



# Tucson Garden Railway Society's

## Time Table

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### February Meeting:

February 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 P.M. Trains can run anytime before and after the business meeting. Layout located on the main Boulevard next to Registration Office. Business meeting will take place in Rally Room Building located in the rear of the Park between "T" and "U" Streets

Rincon Country West RV Park  
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### Driving Directions



Ajo Way is the first exit off of I-19. Proceed west on Ajo Way and then turn South(left) onto Mission Rd. Take 3<sup>rd</sup> left turnout on Mission Rd. Look for American flag and Rincon Country West sign on your left. Take first right into

Rincon Country West RV Park. Tell attendant at Gate House that you are here for the Railroad meeting. Proceed down the Boulevard to Parking Area around Registration Office.

### The Railroad

The Rincon Country West Railroad is a group project undertaken by the newly formed (March 2005) RCW Model Railroading Club composed of full time and "snowbird" residents of the Rincon Country West RV Park. RCW park owner, George O'Leary, purchased our LGB Mikado Engine and contributions from various RCW Clubs and residents provided the funding for the initial phase of our project. The train runs on a posted schedule so that all park residents have an opportunity to view the railroad in "action". The layout consists of 100 ft. of track in an oval configuration with track power. The buildings are a combination of scratch built and kits. We have "It's All Mine" mine and "Shuffles" Boarding House named after our Shuffleboard Club. Presently turnouts and switches are being added to the phase 1 layout. Club members are learning to make miniature figures and park residents are building additional structures. From day to day you never know what will show up in our layout from some "anonymous donor". Phase 2, also due to begin shortly will add an additional 250 ft. of track to the layout.

We are indebted to our Mentors, the Dirksens and Mitchells, who have so willingly guided and advised us throughout the development of our layout.



**The “Its All Mine” mine at the Rincon Country West Railroad**  
Photo by Ken Zacharias



**“Shuffles” Boarding House**  
Photo by Ken Zacharias

## The Home Show

January 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> we set up a display at the American Home Show, even with being put in the back corner we still had a lot of people find the layout.



**The crowd finds our layout in the back of the convention hall**



**The observatory and hotdog being pulled by an eggliner is always popular with the kids**



**Lee's Pig Roast, you can almost smell the BBQ**

# TGRS AT the TTTO SHOW

By Bob Dirksen

TGRS joined the Tucson Toy Train Operators at their January 21<sup>st</sup> swap meet at the Gadsden-Pacific Model Railroad Museum. As usual, the TTTO's welcomed our setting up of the children's layout. TGRS members who attended had a pleasant day of schmoozing with our fellow modelers and selling some tickets to our Rails in the Garden Tour. Some members probably spent a few dollars at the various booths.

## Great American and Western Train Show

We set up a large layout at the Great American and Western Train Show on January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> with the Children's Layout set up inside of the large layout.



## One of our largest layouts at the GAWTS

photo by Phyllis Dirksen



## News from the 2008 Conv. Committee Feb. 2006

As we start the New Year, the Convention countdown is progressing very smoothly. With just 28 months left, 2006 will become an important year in establishing many of the sub committees budgets, manpower requirements, and major convention advertising on the internet and trade magazines. We also expect to bring the sign up of potential manufacturers and vendors for our Vendor Hall.

From our Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting, we are well on our way to meeting overall convention goals. Here are just several goals that have been completed to date:

1. Gerry Pfeiffer has been selected as our ABTO volunteer coordinator. He will have assistance from the Tucson club. This position will coordinate all volunteer requirements from each sub-committee, develop a list of volunteers, and schedule manpower requirements during the convention week.
2. Linda Wendler has the convention internet site up and running. You need to check it out. Then call her and let her know how great it is.  
<http://www.ngrc2008.org/logo.htm>
3. Convention publicity will commence in the May 2006 issue of Garden Railroad magazine. Our AZ convention booth will be setup at the 2006 National Convention in the Bay Area during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of July.
4. Sandy and Ennis are jointly working on a signage model for use at the convention publicity tables, at the member's open houses and brochure material. Wait until you see this model in action. Maybe Sandy will include a picture in the newsletter.

Next Month- First Look at the Tentative Convention Week Timetable

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# New Members

The TGRS extends a warm welcome to our new members Chuck & Ruth Taylor.

# 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 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. For new members dues are pro-rated at \$2.50 per month remaining in the year until June 30<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>Rincon RV Park</b>
<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Meeting at Jim and Madelyn Cook's</b>
<b>Apr</b>	<b>No meeting scheduled due to the layout at the Pima County Fair</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Open</b>

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