Bob Clark.

What's Cooking !

Orange Delight Cake

Cake { 1 pkg orange cake mix
1 (21 oz) canned peach pie filling
2 eggs
1/2 c sour cream

Topping { 1 (8oz) pkg cream cheese, softened
1 small box of vanilla instant pudding mix
1 can (20 oz) undrained pineapple
1 (8oz) prepared whipped topping

Beat cake ingredients with a fork for 1 minute.
Pour into greased 11x13" cake pan
Bake at 350 deg for 25 - 30 minutes.
Cool.
Whip 1st 3 ingredients for topping.
Fold in whipped topping.
Spread on cake.
Refrigerate.

Good for pot-lucks!

About The Newsletter

As I have said before, it is your newsletter. Send pictures, comments, articles of train related material to me. New members, send me you comments! The newsletter is as good as what YOU help to make it.

Sandy - Newsletter Editor,



Auction time!

MARCH MEETING BRING YOUR DONATED ITEMS AND HAVE A GREAT TIME.

Like last year, it doesn't matter how old, used, or valued the items are, one man's junk was another man's treasure!

You never know what you'll go home with!

Don't miss this fun event!



John & Pat's 7/8 scale depot is a big attraction in their garden layout! See it at the March meeting.

SUMMARY OF UNOFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

March 3, 2007

Board members present were: Bob, Glenn, Don & Gerry, & Roy
Guests were: Tony Vacek, Jim Kangas, Sandy Rauperstrauch
Jim & Carol Kangas, Rich Hull and Bob Clark

Treasurer's report read by Don Halver & approved. ABTO has 66 paid members and 12 new members and 4 honorary.

Old Business:

Activities - Jim Kangas: Durango Trip has been cancelled. Not enough people signed up. ☹

April Picnic: 45 adults & 5 kids have signed up.

Ontario: If working the modules, send name to Ennis.

Modules - Ennis Thompson—Not present. The board voted on \$700 budget for the modules, not including the new trailer tires.

Phx. Children's Hospital - Glenn: platform being built

Banner Desert Hospital - Bob Clark: Meeting to be scheduled mid-March with Hospital staff.

Convention - Rich Hull: Meetings are scheduled.

Newsletter - Sandy: Don wants 1 more dues announcement in Newsletter, Roster mailed in March.

Raffles - Glenn Sampson: No raffles at March meeting

New Business:

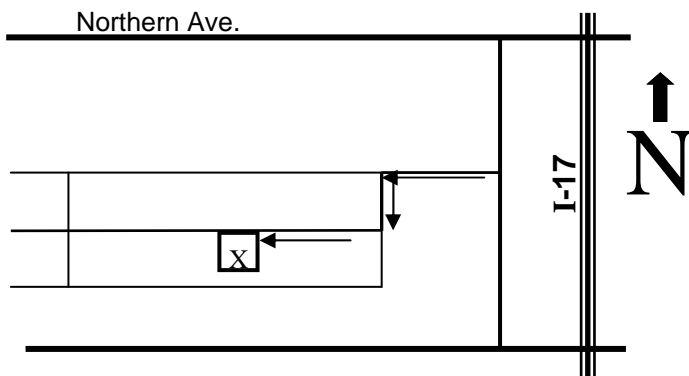
1. Glenn and Ennis to man ABTO/ Convention Booth at Dan's open house.
2. Need a meeting location for June. Looking into HTB for August meeting and a church for July meeting.
3. April Bd meeting will precede Convention meeting on March 31st at 8:30am at the San Marcos.
4. June 2nd Bd meeting to be held in Ontario.
5. Landmark Restaurant selected for X-mas Banquet.
6. Conv. Tour host to be reimbursed for Cross bucks.

This is the big Event!

It's the ABTO AUCTION
Bring your donated items and join the fun!
Don't forget your cash too-
You never know what you'll end up with!

Don't miss it!

It doesn't matter how old, new or used - bring your stuff to donate!



ABTO General Meeting

March 17, 2007

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

John & Pat Meyers

Hot meatball sub sandwiches, baked beans, and drinks provided.

Please bring side dishes or dessert.

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 Newsletter Editor
Sandy Rauperstrauch

To:

Next meeting, Saturday, February 17
John and Pat Meyers, Phoenix, Arizona