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John & Janet Vogt's Railroad

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President's Message May Gazette

This is the time of year when some of our members decide to leave our great state and drive home to a cooler climate. I have been to some of those cooler, humid climates only to miss our low humidity. I'll take the higher temperatures over the high humidity any day. I wish a safe trip to all who travel this summer.

Wildfire's in the southwestern states have already started up, so please check road conditions and carry extra water and food in your vehicles. Road closures can happen on a moments notice or as some members can remember that I accidentally hit an elk on the road. My record is two at the moment.

Our April Auction and BBQ went well. We chose to have a consignment sale for ABTO members. Many great items were put up for sale and buyers had a wide variety of choices. Seventy-four items were sold with only one item not making the reserve price. Different idea's and suggestions have been given, so we will consider all and modify our plans for the next auction. Overall, it was a great success. I, also, wish to thank Jim Kangas for volunteering to be our auctioneer.

The BBQ had an RSVP stipulation due to food prices and availability. The food costs this year were twice the price as compared to last year. All 45 people ate well and had no reason to go home hungry. We wish to Thank everyone for their RSVP's and support of our club. Clean up was very easy with most members pitching in to pick up any trash. My family enjoys putting on events like this even though it is a lot of work.

Without the massive amount of people that Adobe Mountain Railroad Park normally has on our event day, it was easy to find us. The parking was very open as we had the facility to ourselves and the normally noisy day was very peaceful.

The May Membership Meeting will be back in the East Valley at Brian and Jeanne Soncrant's home on May 21st at 10am. Please bring chairs and as always water will be provided. Brian's layout is new and will be a great time to see another members ideas and to take some pictures.

Wheels, ties and clothing are still available to purchase from Steve or Ginny. We are planning to add shelving and rearrange our storage locker after the May meeting. Volunteers for this short project are needed. Storage is not far from Brian's house if you wish to help out. The more people equals less time. As always, I will have cold water available.

Please stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water during these warm months.

Darrell Woolfolk, ABTO President

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TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday,	May	15	Noon	ABTO Board Meeting at Ginny Morris Residence
Saturday,	May	21	10am	ABTO Membership Mtg. @ Brian & Jeanne Soncrant's Home
Sunday,	June	12	Noon	ABTO Board Meeting at Ginny Morris Residence
Saturday,	June	18	8:00am	Breakfast at First Watch Restaurant
Saturday,	June	18	TBA	ABTO Membership Meeting/Cleanup Railroad at Ryan House
Sunday,	July	10	Noon	ABTO Board Meeting at Ginny Morris Residence
Saturday,	July	16	TBA	ABTO Membership Meeting at Val Vista Pro Ship, Gilbert, AZ

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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

ABTO Membership Meeting May 21, 2022

**Brian & Jeanne Soncrant Home
8152 E. Kilarea Avenue
Mesa, AZ 85209-5118**

**10:00am—Welcome & View Railroad
10:30am—Meeting Begins**

Water will be available

PLEASE BRING CHAIRS

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

2022 Membership Meetings

**May 21-Brian & Jeanne Soncrant
June 18-Ryan House Meeting &
Cleaning Track, etc.
July 16-Val Vista Lakes Pro Shop
August 20-Host Needed
September 17-Host Needed
October 15-Ken & Kris Hawkins
November 19-Steve & Judy Lewis
December 4-Christnas Dinner**

2022 SWAP MEETS & SHOWS

May 14, 2022-- 9:00AM-1:00PM

\$5.00 Adults

**ARHS Model Train Swap Meet
Glendale Christian Church
9661 N. 59th Avenue
Glendale, AZ 85302**

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

*Happy
Mother's
Day*

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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 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 \$9.

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 website

Members who have hobby-related items for sale of 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.