



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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December, 2006

The Meeting this month is the Christmas Party at HomeTown Buffet on Oracle and River

The address is 5101 N Oracle Rd. December 2nd
from 12 noon to 4 pm.



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH HALLOWEEN EVENT

By Mike and Jane Dorgan



Joe Stoesser attacks Dolly Duda

On October 29th, we ran the childrens layout for their annual Halloween Party. We decorated with haunted houses, skeletons, black cats and cobwebs. Joe Stoesser came as the "largest goblin". Over 500 people attended, and it was very well received.



The new Children's Layout
Photos courtesy of the Dorgans

Helping from TGRS were Joe Stoesser, Dolly & Joe Duda, Sallie & Jay Sanders, and Jane & Mike Dorgan.

Pictures from the November 11th Meeting at
the Mechigan's featuring the D & G RR



Pictures by the Miller Family



The Mechigian's D & G RR

Minutes of the Nov. 11th, meeting Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

The meeting was held at the home of Garb and Dorothy Mechigian at 1:00 P.M.

Nick thanked Garb and Dorothy for hosting.

There were 58 attendees at the meeting. There were 2 new members.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Stoesser reported for Willis Fagg:

1. Current checking account balance of \$9,073.74
2. Reserve account balance is \$3,006.65 for a total of all accounts of \$12,080.39.
3. Revenue to date for fiscal year 2006-2007 is \$1,066.50 and expenses are \$1,597.37 for a net decrease to date of \$530.87. These totals include a correction for an entry error made in last month's report.
4. Membership renewal is at 96.
5. Sign-up count for the Christmas party is 68.
6. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Editor's Report. Jim Miller would like any member who has pictures or articles that they would like in the newsletter, to send them to him.

Venues Report: Chuck Cook reported on events:

1. **Buddy Walk:** The new Kids Layout worked really great. There were 75 kids and 100 adults.
2. **ST. Thomas: Halloween** set-up with the new layout was a huge success.
3. **Casa de Los Nino's** the new setup worked really well.

Upcoming Events:

1. **St. Marks: 12/18-19--**Setup will be on the 17th.
2. **Hotel Arizona** is still not decided.
3. **Veterans Hospital:** Lew Sleeper will have a sign-up in about 2 weeks for members to sign. 12/27&28—29th half a day.
4. **Home Show:** January 6-8-2007. There might not be a large space for us. We may have to use the

Martin Open House

Our Open House on Sunday, November 19th was a big success. There were almost 400 people in attendance. This gave us an opportunity to share our hobby, give out leaflets for the Rails in the Garden event in March and to sell tickets for the raffle sponsored by the Train Museum located Downtown. We would like to thank all those who attended and a special thanks to those who help out: Willis and Dottie Fagg, Joe and Ellen Stoesser, Glenn and Janet Mitchell, Jon and Steve Anderson, Barry Blackwell, Ken Karrels, George Fitzner, Dick Isen, Nick Buchholz. If we missed anyone, let it be known it was a busy day! Thanks again to all!

Gary and Peggy Martin

RITG NEWS from Bob Dirksen

The plans for the 2007 RITG Tour are coming together. Bruce and Carolyn Lynn have volunteered to show their layout. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on January 1. Full sheet and half sheet ads will be available at the Christmas party on December 2 and tickets will go on sale on January 1. Members can get ticket packets after December 7 by calling 409-3269 and leaving a voicemail message. I can deliver tickets to the Botanical Gardens on any day beginning December 9th. Tickets will also be distributed at the VA hospital show, the January Home Show and the February meeting. Keep you calendars open for March 3rd and 4th. We will need volunteers for that weekend. Please call one of the venues and volunteer. The venues are as follows (Rincon West will provide the volunteers for their layout):

The Bob Schwabs
The Bob Hofmanns
The Eberbachs
The Dorgans
The Martins
Buchholz and Ker
The Lynns

kid's layout or have a 20x26 circle. A 20x40 would be comfortable. We need to be there to sell tickets to the Rails in the Garden.

5. UMC Cancer Center: Chuck is talking to Andy Muscarello about putting an indoor enclosed layout there. Andy has \$6000.00 worth of trains. We could perhaps partner with them, share expenses, do repairs and maintenance, we could build. Chuck was given the go ahead to pursue. Jon Anderson made a motion for the Board to determine how much financial aid TGRS would give them. The motion passed.

6. Holiday Express at the Depot: 12/10/06 -This is free, there will be cookies and photos with Santa and also be a drawing. First prize is a Sierra Madre Express, 2nd Grand Canyon Railway and 3rd Verde Valley Railway. Polar Express will be playing at the Fox Theater.

7. Christmas Party is on 12/2/2006.---12-4:00 P.M. Money needs to be paid by Thanksgiving. The price is \$9.25 per person. This includes drinks, meal and tip. 68 members have signed up so far. Gary will see if docents will do TBG while we are at the party.

8. GP-TTOS-Jan.20, 2007-we will use the Kid's Layout. This is the last year it will be held at the Rodeway Inn.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Ibbey Ulmer reported that we now have 97 members and she will have a new roster next month.

Modules: Joe Duda reported the new Kid's Layout was working well, easy to put up and take down. It travels well. Glenn, Gary and Barry worked hard to get the project done in time for several events. Joe will donate a small tool box that will be filled with tools and this will travel with the layout.

Education: Janet Mitchell is going to have Sue come to a meeting when she is available, maybe, in February, if you would like railroad items, contact Janet. If you have a group that would like Janet and Phyllis to give a presentation, please contact her. There may be a people making session with Jane.

Old Business:

2008 Convention Report: Norm brought a sign-up sheet with the days and shifts people would like to work. Members are urged to sign-up as we are committed to the convention. This is only a 90 minute drive and it is your chance to meet lots of railroad people. If you volunteer you can go through the vendor's hall and there will be 60 suppliers. In

order to attend the events you must pay registration fees and for the event. The web site will be open by 2/1/2007 with all the information on the convention. There is going to be 40 layouts open in Phoenix and 10-12 in Tucson. The Board approved \$1000.00 is to be made available for the Convention Planning Committee when needed. Phoenix already has paid \$1000.00.

Raffle Quilt: Ibbey reported the raffle quilt is done and Rich Hall will be bringing it back from Corning, where they are already wanting to buy tickets.

Tours: Glenn reported the bus tour will be on Thursday with the self guided tours on the Monday before and the Sunday after. Contact Glenn if you like to open your layout.

2007 Las Vegas Convention: If you are going to the 2007 Convention, Lee Willetts is looking for volunteers to work the registration booth for the 2008 Convention. June 27-30th 2007.

Tucson Botanical Garden: this will be in the Bird Garden, east of the old layout. There was a sign-up sheet for members to sign. There be a work session on the week end of the 25 & 26th, to build and repair trestles.

Rails in the Garden: Bob Dirksen reported the phone is now activated-409-3269. He has 8 layouts and needs volunteers to help man them. There will not be tickets at the Christmas Party, they will be at the VA and we will be selling them at the Home Show. Tickets are \$5.00 single and \$10.00 per family, which are 2 adults and 2 kids. Lee Willetts will be sending Press Releases to weekly publications.

New Business: Nick is going to order split jaw clamps, all members are invited to get some also. The more we order the less they will cost.

Trailer: the Board authorized Gary to buy a 5x8 trailer for \$600.00. It has new tires and needs painting. It would be used for the Kid's Layout. It could be divided in half, with animation on top and the modules and mountains on the bottom.

Announcements:

Alan Lathrem told us that Sam's Club has a Bachmann starter set for \$170.00. Also that Dan Hoag (Eagle Wings Iron Craft) is having an Open House the weekends of 12/9 & 12/16.

Chuck would like members to think about some places we could use the larger set-ups in March or April.

Gary will hold an Open House on November 19th from 12:00 till 5:00 P.M.

Gary told us ABTO is having a Durango trip 8/26/2007, the price is around \$1000.00, this includes hotel, bus and tours.

Dick Izen brought some free railroads books for the members.

12/2/06: Christmas Party at HomeTown Buffet on Oracle and River—12:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Minutes of November BOD Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

November 9, 2006-7:00 P.M. at the home of Lew and Jan Sleeper

All Board Members were present except four.

There were no minutes of the September meeting.
Treasury Report: Joe Stoesser reported for Willis Fagg:

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5. Membership renewal is currently at 96.
6. Sign-up for the Christmas Party is 61.
7. The Treasury Report was approved.

Newsletter: Jim Miller reported the newsletter was going well. Articles are always welcome. There will be an article in the Time Table about selling the tickets for our Rails in the Garden event.

Events: Norm Ulmer reported on the 2008 Convention

1. More homes are needed for the self guided tour with the self guided tours being open the Monday before and the Sunday after. One more layout is needed for the bus tour.
2. Bill Nagle resigned as Store Manager. Jay Sanders and Dennis Busby will replace.
3. The raffle quilt is completed and people want to buy tickets.

4. Color of the volunteers vest has yet to be decided.

5. 400 black Rio Grande cattle cars will be purchased and sold for \$100.00, after the event the price will be \$120.00.

6. A reminder that the Board and all club members are responsible to have layouts ready and be ready to volunteer. We voted to do this and are committed to do this and must be ready to go. Norm will make up a generic volunteer letter for members.

Tucson Botanical Gardens: Gary reported that this is going to be a simple setup. There will be a workshop to build the trestles.

New Business: Video Monitor: Nick will look into buying a lightweight monitor.

Children's Layout: A motion was made and passed that the Club purchase a 5x8 enclosed trailer for the Children's Layout for \$600.00. Nick would also like to know what kind of animation the club members would like to have on the layout. We should also have all seasonal setups. We need lots of lights, action and sounds. We need to buy split jaws for the layout. We also need to decide what to do with the old layout. Gary will build 2 6ft. modules and 3 triangles, one for the outside and 2 for the inside.

2008 Convention: A motion was made by Joe Stoesser to approve another \$1000.00 for the 2008 Convention Committee. This was approved by the Board. The San Marcos has not asked for any monies yet.

Rails in the Garden Tour: Bob has activated the phone for the tour—409-3269.

He has all 8 layouts. Maps will be by Map Quest. Tickets will be available at the Veterans Hospital Event and be sold at the Home show. Publicity has already been started.
The **Club** will purchase an egg liner

Swap Meet: This will be the last year for the Swap Meet at the Rodeway Inn. January 20, 2007.

The **February, 2007** meeting will be a Round-a-Bout: Blackwell's, Dorgan's, Stoesser's, Martin's for the meeting.

County Fair: Nick has not met with John Baker yet.

Durango Trip: ABTO is sponsoring a Durango Trip —8/26/07. The price per person is around \$1000.00. Check with Gary for more information.

Open House: At Peggy & Gary's Martins on 11/19/06.—12:00-5:00 P.M. All are welcome. No date was set for the next Board Meeting.

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum



MEDIA RELEASE

EVENT: Holiday Express at the Depot!
DATE: Sunday, December 10th, 2006
TIME: Various, see schedule
PLACE: Southern Arizona Transportation Museum at the Historic Depot, 414 N. Toole Ave. Tucson, Arizona, 85701
PRICE: Free admission, open to public
CONTACT: Laura Caywood Barker, 520-623-2223

www.TucsonHistoricDepot.org
ContactUs@[TucsonHistoricDepot.org](mailto:ContactUs@TucsonHistoricDepot.org)

Short description:

Holiday Express at the Depot on Sunday, December 10th, 2006 **1pm – 3:30pm:** Enjoy photos with Santa & the locomotive complete with sounds and “steam”, “Polar Express” read at story time, free cookies and more! For a commemorative train ticket, bring a new & unwrapped gift for local children’s charity, Shayann’s Kindness Project. Antique cars, fun with train stamps, letters to Santa and more! **At 3pm:** win a raffle trip for two to Mexico via the Sierra Madre Express! www.TucsonHistoricDepot.org or call 520-623-2223. **At 4pm:** the Fox Tucson Theatre Foundation presents the movie “Polar Express”! Call 624-1515 or www.foxtucsontheatre.org

Schedule: 1pm – 3:30pm: Let us capture your child’s holiday photo with Santa & the locomotive. \$10 per sitting, includes 2 – 5x7 or 1 – 8x10. (% proceeds benefit the Museum at the Depot). Be awed by the sounds and “steam” of Locomotive #1673 “coming alive” once again! Enjoy free cookies! For a commemorative train ticket, bring a

new & unwrapped gift for local charity, Shayann’s Kindness Project. Antique cars, fun with train stamps, letters to Santa and more!

2pm – 3pm: Story time will be provided at the Depot by the Tucson-Pima Public Library’s Main Library, so join us for a reading of the Polar Express and more great stories.

3pm: The much anticipated, Ridin’ the Rails Raffle drawing will be held in front of Locomotive #1673. The Grand Prize is a trip for two to Copper Canyon in Mexico via the Sierra Madre Express.

4pm: The Fox Tucson Theatre Foundation presents “Polar Express” with Tom Hanks! \$10 per person, \$8 for students, seniors and military (% proceeds benefit the Museum at the Depot). Call 520.624.1515 or visit www.foxtucsontheatre.org

10am - 5pm: Complete holiday shopping at local artisan show hosted by Saguaro Artisans.

Free parking surrounding the Depot, metered street parking is always free on Sunday or park in the new Pennington Garage. In cooperation with the Fox Tucson Theatre Foundation, Saguaro Artisans Gift Shop and the City of Tucson. ###

New Members



Roland “Cal” and Shirley Calhoun joined the TGRS in October

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:

Ibby Ulmer
4935 N. Craycroft Road
Tucson, AZ 85718

Calendar of Events

Dec 2	TGRS Christmas Party
Jan	No meeting due to multiple setups
Feb 17	Roundabout then meeting at Gary and Peggy Martin's

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

President:Nick Buchholz.... 520-744-4932 V-President: Chuck Cook.....520-797-1066 Secretary:Ellen Stoesser.....520-577-1210 Treasurer:Willis Fagg.....520-760-0147 Editor:Jim Miller..... 520-886-7611	At Large Board Members Jim Cook.....520-760-2325 Rick Gast.....520-721-8305 Lew Sleeper.....520-751-9628 Joe Stoesser.....520-577-1210
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