



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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February, 2007

February Meeting

The February 17th meeting is a roundabout featuring three outstanding garden railroads. The layouts will be open from 10:30 AM until 12:30 PM followed by a meeting starting at 1:00 PM. If you need directions call the members. Listed below are the layouts that will be open and the meeting place.

Layouts:

Blackwell's 4042 East Cooper Street
322-5033

Dorgan's 5416 N. Via Sempreverde
529-2430

Stoesser's 4739 N. Mayfair Circle
577-1210

Meeting place:

Martin's 4625 E. Cerro de Aguila
299-7428

Thanks from the VA Hospital

Dirk reports that the club received a very nice thank you letter from the VA Hospital for the layout that we did there between Christmas and New Years.

IT'S TIME TO VOLUNTEER!

It's crunch time for the Rails in the Garden Tour. Advertising is out and ticket sales have started in earnest. We need **VOLUNTEERS!** If you have some free time on the weekend of March 3 and 4, call one of the following members. If there are enough volunteers, it really isn't any work!

ORO VALLEY & NORTHEAST

Bob Hoffman: 825-2423
Bob Schwab: 825-3481
Roy Eberbach: 531-1087
Bruce Lynn: 744-1232

THORNYDALE-INA RD.
Nick Buchholz: 744-932

RIVER AND SWAN
Gary Martin: 299-7428

PLEASE CALL BEFORE THE FEBRUARY MEETING! THE SUCCESS OF THIS ACTIVITY DEPENDS ON ALL OF US!

County Fair Volunteer Sign-up:

From Willis Fagg

The 2007 Pima County Fair dates are April 19-29. Set-up of the basic layout will be done on Monday April 16 starting at 9:00 AM and will continue Tuesday through Thursday as required. The starting day shift on Thursday the 19th will run from 6-10 PM. Week day shifts will run from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM and from 3:30 PM to 10:00 PM. Weekend shifts will run from 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM and from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Closing day shifts on Sunday the 29th will run from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM and from 1:30 to 5:30 PM with teardown beginning at 5:30 on Sunday the 29th. On weekdays, the building opens early to admit school children.

Sunday tear down will consist of breaking down the basic layout, racking all equipment and individual removal of personal displays and equipment. No vehicles will be allowed into the fairgrounds on Sunday. Load out with the trailers and any other vehicles will begin at 9:00 AM on Monday the 30th.

Staffing plans require eight members per shift throughout the run of the fair. Set-up requires a minimum of 15 volunteers with a similar number requested for tear down. Load out on Monday will require a minimum of 8 volunteers. We also require a day chairman volunteer for each day. The day chairman will be responsible for notifying his/her

volunteers prior to the workday and finding back-up volunteers in the event of late cancellations.

Because of problems with tickets and badging in the past, we must submit our staffing lists by March 4th. County fair personal will provide either badges or tickets for our volunteers based on number of shifts and early shift volunteers. Additionally, we have experienced problems in dealing with fair administrators as a result of our club members abusing our entrance privileges. Use of previous year's badges, individuals requesting entrance based on TGRS badges who are not on the volunteer list and other violations have made our efforts to get entrance coverage for legitimate volunteers difficult. Club members who violate the guidelines only penalize the rest of the club. Please follow all entrance guidelines.

Chuck Cook will be recruiting volunteers and will be sending an e-mail sign-up sheet to those on electronic distribution. Club members not on electronic distribution should call Chuck at 797-1066. Please sign-up early so we can meet our submittal requirements to the fair. Willis Fagg will be serving as the overall event coordinator.

This is the only time we have the space available to put up our full modular layout. It is also a great opportunity for new members to get involved with the club and learn the equipment and operations of the modular layout. We would like to see all members sign up for at least one shift.



Photos from the January Home Show





Photos by the Miller Family

Minutes of January 2007 Board Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

January 9, 2007-7:00 P.M. at the home of Willis and Dottie Fagg

All Board members were present except 2.

Treasury Report: Willis reported:

1. Current checking account balance is \$ 5,381.41.
2. Reserve account balance of \$3,008.32 for a total of all accounts of \$8,383.73.
3. Revenues to date for fiscal year 2006-2007 are \$1,204.50 and expenses are \$5,621.95 for a net decrease to date of \$4,417.45.
4. Expense total includes an additional \$2,000.00 contribution to the 2008 convention. This is needed at this time for publishing fees.
5. Membership is currently at 97.
6. The Treasury report was approved.

Events: Chuck Cook let us know that the:

1. **Swap Meet** will be held on January 20th at the Rodeway Inn. We will have a 12x 24 space with the Kid's Layout running. There will be a table to sell the RITG tickets. There will be 154 tables of "stuff". Chuck will be emailing a sign up sheet. Till further notice the Swap Meet will continue to be held until 2010 on the 3rd Saturday of the month in January and the 1st Saturday of the month in June.
2. **County Fair:** April 19-29--The Fair needs 30 days notice of member's names that are going to be working at the Fair, this needs to be done by February, in order to get badges, because they are too busy to do it later. We will need 6-8 people each day, with Kid's Day needing-10-11. The day chairman would be in charge of the money and remind people the time of their shift. There was discussion on how to get members to sign up. A motion was made and passed that Bob Dirksen will purchase 2 starter sets, one for the Fair and one for the RITG. A question was

asked about the Kid's Layout, should we have it at the fair? It was decided this was not a "stand alone layout" and was to be operated by the kid's at the fair.

3. **UMC Cancer Center at UMC North:** Andy Muscarella and Greg Pivrotto (CEO & Pres.) are the contact people that Chuck & Norm Ulmer are working with to get this going. They are discussing an 11x18 area with 3 tiers that will be located in the main lobby. The \$25,000-30,000 that will be needed will be donated. Andy gave the club a LGB book to be passed around among the members. He will also donate equipment, but we will only be able to use the small equipment. We will continue to pursue this.

Mentor: Joe Stoesser has asked Glen Mitchell to work with our newest family.

Modules: There will be workshops in March for repair and resurfacing of the modules. Resurfacing Steps: Stucco patch—paint—then dry—another coat—then coat on the foam. Jim Cook will set the time for repairs. A list of repairs will be made available.

Old Business: A mailing list is going out for the RITG.

Small Trailer: is at the painters getting a new look. They are sanding and painting it.

Track Cleaner is going back for repairs. Sumpter Valley needs to be repaired.

Equipment to Buy:

1. A motion was made and passed to buy 3 transformers --18-24 Va with an HO switch and two Phoenix sound systems. One for the mogul and one for the 10 wheeler. We would sell the Sierra sound systems.
2. A motion was made and passed to buy 2 Phoenix sound systems and a LGB Mogul and a Uintah 21881. This will be done after the RITG.
3. A motion was made and passed to buy 2 Aristo-Craft transmitter /receivers with fans.
4. A motion was made and passed to buy a used USA NW2 locomotive and cab for approximately \$340.00.
5. Willis will check for prices.
6. The 2 transmitter/receiver sets, 2 sound systems, (for the 10 wheeler and mogul) and 3 transformers (children's unit) will be brought immediately.

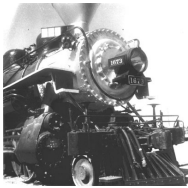
Big Layouts: Jim Cook would like to have more places for the big layouts. Chuck will check with El Con Mall. We will check with the Home Show about storage while the show is going on to give a much neater and nicer looking layout and ability to get around on the inside. Maybe move the "tower of power" and the town and remove a rack to the trailer or storage? Could we maybe put the medium layout in one trailer and the extenders in another?

Nominating Committee: Norm asked about the Nominating Process:

2003 Bylaws---**March:** at the general March meeting of every odd numbered a ad hoc Committee will be appointed by the President, if there is no meeting by March 12th---**April:** a list of nominees will be presented to the members at the meeting and published in the newsletter prior to the May meeting-- **May meeting:** Election---**July 1:** New officers take over.

Updating Equipment List: A list of all TGRS equipment needs to be made.

No date was set for the next board meeting.



Southern Arizona Transportation Museum

EVENT: 127th Anniversary of the
Arrival of the Railroad in Tucson

DATE: Tuesday, March 20th, 2007

TIME: 11am

PLACE: The Historic Locomotive No. 1673,
400 N. Toole Ave

SPONSORED BY: The Southern Arizona
Transportation Museum

PRICE: Free, open to the public

CONTACT: Laura Caywood Barker,
520-623-2223,
ContactUs@TucsonHistoricDepot.org

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE RAILROAD IN TUCSON!

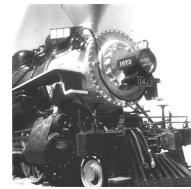
March 20th, 2007, 11am

Celebrate the 127th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Railroad in Tucson on Tuesday, March 20th, 2007 at 11am in front of historic Locomotive #1673.

This year the museum welcomes back members of the 4th Cavalry Regiment Band. A proclamation from the Mayor will be read. There will be a tribute to longtime Southern Pacific employee, William Sayre.

This annual commemoration demonstrates the importance of the coming of the railroad to the growth of Tucson into the metropolis of today.

This event is free and open to the public, and schools are welcome to attend.



Southern Arizona Transportation Museum

EVENT: 3rd Annual Transportation
Lecture Series

DATE: February 20th, 27th, March
6th, 13th, 20th

TIME: 7pm

PLACE: The Depot Lobby
400 N. Toole Ave

SPONSORED BY: The Southern Arizona
Transportation Museum

PRICE: \$5 a person, all lectures
for \$20

CONTACT: Laura Caywood Barker,
623-2223

February 20th, 2007, 7pm
"The Arizona and South Eastern Railroad and
Bisbee"
Speaker: Richard Dick
Early Bisbee and the railroad that served it.

February 27th, 2007, 7pm
"Hooves and Rails: The History of the Tucson Street
Railway"
Speaker: Gene Caywood
The horse-car period of the Tucson Street Railway,
just prior to the electric cars.

March 6th, 2007, 7pm
"On the Ground in the Steam Age"
Speaker: Bill Kalt
This Tucson native gives an image-packed
presentation of local railroad family photographs
combined with tales of Tucson's steam era. Join us
for a stroll along the Southern Pacific Railroad
during the first decade of the 20th Century.

March 13th, 2007, 7pm
"Southern Arizona Railroad Engineers and
Construction"
Speaker: Winton Hall
A Southern Pacific Railroad Craftsman, Surveyor
and Industrial Products Engineer gives his
perspective.

March 20th, 2007, 7pm
"The Arizona Narrow Gauge Railroad"
Speaker: TBA

The Arizona NG RR, a short-live line that originated in Tucson. The time period discussed is 1882-1907.

August 2007 ABTO Colorado Railroad Excursion!

A refreshing Eight Day Seven Night motor coach trip touring Colorado and the Rockies during the late August Arizona heat. Starting Sunday,, August 26, 2007,, and ending Sunday,, September 2, 2007, the day before Labor Day.

Hotels!

Two Nights at the Best Western Rio Grade Inn,, Durango, CO. 400 East Second Avenue, 2 ½ blocks from the train station. One night at the Lake Dillon Lodge,, Lake Dillon,, CO..

One night at the Best Western Skyway Inn,, Manitou Springs,, CO..

One night at the Best Western Royal Gorge,, Canon City,, CO..

One night at the Best Western Alamosa Inn,, Alamosa,, CO..

One night at the Best Western Inn and Suites, Farmington, NM



Train Trips included!

Durango and Silverton Railroad est. 1881
Georgetown Loop, (Colorado Central RR) route est. 1884

The Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway est.. 1891

The Royal Gorge Railway, (Santa Fe/ D&RGW) route est. 1880

The Cumbers and Toltec Railway, est. 1880.

Other

Six breakfasts and one lunch included.



Cost Approx.

Seven hundred and sixty three dollars per person!

Based on double occupancy.

All rooms are two people two beds.

Sign up now

Call Jim Kangas 480-659-1756 or email

jkangasat@cox.net

\$200.00 per person down payment due January 31, payable to ABTO. Details to follow.

More events of interest to our members

Thanks to Alan Lathrem

Apr 15 & 16 Eaglewings open house in Phoenix: they built the bridge on the clubs modular layout and they have built bridges for several club members layouts

May 11 – 13 Heart of America Garden Railway Show in Kansas City
www.hagrs.com

New Members

Lon and Dureen Berg. They moved here from Minnesota 18 years ago. Lon works at the Assessor's office. He is a beginner. He has a friend who has a garden railroad, but is not yet a member of the club. He was at Gary's open house in November and spoke with Nick. He is interested in building a 1:20.3 mining-logging layout and he expressed an interest in learning the how to's of kit bashing.

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:

lby Ulmer
4935 N. Craycroft Road
Tucson, AZ 85718

Calendar of Events

Feb 17 Roundabout then meeting at Gary and Peggy Martin's
Mar 3 & 4 RITG
Apr 15 & 16 Eaglewings open house in Phoenix
Apr 19 – 29 County Fair
May 11 – 13 Heart of America Garden Railway Show in Kansas City www.hagrs.com

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

President:.....Nick Buchholz.... 520-744-4932
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