



## Tucson Garden Railway Society's

# Time Table

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## March Meeting

TGRS SaddleBrooke Roundabout March 24, 2007  
Roundabout 12:30 pm to 2:40 pm, meeting at  
3:00 pm

### Directions to SaddleBrooke

Drive north on Oracle Road (Rt. 77) through  
Catalina; turn right onto SaddleBrooke Boulevard.

### John & Barb Madden

38807 S. Sand Crest  
818-1301

Continue on SaddleBrooke Blvd. First road on the  
right is MountainView Blvd; turn right. Third Street on  
the right is Iron Crest Drive; turn right. Follow Iron  
Crest to S. Sand Crest Drive and turn left to John's  
house.

### Jack & Rosalie Forgues

61786 E. Sandlewood Rd.  
818-9598

Jack's railroad is under construction; stop by and  
offer encouragement and suggestions.

From John Madden's house, go back to  
MountainView Blvd. and turn right. Just past the  
tennis courts, turn right onto Club House Dr. Follow  
Club House Dr. to Northwood, turn right. Continue  
on Northwood to Hollywood Way and turn left.  
Continue on Hollywood Way to Sandlewood and  
turn right to Jack's house. Note: as you proceed  
south on Hollywood, you will come to Sandlewood  
on your left first which goes east, but cross over and  
take the next right on to Sandlewood going west.

### Bill & Barbara Dillon

37098 S. Hill Side Drive  
818-2635

From Jack's house, go back to Mountainview Blvd.  
and turn left. Continue on Mountainview to  
SaddleBrooke Blvd and turn right. First road on the  
left is Vista Park Drive; turn left, then make an  
immediate left on to Cat Claw Lane. Cat Claw dead  
ends at Hill Side Drive; turn right and follow Hill Side  
to Bill's house.

### Herb & Terry Hoffman

36395 S. Wind Crest Drive  
825-6686

From Bill's house go back to SaddleBrooke Blvd and  
turn left. Continue on SaddleBrooke Blvd., past the  
gas station, to the stop sign at Ridgeview Blvd; turn  
left. Continue on Ridgeview for about a mile. Turn  
left onto Wind Crest Drive, just before the stop sign.  
(At the stop sign is a golf shack with restrooms).  
Continue north on Wind Crest to Herb's house.

### Dave & Pat Tiefenbach (final stop for the meeting, which starts at 3 p.m.)

36425 Golf Course Dr.  
825-7546

From Herb's house, continue north on Wind Crest to  
Rose Ridge the first street on the right; turn right.  
Continue on Rose Ridge until it dead ends at Golf  
Course Drive. Dave's house is just to the right, on  
the east (mountain side) of Golf Course Dr.

## Convention Quilt By Ibbby Ulmer

At the February Meeting, we got a chance to see the  
quilt that has been made to be raffled off at the 2008  
National Garden Railway Convention in Chandler.  
The quilt top was a joint project of members of  
TGRS and Arizona Big Train Operators.

Members of the two clubs made the squares and  
they were put together by a committee representing  
both groups. Each square is unique and is a  
reflection of the uniqueness of garden railroads that  
makes them so interesting. It was hand quilted by a  
group of ladies in Corning, Iowa, who are  
remarkable in their skill. The youngest of them is a  
child of 62. Several are in their 80's and 90's.

Tickets for the raffle will go on sale at the Las Vegas  
Convention in June. They will cost \$2.00 a piece or  
six for \$10.00. The drawing will take place at the  
close of the convention in May 2008.



The Convention Quilt

## CONVENTION VESTS

As most of you know, for the 2008 National convention, committee members and volunteers will be identified by denim vests. Many of you have ordered vests. If you plan to volunteer at the convention, have not gotten or ordered a vest, and would like your own vest; please let me know. You don't have to purchase your own vest. If you will only be volunteering for a short time, there will be "loaner" vests available, but we need to know how many we need to make. I will have an assortment of sizes available at the March club meeting for anyone to try on. You can place your order then. The vests are \$15, and we will be making more in the coming months. That brings me to the other part of my request—we need sewers to help with the sewing. If you sew (it's not hard, and I will provide help) please get in touch with me. There will be more than one sewing session I'm sure—maybe in May and June and late fall.

Janet Mitchell  
743-9263

### Minutes of the February 17, 2007 Regular Meeting Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

The meeting was held at the home of Gary and Peggy Martin  
There were 67 attendees at the meeting.

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

1. Current checking account balance of \$3,768.78.
2. Reserve account balance is \$3,009.09 for a total of all accounts of \$6,777.87.
3. Revenue to date for fiscal year 2006-2007 is \$2043.75 and expenses are \$7,324.58 for a net decrease to date of \$5,280.83
4. Membership renewal is at 100.

**Venues Report:** Chuck Cook reported on events:

1. **SHABA:** They would like us there for April but the date is too close to RITG. Chuck will check for spaces for October and we will start new with a new contract.
2. **UMC North:** Andy Muscarello will check with Greg Pivrotto to see if we can have a layout there
3. **County Fair:** Members must be signed up early because of getting our badges and passes. We will need to give this year's passes back that we do not use so the fair can fine tune their system. There can be no cars on the grounds Sunday, so we are thinking of renting a golf cart, if they do not have a cart for us for hauling equipment.
4. Chuck would like 2 more people to help on the Venues Committee.
5. He would like to have some places for a layout in the spring and summer. We have 2 programs that can be showed, about the History of Railroading and the growth of railroading, to assist us in securing places to setup. Perhaps some of the scouting organizations would like us to do a layout.

#### Old Business:

**Rails in the Garden:** Bob Dirksen had cross bucks and bases for directional signs that the sites will use. Volunteers are still needed for Oro Valley. Ace Hardware on 22<sup>nd</sup> will let us sell tickets the week before; Monday thru Friday. There will be 2 shifts; 10:00 to 12:30 and 12:30 to 3:00.

**2008 Convention:** Norm Ulmer gave an update to the new members and reported on the convention. 2 members are needed for the Welcoming Committee. They will need to answer questions about Chandler and Phoenix and pass out area maps. There will be vests for members to buy and wear. They cost \$15.00 and there was a sign up sheet for ordering. There will be community vests for those who do not want to buy one. There will be 275 rooms available; these can usually be reserved a year in advance. The cost is \$129.00—2 to a room. To register for the convention you can get an application on line and mail it in. [www.2008ngrc.org.is](http://www.2008ngrc.org.is) the convention website. There is also a link from our website. For the members having open house they will get T- shirts and name tags. The convention car will be a Denver Rio Grande stock car, 1<sup>st</sup> production run, AMS will make. It will be black with white lettering with our 2008 logo on each side. The scale will be 1:29. Volunteers are needed to man the booth at Las Vegas. There will be a signup sheet at the May meeting. The shifts are only about 2-3 hours long. The 2008 Convention T-shirt is for sale. The sizes are large-xxxlarge.

**2008 Raffle Quilt:** Ibbey Ulmer let us know the quilt is here for viewing. A book was made up with the names of all those who made the quilt and a picture of the Iowa Quilting Bee. The book will also go to the winner of the quilt.

**Vests:** Janet Mitchell had the sign up sheet for the vests. She is also looking for volunteers to cut, press, and sew the vests and 30 tote bags to be made that are going to be sold at the company store.

**2008 Bus Tour:** Glenn Mitchell would like volunteers to be bus guides, one bus guide is needed for each bus, and there will be 2-4 busloads.

**Vendors:** Gary Martin let us know there is a vendor sign up sheet on the web and if anyone would like a booth, to sign up early as possible.

**Nominating Committee:** Lew Sleeper will again head this committee; he is looking for a couple of volunteers to help him.

**Non-Profit Status:** When we incorporated to be non-profit we got the EIN number but did not get the status non-profit organization. Jay Sanders is now working on this. To move forward on this will cost \$400-600.00.

**New Business:** Animation Controller-Glenn Mitchell was given a round of applause for the new controller he made for the kid's layout

**LGB engines** were sent in 3x last year, what they said "about the engines was that they should not be run for 2-3 hours at a time as the plastic melts'. We need to change engines every 1-1 1/2 hours and lube every 20-25 hours. While using at the fair they are to be lubed every morning before they start to run for the day.

**LGB America:** Mr. Schontag, the announced buyer of E.P Lehmann, could not get the financing to complete the purchase. LGBBoA will continue to grow. But there will not be new products offered as often, and older ones will be hard to get.

**Aristo-Craft engines** were sent back and Nick is trying to get information what their status is. It has been 21 weeks, he has sent them a registered letter and he will continue to work on this.

**Work Session:** This will be held at Jim Cook's residence on 3/17/07 at 9:00 A.M. This will be repairing the tops of the track modules, etc. 8-12 people will be needed, Email or call Nick if you want to help.

The next regular meeting will be a Round –a-Bout with the meeting at Dave & Pat Tiefenbachs. This will be on March 24<sup>th</sup>. It will start at 1:00 and the meeting will begin at 3:00.

## Minutes of the February 2007 Board Meeting

All Board Members were present at Gary & Peggy Martin's home

Discussion was on should we spend money to hire a lawyer to get our non-profit status issue resolved?

A resolution was made and passed that: Jay Sanders should move forward with getting the 501(c)(4) status and explore 501 (c)(3) status, with legal expenses not to exceed \$600.00.

501(c) 4

1. Provides services to the community
1. Does charitable work
2. Cannot give receipts for charitable donations that are tax deductible
3. We would do the paperwork
4. Do not file tax returns until we reach \$25,000 in one year
5. This was recommended by a lawyer for us

501(c) 3

1. Educational Organization
2. Take donations, can give receipts
3. Legal staff does 100% of the work
4. Regular tax accountant at all times
5. Annual reporting
6. More expensive

## County Fair sign up

We have made our appeals for volunteers, but have only succeeded in signing up about 65% of the staff needed to support the effort. We would like to see as many new members as possible in that this is the only venue that allows us enough space to set up our full modular layout. The volunteers run trains, assist with the running of the children's layout, provide information on the club, (pick up the pieces after train wrecks) and sell raffle tickets.

So here's where we still need volunteers.

Thursday 4/19 5:00 PM-10:00 PM-----1  
Friday 4/20 9:30 AM-4:00 PM-----5  
Friday 4/20 3:30 PM-10:00 PM-----2  
Saturday 4/21 4:00 PM-10:00 PM-----5  
Sunday 4/22 4:00 PM-10:00 PM-----2  
Monday 4/23 9:30 AM-4:00 PM-----4  
Monday 4/23 3:30 PM-10:00 PM-----2  
Tuesday 4/24 9:30 AM-4:00 PM-----5  
Tuesday 4/24 3:30 PM-10:00 PM-----5  
Wednesday 4/25 9:30 AM-4:00 PM-----1  
Wednesday 4/25 3:30 PM-10:00 PM-----3  
Thursday 4/26 9:30 AM-4:00 PM-----1  
Thursday 4/26 3:30 PM-10:00 PM-----2  
Friday 4/27 9:30 AM-4:00 PM-----6  
Friday 4/27 3:30 PM-10:00 PM-----3  
Saturday 4/28 10:30 AM-4:30 PM-----4  
Saturday 4/28 4:00 PM-10:00 PM-----6  
Sunday 4/29 9:30 AM-2:00 PM-----4

Obviously there are several dates that have the most need. Please contact Willis Fagg at 760-0147 to sign up.

## New Members

We had no new members join this month.

## 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](mailto: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 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:

lby Ulmer  
4935 N. Craycroft Road  
Tucson, AZ 85718

### Calendar of Events

- Mar 3 & 4** RITG
- Mar 24** Roundabout and meeting in Saddlebrook, meeting at Dave & Pat Tiefenbach's
- 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](http://www.hagrs.com)

### TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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