



# Arizona Big Train Operators

Garden Railroading in Central Arizona - visit <http://azbigtrains.org>

## Newsletter

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### Highlights:

- Location change for General Membership Meeting
- Convention car still available

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### President's Message - by Tony Vacek

**THANK YOU** Gerry Pfeiffer for moving our June meeting to the Golden Corral Restaurant instead of baking us in the 115 degree weather. The 39 members who attended, appreciated your thoughtfulness.

The **JULY** meeting will be moved to a Golden Corral located on Power Road. Thanks to Wesley Schriver for thinking ahead with the possibility of warm weather and monsoons.

The 2008 Big Train Show is now history. This years show was bigger and better than last year. More vendors and module setups.

ABTO has committed to being part of Kidsfaire this year. Check out their web site: [www.americasfamilyexpo.com](http://www.americasfamilyexpo.com) and see what it is all about and then make plans to join us in participating.

Also, I want to thank Wesley Schriver for the time he has spent working on the ABTO trailer, with adjusting the jacks and installing the wheel covers.

Below, there are photos of Denis Conte and Tony Vacek playing Bingo and Tony being a **BIG WINNER** at the Bachmann Banquet. Thanks . - *Tony*





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	
<b>JUL</b>	5	8:00 am	Board Meeting @ Scottsdale Buffet
	8	4:30 pm	Operating Session @ D. Serrine
	19	9:30 am	General Membership Meeting at The Golden Corral-Power Rd.-Mesa
<b>AUG</b>	2	TBA	Board Meeting
	12	4:30 pm	Operating Session @ D. Serrine
	16	TBA	General Membership Meeting @ Sun Lakes Clubhouse
<b>SEP</b>	6	TBA	Board Meeting
	10-14	TBA	Tehachapi CA Railfan Trip
	19-21	TBA	Kidsfaire @ U. Phoenix Stadium (Setup Friday)
<b>OCT</b>	10-12	TBA	Mc-Cormick-Stillman Railfair
	18	TBA	General Membership Meeting @ Peggy Sherman's home
	<i>est</i> 24-26	9:00 am-3:00 pm	Pumpkin Festival @ Desert Botanical Garden
<b>NOV</b>	1	TBA	Board Meeting
	15	TBA	General Membership Meeting @ Wesley Schriver's home
<b>DEC</b>	7	TBA	ABTO Christmas Banquet
	12-13	TBA	Christmas Open Houses
	19-20		

*Interested in hosting a meeting? Have any ideas and/or contacts for special events? Contact Mike Temenski @ 480.659.8410 and let him know what you would like to do. EVERYONE is encouraged to participate!*

## JULY 2008 CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, JULY 5

**8:00 am-Board Meeting at the Buffet in Scottsdale.**

### TUESDAY, JULY 8

**4:30 pm - OPERATING SESSION** at Dennis Serrine's Palo Verde and Southwestern, 1929 N 24th St in Mesa. (Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month) This month will introduce a dispatcher and simple train orders to the setup. A regular contact person has not yet been established; for now, contact Dennis Serrine at 480.833.7705 if you have questions.

### SATURDAY, JULY 19

**9:30am- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST BUFFET MEETING** at THE GOLDEN CORRAL located at 1868 N. Power Road, Mesa, AZ. 852053. Follow AZ-202 Loop E-Red Mountain East- take the POWER RD exit, Exit 23. Turn right onto N. Power Road. Follow approximately 1 1/2 miles, past the McKellips Road & Power Road intersection. The Golden Corral will be on your right hand side. If you will be attending, please RSVP Mike Temenski (at mtemenski@earthlink.net) no later than Monday, July 14th.

**MODULAR MEETING** will follow the general meeting. Please bring any keys you may have for the trailer.

## FUTURE SHOW INFORMATION



WEBSITE: [americasfamilyexpo.com](http://americasfamilyexpo.com)



America's Family Expo is the largest event of its kind in the country. We've searched the globe to bring you the very best family entertainment, acres of attractions, interactive pavilions, and miles of fun.



Kidsfaire features the best in educational resources, clothing and gear, home and garden products, and all the best products and services designed to enrich the lives of babies, children and families everywhere.

Follow the Kidsfaire rainbow to a place not so far away, for this unbeatable experience for kids of all ages.

**America's Family Expo!**

## CALENDAR ENTRY SUBMISSIONS

All committees and SIG's (special interest groups) comprised of ABTO members are encouraged to submit notices for upcoming meetings and events. Send info as a plain text email to Ginny Morris with a copy to Mike Temenski.



# FOR SALE: by ABTO

## For Members Only!



AMS 1:29 scale stock car.

In recognition of the volunteer support at the 2008 convention, the ABTO Board wants to

ensure that every member has a chance to own a convention car at a price that is

substantially below cost!

We will sell one car to every member that has not already purchased one for \$50.00US.

If you pre-purchased a car for \$100.00, we will give you a second car.

Other terms for other than retail available.

Contact Jim Kangas 480 659 1756. [ikangasat@cox.net](mailto:ikangasat@cox.net) to reserve your car.

**SALE**

## CONVENTION MERCHANDISE ON SALE AT THE GENERAL MEETING

### **BUY, SELL, TRADE in the MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

*ALL MEMBERS may submit listings of items to buy, sell or trade for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. There is no charge for this service. Please submit listings to the newsletter editor by email at [putterm@cox.net](mailto:putterm@cox.net) or by bringing hard copy to the monthly meeting. The deadline is the third Saturday of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.*



# FOR SALE: by Members

WHO	WHAT	CONTACT
<b>Jim Snyder</b>	San-Val Nickel Plated Double Ball Bearing Wheels - \$10.25 per pair (you need two pair per car)	Call 480.893.8456 or email at jim22@qwest.net
<b>Gerry Pfeiffer</b>	Items on Pages 5 & 9	Call 480.924.8844 or e-mail gerry_pfeiffer@msn.com

Description	Road Name	Manufacturer	Price
Whitcomb Switcher (Yellow) – Electric/9V	Nevada County	Trail Creek (Brass)	\$125
Galloping Goose #1 – Motor Car	RGS	Bachmann #87399	\$100
40' Steel Box Car (White)	Soo Line	Aristo Craft #46069	Set of 3
40' Steel Box Car (Dk. Green)	Susquehanna -NYSW	Aristo Craft #46029	\$100
Steel 2-Bay Covered Hopper (Green)	Burlington	Aristo Craft #41218	
53' Evans Steel Box Car (Red)	ATSF	Aristo Craft #50002	Set of 3
Bulkhead Flatcar (Black)	Chessie/B&O	Aristo Craft #46409	\$115
Wood Coal Hopper (Black)	ET&NWC	Aristo Craft #81402	
San Juan Coach #304 (Green)	D&RGW	Accucraft AM54-013	Set of 2
San Juan Coach #306 (Green)	D&RGW	Accucraft AM54-013	\$300
EMD F7-A Diesel (Warbonnet)	Santa Fe	LGB #20570	
EMD F7-A Diesel (Warbonnet)	Santa Fe	LGB #20570	
EMD F7-B Diesel (Warbonnet) w/Sound	Santa Fe	LGB #20584	
Streamline Observation Car	Santa Fe	LGB #30590	
Streamline Dome Car	Santa Fe	LGB #30580	Set of 11
Streamline Dome Car	Santa Fe	LGB #30580	\$1500
Streamline Dome Car	Santa Fe	LGB #30580	
Streamline Dome Car	Santa Fe	LGB #30580	
Streamline Passenger Car	Santa Fe	LGB #30570	
Streamline Passenger Car	Santa Fe	LGB #30570	
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EMD F7-A Diesel Black Widow (w/MTS ?)	Southern Pacific	LGB #24570	
EMD F7-A Diesel Black Widow (w/MTS ?)	Southern Pacific	LGB #24570	Set of 4
EMD F7-B Diesel Black Widow w/Sound	Southern Pacific	LGB #24582	\$950
EMD F7-B Diesel Black Widow w/Sound	Southern Pacific	LGB #24582	
Bay Window Caboose (Tuscun/Orange)	Southern Pacific	USA #R12052	



Ennis Thompson is building one phase of the Ballpark for the Phoenix Children's Hospital layout. Many members are working on the project, but one item they are asking members to donate are **SITTING POSITION** figures for the Grandstand. Members are asked to bring the figures to the July 18th membership meeting. Thank You.



## Railfans Trip to California

Wednesday, Sept 10 to Sunday, Sept 14, 2008



**Still vacant seats** available of the charter bus! The price of **\$120 per person** for the entire trip includes the fuel surcharge and the loading and unloading of the bus. It does not include the gratuity for the driver or accommodations and meals.

### ITINERARY

- WED**
- Depart from Mesa area @ 6:00 AM
  - 6:30 AM stop at Cracker Barrel Restaurant at I-10 at Litchfield Rd in Goodyear (Exit #128)
  - View trains at Cajon Pass and Tehachapi Loop in the afternoon
- THU**
- Return to Tehachapi
  - Visit warehouse of Gold Coast Station
  - Travel to Boron, CA and then on to San Bernadino, CA
- FRI**
- Los Angeles County Fairgrounds - Fairplex
- SAT**
- Visit back lot at Disneyland
  - Possible visits to nearby layouts in Orange County
  - Dinner at Roger Clarkson home in Riverside, CA
- SUN**
- Depart for home @ 7:30 AM

If interested, contact Rich Hull immediately at 602.684.1203 or rhull10@wbhsi.net.

# Committees and SIGs (Special Interest Groups)

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**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSES**—if you are interested in opening your house, please contact Ennis Thompson-egtrailroading@aol.com so he can put you on the list.

ALSO

Please contact Ennis with names of any neighborhood newspaper or territorial flyers to get the word out about the Christmas Open Houses.

## NEW MEMBER

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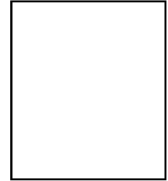
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Description	Name	Manufacturer	Price
<b>Brewery Roof Equipment</b>	Beck's	Piko #1062013	
<b>Brewery Main Building</b>	Beck's	Piko #1062014	Set of 5
<b>Brewery Side Building</b>	Beck's	Piko #1062015	\$360
<b>Brewery Chimney</b>	Beck's	Piko #1062016	
<b>Brewery Boilerhouse</b>	Beck's	Piko #1062017	
<b>Roof Top Equipment</b>	Mr. Mann's	Piko #62013	Set of 3
<b>Can Factory Power/Boilerhouse</b>	Mr. Mann's	Piko #62018	\$275
<b>Can Factory</b>	Mr. Mann's	Piko #62019	
<b>Saw Mill</b>	None	Pola #330936	Set of 3
<b>Saw Mill Cargo Crane</b>	None	Pola #330939	\$225
<b>Lumber Wagon</b>	None	Pola #1854	
<b>Ranger Cabin</b>	None	Pola #331715	Set of 2
<b>Fire Post (Tower)</b>	None	Piko #62222	\$175
<b>Lumber Storage Yard</b>	None	Pola #331753	Set of 3
<b>Lumber Stacks For Yard</b>	None	Pola #331754	\$155
<b>Black Smith Shop</b>	None	Pola #1846	
<b>Duel Track Lighted Signal</b>	None	Eagle Wings	\$150
<b>24" Municipal Water Tower</b>	None	Custom	\$80
<b>3 Electric Towers</b>	None	Custom	Set pf 5
<b>2 Electric Towers</b>	None	Aristo Craft	\$125
<b>Covered Passenger Platform</b>	None	Custom	Set of 2
<b>Covered Passenger Platform</b>	None	Custom	\$110
<b>10 Telephone Polls</b>	N/A	Custom	Set of 32
<b>12 Telephone Polls</b>	N/A	Custom	\$75
<b>10 Telephone Polls</b>	N/A	Custom	
<b>Bunkhouse/Cabin</b>	None	Piko #62224	\$80
<b>City Sheriff</b>	None	Piko #62225	\$80
<b>Laundry House</b>	None	Pola #1838	\$35
<b>Cedar Loading Platform</b>	None	Ozark	Set of 4
<b>2 Loading Platforms/Dock</b>	None	Custom	\$70
<b>Loading Ramp and Cows</b>	None	Pola #966	
<b>Refinery Tank Depot Office</b>	Esso	Piko #62037	
<b>Refinery High Tank</b>	Esso	Piko #62038	
<b>Refinery Low Tank</b>	Esso	Piko #62039	Set of 7
<b>Refinery Burn-Off Plant</b>	Esso	Piko #62046	\$975
<b>Refinery Cracking Plant</b>	Esso	Piko #62047	
<b>Refinery Storage Tanks</b>	Esso	Piko #62048	
<b>Refinery Loading Dock</b>	Esso	Piko #62049	





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# ARIZONA BIG TRAIN OPERATORS



## OBJECTIVES

Membership in Arizona Big Train Operators (ABTO) is open to anyone with an interest in gardening and the creation & operation of large scale model railways. At our meetings, items of mutual interest associated with the hobby are discussed and demonstrated. Meetings are typically held at member's homes, where they have the opportunity to showcase their railway creations. General meetings are usually held on the third Saturday of the month.

## ABTO BOARD MEETINGS

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 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The membership fee is \$35 per family per year and entitles you to attend all meetings and events, to receive the monthly newsletter, and to have one name badge created for you. Additional badges may be purchased for \$7 each.

## ABTO CONTRIBUTIONS

Members are encouraged to contribute articles, letters, illustrations and/or photographs related to garden railroading for inclusion in the newsletter and/or posting on the club web site.

Members who have hobby-related items for sale or trade may submit an advertisement for publication and/or posting at no charge. Please limit each ad to a maximum of four lines. Accompanying photos will be considered for publication as space allows.

Contact the Newsletter Editor ([putterm@cox.net](mailto:putterm@cox.net)) or webmaster ([tschlax@msn.com](mailto:tschlax@msn.com)) for details.