



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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There will be no Meeting in January 2006 due to numerous displays.

Dec 2005 Holliday party.

The Tucson Garden Railway Society wishes to thank Mike and Jane Dorgan for hosting our annual Holiday Party. Everyone had a great time at our Buffet Dinner and Gift Exchange.



Gift Exchange Table



TGRS members enjoying the Holiday Party

There was plenty of food to go around and many of the gifts changed hands. They also enjoyed the trains on Mike and Jane Dorgan's Red Rock Railroad.

The Red Rock Railroad includes over 400 figures hand made by Jane and all of the figures in the Circus are hand made.



The Dorgan's recently finished Circus



Snow White and the Seven Dwarf's Mine



Main Street in the Red Rock Railroad town

The Children's Layout at the Jim Click Employees Christmas Party and St. Mark's Early Childhood Center

By Bob and Phyllis Dirksen

Early Sunday morning TGRS set up a Christmas Display at the Weston La Paloma Hotel for the Jim Click Dealerships Employee Holiday Celebration. TGRS had been requested to make it festive and have it ready for view as soon as families arrived. TGRS members contributed snow, Christmas features and lights. The set up at Casa de los Niño's served as a dress rehearsal. The components for the display were taken to the hotel the day before and stored in preparation. A dozen or more members of TGRS arrived before breakfast to ready the display.



The Children's layout at the Jim Click party, photo by Phyllis Dirksen

Set up was well organized and went together quickly. However, the Newbright Christmas Train which had not been used before proved to be uncooperative. The locomotive got caught in the track and had difficulty moving properly and the lightweight rolling stock did not stay on the tracks well, so it was agreed to run that as a separate unit on the floor. Lew & Jan Sleeper, Joe Duda, Joe Stoesser and Lee Willit acted as hosts for approximately 400 children and passed out railroader caps. A good crew of additional members deconstructed the display after the event.

All in all it was a great success and we are especially grateful to Jim Click for the \$500.00 donation to the club

On Monday, December 12, another group of TGRS members set up the children's layout for the Christmas party at St. Mark's Early Childhood Center. The children enjoyed the trains and the Christmas theme. (Oh yes, so did their mommies and daddies.

The Mitchell's and Dirksen's go to Phoenix

On Saturday evening December 17 the Mitchell's and the Dirksen's visited three Garden Railroads of the Arizona Big Train Operators in the Phoenix area. After dinner at a restaurant in Apache Junction, it was dark enough to really appreciate all the light displays. During the two weekends before Christmas, selected members of ABTO open their garden railroads to the public. They provide hot drinks and show off their backyard railroads with all the lights and special touches. This activity is a fund raiser for the Make a Wish Foundation. At the final stop Glenn was able to give his railroad wish list to Santa.



Glenn Mitchell visits with Santa photo by Phyllis Dirksen

Display at the Veteran's Hospital

The club put on a layout at the Veteran's Hospital December 28th through the 30th. While we were setting up a reporter from the Tucson Citizen came in and took many photos and interviewed several members. A picture of Lee Willets and Glen Mitchell was prominently displayed in Wednesday's paper with a nice article about the club setting up the display. Several TV stations came in and video taped and interview members and we were on the news.



Everyone loves a circus



The Layout at the VA Hospital

Many VA patients along with hospital staff and employees came and enjoyed our display. There were also many visitors from the community who came to see the trains.



Those trains sure are interesting

TGRS Layout Planning Grid

Event	Date	Type	PIC	Status
Am. Home Sho	1/6-8/06	full?	-----	Def
TTOS	1/21/06	kids	-----	Def
GAWTS	1/28-29/06	full?	-----	Def

Upcoming Events

We are doing the Home Show January 6th through 8th with a layout slightly larger than set up at the VA Hospital.

We will have a display at Toy Train Show (TTOS) on Saturday the 21st of January. The show is open to the public from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. We will setup the children's layout, we need volunteers for this show.

The Great Western and Atlantic Train Show (GAWTS), it used to be called GATS is the following weekend on the 28th and 29th of January. We will setup a medium sized layout for this show. We also need volunteers for this show.

We are looking for a volunteer to take be in charge of each of these events, Contact Chuck if you are willing to help.

2006 Holiday Party

At the Holiday Party we brought up the possibility of having next years party at a commercial establishment that will charge by the number of attendees and each member will pay for themselves and any guests. We'd like to know how you feel about this. Please email Nick at nbuchholz@noao.edu or Chuck at syclst@theriver.com

If you know of any places that would cater our next holiday party please contact Willis Fagg at km6mv@cox.net. We usually have between 50 to 100 members attending and we would like to know the approximate charge per meal, whether it's a served meal or buffet style and if there is an additional charge for the room and if the gratuity is included.

New Members

The TGRS extends a warm welcome to new members Paul & Jean Sherrett of Tucson, Mike and Lillian Zonnefeld of Tucson and Bob & Bette Mroz of Whetstone, AZ.

This brings our membership up to 100 families.

Electronic News Letter

With so many new members, I want to remind you that you can have the news letter delivered by e-mail. The club saves printing and postage costs but more importantly you get the news letter faster and can view the photos in color.

The Tucson Garden Railway Society is a non-profit corporation incorporated in Pima County, Arizona. Society members are interested in all areas of garden and modular large scale railroading. We welcome new members and hope you will consider joining. Members help each other build layouts and learn about railroading and modeling.

The TGRS dues are \$30.00 per year and are due on June 30th of each year. For new members dues are pro-rated at \$2.50 per month remaining in the year until June 30th plus a \$ 15.00 initiation fee, the first year. Additional name badges cost \$1.00 for each badge after the first.

If you are interested in the TGRS please contact one of the officers at the phone number listed below. If you wish to join immediately, send a check and your name, address and telephone number and the names for any additional badges to:

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Calendar of Events

Jan	No meeting scheduled due to multiple displays
Feb 18	Rincon RV Park
Mar 18	Meeting at Jim and Madelyn Cook's
Apr	No meeting scheduled due to the layout at the Pima County Fair
May 20	Meeting at Garb & Dorothy Mechigian

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