

New ABTO Members

The following are new ABTO members.
 Please make them feel welcome
 The next time you see them

Larry & Diana Likes Home: 480-883-2802
 764 W. Carob Way Cell: 602-2911895
 Chandler, AZ 85248 E-mail: LLikes@hotmail.com

They have an outdoor G-Scale Layout. (Newsletter by email)

Tom & Alice Nance Home: 489-786-5690
 2352 W. Mission Dr. E-mail:nance_tom@msn.com
 Chandler, AZ 85224 (Newsletter by email)

There are people behind the scenes, helping with monitory donations or using lawyers for advice, insurance agents for our coverage. It is difficult to recognize them when they don't wish to be recognized, but my thanks and appreciation goes out to these members for their time, money and support. It is these folks that help keep this club operating.
 Sincere THANKS, from Bob Rauperstrauch.

What's Cooking !

Striped Delight for the Holidays

35 Oreo Chocolate Sandwich cookies, crushed
 6 Tbsp. margarine, melted
 1 pkg. (8 oz) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
 1/4 cup sugar
 2 Tbsp cold milk
 1 tub (12 oz) Cool Whip, thawed and divided
 3 1/4 cups cold milk
 2 pkg. (4-serving size each) Jell-o Chocolate Instant Pudding
 Crushed candy cane for sprinkled topping.

Mix cookie crumbs and butter in medium bowl
 Press firmly into 13 x 9 inch baking dish.
 Refrigerate 10 minutes
 Beat cream cheese, sugar, 2 Tbsp. milk in med bowl.
 Gently stir in 1 1/4 cups of whipped topping.
 Spread over crust.
 Pour 3 1/4 cups milk into large bowl - add pudding mixes—beat with wire whisk 2 minutes.
 Pour over cream cheese—let stand 5 minutes.
 Drop remaining whipped topping by spoonfuls over pudding - spread evenly to cover.
 Sprinkle with crushed candy cane topping.
 Refrigerate at least 4 hours. Cut into 24 squares, 1 inch each.

Happy Holidays!

Bulletin Board

Jerry McKenzie has some items for sale. **AristoCraft** track in 5' sections for \$6.00 each. 80 total!
 Also, Split Jaw rail clamps \$.75 each.
Call:1-520-466-5938

Think Christmas!

Sandy Rauperstrauch is selling a "Brio type" kids train set, table plus all pieces. Played with once! Perfect for Christmas! \$70

SUMMARY OF UNOFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

November, 2007 Board meeting date has been changed to November 10 because of the Convention DVD filming. Therefore, the Board Meeting minutes are not in the newsletter. Please remember to vote.

About The Newsletter

I want to thank all of you who have supported me these past 2 years with the new format of the newsletter. There are always a few who go through life picking apart everything they encounter—that is the nature of a few negative members. But I have been very pleased to hear so many positive comments after the meeting at Mike 's with encouragement and support to carry on, and I will choose to do so.

As you see, Gerry Pfeiffer did a good job getting new members signed up at the last Module events so let 's be sure to make these new members feel welcome and comfortable in the club. Every new member has a different level of expertise and experience to offer and we are not only here to assist and promote the hobby, but to share and learn more about trains as well.

I want to report that Lila Snyder is on the mend after another small procedure, and is hoping to be released from the hospital on Saturday.

It is good to see some very capable ladies on the ballot. As I am a non-voting member of the board (according to the by-laws,) it would be nice if one or both of these ladies gets the vote. (Nothing against you fellows running!)

I bet you are all glad that the DVD filming is done! It has given us a chance to get the bugs out of the railroad and to get organized for running trains at the convention.

If you have something that you would like me to put in the newsletter, it is best to **email it to me**. Editors discretion.

Thanks Pat, for pointing me in a more organized direction in my office skills! That 's what we "arty" people are like!

Sandy - Newsletter Editor, braup@cox.net



ABTO
2nd Annual

Christmas Open House Train Tours - 2007
Saturday, Dec. 8th - Sunday, Dec. 9th • 6PM - 9PM
Saturday, Dec. 15th - Sunday, Dec. 16th • 6PM - 9PM

EAST VALLEY

SEE TRAINS ALL OVER THE VALLEY!

① **PHOENIX EAST VALLEY RAILROAD**
Gerry Pfeiffer
833 N. Thunderbird Ave. • Gilbert, AZ • 85234
480-924-8844 • gerry_pfeiffer@msn.com
US 60

② **SUNSET AND BOULDER RAILROAD**
Dennis & Dana Busby
7097 E. Cuernavaco Way • Gold Canyon, AZ 85218
480-288-4680 • Email: debuzus@msn.com

③ **OGDEN-LAWRENCE DISPATCH**
Don Sorenson/Karen Lenzen
6130 E Colby St. • Mesa, AZ 85205
480-807-1251 • don.sorenson@intel.com

④ **TRAINQUILITY JUNCTION**
Ed and Carole Dunshie
3326 E. Fairfield St. • Mesa, AZ 85213
480-807-3575 • eduns59@msn.com

⑤ **PALO VERDE AND SOUTHWESTERN**
Dennis and Lizabeth Sirrine
1929 N. 24th St • Mesa, AZ 85213
480-620-9459 • Email: ranchodietarosa@cox.net

⑥ **A & T EXPRESS**
Terry and Adrienne Haas
1861 E. Fountain St. Mesa, AZ 85203
480-827-8604 • Email: tahaas1245@aol.com

⑦ **JOHNSONVILLE RR**
Jack & Dorothy Johnson
739 E. Prescott Dr. • Chandler, AZ • 85249
480-732-9619 • packjack1@yahoo.com

⑫ Southern 202 Loop

TEMPE

MESA

CHANDLER

SUN LAKES

GOLD CANYON

Not to scale

⑩ **WESTERWALD GUTER ZUG**
Bill & Herta Nagle
1236 S. Longmore Ct • Chandler, AZ 85248
480-899-9054 • he111bill@aol.com
Pecos Rd.

⑪ **DRY WASH & TUMBLEWEED RR**
Roger Crooks
1708 W. Dixon Circle • Mesa, AZ 85201
480-954-6058 • rpo271@yahoo.com



Arizona Big Train Operators supports the Phoenix Children's Hospital through a Garden Railroad that is enjoyed by all who see it at the hospital. Your Donations are greatly appreciated and all funds will go to the operations and maintenance of that railroad. *Thank You* for your Support.



SUN LAKES

8-9

ROOSTER CREEK RR
Rich & Sharon Hull
25025 S. Lakeway Dr. • Sun Lakes, AZ 85248
480-802-5308 • rhull10@wbhst.net

BONNEYVILLE MILLS RR
Ennis and Marla Thompson
9636 E. Mossy Rock Dr. • Sun Lakes, AZ 85248
480-813-0114 • egtrailing@aol.com

Not to Scale

TEMPE

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CITRUS & BOULDER RR
Steve & Kathy Gurley
1104 E. Campus Dr. • Tempe, AZ 85282
480-804-1469 • kj7wk@cox.net

PHOENIX AREA

13

WILD EAGLE RAILROAD
Dan and Patience Hoag
4007 N. 22nd Ave. • Phoenix, AZ 85015
602-278-8101 • nironandan@aol.com

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SHADY GLEN RAILROAD
John and Pat Meyers
3235 W. State Ave. • Phoenix, AZ 85051
602-841-7584 • jtpmeyers@cox.net

Closed Dec 15th & 16th

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SKUNK CREEK & DEER VALLEY RR
Glenn & Katy Sampson
4222 W. Monte Cristo Ave. • Phoenix, AZ 85053
602-938-9752 • gksamaz@juno.com

NORTH SCOTTSDALE (Not shown on Map)

16

SNORT, BEAR, & WIDGET RR
Brian & Rebecca Casull
7938 E. Las Piedras Way • Scottsdale, AZ 85262
480-563-8924 • bhc@earthlink.net

Not to scale

16 is not pictured on this map

If you like trains, go to the web sight at <http://azbigtrains.org> for more information on Garden Railroading, and becoming a member of ABTO. There are lots of great activities that show off the hobby, plus you'll get to meet others with the same interest who are willing to share ideas and help you get started with your own garden railroad.

Listing of Candidates for the ABTO Board January 2008 - December 2009

Voting Ballot

It is time to vote for the candidate of your choice. You may mail this ballot to
Larry Wagoner, 1298 E. Avenida Ellena, Casa Grande, AZ 85222-1108

It must have your return address on the envelope to be counted. Only one vote per membership. All envelopes will be opened at the November meeting at Adobe Mt and counted at that time with ballots that are brought to the meeting. Those also must have your name on the envelope.

Announcements of the winners will be made at the November Meeting.

Nominees

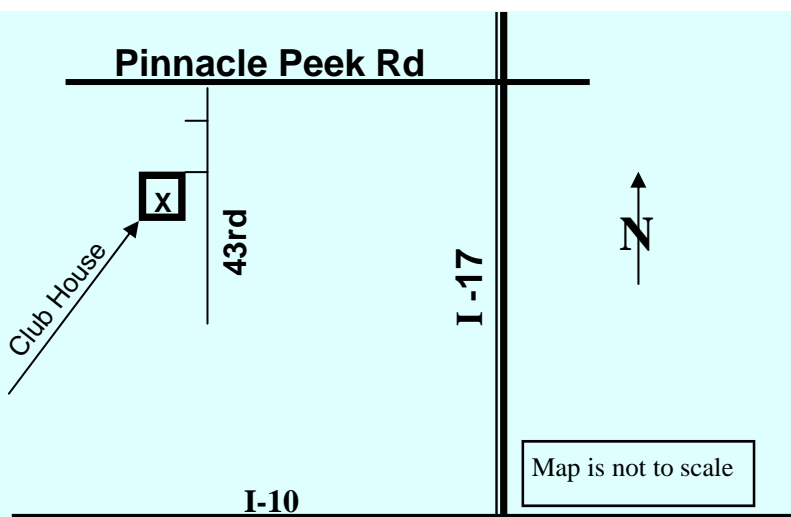
President	<input type="checkbox"/> Tony Vacek
	<input type="checkbox"/> Jerry McKenzie
Vice -President	<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Snyder
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Temenski
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Patience Hoag
	<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Kangas
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Karen Lenzen
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denis Conti
Member at Large	<input type="checkbox"/> Glenn Sampson
	<input type="checkbox"/> Al Wendler

Write-ins

President
Vice -President
Treasurer
Secretary
Member at Large

You may vote for a candidate in the listing, or write in the name of a candidate of your choice (including your own name) in the space above.

Cut off and mail in this ballot to the address above.



ABTO General Meeting

Adobe Mountain Park
23289 N. 43rd Ave. 85310
Phoenix, AZ 85338

Saturday, November 17th
8:30 am - 11:00 am

Pancake Breakfast!
Water provided

Bring a breakfast dish

Call any Board member if you have questions.

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—more if there is space;

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:

ABTO General Meeting November 17, 2007
Adobe Mountain Desert Park - Phoenix, AZ