



## Tucson Garden Railway Society's

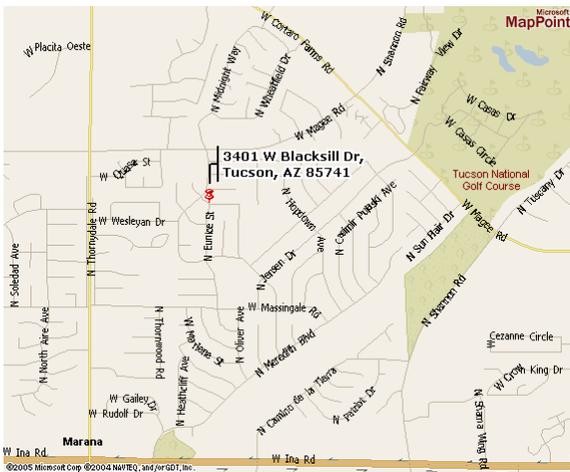
# Time Table

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May, 2007

**The May Meeting is at the home of  
Nick Buchholz and Mary Ker  
on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May at 10:00 am**



Go 4 blocks to Blacksill Dr. Turn left (east onto Blacksill Dr

Our house is straight ahead of you as you finish the turn onto Blacksill, on the southeast corner of Blacksill and Eunice. Its the orange slump block house with a 30 foot pine tree in front. The number is 3401 W Blacksill Dr. Our phone is 744-4932

### The Tucson, Piedmont and Sonoran Desert RR

The TP&SD is a narrow gauge railroad set in 1926 in southeastern Arizona. The railroad goes from Douglas on the border to Klondike in the White Mtns., traveling up the Sulfur Springs valley through Paul Spur, Gleeson, Courtland, and Pearce to arrive at Cochise Courthouse, the track continue north and east through Cascabel, Cactus Flats, Wilcox and Bonita to finally arrive in Klondike.



The railroads timetable lists many scenic wonders that will help you enjoy your trip. Two water courses the Rainbow Rock River and Stetson Falls provide rafting and fishing for the inhabitants and an active tourist passenger service.

Locomotives are Bachmann and Accucraft 1:20 scale units and a couple of scratch-built locomotives are under construction. The buildings and rolling stock are mostly kits or scratch-built also in 1:20.32 scale in keeping with a three foot gauge railroad. Inspiration for structures comes from buildings in So

Directions to the Buchholz/Ker Home

#### From the South, East and West:

Go to the intersection of Ina and Thornydale Rds. Turn North on Thornydale Drive about .7 miles to Wesleyan Road. (Wesleyan is at the end of the decorative "Sound wall", one block north of the Fire Station on the east side of Thornydale)

Turn right (east) onto Wesleyan. Drive until Wesleyan T's into Rasmussen

Turn left onto Rasmussen. Go to the second right. This is Blacksill Dr. Turn right onto Blacksill Dr

#### From the North:

Go to the Intersection of W. Magee, W. Cortaro Farms and N. Shannon Rds. near Tucson National.

Turn West onto W. Magee Rd go about .4 Miles until you reach Rasmussen Rd.

Turn Left (south) onto Rasmussen.

AZ. and from the right of way of several three foot gauge Railroads, (EBT, NPC, C&C and PCR).



The railroad is designed with operations in mind. Industries include copper and cala rock mines; pepper jelly, lemon balmb and sausage factories; quarries, a lumber camp and saw mill and pepper orchards.

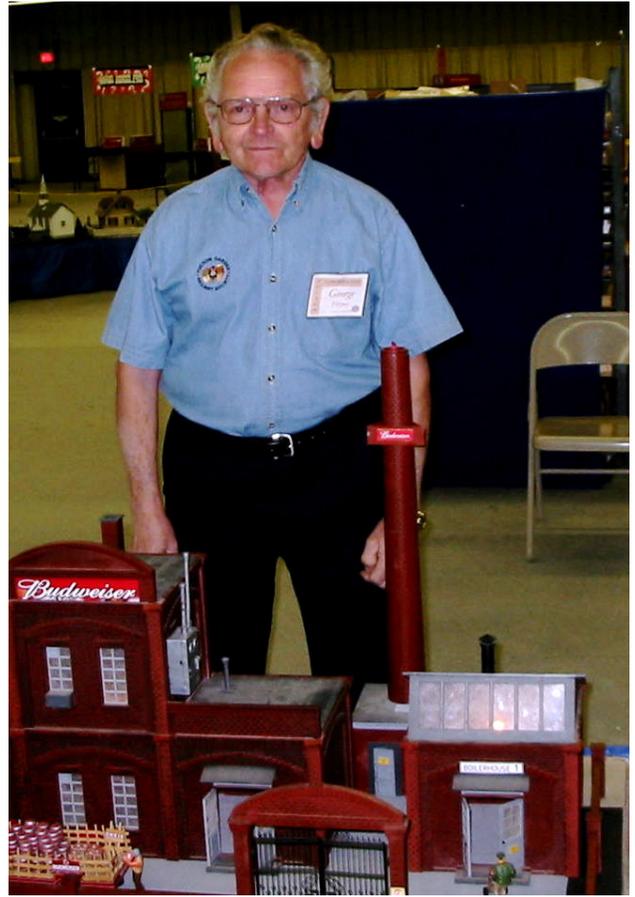


Dinosaurs roam the right of way and are common in the towns on the TP&SW. Lizard Cars transport dinosaurs to market as no cows are harmed on the TP&SD. Photos courtesy Nick Buchholz.

## History of the TGRS

After a few months hiatus we are renewing our practice of featuring some of our longtime members.

George Fitzner and his wife, Kathy, joined TGRS early on. Born in Belgium, George came to the U. S. with his parents in the early 1950's. Here in Tucson he was an auto mechanic and had a business on Grant Road called "George's Kar House" where he specialized in repairing and maintaining VolksWagens. Now retired he has time to devote to the mechanics of model railroading. He maintains a large collection of LGB engines and rolling stock.



George is the one who provides the carnival - carousels, farris wheel, etc. that we feature on our modular layouts. He also built the brewery display that we use.

## Membership Renewal Time is Here

Current membership expires on June 30. Membership renewal for the 2007/8 fiscal year is \$30.

I am now accepting renewal payments for the upcoming year. Payments can be made at the monthly meetings or by mail (please do not send cash through the mail) to:

Willis Fagg  
12440 E. Ave. de la Vista Verde  
Tucson, AZ 85749

This year our membership chairman has changed the format of our badges. Badges in the new format will be printed for members upon receipt of dues payment.

## Rails in the Garden for 2007

Here is the belated report for the Rails in the Garden Tour. With a few minor bills to be taken care of, the net is \$3938. Although down from last year, the Tour was still very successful. It was certainly successful for Rita Hodap, the winner of the door prize.

The club owes a thanks and a tip of the hat to those who helped me get things ready for the event.

Glenn and Janet Mitchell  
Bob and Jackie Conrad  
Lee Willetts  
Ken Karrels  
Jerry Tulino  
Phyllis Dirksen  
Lew and Jan Sleeper  
Norm and Ibby Ulmer  
Marty Hart

We also thank those who prepared their railroads for the event itself.

Bob and Eileen Schwab  
Bob and Jean Hoffman  
Roy and Mary Ann Eberbach  
Bruce and Carolyn Lynn  
Nick Buchholz and Mary Ker  
Gary and Peggy Martin  
Mike and Jane Dorgan  
The Rincon West RV park railway club, especially Ken Zacharias

We appreciate the cooperation shown us by Joe Findysz and Dean Newman at the Hobby Place at Ace Hardware and by George Holley at Barbeques Galore.

Last, but certainly not least, we thank all of you who helped in any way to make the event a success. Any organization owes its success to those who help in any way they can to further its goals.

## Venues Report Chuck Cook

First, a big THANKS to everybody that volunteered for our display at the County Fair and a special THANKS to Willis Fagg for a terrific job in being chairman for the event.

Our next two outings fall on the same weekend; which is why I am writing this article, and asking some advance notice of your ability to help out. We will be doing our usual layout at the American Home Show on June 1-3.

That Saturday June 2nd is also the Gadsden Pacific TTOS swap meet at which we usually run the kids layout. I am also told this is the weekend of the train show formerly known as the Queen Mary show. Because of this overlap we need to know soon if we have enough people to do both the home show and the swap meet. Please e-mail me at <[syclst@theriver.com](mailto:syclst@theriver.com)> or call me at 977-7673 to tell me you will be in town and will be able to work which show.

I appreciate your help with the advance planning for these events.

The Bookmans 30th anniversary party at Reid Park has been postponed until fall. We will also display at the SAHBA home show on Oct 12-14th; and have also been requested for Pioneer Days at Colossal Cave this fall.

## TGRS at the Pima County Fair

This was our biggest layout ever. A special thanks to everyone who helped and especially to Willis Fagg for the terrific job he did as our chairman for this event. The winner of the County Fair Raffle is Allen Romero of Tucson.



Steve Andersen at the Kids Layout



Photos by the Miller Family

### From the Railroad Depot

EVENT: HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS - 10th Season!

Last tour of the season!

DATE: Armory Park Tours; April 28th, 2007

TIME: 9AM - 11AM

PLACE: Meet in the Hotel Congress Lobby, 311 E. Congress St. (Congress St. & 4th Ave.)

SPONSORED BY: The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum

PRICE: \$5 a person, at the beginning of the tour.

CONTACT: Laura Caywood Barker, 520-623-2223, [www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org](http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org)

#### Armory Park Tour

Explore the beautiful architecture of Armory Park while learning of this historic downtown neighborhood's exciting relationship to the railroad – Conducted by Dave Devine

Tour meets in the Hotel Congress lobby at 9am and run until approximately 11am

NOTE: Bring water, a hat and wear walking shoes – 2 mile walk total. The Cup Cafe at Hotel Congress

is hosting "Railroad Breakfasts" before the tour (breakfast is not included in tour). Armory Park Tours ARE wheelchair accessible, please call for more information.

## Minutes of April BOD Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

April 10, 2007-7:30 P.M. at the home of Ibbey and Norm Ulmer

All Board Members were present except two

#### Treasury Report: Willis Fagg reported a:

1. Current checking account balance of \$5030.19
2. Reserve account balance is \$3,010.55 for a total of all accounts of \$8,040.74
3. Revenues to date for the fiscal year 2006-2007 are \$7,519.75 and expenses are \$11,539.17 a net decrease to date of \$4,019.42.
4. Membership renewal is currently at 102.
5. Revenues to date for the RITG are \$5,160 and expenses are \$1222.04. Revenue for this year's event is down about \$900 from last year. There are still some outstanding expenses to be submitted.

#### Events: Chuck Cook reported:

1. **Sahba:** October 12-14---He will go to TCC to see what size our layout can be in October and where it will be. He will be getting tickets for some of the members to get into the April Show.
2. **Reid Park:** May 12,--11A.M.—7P.M. Bookman's are having a celebration for being in business for 30 years. It is called a "Party in The Park" at the Reid Park Band Shell. We will check into putting the Children's Layout there.
3. **American Home Show:** June 1-3---This is still up in the air. Chuck will try to resolve.
4. **UMC Cancer North:** Jim Cook asked for clarification on who was holding up the project. UMC is not moving forward on this.
5. **Colossal Cave:** October 13---We are planning on doing this using the Children's Layout.
6. **Swap Meet:** June 2---We are planning on doing this using the Children's Layout.

#### Old Business:

1. **Non-Profit Status:** There was much discussion about what to do about our status. How to start the process? We need to get the pros and cons before even continuing the process. We would need to change The Articles of Incorporation. Jay Sanders should be able to do this paper work. We will also need the advice of a tax specialist. Costs range from \$800—2000. Money in our reserve account will soon be earning enough interest for a 1099 to

come up. Should we remove some or start a new account? We will use this to pay our legal fees.

2. We need to decide what are goals are? What our mission is? Do we need a permanent location? Do we need to hire an accountant?

3. In general:

A 501(c) 3 is for charities, museums, cultural and educational organizations. Contributions are tax-deductible as charitable contributions and such organizations do not have to pay tax on income on activities that contribute to their tax exempt status. A 501 (c) 4 provides services to the community and does charitable work but cannot give receipts for charitable donations that are tax deductible.

A 501 (c) 7 is an organization that is a social club and contributions are not tax deductible.

Organizations that seek non-member revenue cannot generally qualify for this status.

4. **Children's Layout** centers and triangle are done. The backdrop needs to be made.

5. **2008 Convention:** Norm reported that the March 31 meeting was a very good meeting. Willis and Norm worked on a revised budget. The convention is looking at a preliminary figure of over \$50,000. Expenses will be taken out and also the volunteers, who just worked the Convention and did not go to any of the events, their monies will be refunded, and the rest of the money will be split in half. The website is up and running. We have collected \$5,000 from vendors and registration.

6. **Rails in the Garden:** Bob Dirksen reported attendance was low but it was still profitable. Bob will be doing the RITG for one more year. 1/3 of this years profits will go into the reserve account.

7. **County Fair:** Willis reported the fair is in good shape. There are usually 6 volunteers on each day. He has ticket packets for the volunteers. The day managers are all lined up with Willis and Joe Stoesser available for backup and questions. Volunteers need to be there 1/2 before the building opens. Weekdays the building is open at 10:00 A.M. with the fair open at 11:00 A.M. We did not rent a golf cart because we would have to have separate liability insurance and this was expensive. If a cart is needed call the main gate. Bob will have his RV. There will be parking in the dirt area by the RV's.

**Modules:** If the remaining modules are not too badly damaged, they will be repaired while setting up. They will be spray painted while in place.

**Meeting at the fair:** There will be a meeting about setting up the cog rail, how to install it, about the backdrop and should we use Gary's canyon layout?

**New Business:** A "thank you" gift for the trailer painter. There was discussion about what to give him? Rail car, plaque, or a restaurant gift certificate? Chuck made a motion that we spend \$100.00 for a combination of an award and gift certificate for the painter. The motion passed.

**Rail Cars** will be given to both BBG's and Ace Hardware for a "thank you" gift.

**Calendars** were discussed for the host sites, then it was decided that billboards would be given with Nick doing the printing and Norm would finish them.

**Questions:** Email list, is it possible to co-ordinate the roster and the newsletter list, for ease of the people getting volunteers to sign up for the events? The newsletter list is protected by a password, to keep us off mailing lists. If you would like the password, contact a fellow member.

**Christmas Party:** Willis is checking about our reservations for the party at Hometown Buffet On December 1, 2007.

Next Board Meeting will be on May 8-7:00 P.M. at the home of Willis and Dottie Fagg.

Next regular meeting will be on May 26-10:00 A.M at the home of Nick Buchholz and Mary Ker.

## **For anyone vacationing near Brooksville Maine this summer I received this email**

The point of this e-mail is, as we discussed, for you to indicate in the TGRS Newsletter that we'd like to hear from any of the members that may be vacationing/touring our area between now and the end of October +/- . Maybe we could help with places to go, things to see (real trains/museums, auto and/or marine museums, air museums), and 'such'!! , or just have some fun together.

You have our e-mail address (above), but our computer sits dormant much of the Summer, when we are in Brooksville. Phone No's: 207-223-4411 (Winterport-near Bangor) 207-326-4434 (Brooksville-south of Bucksport-near Castine)

Best Wishes to All "GRSers", 'Bill' & Reta Hunter (my formal name is Guy F., Jr.-if you look in phone book)

## New Members

We welcome Peggie and George Wagoner who joined at the Pima County Fair. They are from Sonoita, AZ and he has a layout.

## 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:

Ibby Ulmer  
4935 N. Craycroft Road  
Tucson, AZ 85718

### Calendar of Events

May 26	Meeting at the home of Nick Buchholz and Mary Ker
Sep	Meeting at the home of George and Kathy Fitzner
Oct	Round-A-Bout; Dirksen, Lynn, Mitchells
Nov	Meeting at Gary and Peggy Martin's
Dec 1	Christmas/Holiday Party
Apr	Jim and Madelyn Cook

### TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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