



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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There is no July Meeting, the August Meeting will be at the home of Chuck & Debbie Cook.

A poem by Ibby Ulmer Musings on TGRS Displays

Here we are at the Home Show or the Fair
With our trains on exhibit for all to see
We proudly display our prebuilt modules
And explain to all visitors what is scale G.

But what WE observe is remarkable, too.
The amazing things that pass before our eyes.
The various styles of dress are quite numerous
And people come in every shape and size.

There are three kinds of folks to whom we appeal
When they see the trains and our great display.
Their eyes get big and it becomes quite obvious
That they are smitten in a wonderful way.

First, are the kids who follow the trains as
They go round and round, again and again.
They have great trouble refraining from touching
And don't want to leave when their parents say
when.

Then there are the men who immediately recall
When they were young boys and were given a train,
Or when they could hear a far off engine.
They suddenly become little boys again.

That's not say that the ladies aren't fascinated.
After all, they were kids once, too.
They enjoy the scenes and the people and animals.
And the clever tableaux that our members do.

So, that's why we're here. To display what we've
produced
And provide some enjoyment for our special crowd.
And, in turn, these folks provide for us a reason
For showing off our talents of which we are so
proud!

Minutes of the June 24, 2006, Meeting Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

The meeting was held at the Ker/Buchholz Home at 9:00 A.M.

Nick thanked Mary for hosting.

There were 46 attendees at the meeting. There were 2 new members

The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Willis Fagg reported a:

1. Current checking account balance of \$8,838.47. Reserve account balance is \$3,002.26 for a total of all accounts of \$11,840.73. Revenues to date for fiscal year 2005-2006 are \$12,206.90 and expenses are \$6,761.46 for a net increase to date of 5,345.44.
2. Total membership is currently 116 with a total of 51 members current for the new fiscal year.
4. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Editor's Report. Jim Miller reported the newsletter was doing great. Just keep the articles about your summer train trips coming.

Vice President's Events Report: Nick reminded us about the Buddy Walk in October and Octoberfest at DM in October. Lew will be giving us more information about Octoberfest later.

1. **Home Show:** Dick Izen said "that the 10:00A.M.-7:00P.M. shifts were too long". Nick will relay the message to Chuck.

2. **County Fair:** Several members of the Board are going to try to talk to Jon Baker, (Manager) about the passes, parking and try to resolve the differences between the club and the fair.

Some of the events we are considering:

1. **Arizona Hotel**
2. **VA. Hospital**
3. **Casa de Los Ninos**
4. **Reid Park Zoo**
5. **St. Thomas the Apostle**

A. Membership Committee: Ibby Ulmer reported that we now have 116 members.

B. Mentor Committee: Joe Stoesser said "he was available for anyone to talk to". He was selling shirts, caps.

C. Module Committee: Before the next event Dick Izen would like the modules and "Tower of Power" be remarked for ease in setting up.

Old Business:

A. Rails in the Garden: Nick reported for Bob Dirksen.

1. Bob has 8 families signed up for the 2007 RITG Tour.

2. He is doing the west and northwest in 2007.

B. Capital Projects: Racks: One rack is made, but does not have wheels. Ray is constructing them on weekends. When they are ready to go, Gary will take them to Norm's house for the plywood to be cut and installed. Joe Duda suggested the racks be painted one color and the modules with a small dot of the same color so that they would always go in the same rack all the time.. The rolling stock will stand upright and the spaces will be marked. There will be strips for the wheels and cardboard between the cars to protect them

Old Business:

A. Christmas Party: A motion was made and passed at the board meeting that the party will be held on Dec. 2, 2006. The price will be in the \$15.00 range.

The four places being considered are---Railroad Museum---Randolph Golf Course meeting room---Hometown Buffet---Casa Vallarta.

New Business: Children's Layout; more hands on for the kids is needed. We have some already but more is needed. Something that can be pushed on and run for awhile and then shuts off. If you would like to help with the animation of this please contact Jerry Tulino.

Botanical Gardens: They would like us there for Luminary Nights. 12/2-3(day and night), -----12/9-10 (days). They have 2 places for us to pick out which one would work best. It would be a ground layout. A motion was made and passed asking if people were interested in getting involved doing the event the month of December until after Christmas. We will talk to them after the Santa Clara Convention. There is the question of who would man it and if our assets would be used. Gary will keep in contact with Michelle.

Set up at a hospital: Dick is going to look into a set up at a local hospital. Gary explained how ABTO put layouts in 2 hospitals. ABTO did the layout; it is all push button and glass enclosed with cameras inside. ABTO does the repairs and whatever someone donates they actually own it, not the club.

2008 Convention: April 29th-May 4th. Gary showed us the handouts being given to exhibitors and manufacturers. We will have an information booth at Santa Clara. Janet Mitchell showed us the magnet that was made for the 2008 Convention.

Announcements:

1. Gary and Peggy's Martins "Open House" is going to be in November. The hours are 12:00 P.M. until dark. All are welcome. Watch *Time Table* for the day.

2. Jane Dorgan would like all those that are going on trips this summer to save the toiletries from the hotels or motels. They are going on the Copper Canyon trip (September 7th) and would like them for the girls Boarding School they help there.

There are 75 girls, ages 4-12 at the school. If you would like to donate school supplies, girl stuff,etc., they will take this with them and give them to the girls.

3. Ibbey needs the blocks for the quilt before the end of July. You can mail them to her.

4. Gary still has train items to sell from the estate sale.

5. Jim Miller said" that the printer will give members a good price on printing orders, if they say they are members of TGRS".

6. Nick had cards for members.

7. On August 12, 2006, there is a Summer Meet of the NMRA in Flagstaff, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The next regular meeting will be held in August, at the home of Chuck and Debbie Cook. Watch *Time Table* for day and time.

Minutes of June BOD Meeting

Respectfully submitted

by Ellen Stoesser

June 20, 2006-7:00 P.M. at the home of Willis and Dottie

All Board Members were present except two.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Treasury Report: Willis Flagg reported:

1. A current checking account balance of \$8,778.47.
2. Reserve account balance is \$3,002.26 for a total of all accounts of \$11,780.73.
3. Revenues to date for fiscal year 2005-2006 are \$12,046.90 and expenses are \$6,761.46 for a net increase to date of \$5,285.44.
4. Final numbers for the County Fair were: revenues \$1,244.01 and expenses of \$194.34 for a total gain of \$1,048.67
5. Total membership to date is 116 with a total of 49 members being current for the new fiscal year.
6. The Treasurer' report was approved.

Events:

1. **Home Show:** Chuck Cook reported that the Home Show was less attended but that we had a better location. He will talk with Harvey to see if we can have the same location when we do the Home Show. We would also like to know if TGRS could be mentioned that we are going to be there? Jim Cook said" one of the comments from the public was that more then one train needed to be running on a

track". About staffing, Chuck likes to have 6 people there, 2 to run, 2 to talk to the people and 2 to man the information booth. Chuck also said" that maybe a seminar was needed to show the club how to load the racks that go in the trailers in order to avoid damaging the modules and equipment".

2. **County Fair:** Several members of the Board are going to try to talk to Jon Baker, (Manager) about the passes, parking and try to resolve the differences between the club and the fair.

3. **Arizona Hotel:** The hotel director would like us to do a holiday set up in one of their ballrooms. This used to be called the Radisson and is located downtown. More to follow later.

4. **VA. Hospital:** Chuck would like us to do something else different this year. Some members felt that the VA. has been very good to us, parking, appreciative, and a place to park the trailers

5. **Casa de Los Nino's:** because of the poor attendance, should we consider not continuing to do this? Several members felt we should.

6. **Botanical Gardens:** They would like to have us back. The dates would have to be checked on, the people to man it is an issue. Gary needs to get guidance from the Board on how to proceed.

7. **Reid Park Zoo:** Ken Karrell is working on putting a layout there, (semi-permanent or permanent). Norm Ulmer has volunteered to help him on this.

Membership: Ibbby Ulmer reported we have one new member. She also has made minor revisions to the *Members Handbook*.

Old Business: RITG 2007- Nick reported for Dirk that he has 8 layouts that will be open. He is going to do a different side of town each year. 2007 will be west and northwest. Nick was thinking if we did the fair and the 2008 Convention (they are back to back) could we keep the layout open and have people go there? He will check on prices to get in. This is just an idea.

2. **Christmas Party:** Willis is working on this. The price will be around \$15.00. A motion was made and passed that the party be held on December 2, 2006.

3. **Donation to Transportation Museum:** this has been tabled until we get more information.

4. Should we be looking for a storefront to rent for putting a set up in, was brought up?

Other: 2008 Convention: Norm gave us information about the 2008 Convention Booth at the Santa Clara Convention. While some members of TGRS and ABTO were in Germany, placemats were given to Wolfgang by Sandy of ABTO. Wolfgang was also receptive to some of the ideas presented to him from the gang. Sandy is also working on the brochure for the 2008 Convention.

Children's Layout: Work on this is still continuing. There are 2-2x6 tables, 2 blank 6 ft, 4x4 corners with the ends cut off, a set of trestles. There was discussion about was there enough "hands on" for the kids? What about mountains? There was discussion about buying a trailer for the kid's layout.

Animation of Kid's Layout: If there is anyone who would like to help with this, the contact person is Jerry Tulino.

Scenery Modules: We have 2 scenery modules. They are 83 inches high. These will need to be checked to see if they fit in the small trailer. There will be plywood on 3 sides with a hole in the back. There will be wooden strips for rolling stock wheels, so they can be sitting upright. There will be cardboard in between for protection of the equipment. We will need to weigh the full racks to check for position and balancing. The racks need to be marked.

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2006.

Open House at the home of Gary and Peggy Martin, Sunday the 19th of November, from 12:00 noon until dark.

**Membership Renewal Reminder:
Dues are due now**

Membership dues for the current year are now due. Annual renewal is \$30. Checks should be made out to TGRS and should be submitted either in person or by mail to Willis Fagg, 12440 E. Ave. De La Vista Verde, Tucson, AZ 85749. If you have any questions regarding your dues, please call Willis.

New Members



Welcome to new members Chris and Vickie Dengeles. They have lived in Oro Valley for about 5 years now having come to us from the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. They are friends and

neighbors of our Bill Dillon. Chris has a railroad in his garden which is a modern period railroad run by an MTS system from LBG. He has had health problems the last couple of years, but is ready to get back into railroading again.

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.

To join the email mailing list send an email to members-subscribe@tucsongrs.org; include your name and a simple message like "I am a new TGRS member and would like to join the mailing list".

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

July	No Meeting
Aug	Meeting at Chuck & Debbie Cook
Sep	Open
Oct	Meeting at Rick and Sue Gast
Nov 11	Meeting at Garb & Dorothy Meechigian
Dec 2	TGRS Christmas Party

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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