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Terry and Carolyn Fields Sweet Memories Layout

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President's Message February Gazette

As we welcome in the New Year with our coldest month to us, our families and friends in other states are not enjoying our milder winter. I enjoy having a shovel for dirt and not snow.

Our January meeting at Terry and Carolyn Fields' house went very well. They have a very detailed layout that is always a joy to see. The scheduled Auction had to be postponed due to the possibility of COVID contact. Health and safety have to be our #1 concern for our members and families.

This month's meeting is being held at Kelly and Cheryl Snow's house. Kelly graciously volunteered to also host the postponed Auction. The previously sent out Auction list will be the same items at this sale. Viewing the layout is at 10am, meeting at 10:30am, and Auction from 11:30am-1:30pm.

Gary and Peggy Martin, big supporters of ABTO, will be having their possibly last private Open House on February 26th. ABTO has received an invitation to see this terrific and huge layout in Tucson.

The 18th Annual Rails in the Garden Tour of Tucson will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 5th and 6th, from 10 am to 4 pm. We normally would alternate Tours with Tucson and Phoenix every other year. Our clubs could start these tours again if we have enough interest. Let's go see their layouts and support our friends to the south.

Our own Spring Open House Tour will be held on March 26th and 27th from 12 noon to 4 pm. This Saturday and Sunday event will hopefully promote our hobby and layouts to the public. Please contact Darrell at [480-818-1715](tel:480-818-1715) if you wish to be added to the Tour list.

I want to warn you our club members that one of our members received an email asking them to buy gift cards and send them to ABTO. This is a **SCAM—DELETE THIS EMAIL IMMEDIATELY!**

I, Darrell and/or Board Members will never ask anyone to send funds or gift cards to any location or email address. This is **NOT** who we are as a club. I am old school, and an in person conversation and a handshake is my form of business.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at [480-818-1715](tel:480-818-1715). I am always there for our members.

Darrell Woolfolk
ABTO President

TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday,	Feb.	13	Noon	ABTO Board Meeting at Ginny Morris Residence
Saturday,	Feb.	19	10am-view	ABTO Membership Meeting & Auction @ Snow's Residence
Saturday,	Feb.	19`	10:30am	ABTO Membership Meeting Begins
Saturday,	Feb.	19	11:30am	Auction begins at Field's Residence
Sunday,	March	13	Noon	ABTO Board Meeting at Ginny Morris Residence
Saturday	March	19	TBA	ABTO Membership Meeting @ John & Boots Residence
Sat. & Sun.	March 26 & 27	Noon-4:00pm	SPRING OPEN HOUSES	
Sunday,	April	TBA	TBA	ABTO Board Meeting at Ginny Morris Residence
Saturday,	April	23	TBA	Annual Auction & BBQ at Adobe Mtn., Phoenix

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Welcome New and Returning Members

Clay & Kelly McGuire
507 E. Palm Street
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

Rhett Workman
148 East Coronado Road
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Jim & Joanne Gardner
1354 S. Glenview Circle
Mesa, AZ 85204

Vic & Susan Worthington
P.O. Box 799
Sundance, WY. 85326



See Trains in the Garden

**Sat. March 26th
Sun. March 27th
12:00PM-4:00PM**

**If interested in participating
in the Spring Open Houses,
please contact
Darrell Woolfolk at
480-818-1715
dpwoolfolk@yahoo.com**

METAL WHEELS, REPLACEMENT TIES and ABTO Merchandise FOR SALE

Bachmann #92421 31mm metal wheels
Price—\$85.00 case includes 6 cards

American & Euro ties-Ties
American Ties-\$42.00/4 Bundles
Euro (LGB) Ties-\$48.00 box of 48 ties

**ABTO Merchandise includes hats, t-shirts,
golf shirts, vests and patches**

Cash, check and credit cards will be accept-
ed with no extra charges using credit cards
Contact Steve Lewis at srlewis47@cox.net
Ginny Morris at putterm@cox.net for
information

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ABTO Membership Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2022 held at Terry & Carolyn Fields Residence

1/ Welcome-Darrell Woolfolk opened the meeting at 10:56am.

2/ Any New Members or Guests-Rhett Workman, Tom Cunningham and Vic Worthington came as guests and may join the club after the meeting. Clay McGuire joined prior to the meeting and Jim & Joanne Gardner rejoined.

3/ Terry & Carolyn Fields' layout-Terry spoke about having 4 rainstorms that slowed them up and has a lot of new items and the Northside is a new Layout. There is a Flagstaff train station, Route 66 and Kingman things of interest. Carolyn mentioned that they got ideas and or purchased train ideas from their travelling and had Great Memories. Terry made all of the bridges and Carolyn does most of the gardening.

4/ Auction and Covid-Steve Lewis was diagnosed with Covid on Thursday and Darrel decided to cancel the Auction due to hands on everything and for safety reasons.

5/ Renewals-Have 64 Renewals.

6/ Christmas Dinner-Darrel W. asked members how they liked the Dinner and everyone liked it, service was good, presentation was good, everyone was happy with the dinner. The Auction was also good and Colleen received \$2400.00

7/ Christmas Open Houses-Darrell W. thanked everyone that opened. There were 2067 visitors and \$1661.00 in donations.

8/ Spring Open Houses on March 26th and 27th-Darrell W. brought up the Spring Open Houses to be held on March 26 & 27th and after discussion, the members wanted to have the hours from 12:00pm-4:00pm each day.

9/ Tucson Garden Railway Society on March 5th and 6th-There will be information in the February Gazette about the Open Houses. Darrell W. will speak to the President of the Tucson Club and ABTO Board about starting up Tucson Turn Around that had been cancelled due to COVID.

FROM THE FLOOR

Terry Haas spoke about The Ryan House and stating that it is time for another cleanup meeting. Terry will check with Ryan House personnel about holding a meeting, may be June. Terry and Gary Garafola will be going to Ryan House today to clean the track, etc.

Vince Simpson mentioned that he has a free long signs that can be used for a variety of jobs. Vince mentioned the material would be good to make roofs. If you would like one, please contact Vince.

Thomas Preisner asked about having 2 meetings a month and Darrell W. mentioned too busy with club items. Darrell also mentioned that Thomas has a variety of scales and is well versed in them.

Upcoming Meetings-Darrell W. asked about hosts for upcoming membership meeting. Brian Soncrant offered to host a meeting and possibly The Ryan House for a meeting.

February 19-Kelly & Cheryl Snow	March 19-John & Boots Gordon	April 23-BBQ & Auction at Adobe
Mtn-tentative	May 21-Brian & Jeanne Soncrant at 10am	June 18-Ryan House-tentative
July, August & September need hosts	October 15-Ken & Kris Hawkins	November 19-Steve & Judy
December 4-Christmas Dinner-tentative		Lewis

10/ Door Prizes-1/Gary Garafola 2/ Clay McGuire 3/ Ron Schroeder

11/ Raffle Drawing-Richard Webster

12/ Adjourn-11:45am 1/ Darrell W. 2/ Don S. All Approved.

Membership Minutes Submitted by Ginny Morris, Secretary

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ABTO Membership Meeting & Auction

February 19, 2022

Cheryl & Kelly Snow

14725 S. 182nd Drive

Goodyear, AZ 85338

SCHEDULE: 10:00am—Welcome and View Railroad

10:30am—Meeting Begins

11:30am—Auction Begins

1:30pm—Auction Ends

**There will be 60-65 items from the
Russ Rose Estate**

Water will be furnished

PLEASE BRING CHAIRS

**ABTO Merchandise, Metal Wheels and USA Ties
will be available for purchase.**

2022 Membership Meetings

February 19-Kelly & Cheryl Snow

March 19-John & Boots Gordon

**April 23-Auction & BBQ @ Adobe
Mtn.**

May 21-Brian & Jeanne Soncrant

June 18-Hosts Needed

July 16-Hosts Needed

August 20-Hosts Needed

September 17-Hosts Needed

October 15-Ken & Kris Hawkins

November 19-Steve & Judy Lewis

**December 4-Christnas Dinner
(tentative)**

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

2020/2021 Officers/Board of Directors

President: Darrell Woolfolk
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2022 SWAP MEETS & SHOWS

Winter Cactus Swap Meet

Saturday, February 19th-9am-1pm
North Phoenix Baptist Church
5757 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ

Adobe Mountain Model Train Show

Saturday, March 19th 9am-2pm
Adobe Mtn. Desert Railroad Park
22822 N. 43rd Avenue
Phoenix, AZ

***Please check ArizonaModel-
Trains.com for any updates***

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Meeting Photos taken by Don Sorenson



Terry & Carolyn Fields



Door Prize Winners

Raffle Winner



Gary Garafola



Clay McGuire



Ron Schroeder



Richard Webster



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**You are invited to the 20th Annual
Open House
AT
Gary and Peggy Martin's
EAGLE MOUNTAIN GARDEN RAILROAD**

**Date: SATURDAY, February 26th
Place: 4625 E. Cerro de Aguila, Tucson Az.
Time: 10:00AM – 3:00PM
520-299-7428 or pgmartin5@hotmail.com**

Come and see the mixture of gardens, water features, miniature scenes, outdoor model trains and visit with old friends.



Arizona Railway Museum
330 East Ryan Road
Chandler, AZ 85286
Arizona Railway Day
February 26th—9am-4pm
Free Admission



18th Annual Rails in the Garden Tour

Saturday and Sunday, March 5th & 6th--10AM-4PM

Addresses: Tucson

Private Residence 62066 E. Amberwood Dr. 85739

Private Residence 39794 Riverwood Drive 85739

Private Residence 7594 W. Talavera Way 85743

Toy Train Operating Museum (Sunday Only)

3975 N. Miller Avenue 85705

Private Residence 925 E. Foothills Drive 85718

Gary & Peggy Martin 4625 E. Cerro de Aguila 85718

Southern AZ Transportation Museum 414 E. Toole Avenue
85701

Rincon Country West RV Resort 4555 S. Mission Road 85746

Tucson Rodeo Parade Museum 4823 S. 6th Avenue 85714

Please visit website for more information:

www.tucsongrs.org

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Brian & Jeanne Soncrant's Railroad

Christmas Open House Photos



Pam & Craig Morris' G & O Railroad



Terry & Adrienne Haas A & T Express Railroad





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1633 E. Lakeside Drive
Unit I
Gilbert, AZ 85234



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 will be held on Sunday prior to the general meeting of each 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 renewal fee is \$30.00 per year. This entitles you to attend all meetings and events and to receive the monthly newsletter. Each name badge will be an additional \$8.

Members are encouraged to contribute articles, letters, illustrations and/or photographs related to garden railroading for inclusion in the news-letter 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.