



## Tucson Garden Railway Society's

# Time Table

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### **There will not be an April Meeting due to the layout at the Pima County Fair**

#### **A thank you note From Marty Hart**

I want to thank all the members of the club that helped renew the Hart to Hart RR. All the time and care that went into this project is so appreciated. The layout looked new on the Rails in the Garden tour. All our visitors seemed to enjoy it and many were return customers that had been waiting for it to reopen. Thank you so much. Marty

#### **2006 RITG TOUR SUCCESSFUL By Bob Dirksen**

Once again, the Rails in the Garden Tour was successful, thanks to all who participated. Of course, it could not be done at all without Bruce and Carolyn Lynn, Nick Buchholz and Mary Ker, Glenn and Janet Mitchell, Gary and Peggy Martin, Garb and Dorothy Mechigian, Marty Hart, Jay and Sallie Sanders, and Jim and Madelyn Cook, who graciously opened their railroads to the public.

Thank you as well to the "committee," who did much of the "grunt work" for me.

Glenn and Janet Mitchell—Flyers and bases for our new signs.

Norm and Ibby Ulmer—Address preparation for the mailing.

Jerry and Rita Tulino—Website and liaison with monthly and weekly newspapers.

Joe Stoesser—Liaison with Barbeques Galore.

Lee Willetts—Just generally helping when I asked.

Ken Karrels—Liaison with the Tucson Newspapers.

The Board of Directors—General support and encouragement.

I owe a special thanks to Marty Hart, Norm and Ibby Ulmer, Chuck Cook, and Lew and Jan Sleeper for

manning the ticket sales at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Ace Hardware the week of the tour.

Once again, Barbeques Galore and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Ace Hardware helped in selling tickets and by disseminating information. One other group of people needs to be thanked. These are the people who actually helped the hosts during the tour. I counted 65 people who put in an estimated 100 man days during the tour weekend. Most, but not all, are members.

Bob and Margaret Hval  
Joe and Ginny Guenther  
Dick Izen  
Phyllis Dirksen  
Norm and Ibby Ulmer  
Joe and Dolly Duda  
Wayne and Mary Cay Wesolowski  
Sandy and Marvin Clark  
Liesl and Tadd Scheffel  
Angel Martinez  
Art and Lona Newman  
Billy and Maxine Joplin  
Willis and Dotty Fagg  
Steve Dunlap  
George and Elaine Anderson  
Jerry and Joyce Diesing  
Dave and Pat Tiefenbach  
Al and Jan Lathrem  
Barry and Gina Blackwell  
Tom and Gretchen Schaeffer  
Ron Thomas  
Ron and Pat Dirksen  
Byron Skinner  
Rick and Sue Gast family  
Debi, Picaboo, and Dann Oebker  
Jim and Dani Hart  
Jon and Steve Anderson  
Mike and Jane Dorgan  
George Fitzner  
Ken and Mary Karrels  
Jim, Elaine and Angela Miller  
Jerry Springstead  
Joe and Ellen Stoesser  
Roy and Maryann Eberberbach

The total individual visits to the 8 layouts were 6901 and the net proceeds were slightly higher than 2005. WELL DONE!

## Glue Testing Project Update By Wayne Wesolowski

This is a follow up of a two part article that was in the November and December 2005 issues of our newsletter.



Our glue test panel has been exposed to the weather since June 1, 2005. Samples of different materials (redwood, cement board, metal and styrene) were bonded with different adhesives (IC gel-an ACC, Gorilla Glue, Tightbond III, Marine Goop plus MEK and methylene chloride for the styrene) and exposed to the desert at an angle of 45 degrees facing south. So far Gorilla Glue has failed on two pieces of metal. That's expected as the Gorilla Glue can't soak into the smooth metal. The April 2006 issue of Garden Railways has an article about using Gorilla Glue on concrete and stone for track foundations. The author goes into detail that the joint must be tight, use just enough glue and clamp until set. Those were the rules my Grandpa Tony taught my Dad and he taught me for good gluing. You also need to wet the surfaces so the Gorilla Glue (urethane) will foam a little but not too much. The foaming is to force the glue into the pores of the substrate but too much will weaken the final joint as all foam has little strength.



The second failure was the IC super glue (ACC) gel also on two pieces of metal. Both of these just fell apart. The MARINE GOOP is holding strong even on the metal pieces. Perhaps in the summer heat the expansion and contraction of the metal was too much for these glues. All the others seem strong as ever. Each piece has a one quarter inch tight overlap, was glued per instructions and clamped for 24 hours.

With no rain for months my test is a somewhat biased as water usually plays a big role in degrading adhesive bonds. I'll keep the panel up and wait for the next monsoon season.

Regards,  
Wayne Wesolowski

## Minutes of the March 18<sup>th</sup>, Meeting Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

The meeting was held at the Jim & Madelyn Cook's Home at 1:00 P.M.

Nick thanked Jim & Madelyn for hosting.

There were 66 attendees at the meeting. There were four new members.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report:** Willis Fagg reported:

1. Current checking account balance of \$9,514.26.

Reserve account balance is \$1500.22 for a total of all accounts of \$11,014.48.

Revenues to date for fiscal year 2005-2006 are \$8,939.89 and expenses are \$3,618.66 for a net increase to date of \$4,521.23

The new savings account earned \$0.22 in February

2. Revenues to date for the Rails in the Garden tour are \$5,566.00 and expenses of \$1,485.87 for a net gain to date of \$4,180.13. Revenues have been adjusted for a \$5 bank fee for a returned check. The face value of the returned check has been recovered.

Expenses include \$600.00 for the RITG tour signs.

3. Total Membership to date is 109

4. The Treasurer's report was approved.

**Editor's Report.** Jim Miller told us that the printer had made an error by printing too many newsletters, they were free for the taking.

**Membership Committee:** Ibbey Ulmer reported that we now have 110 members.

### **Old Business:**

**A. Rails in the Garden:** Bob Dirksen reported on the RITG Tour:

1. Financially we did better, but expenses were higher (phone & reusable signs).
2. BBG needs more tickets next year.
3. Bob will chair the 2007 RITG Tour.
4. Board will discuss charging \$5.00 for adults and children get in free.
5. There will be a list of the sites hosts and their volunteers in the April newsletter.
6. Bob thanked all the participants.

**B. Trolley Tracks:** On a Thursday night, date to be announced, at Gary Martin's, the trolley tracks will be rebuilt and permanently mounted. C.

**County Fair--April 20 to the 30<sup>th</sup>:** Chuck Cook reported on the fair.

1. New Hours—11:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.
2. Set up--Monday (17<sup>th</sup>)- it will be the full layout with the kid's layout being inside the loop. Wednesday (19<sup>th</sup>), we will finish set up. We will be on the east wall, opposite where we were last year.
3. Tear down will start on the 30<sup>th</sup>-5:00 P.M. Monday we will finish up.
4. A sign up sheet was passed around. When you sign up, could you leave a couple of lines for the ones that work during the week to work the weekends?
5. Shifts are 11-4:30 P.M.-4:30-10:00 P.M. The overlap shift is 1:00-7:00 P.M.
6. Thursday (opening day) 5:00-10:00 P.M.
7. If you would like to be a day chairman, please note this by your name.
8. Chuck will email the list until it gets full.
9. We would like to store the racks inside the building or behind the curtains.
10. We will use the cross bucks and rope.
11. Transportation will be furnished by the fair only for getting from the gate to the building, carrying supplies, trains and those with health problems.
12. They gave us an RV spot for the Dirksens.

**2008 Convention: April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 4<sup>th</sup>.** Norm Ulmer will hold a budget meeting Thursday at his house.

#### **Announcements:**

1. Lew Sleeper has a friend who is selling an N or HO train. You can contact Lew.
2. Janet Mitchell has vests for sale (\$15.00) to wear at the conventions.
3. The Dorgan's are having an Open House on 3/26 (Sunday)-10:00-3:P.M. All are invited. Mike will email club members.
4. Angela Miller is engaged and getting married in June. **Congratulations.**
5. Bob Dirksen has weathered redwood (2x4) to give away.
6. Gary. You can contact him if you are interested in buying PERORAIL track (Australian), the price will be around \$2.00 a ft. He also has rolling stock, engines, buildings and accessories. This is an estate sale to be held on 3/25 (Saturday) – 10:00-2:00 P.M.

7. One of the new signs was run over during the RITG Tour. Glen Mitchell made all the bases for the 24 signs.

8. Jerry Tulino made up TGRS business cards for the fair.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 20th, at the home of Gary & Peggy Martin at 10:00 A.M.

## **CONVENTION 2008**

By Janet Mitchell

Since I've been elected to write a regular (or at least frequent) column to keep you all up to date on plans for the 2008 convention, I decided to start with the location.

The San Marcos Resort in downtown Chandler was begun in 1912 and the grand opening was held on November 22, 1913. It has been a desert retreat for the rich and famous for over 90 years. The San Marcos is a beautiful example of Mission Revival architecture. The resort has undergone several expansions and renovations over the years and is a beautiful desert setting for our convention. As a destination resort, complete with golf course; the San Marcos will provide an inviting and comfortable base for our guests from around the world—a different setting than the generic hotels that are the host hotels for many conventions. If you are in the Chandler area, stop in and see the San Marcos. It is located 1 block south of Chandler Blvd. and 1 block west of Arizona Ave. on Buffalo St.

## **New Members**

by Ibbby Ulmer

Since the last newsletter we have acquired five new member families. I would like to introduce them to you.

Richard and Louise Bertrand are winter visitors from New Hampshire. Richard still has a business there and goes back and forth frequently. They do not have a layout as yet, but when he is able to spend more time in Tucson they may start one.

Steve and Sherry Abbott came here from Wichita Kansas in January of 2004. They have trains inside now, but are getting ready to start putting track outside soon. Steve says they will need a lot of help.

Ted and Valerie Golembiewski have been in Tucson since 1997. They came here from upstate New York. He has N gauge and O gauge but finds the small trains increasingly harder to work with, so he wants to start a garden Railroad.

Jack and Rosalie Forgues recently moved to Tucson from just north of Los Angeles in Castaic, California. They are in the process of moving into their new home in Saddlebrook. Needless to say, they do not have a layout as yet, but will be starting one when they get settled.

Mark and Beverly Rabinowitz have become interested in trains as a result of their friendship with our members, Rick and Sharon Moore. They do not have much room in their town home but have rolling stock on the Moore's layout. Mark came to Tucson from southern California 15 years ago and is recently retired from Sears.

This brings our membership up to 111 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 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:

Ibby Ulmer  
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### Calendar of Events

<b>Apr</b>	<b>No meeting scheduled due to the layout at the Pima County Fair</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Meeting at Gary and Peggy Martins</b>
<b>June 17</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>July 15</b>	<b>Open</b>

### TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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