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President's Message January Gazette

As 2021 comes to a close, we are welcoming the New Year of 2022. This last year seems to have gone by very fast with a lot of ups and downs. ABTO lost a couple of good members due to illness. I was hoping to see the end of the Covid pandemic but that was not in the cards.

The Cardon Childrens' Medical Center layout has been up and running, bringing the children and staff some much needed smiles. Our current group of new volunteers will, hopefully, soon be able to go in and work on the trains. Gone are the simple days of the public being able to view the magnificent train layout that ABTO built.

We had another great Christmas dinner party in December with good friends and our ABTO family. Thomas Preisner demonstrated his GN-15 trains and talked about this smaller style that could be added to our G-scale layouts. The gift exchange went very well and most everyone had a great time.

Prior to the dinner, we held an auction to help Colleen Rose eliminate some of Russell's many train items. Shipping everything back to Canada is simply not an option. Russell wanted his fellow ABTO members to be able to share his large collection of G-scale items. We will have another batch of items at the January 15th meeting.

Christmas Open Houses were open to the public this year with a decent amount of people coming out for this event. The rain before and during the event plagued us like in years past. For the most part, everyone survived the two weekends without too much trouble.

Club renewals have been going very well this year and we all appreciate the prompt payments. In 2021, we welcomed 12 new members to our large group. Our family of G-scale train enthusiasts has really turned into a great organization.

We are welcoming Vince Simpson to our ABTO Board as Vice President. Vince brings years of train experience and knowledge to us. Please welcome Vince when you see him at events. His vast knowledge is a huge plus to our programs.

Terry and Carolyn Fields will be hosting January's membership meeting. Their layout is very large and absolutely amazing. Check out all the detailing that has been built into the railroad. We will, also, have 61 item auction immediately following the meeting on their patio. Please remember that the proceeds go to Colleen Rose to help with expenses. An auction list will be emailed out to ABTO members a few days prior to our meeting on the 15th.

Happy New Year, Darrell Woolfolk ABTO President 480-818-1715

TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Sunday,	Jan.	15	9:00am	ABTO Board Meeting location TBD
Saturday,	Jan.	15	10am-view	ABTO Membership Meeting & Auction @ Fields Residence
Saturday,	Jan.	15`	10:30am	ABTO Membership Meeting Begins
Saturday,	Jan.	15	11:30am	Auction begins at Field's Residence
Sunday,	Feb.	13	Noon	ABTO Board Meeting at Ginny Morris Residence
Saturday	Feb.	19	TBA	ABTO Membership Meeting @ Kelly & Cheryl Snow
Sunday,	March	13	Noon	ABTO Board Meeting at Ginny Morris Residence
Saturday	March	19	TBA	ABTO Membership Meeting @ John & Boots Gordon
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Items Auctioned at December Auction



ABTO TREASURER'S REPORT December 29, 2021 PREVIOUS INCOME (2021 YTD) \$ 1,880.91 INCOME: Dues Income: New Member includes Name Tags 98.00 Renewals - 2022 \$ 576.25 Name Tag - NEW 674,25 674.25 Other Income COH Donation 96.00 Misc Sales 42,00 Sale of Metal Wheels Sale of Tie-strips - 1 Euro & 1 USA 90.00 2021 Holiday Dinner 91.25 December Auction Sales \$ 3,342.04 Misc. Income - Stop Payment CHK# 3688 \$ 1,260.00 Misc. Income - Cash Drawer Deposit \$ 340.00 Total Checkbook Income \$ 5,261.29 \$ 5,935,54 INVESTMENT INCOME: Edward Jones - Change in Value N/A **Total Investment Income** TOTAL INCOME \$ 5,935.54 EXPENSES: Name Tags - New Officers & Members 64.86 General Ad. Fee - Stop Payment CHK #3688 31.00 General Ad. Fee - Ink - Secretary's Printer 43.00 General Administration -CC Processing Fees 64.13 Auction Expense - Cash Drawer Cash \$ 340.00 Modules Sig Expense - Insurance - Large Trailer 21.00 Holiday Party - Food and Beverage \$ 1,560.00 Auction Expense - Space Rental TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 2,161.99 \$ 2,161.99 THIS MONTH'S NET INCOME \$ 3,773.55 NET INCOME (2021 YTD) ** \$ 5,654,46 DECEMBER 2021 EDWARD JONES STATEMENT NOT AVAILABLE ON THIS DATE

Welcome New and Returning Members

Keith & Lyndsey Davidson De 1304 W. Holstein Trail 556 San Tan Valley, AZ 85143 Me Cell 480-737-9980 Cel

on Dennis & Liz Sirrine 5564 S. Warren 3 Mesa, AZ 85212 Cell 480-620-9459

Mike & Lynn L. McClure Temenski 3461 E. Indigo Circle Mesa, AZ 85213-3276 Cell 480-399-8218

ABTO Membership Meeting & Auction

January 15, 2021 Terry and Carolyn Fields 19020 N. 12th Place Phoenix, AZ 85024

Home: 623-581-0420

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 No need to bring chairs-chairs will be available

Metal Wheels and USA Ties will be available for purchase.

2022 Membership Meetings

February 19-Kelly & Cheryl Snow March 19-John & Boots Gordon April ??-Auction & BBQ May 21-Hosts Needed 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



Past Member Ennis Thompson Train Layout



2020/2021 Officers/Board of Directors

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GN15 ARTICLE by THOMAS PREISNER

I have been into G-Scale for over 20 years.

We all know G-Scale and that it runs on 45MM Track.

Without going into too many details, G-Scale originally started in 1968 by E. P. Lehmann, Germany under their brand-name of LGB. They modeled their trains after an Austrian narrow gauge line, which was 3 foot gauge and prototypically was 1:22:5.

GN15 became popular in the late mid 1990's in the US, it stands for **G=G-Scale**, **N= Narrow Gauge**, **15= 15 inch gauge track (381 MM) or 1.25 feet.** In the G-Scale world this means these **model** trains run on HO or OO track, but the scale is 1:22:5 (sometimes 1:24).

Essentially GN15 trains are filed railroad trains, such as those used in quarries, mines, etc.

In the US, Carl Arendt wrote his iconic books and the 2 books are readily available on the internet and a great read! Unfortunately, Carl has since passed.

Carl Arendt's small layout scrapbook

52 micro layouts you can build: model railroading in extremely small spaces

So why do I like GN15 so much? Because I can use my G-Scale cars, figures, buildings, etc. and use them to build a GN15 layout, but use a lot less space than with regular G-Scale! Also the cost is a lot cheaper than any G-Scale rolling stock. HO or OO track is readily available, and the motor blocks used for GN 15 locos are usually from established companies like Hornby (to name but one), and cheap. Today there are 3 countries where GN15 is made for sale, either as a kit or built which are: UK, Germany & USA. The widest selection to be found is in the UK. Here are some manufacturers I know:

Pepper7-Pepper7-Home (weebly.com)

Smallbrook Studio-built a variety of locos and cars-most easily found on ebayUKwww.ebay.co.uk **Narrow Minded Railroads**-Martin Rich-builds freelance locos and cars-find him on ebay UK or **Trainshop.Co.UK**-offers a variety of rolling stock.

GN15-Upstairs Downstairs (trainshop.co.uk)

Manufacturers in the USA

Ozark Miniatures-GN15-ozark miniatures—look under, other fun stuff, and you will find a G-Scale section consisting of track, cars and 2 locos (without power blocks).

Shapeways Miniatures-GN15 Trains-Shapeways Miniatures offers kits of locos and cars.

Manufacturers in Germany

DeskTop Locomotive Works-dtlw.org-they offer a variety of locos, cars and trucks.

Note that 1 British Pound will cost you USD 1.33 currently.

The rate of exchange for the Euro used in Germany is currently: 1 Euro-USD 1.13.

So buying in the UK and/or Germany will cost you more, but then the models-especially in the UK-can be had anywhere from 10-40 pounds. BIG difference cost-wise to any regular G-Scale locomotive or car.

Try it and you be hooked!

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Sad news to let everyone know that Stan Cedarleaf passed away as noted on GScale.net

Auction Photos taken by Don Sorenson

















Christmas Dinner Photos taken by Don Sorenson































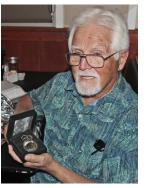




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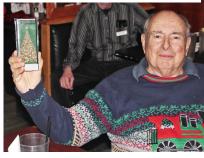
























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ARIZONA BIG TRAIN OPERATORS



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 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 rail-roading 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.