

BULLETIN BOARD



What's Cooking !

Mike's Lucky Chicken

- 1 lb. skinless chicken breast
- 2 T oil
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1 T butter
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped red pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 T brown sugar
- 1/2 cup ketchup

*Explanation of
Name upon
request!*

Cut up chicken into bite size pieces. Combine dry ingredients and mix. Coat chicken with dry ingredients and brown in pan with oil. Combine celery, butter, peppers, brown sugar and ketchup—mix. Add to chicken and simmer 30 minutes. Enjoy!

How Does Your Garden Grow?



Photo courtesy of the Editor

Plant of the Month-March

Dwarf Bottle Brush

Hardy , 1-3' tall, moderate water. Keep trimmed for small railroad trees. Has red, bottle brush like flowers in spring and summer.

SUMMARY OF UNOFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

May 29th

All board members were present.

Guests were: Rich Hull, Ennis Thompson, Sandy Rauperstrauch, Mike Lewandowski, Tony Vacek, & Denis Conte.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's report by Don Halver- Approved.

Old Business:

Activities Report : Glenn Sampson- no activities!

Module Report:: Ennis Thompson - submitted a budget of \$1100 and it was approved. Email address on trailers to be changed

Phoenix Children's Hospital: Ennis, Tony, Denis to work on village while some members are on Glacier Tour.

Convention: Rich Hull - Hotel room commitments discussed. Adobe Mt event confirmed.

New Business:

1. Tim Schlaw will be ready for help on railroad.
2. Gerry to register ABTO Logo.
3. Newsletter editor was approved to offer photo contest - See page 10 for details.
4. Mike Lewandowski explained changes in the web site - See page 11 for details.
5. Gerry's member survey discussed. Board to review it.
6. Mike Lewandowski showed the new web site format. Format was approved.
7. ABTO budget to be developed.

New ABTO Members

*We'd like to present ABTO's newest members-
Please make them feel welcome next time you meet them.*

Darrell & Jenny Oaks

*Hope to see you at the next meeting!
Please add new members to your roster.*

Corrections to the Roster

Robert and Barbara Steadman

*Dave and Donna Moved To Minnesota
Dave & Donna Osdoba*

Please add to your roster. Thanks

**ABTO
Committee Heads**

Activities

Glenn Sampson

Jim Kangas

Modules

Ennis Thompson

Denis Conte

Phoenix Children's Hospital

Jerry McKenzie

Other Positions

Web Site

Mike Lewandowski

2008 Convention/Club

Correspondence

Mike Lewandowski

conv_secretary@cox.net

Raffles and prizes and Librarian

Tony Vacek

Photo Archivist

Jack Slinkard

Club Interaction Facilitator

Bob Rauperstrauch

Publicity

Dave Stone

Meeting Host Coordinator

Jim Kangas, East Side

John Meyers, West Side

Shirt, Badge, & Vest Coordinator

Jim Snyder

Photo Contest!

*With so many trips and vacations on the calendar, we're having a photo contest for **ABTO members**. Here are the rules: Photo must be taken May - September, 2006. Photo must include a train as subject. Include the date, location, type of train, and name of the photographer.*

Be honest now!

Send your favorite photo (one entry a month) to the newsletter editor attached to email. Cut off for each month is the 25th. Oct 1st to be the last day. Pictures printed each month as room permits. Finalists to be printed in the November newsletter.

Tehachapi Rail Fan Trip

September 28-30

If you read page 5, of the April Newsletter you know a little more about the Tehachapi Loop.

Are you signed up for the trip?

Call Rich Hull, 480-802-5308

Where in the World Are Al and Linda?



April 10 was their take-off date for Portugal. Where will they be in May?

Rail Fans to the Glaciers

by Bob Rauperstrauch

May 3rd is the take off

date for this exciting sixteen day trip to Europe. Once again some of the ABTO members are traveling with Rich Hull to Europe to ride (among other things) the Glacier Express in Switzerland. We have all seen the fabulous pictures of the Alps with bridges, cuts and tunnels. Well, now we'll be seeing them up close and personal.

We will be riding the 180 km ICE train from Paris to Switzerland as a warm-up to the Alps. Some of us have ridden the ICE train before and believe me, it is a great experience! It's like flying at ground level, only you don't have to worry about trees or mountains. Just cows...(Not Really!) They do have nice right of way fences though.



About The Newsletter

Let 's get some mailing numbers out. There are @ 71 members, and 35 now receive the newsletter electronically ONLY. ***That 's 49% That 's good!*** For those of you who do not have computers, (11) of course you will have it by mail, as usual. For those left, all 25 of you, you already receive the newsletter a week early by email. Do you need to have a mailed copy too? The Board has made a request that we suggest that the 25 change over to email only, if possible. Feel free to comment.

Thanks again, for all the compliments, and contributions!
Sandy - Newsletter Editor





FROM THE ABTO WEB MEISTER

By Mike Lewandowski

Hello to all my fellow ABTO members,

As you know by now I have accepted the position of ABTO Webmaster. With this new position comes a new challenge and learning experience for me. But first I would like to recognize the ABTO members who pioneered the ABTO website. Chuck Grady and Dean Bierly were instrumental in starting the web service and developing the website. The costs were always absorbed by both of them. Then Rodney Benner became the next Webmaster and significantly changed the website foot print with more interesting and informative information. Remember that this site serviced all our members and the worldwide internet users. We need to recognize these folks for their dedication to the ABTO communication pipeline. Please visit the new site at <http://azbigtrains.org/>

Well, what's next? At present we now have two excellent means of communicating our club information (Monthly Newsletter and Web Site) to both members and internet access customers. The intent of the website will change to a mission of education and knowledge of what our club is doing in terms of promoting the hobby to all interested local and worldwide members and non members. At the same time it will be my goal to maintain the privacy and integrity of the ABTO club and it's members. Over the next 3 months I have proposed an implementation plan to our Board members that will accomplish this mission. The plan consists of three separate stages: move the current website to a new Web hosting service, transfer the existing Website to the new hosting service through a Microsoft Office Front Page Web development application, and finally to upgrade the overall website to achieve a more effective presentation and meaningful exposé of our club events and community involvement.



For those of you coming to Brian's, here's the plan to run trains at the meeting. Before lunch: 1) Make up the morning passenger train and run. 2) Make up way-freight in yard, set out at sidings. After lunch: 3) Pick up at sidings and assemble return freight to yard. 4) Make up evening passenger train and run. In the course of these operations, there will be a yardmaster at the main yard "Big City" and a master brakeman on the layout. We will need 4 crews of about 4 to 5 people. I hope you all participate and have a fun time!

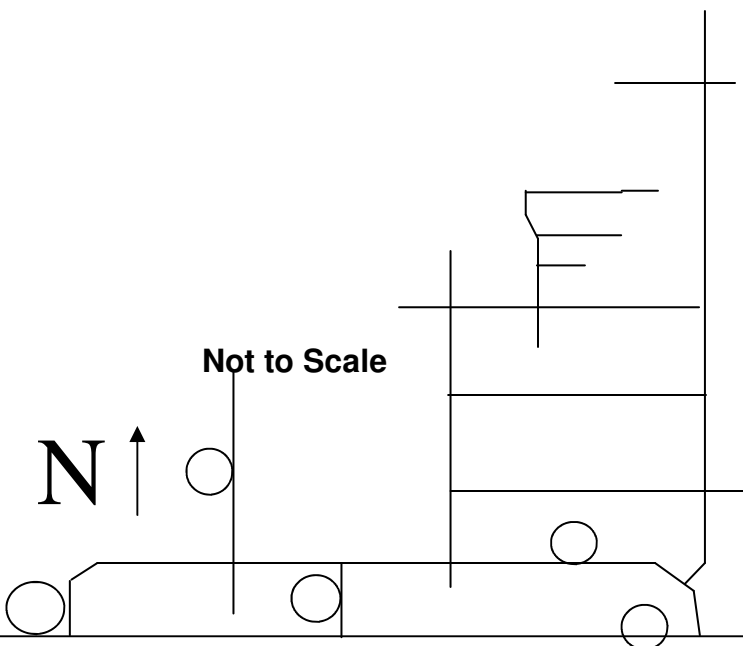
ABTO May 20 Meeting
11:00am - 2:00pm
Brian & Rebecca Casull's home

Is there an Elephant on your Railroad?
There is on Brian's at Oliphant Canyon!



SNORT BEAR & WIDGET RAILROAD

Bring a side dish or dessert to accommodate hoagies.
Water and soft drinks provided.
Don't forget your chairs and walki-talkies if you have them!



Arizona Big Train Operators

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; 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 will also accept business card sized advertisements for \$10.00 a month. **Advertisements must be submitted with payment, (check to ABTO) to the newsletter editor by U.S. mail, by the first Saturday of the month. Editor reserves the right to decline ads.**



ABTO Newsletter Editor
Sandy Rauperstrauch

To:

**Next meeting, Saturday, May 20th
Brian and Rebecca Casull**